

West Central Girls, Madison Boys Take Big 8 Titles

LENNOX — The West Central girls track team snatched away first place in the Big 8 Conference Track & Field Meet on Friday in Lennox with a 16 point win over the second place team from Madison (125-109).

The Vermillion(73) girls came away with third place with Lennox(40) in fourth and Harrisburg(30) in fifth.

Junior Sami Galliger from West Central helped her team achieve victory by finishing in first place in three events. Galliger won the 100-meter (12.6), the 200-meter (26.4), and the long jump (16-3) scoring a total of 24 points for her team.

Madison easily cruised to the boys' title.

The Bulldogs won 10 events to finish with 167 points, well ahead of second place Harrisburg who scored 61 points.

Vermillion finished in third with 59 points.

Tanner Anderson scored a win for the Tanagers in the 1600-meter dash with a time of 4:58.00.

Big East

GARRETSON — The Garretson girls' gave the home crowd a show by taking first at the Big East Conference Track Meet Friday at Garretson.

The Blue Dragons edged out Parker for

first with 148 points. Parker in second with 145.5 and Baltic in third with 93.5 points.

Garretson's Lindsey Bohl looked strong in the distance placing first in the 1600 (5:28.9) and 3200-meter run (12:28.6).

The distance relay teams of Garretson proved their worth with first place finishes in the 1600 (4:20.3), 3200 (10:13.7) and Medley (4:39.8).

The Blue Dragons also saw first place in the 800 (2:29.7) by Erin Nolz and in the long jump (14-8.25) by Kody Mathiesen.

Flandreau's Anne Parsley frequently found herself in first place by sweeping the 100 (13.2), 200 (27.3) and 400-meter dash (1:01.2).

Parsley's teammate Amanda Farrell found the same success by taking first in the 100 (16.9) and 300-meter hurdles (52.1).

Baltic's Marissa Whipple threw herself into first in the shot put (38-1.25) and discus (127-0).

The Garretson boys' didn't have the same

results dropping the meet at home to the McCook Central-Montrose Fighting Cougars.

The Fighting Cougars found themselves in first with 166.5. Flandreau in second with 141 and third was Chester Area with 121.5 points.

MCM didn't see very many first place finishes, but their depth proved to be the deciding factor in the end.

The Fighting Cougar's Gavin Gassman tossed first place victories in the discus (144-6), while Mark Huls jumped into first in the high jump (5-10).

The relay teams of MCM looked to be their strong suit winning the 800 (1:35) and 1600 (3:37).

Flandreau's Joe Parsley looked strong taking first in the 200 (23.3) and 400 (52.0), while Nic Behrens took first in the 800 (2:06.8).

As the track season comes to a close each team will get ready for their respective regions next weekend.

Golf: Gazelles Top Tanagers In Dual

VERMILLION — The Yankton Gazelles defeated the Vermillion Tanagers by 18 strokes in a girls' golf dual held Friday at The Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion.

Yankton led by top individual finalist Megan Mingo, carded a team score of 345. Vermillion finished at 363, with places 3-6.

Mingo shot a round of 82, two strokes ahead of teammate Hannah Withrow. Yankton's McKenzie Fitzgerald, along with Vermillion's Kasey Nielsen and Kelly Nielsen, tied for third at 87.

In the JV dual, Vermillion beat Yankton 406-423.

Yankton had the top two individual finishes, led by Kaitlyn Erickson (93) and Whitney Erickson (93) and Whitney Specht (100). The Vermillion trio of Kristen Schwasinger, Laura Hansen and Kelly Amundson tied for third at 101.

Varsity Division
 TEAM SCORES: Yankton 345, Vermillion 363
 INDIVIDUAL: Megan Mingo, YHS 82; Hannah Withrow, YHS 84; McKenzie Fitzgerald, YHS 87; Kasey Nielsen, YHS 87; Kelly Nielsen, YHS 87; Ellen Brown, YHS 91; Taylor Specht, YHS 92; Allison Heine, YHS 98

JV Division
 TEAM SCORES: Vermillion 406, Yankton 423
 INDIVIDUAL: Kaitlyn Erickson, YHS 93; Whitney Specht, YHS 100; Kristen Schwasinger, YHS 101; Laura Hansen, YHS 101; Kelly Amundson, YHS 101; Lindsay Robinet, YHS 103; Ely Miller, YHS 107; Gabby Horton, YHS 115; Mackenzie Larson, YHS 115; Brooke Schwasinger, YHS 116; Sarah Ekeren, YHS 117

Crofton's Christian Nohr was the top individual finisher at 77, two strokes ahead of Randolph's Daniel Kyles. Randolph's Adam Tunick and Plainview's Riley Meuret tied for third at 82, while Randolph's Jacob Backer tied for fifth at 83.

