

# Yankton Golfers Open Season Today

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With a large group of girls, 12 in middle school and 12 in high school, and only three juniors, Yankton girls' golf is working with little experience, but still with hope to place in the top two or three at conference.

"We have a good core of girls that do have experience, but we're also just working on the basics with a variety of girls who don't have much experience," said head coach Brett Sime. "We're just getting started, but hopefully by the end of the year everyone will be able to contribute."

Three juniors — Becky Frick, Ashley VanMeeteran and Payton Pierce — are ready to step up, especially since they've only lost

## Yankton Gazelles Golf

3/30	Brookings/at Br. Valley	2 p.m.
4/2	Washington/at Mitchell	1 p.m.
4/6	vs. O'Gorman	2:30 p.m.
4/10	Parkston Inv. (Mitchell)	10 a.m.
4/14	vs. Mitchell/Lincoln	2 p.m.
4/17	Yankton Inv.	10 a.m.
4/24	Mitchell Inv.	10:30 a.m.
4/27	Sioux Falls Inv.	9 a.m.
4/30	Brookings Inv.	10 a.m.
5/8	ESD (Aberdeen)	10 a.m.
5/14	Brandon Valley Inv.	noon
5/18-19	State AA (Rapid City)	9 a.m.

one player from last year.

"There's nothing we can't handle," Frick said. "We're all involved in other sports throughout the year, and we've all come through

as leaders for those, too, so those of us who have played in the state tournament will be able to help the other girls."

Without the threat of losing players at the end of the year, Pierce said the team can only build off of this season to become solid within the next couple years.

"We want to stay competitive this year, but this year is really about improving," she said. "Next year we want to win ESD when everyone is more experienced."

To get there, each of the juniors have also taken time and initiative to practice year round and take lessons in the off-season.

"The younger girls see that and learn from that," Sime said. "Not everyone has to take lessons, but there's no way to get better if you

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P&D FILE PHOTO

Yankton's Becky Frick tees off on the No. 14 hole during 2014 Yankton Girls' Golf Invitational. The Gazelles open the 2015 season today (Monday).

# MMC Opens With Splits

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Two days of split double headers have set the Mount Marty Lancers up for a busy schedule over the next week, full of varsity, junior varsity and conference play.

The Lancers (18-11, 2-2 GPAC) split with Doane College Saturday in Crete, Neb., and split Sunday at home against Concordia with a 7-4 loss and a 10-3 win.

"These last two days have proved that we can play anybody," senior infielder Derrick Nelson said Sunday. "We have to work on coming out in the first game, but we've stayed with these teams at the top."

After Concordia scored two runs by the second inning in game one, Mount Marty took quick lead 4-2 in the second on four RBIs from Cody Ulmer, Nick Sehr and Nelson.

"I have to tip my hat to their pitcher, who made adjustments really well to us after the second inning," head coach Andy Bernatow said. "We have to start getting better at seeing where our failures come from but adjusting quicker to turn them into successes."

An RBI ground out from Concordia in the third inning, and two more in the fifth inning gave Concordia a 5-4 lead. Two more runs from Zach Cambier and Drew Ten Bessel in the seventh inning shut the Lancers down 7-4.

"After that first game we knew we needed to come out and take care of the things we can control," said senior pitcher Brandon Nickolite, who pitched the second game and held Concordia to just three runs. "We knew we had to do things the right way pitching and fielding the ball and things like that."

The Lancers scored 10 runs on 10 hits with only three errors in the second game, while Concordia scored only three times —

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Mount Marty's Bryton Carlson tries to beat a throw to Concordia first baseman Zach Cambier during the second game of their Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader on Sunday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Carlson reached on the play as the throw got past Cambier.

## Softball: Lancers Swept At Midland; USD Takes Two Of Three

FREMONT, Neb. — Midland opened its 2015 Great Plains Athletic Conference softball season with a doubleheader sweep of Mount Marty on Saturday at Christensen Field in Fremont, Nebraska, taking the opener 9-2 and the nightcap 8-5.

Kortney Wallick went 3-4 with a triple and three RBI to lead Midland in the opener. Kayla Ritzdorf went 3-4 with a double. Samantha Hislop had three hits and Liz Spooner tripled and singled for the Warriors.

Jessica Wirth had a hit and a run scored for MMC. Lauren Orwig scored the other run for the Lancers, who were held to one hit.

Hislop picked up the win, striking out seven. Brooke

Becker took the loss.

In the nightcap MMC battled back after spotting the Warriors a 6-0 lead.

Ritzdorf went 3-3 and three other Warriors had two hits in the contest.

