

Bucks Finish Third, Gazelles Fourth At ESD Track Meet



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Yankton's Jenna Grossenburg (right) and Whitelee Larson (far right) lead the pack in the girls' 1600-meter run at Saturday's ESD Conference track meet in Watertown. The Yankton Bucks finished third in the boys' team race and the Gazelles took fourth on the girls' side.

WATERTOWN — Highlighted by three individual champions, the Yankton Bucks finished third and the Gazelles took fourth place at the Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) track meet on Saturday in Watertown.

The Watertown Arrows swept both team titles.

The Yankton Gazelles had two event winners, as Angie Dvorak finished first in the 100 hurdles (15.62) and Kelsey Fitzgerald won the high jump (5-5).

On the boys' side, Yankton's Jordan Jordan Hejna won the high jump at 6-foot-1, taking first on misses by two other athletes who went 6-1.

Also for the Bucks, Kipp Kinsley took second in the 1600 (4:32.91) and 3200 (9:55.84), behind Brandon Valley's Nathan Hauge in both events.

Connor Fitzsimmons was second in the triple jump (42-4.75) and fourth in the long jump (19-11.5), while Neil Hohenthaner was third in the long jump (20-1.75) and triple jump (41-7.25).

Ty Soulek was second in the discus (155-10) and fourth in the shot put (48-9.5), while Mark Vetter tied for fourth in the pole vault (13-4).

Logan Ulmer was fourth in the 110 hurdles (15.88) and fifth in the 300 hurdles (43.7), while Tyler Sternhagen was fifth in the 400 (50.89).

The Bucks also finished third in the 400 and 1600 relays.

In the girls' team race, Yankton finished fourth with 86 points, only five points behind Brandon Valley.

Whitelee Larson took second in the 800 (2:25.08) and 1600

(5:20.8), while Jenna Grossenburg finished second in the 3200 (11:38.41) and third in the 1600 (5:21.51).

Chloe Cornemann finished second in the 300 hurdles (49.56) and Brenna Fitzsimmons was sixth in the 100 (13.35).

In field events, Clara Schild took third in the shot put (34-6), while Rachael Johnson was third in the long jump (16-5.5).

Emily Anderson was fourth in the high jump (4-11) and triple jump (33-10), and Laura Buckman finished sixth in the pole vault (10-0).

Yankton will host a Last Chance Meet on Thursday in the final tune-up before the state meet. Thursday's competition begins at 4 p.m. at Williams Field.

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Watertown 138.83, Brandon Valley 105, Yankton 100.33, Pierre 63.5, Mitchell 58, Aberdeen Central 56,

Brookings 42, Huron 25.33
EVENT WINNERS: 100: 1. Justin Greenway, Mitchell 10.96; 200: 1. Justin Greenway, Mitchell 22.49; 400: 1. Justin Greenway, Mitchell 50.17; 800: 1. Kirk Gilbertson, Watertown 1:57.66; 1600: 1. Nathan Hauge, Brandon Valley 4:32.9; 3200: 1. Nathan Hauge, Brandon Valley 9:55.84; 110 METER HURDLES: 1. Parker McKittick, Pierre 14.31; 300 HURDLES: 1. Lukas Bernard, Watertown 38.55 (MEET RECORD, old mark 38.8, Joe Ford, Brandon Valley 1998); 400 RELAY: 1. Brandon Valley 44.87; 800 RELAY: 1. Aberdeen Central 1:32.22; 1600 RELAY: 1. Huron 3:28.47; 3200 RELAY: 1. Watertown 8:16.61; MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Watertown 3:46.11; DISCUS: 1. Cullen Mack, Watertown 178-7; HIGH JUMP: 1. Jordan Hejna, Yankton 6-1; LONG JUMP: 1. Matthew Vanderberg, Brandon Valley 20-3.75; POLE VAULT: 1. Nate Schaefer, Brookings, 14-0; SHOT PUT: 1. Alex Renner, Watertown 56-6.75; TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Matthew Vanderberg, Brandon Valley 43-3.5

GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Watertown 149, Aberdeen Central 114, Brandon Valley 91, Yankton 86, Brookings 69.5, Pierre 45, Mitchell 28.5, Huron 6
100: 1. Jessica Weber, Aberdeen Central 12.72; 200: 1. Charissa Erthem, Brandon Valley 26.56; 400: 1. Megan Farnham, Mitchell 1:00.26; 800: 1. Tia Hemler, Watertown 2:23.9; 1600: 1. Hannah Kastigar, Aberdeen Central 5:18.9; 3200: 1. Hannah Kastigar, Aberdeen Central 11:37.11; 100 HURDLES: 1. Angie Dvorak, Yankton 15.62; 300 HURDLES: 1. Lori Foltz, Watertown 48.12; 400 RELAY: 1. Watertown 51.69; 800 RELAY: 1. Brandon Valley 1:48.48; 1600 RELAY: 1. Watertown 4:08.54; 3200 RELAY: 1. Watertown 9:47.43; MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Watertown 4:27.07; DISCUS: 1. Allison Koehn, Brandon Valley 125-7; HIGH JUMP: 1. Kelsey Fitzgerald, Yankton 5-05; LONG JUMP: 1. Alexis Gannon, Brookings, 16-10.75; POLE VAULT: 1. Britany Stangl, Watertown 11-6; SHOT PUT: 1. Katelyn Stollenburg, Watertown 39-4.75; TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Alexis Gannon, Brookings, 36-7

GREAT WEST CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TOURN.