TEAM SCORES: Randolph 327, Laurel-Concord 351, Plainview 358, Crofton 360, Neligh-Oakdale 361, West Holt 365, Creighton 377, Elkhorn Valley 391

TOP 15: Christian Nohr, Crofton 77; Daniel Kyles, Randolph 79; Adam Tunick, Randolph 82; Riley Meuret, Plainview 82; Jacob Backer, Randolph 83; Brad Thies, Randolph 83; Derek Colwell, Laurel-Concord 83; Bryce Rossman, West Holt 85; Zeb Elm, West Holt 85; Andrew Larsen, Creighton 86; Scott Kester, Neligh-Oakdale 86; Holden Weitzer, Creighton 88; John Kohles, Crofton 89; Kyle Koester, Laurel-Concord 89; Aaron Rice, Neligh-Oakdale 89

Harrisburg Inv.

HARRISBURG — Led by Emma Wynja's second-place finish, the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers claimed first place at the Harrisburg Invitational, held Thursday in Harrisburg.

Christian had a team score of 353, followed in the top five by Vermillion (362), Canton (372), Dell Rapids (379) and Dakota Valley (380).

Canton's Kylie Gaughenbaugh was the top individual medalist at 78, two shots ahead of Wynja. Dakota Valley's Shylar Funck was third at 86, while Vermillion's Ellen Brown and Emily Haak tied for fourth at 87.

Also for the Tanagers, Kasey Nielsen was ninth (90) and Kelly Nielsen was 10th (91).

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls Christian 353, Vermillion 362, Canton 372, Dell Rapids 379, Dakota Valley 380, Elk Point-Jefferson 389, Harrisburg 398, Madison 400, West Central 441, Lennox 466, Beresford 483

TOP 15: Kylie Gaughenbaugh, Canton 78; Emma Wynja, SF Christian 80; Shylar Funck, Dakota Valley 86; Ellen Brown, Vermillion 87; Emily Haak, Dell Rapids 87; Abby Panensoud, SF Christian 88; Lexie Pierson, Dell Rapids 88; Kasey Nielsen, Vermillion 90; Kelly Nielsen, Vermillion 91; Michaela Theobald, SF Christian 91; Katie Barbee, Dakota Valley 91; Lindsey Scriver, Canton 93; Kelsey Leaf, Elk Point-Jefferson 93; Laura Hansen, Vermillion 94; Audrey Kleisewski, SF Christian 94; Liz Schuk, Elk Point-Jefferson 94

NENAC Tour.

RANDOLPH, Neb. — Paced by three golfers in the top five, the Randolph Cardinals easily claimed the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference (NENAC) Boys' Golf Tournament on Thursday in Randolph, Neb.

The Cardinals had a team score of 327, well ahead of second-place finisher Laurel-Concord (351). Plainview was third at 358, followed by Crofton (360), Neligh-Oakdale (361), West Holt (365), Creighton (377) and Elkhorn Valley (391).

Yori Gets Three-Year Extension

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Connie Yori, who led the Cornhuskers to the best season in program history, has received a three-year contract extension that will pay her \$660,000 a year through the 2014-15 season.

Yori was The Associated Press national coach of the year and Big 12 coach of the year after the Huskers won their first 30 games and finished 32-2. The Huskers won their first Big 12 regular-season championship and reached the NCAA regional semifinals.

Yori previously earned a base salary of \$234,455, with outside deals raising that figure to \$384,455.

The salary figure announced Friday includes the outside income, associate athletic director Marc Boehm said.

With the 73 percent raise, Yori's salary ranks No. 6 among Big 12 coaches. The only league coaches paid less than Yori last season were Colorado's Kathy McConnell-Miller, who was fired, and Missouri's Cindy Stein, who resigned.

"We feel this puts her in the very top half within the conference and we feel that's very fair," Boehm said. "We want Connie here for a very long time."

Bonus incentives for winning the conference and advancing in the NCAA tournament remain the same. She earned more than \$75,000 in bonuses last season.

Yori, who was out of town, said in a statement that she appreciated the support of athletic director Tom Osborne, Boehm and the rest of the administration.

"Winning in the Big 12 Conference brings great challenges every night, but we have proven that we can succeed," Yori said. "Hopefully we can build on that success over the next few years."

The Huskers, led by All-American Kelsey Griffin, were the surprise of the women's game last season. They were picked sixth in the Big 12 pre-season poll but went 16-0 in league play and won 30 straight before they lost to Texas A&M in the conference tournament semifinals.

ESD

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"When we have a freshman to win flight one against solid players that is pretty remarkable," Watertown head coach Scott Ewald said. "Jordan really played the day of his life today."

The Arrows also saw a solid first place finish out of Tanner Heiser in singles flight five. Heiser defeated Pierre's Hans

Leong (10-2). Watertown only had two players finish first, but everyone in singles finished at least third or better. Tyler Spilde finished third in singles flight two over Brookings's Reekah Delfanian (8-4), while Andrew Towle took third in singles flight three over Aberdeen Central's Aaron Lorenz (9-7).

"Going into the state tournament, we are just going to go out and play great tennis," Ewald said. "Pierre is going to go out and represent themselves well and all I ask from my kids to play hard and let the results speak for themselves."