For MMC, Courtney Janicek, Kelsey Mitera and Wirth each had two hits, with Wirth driving in two runs. Amber Krause had a RBI triple. Jennifer Mitera, Karlee Kozak and Orwig each had hits.

Sarah Leimser picked up the win. Krause took the loss.

MMC (8-11, 1-5 GPAC) returns home for a non-conference doubleheader with Dakota State today (Monday) at 3 p.m. Midland is also 8-11 on the season, 2-0 in GPAC play.

### USD Takes Two Of Three

INDIANAPOLIS — IU/PUI avoided being swept at home by blanking South Dakota 7-0 Sunday in the final game of a three-game series at IU/PUI Softball Field.

Jaguar starter Brooke Boetjer (13-8) allowed two singles to Coyote catcher Allie Daly, a double to Matley Jones, and that was it in earning her 13th win of the season. Boetjer, who lasted just two innings in her start Saturday, struck out three and walked two Sunday.

Offensively, IU/PUI (19-10, 3-3 Summit) hit three home runs off Coyote starter Rachel Cue. Eryn Dillon hit a two-run homer in the first inning to give the Jaguars a 2-0 lead. Megan Cory and Sarah Lawrence went back-to-back during a three-run sixth inning that made it 7-0.

Jones netted her 11th double of the season to lead off the top of the sixth. It extended her hitting streak to 14 games, which ties Yvon Minogue for the longest streak by a Coyote this season. Jones is batting .406 (20-for-49) during the streak.

South Dakota (10-18-1, 2-1) begins a three-game series Friday against North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D.

**SATURDAY:** South Dakota hit eight home runs and pitchers Rachel Cue and Madison Frain delivered in the circle as the Coyotes swept IU/PUI 6-1 and 11-7 to begin Summit League play Saturday at chilly IU/PUI Softball Field.

South Dakota designated player Sydney

Hancock hit a two-run shot in the second inning of game one. Catcher Allie Daly hit a two-run homer in the first inning of game two. Center fielder Katie Dinning homered in both games and drove in four runs in the process.

Shortstop Matley Jones hit a two-run shot to left field to give the Coyotes (10-17-1, 2-0 Summit) a 4-1 lead in the opener. Jones also doubled in the first inning of game two and has hit safely in 13 consecutive games.

First baseman Yvon Minogue, the nation's leader in doubles, didn't double Saturday. Instead, she settled for four singles and a solo home run to right centerfield in game two that gave South Dakota a 3-0 lead. Minogue was 5-for-9 Saturday and increased her average to a team-leading .441.

Cue (5-10) turned in one of her top performances of the season in game one. She allowed four hits and struck out eight — her second-highest tally this season. She allowed a lone single over the final four innings and the only run she surrendered was on a home run by Taylor Chitwood in the second.

Frain (4-7) took a shutout into the final inning of the nightcap. South Dakota scored four runs in the fourth and seventh innings to take an 11-0 lead. The Jaguars (18-10, 2-3) got a three-run double from Maggie Good and a two-run homer from pinch hitter Jazmine Pedrotti as part of a seven-run final inning. Cue replaced Frain following the homer and struck out Delliha Wright to end the game.

## Coyotes Win Three Events, MMC Takes One Event At Wayne State

WAYNE, Neb. — Three Coyote track and field athletes picked up wins at the Wildcat Classic held on Saturday in Wayne, Neb.

Sophomore Kate Kaster picked up her first collegiate win in the 5,000-meter run when she crossed the finish line in 18 minutes, 42.64 seconds. Kaster led a pack of Coyotes to top-10 finishes in the event. Freshman Erin Wetzstein finished runner-up, senior Emily Feyereisen took fourth, sophomore Lottie Grimshaw finished seventh and senior Chelsea Albus was ninth.

The women also picked up a win in the 400-meter hurdles when sophomore Lauren Hill crossed the finish line in 1:06.29. Junior teammate Kati Nelson and senior Molly Ervin were fourth and sixth, respectively. Ervin was also fifth in the 100-meter hurdles.

The field events were led by sophomore Tyler Frank's win in the high jump. Frank cleared 6-6  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the title, while sophomore Hank Lentsch added a third-place finish when he jumped 6-2  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

The men added third-place performances from junior Connor Fitzsimmons (Yankton) in the triple jump (45-1) and sophomore Dustin Valind in the discus (156-7).

Sophomore Danielle Waldner had two top throws on the day. Waldner finished runner-up in the shot put with a throw of 49-1  $\frac{3}{4}$  and she heaved the hammer 172-5 for third. Junior teammate Kayla Johnson placed ninth in the hammer throw and 10th in the shot put.