Coyotes Ousted After Two Losses

USD Falls To Houston Baptist, UND On First Day; Top Seed Huskies Start 2-0

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota softball team ended its final year in the Great West Conference with an early exit in the Great West Conference Softball Championships.

The University of North Dakota clipped USD, 6-2, in the second round of the tournament on Sunday at Nygaard Field in Vermillion.

"Unfortunately, we didn't peak at the right time," USD head coach Amy Klyse said. "We've played much better games than that this year and that wasn't our best game. It was just really rough that it happened to be our last game."

The Coyotes started the day with a 3-0 loss to top seed Houston Baptist.

Emma Gronseth started the game for the Sioux throwing four and one third innings, allowing two earned runs, while striking out four. Michelle Frank tossed the last two and two third innings, giving up zero runs and striking out one.

"I think Emma (Gronseth) did a really good job for us," UND head coach Sami Strinz said. "Michelle (Frank) came in and did a good job as well. I'm pleased with both of our pitchers, they kept us in the ball game."

Mel Johnson took the mound for USD throwing six innings, allow-

Results & Schedule
Sunday, May 15
GAME 1: Houston Baptist 3, South Dakota 0
GAME 2: Utah Valley 5, North Dakota 0
GAME 3: North Dakota 6, South Dakota 2; South Dakota eliminated
GAME 4: Houston Baptist 7, Utah Valley 2
Monday, May 16
GAME 5: North Dakota (18-34) vs. Utah Valley (20-29), 10 a.m.
GAME 6: Houston Baptist (35-22) vs. Game 5 winner, 12:30 p.m.
GAME 7: Championship #2 (if necessary), 30 min. after Game 6

ing six runs (three earned) and striking out eight.

"I think it was definitely an advantage for us to play on our own home field," Johnson said. "It was nice to have a good fan base and it was too bad we couldn't pull out any wins."

USD and UND both struggled offensively in the first round of the tournament each being shut out in their respected games. It wasn't until the second the Sioux got on the scoreboard with an error scoring pinch-runner Jessi St. Marie.

"I think it was just a difference in mentality the first game," Strinz said. "We were a little too timid and

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

South Dakota second baseman Kassie Loe flips the ball to first base after diving for a grounder in Sunday afternoon's opening round game against Houston Baptist at the Great West Conference Softball Championships in Vermillion. HBU won 3-0.

Huskies Top Wolverines 7-2 To Inch Closer To GWC Title

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VERMILLION — After both teams shut out their first opponents of the Great West Conference Softball Championships, the Utah Valley Wolverines and Houston Baptist Huskies battled it out in the winner's bracket championship game Sunday night in Vermillion.

The Huskies defeated the Wolverines 7-2 to advance to today's (Monday) 12:30 p.m. championship against the winner of the Utah Valley/North Dakota game.

Although the teams are far from home, Houston Baptist head coach Mary-ellen Hall said it doesn't have an effect on her team.

"At some point during the regular season, our team played 24 games on the road and we're used to being on the road," Hall said. "They're really close and I just think that helps them focus even more."

Houston Baptist started the first inning hot, earning six hits and scoring four runs in the top of the first. Kate Maddock batted in the first run, after a single center field allowed Daniella Rodarte to score from second. Callie Herrington followed on the next at bat, again with a single to centerfield that brought in Mollye Mlcak. Jammie Weidert came out swinging for the Huskies, as her single brought in both Maddock and Herrington.

The Wolverines took the plate in the bottom of the second and after a bleak start and two-outs, Amanda Robinson gave the team life with a solo home run. The big hit was short lived, as the next batter groundout. UVU trailed 1-4 at the end of the first.

Despite the hot start to the game, both teams struggled through the next two innings, un-

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Utah Valley runner Mairaea Tanielu (left) slides into home plate as North Dakota catcher Amber Roth reads a tag during their opening round game Sunday at the Great West Conference Softball Championships in Vermillion. Utah Valley won 5-0.

First Round: HBU Blanks Coyotes

VERMILLION — Houston Baptist's Jammie Weidert struck out 13 batters in a three-hit shoutout as top seed Houston Baptist blanked South Dakota 3-0 in Sunday's first game of the Great West Conference Softball Championships.

Sara Corcoran hit a two-out three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning to provide the game's only scoring.

USD's first hit of the game came on a Kate Snow single in the top of the third inning, and the Coyotes didn't threaten again until the sixth. Lindsay Boyd led off with a double and Stephanie Hall followed with a single. But Weidert struck out the next three batters to escape trouble.

Coyotes starter Mel Johnson

took the loss after allowing the three runs on four hits, with four strikeouts, in six innings.