Yankton hadn't faced Pierre this season, so they didn't know what to expect from them. The Governors looked strong with Stephen Bollinger placing first in singles flight two over Jacob Ronke (Disqualified) and Ryan Lauseng in singles flight four over Watertown's Jared Johnson (10-4).

"Even though Pierre finished second, they are thinking that they could have gotten first," Mulhair said.

Pierre also took doubles flight two (10-2) and three (11-9) both



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Andes Central's Jenna Winckler puts during her round in the Region 4B Golf Tournament, held Friday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course. Winckler shot a round of 90 to finish second overall, helping the Eagles earn a runner-up team finish and a spot in the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament, May 24-25 at Aberdeen.

GOLF

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While Nelson and Calby Plooster (85), another state tournament veteran, helped keep the Black Panthers in the hunt, the team will need one more golfer to shoot low in order to defend their state title.

"Plooster and I have stayed fairly consistent," he noted. "We'll have to have one of the other golfers pick it up, and we know they can."

The South Dakota State Class B Boys' and Girls' Golf Tournaments will be held May 24-25 in Aberdeen. The boys' tournament will be held at Moccasin Creek, with the girls' tournament at Lee Park.

Koll Leads Iowa State At Big 12 Track And Field Championship

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — As Iowa State's Lisa Koll completed each lap of the 10,000-meter run, she casually checked her watch to make sure her pace wasn't too fast.

The event was the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships, but it seemed more like a training run as Koll escorted her teammates to the front of the pack and cruised to victory in a time of 33:51.74 Friday morning at Walton Stadium.

Koll finished more than 2 minutes slower than her national collegiate record time, but that was deliberate. With an appearance in the 5,000-meter run on Sunday and the NCAA Championships in the coming weeks, she was trying to conserve energy.

"Conference meets are never about time, they're always about place," Koll said. "As long as you get 10 points (for first place), it doesn't matter how fast you run."

Koll spent most of the race a few steps ahead of teammates Semehar Tesfaye and Betsy Saina, who finished second and third, before pulling away with four laps to go.

Koll, a native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, became the first woman to win a Big 12 title in the same event four times.

Oklahoma State's John Kosgei ran the 10,000 meters for the first time this year and also ran conservatively to save his strength for Sunday's 5,000 meters. He won in 29:24.21 — less than a second off the meet record.

MLB

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The Pirates broke loose at the plate after four straight losses and back-to-back shutouts at Cincinnati. They scored three runs in the first inning, then rallied from a 6-4 deficit.

Jones also doubled and drove in five runs. He broke an eighth-inning tie with a three-run homer off Carlos Zambrano, connecting right after his long drive was barely foul.

McCutchen scored five times and stole two bases. He hit a solo home run in the

ninth, sending Chicago to its eighth loss in 10 games. That skid includes a three-game sweep at Pittsburgh last week.

SWEEPING 7, METS 2: MIAMI (AP) — Dan Uggla hit two of Florida's four homers and drove in four runs, leading Anibal Sanchez and the Marlins to a victory over the Mets.

Chris Coghlan hit the first home run by a left-handed batter for Florida this season, and Gaby Sanchez also connected. The Marlins totaled more than four runs for the first time in 10 games and scored first for only the second time in the past 14, building a 7-0 lead.

All the homers came off struggling Oliver Perez, matching his career high. He had given up only one previously this season.

Meanwhile, the Mets' offense continued to misfire. New York managed only four hits and two runs against Anibal Sanchez (2-2), who pitched seven innings and struck out

seven.

PHILLIES 9, BREWERS 5: MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jamie Moyer overcame three homers in one inning while Ryan Howard hit a two-run shot for the Phillies in a victory over Milwaukee.

Raul Ibanez and Chase Utley hit solo homers for the surging Phils, winners of nine of 12.

The 47-year-old Moyer (5-2) continued his dazzling start, only struggling briefly when Prince Fielder, Jim Edmonds and George Kotaras all hit solo homers in the second to tie the game.

But Ibanez hit his homer and Shane Victorino drove in two with a triple in the fourth off Randy Wolf (3-3) to give the Phillies a 6-3 lead. Milwaukee cut it to 8-5 with two runs in the seventh, but Utley's solo homer in the ninth sealed it.

BRaves 6, Diamondbacks 5:

ATLANTA (AP) — Martin Prado's bases-loaded bloop single drove in two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Braves to a win over Arizona, extending the Diamondbacks' bullpen woes.

Arizona closer Chad Qualls (0-2) couldn't hold a 5-4 lead in the ninth. It was his third blown save in nine chances, and the Diamondbacks' bullpen is only 7 for 15 in save opportunities.

Eric Hinske led off the ninth with a single against Qualls. Omar Infante's bunt single moved pinch-runner Brandon Hicks to second and Nate McLouth's sacrifice left runners on second and third with one out.

Qualls issued an intentional walk to pinch-hitter Melky Cabrera to load the bases before Prado reached out and punched the game-winning hit into shallow right field.

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