The throws crew rounded out their top performances when sophomores Amelia Miller and Elizabeth Szymonski took third and seventh, respectively, in the javelin. Miller's javelin went 118-10 and Szymonski threw 110-00.

South Dakota added top-10 performances from freshman Ryan Bauermeister (5,000 meters, fourth), freshman Tomas Kamenik (400 hurdles, fourth), sophomore Ravan Kott (400 meters, fourth; 200m, sixth), sophomore Jessica Feldman (1,500 meters, fourth), freshman Alexis Clark (high jump, fourth), freshman Cami Brenner (400 meters, fifth), senior Lindsey Montileaux (800 meters, sixth), senior Ali Haines (triple jump, sixth), freshman Ti'Esha Jones (100 meters, eighth), freshman Sarah Quinlivan (high jump, eighth), senior Taylor Huseman (1,500 meters, ninth), freshman Alex Williams (400 meters, ninth) and freshman Lindsay Joyce (1,500 meters, ninth).

Mount Marty College was led in the meet by Abbey VanDenBerg's victory in the triple jump (37-1). She also placed fourth in the long jump (17-4), with teammate Holly Hegge (Crofton, Nebraska) eighth (16-3).

The Lancers' Christina Herrboldt (Menno) and Emily Boyle (Creighton, Nebraska) tied for eighth in the pole vault, each clearing 9-1  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The MMC women also got an eighth place finish from Morgan Hay (Parker) in the 400 (1:04.00) and a tenth place finish from Mandy O'Malley in the 1,500 (5:03.61).

The Lancer men were led by Christian Petrich, who placed fourth in the steeplechase (10:48.79). Teammate Ryan Oye was ninth in 11:40.09.

## Final Four Set: Michigan State, Wisconsin, Duke, Kentucky

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If you liked the look of last year's Final Four, you will love the 2015 edition.

One game — Kentucky vs. Wisconsin — is not only a matchup of two No. 1 seeds, it's a replay of last year's semifinal won by Kentucky, 74-73.

Seventh-seeded Michigan State will face Duke, a four-time national champion led by coach Mike Krzyzewski, who is in his 12th Final Four, tying the legendary John Wooden.

It is the fifth time at least three No. 1 seeds reached the Final Four. The only top-seed sweep was in 2008.

This is the third straight year one conference has had two teams in the Final Four with Wisconsin and Michigan State coming from the Big Ten. The Southeastern Conference did it last year with Kentucky and Florida and the Big East had Louisville and Syracuse in 2013.

The end of the tournament will have plenty to watch, from Kentucky's unbeaten streak to a matchup of some of the game's top coaches. Here's a peek at what to look for in Indianapolis:

**MEETING AGAIN:** No team has attracted the attention that Kentucky has. The Wildcats (38-0) are two wins away from becoming the first



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Michigan State's Denzel Valentine celebrates the 76-70 overtime win against the Louisville Cardinals in the NCAA East Regional Final on Sunday at Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York.

undefeated national champion since Indiana in 1976.

Kentucky survived its toughest test of the tournament in the regional semifinals with a 68-66 victory over Notre Dame that came down to the final possession.

"We figured out a way to win it. We've had other tests, but we have a will to win,"

Wildcats coach John Calipari said.

Now they get to face Wisconsin, which like Kentucky, is making its second straight Final Four appearance.

Last year's national semifinal came down to a big jumper by Aaron Harrison with 5.7 seconds left.

"That loss left a sour taste

in our mouth, so we wanted to get back," Wisconsin's Sam Dekker said of the loss to Kentucky. "As a team we set some goals of what we wanted to do, and now we're two games away from our last goal."

**COACHING ROYALTY:** Tying UCLA's Wooden puts Krzyzewski one appearance

ahead of Dean Smith, who made 11 trips to the Final Four. Coach K is tied with Adolph Rupp for second in titles with four.

"I'm in this moment. I've been so lucky to be at Duke for 35 years and in the ACC, and the great players we've had and my past is not important right now," Krzyzewski said.

"My present is incredibly important and just being with these kids and sharing this moment and this Final Four, I'm so happy. I'm so happy for them and to be with them. ... I love my team. I love my team. They are a pleasure to be with, and as a result they're taking me to Indy, which is kind of neat."

All the coaches except Wisconsin's Bo Ryan, who made his Final Four debut last year at age 66, have won a national championship. Michigan State's Tom Izzo won it all in 2000, while John Calipari took the title with Kentucky in 2012.

**SPARTY PARTY:** Of the four teams headed to Indianapolis, only Michigan State didn't have an impressive regular season. The Spartans had 11 losses, four more than the other three teams combined. They were 18th in the AP's preseason poll and were out of the rankings for most of the season, getting back in the final poll at No. 23.

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