Utah Valley 5, North Dakota 0

VERMILLION — Utah Valley starter Josi Summer took a perfect game into the sixth inning to help the second-seeded Wolverines blank North Dakota 5-0 on Sunday afternoon.

North Dakota's first hit came on a one-out single in the sixth inning, and by that time the Sioux were already down 4-0.

Samantha Telarooja and Kyle Flanary homered for Utah Valley, which also got two hits from Mandy Tapia and Amanda Perez.

UND's Michelle Frank took the loss after lasting just three innings.

USD Track Teams Finish Second At Great West Outdoor Meet

OREM, Utah — South Dakota's 4 x 100 men's relay set a new school record on its way to a win to help the Coyotes finish second at the Great West Conference Outdoor Championship Saturday in Orem, Utah. The Coyote men were edged by Utah Valley, 207-206 for the title, while the Coyote women also finished second with 221 points.

Senior Jasmine Mosley received the Most Outstanding Performance Award on the women's side after winning three events

at the championship. She set a new school record in winning the hammer throw, set a new personal best in winning the discus and also captured the shot put championship.

Junior Emma Erickson (Gayville) added two more conference titles to her resume with victories in the 800 and 1,500 meter events, while sophomore Alexa Duling and junior Kenna Wolter each won events for the Coyote women.

In addition to the 4 x 100 relay win, the Coyote men also got a win from senior Tane Owens, who not only set a meet record but shattered his previous personal best to win the pole vault.

The Coyote men's 4 x 100 relay, consisting of sophomore Michael Burrus, sophomore Brandon Kovash, junior Jared Clement and sophomore Matt Kerswill, set

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Vermillion Man, 83, Gets Second Hole-In-One; First Since 1980's

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VERMILLION — What it is, is a big surprise.

There are many golfers that go through their careers without a hole-in-one, but for 83-year-old Elmer Mount, lightning struck twice.

Mount aced the 90-yard fifth hole with a pitching wedge at The Bluffs Golf Course last Tuesday in Vermillion, the first ace for him since the 1980's.

"There are some very good golfers much better than I am that have never had one," Mount said. "Sometimes the hole just gets in the way."

Not only was this Mount's second hole-in-one of his career, but what makes this one a little more special is it was on his wife's, Beverly, birthday. Mount's first hole-in-one came a little over 24 years ago at the Parkston golf course, which he also hit with a pitching wedge from 115 yards away.

"It was 24 years ago, but I was a little bit younger than," he said. "It makes a difference."

Mount golfs nine holes around two or three days a week and he was playing with his regular trio that he's been golfing with for a long time — alongside Vern Holter, Bob Lund and Don Baer.

"These are people that I've been golfing with many years," Mount chuckled. "They suddenly got very thirsty."



Mount

The golfing portion of his life has only been for the last 40 years in Vermillion and Mount said that he took one 30-minute golf lessons when he first started out. He didn't take anymore lessons after that, but it seemed to work out

well for him. He didn't play any sports during high school, because of not being big enough to play football or fast enough to be in track, but he does wish he would started playing golf when he was a little younger.

"If you play younger, you're more limber, you get that setup and you will carry that for the rest of your life," he said. "If you wait till you're older, you look a little awkward and that is pretty much the way it stays."

His hole-in-one might just be one moment in time, but he has memories that will last forever. Mount has created friendships thanks to senior day on Tuesday for people that are 50 and older.

"The average crowd each Tuesday is around 25 people and Dick Kellogg assigns who you play with," Mount said. "We never know who we are going to play with and I know people now that I just wouldn't have known without this format."

Baseball: Washington Hands Yankton 12-1 Home Loss



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton shortstop Alex Mueller forces out a Sioux Falls Washington runner during a double play in Saturday's high school club baseball game at Riverside Field.

The Sioux Falls Washington Warriors powered their way past the Yankton Bucks 12-1 in a high school club baseball game Saturday at Riverside Field.

Devin Gullikson doubled and drove in a run for Yankton, while Cameron Schiltz doubled and scored. Trevor Bailey added a hit.

Josh Teichroew took the loss for the Bucks.

In the JV game, Washington won 10-7. Sam Wendte had three hits and two RBI for Yankton, while Zach Benjamin had two hits and a run.

Yankton returns to action today (Monday) with a varsity-JV doubleheader in Sioux Falls against Washington again.

Sophomore Turn.

SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Bucks sophomore baseball team

lost to Brookings 8-1 in the championship game of a tournament played Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton defeated Tri-Valley 8-3 on Friday and routed Rapid City Central 15-1 on Saturday.

The Bucks finished their season 10-10.

YANKTON 8, TRI-VALLEY 3: Tanner Termansen struck out eight batters in a complete game win, while also adding two runs and a hit at the plate.

Dustin Hopper had three hits and three RBI for the Bucks, while Lane Sawatzke scored three times.

YANKTON 15, R.C. CENTRAL 1: Sawatzke struck out 11 and allowed only an unearned run in seven innings on the mound. He also added three hits and

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