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Vermillion's Kelly Amundson, shown here during the 2012 South Dakota State Class A Girls' Basketball Tournament, will attend Mount Marty and compete in both basketball and golf for the Lancers.

Tanagers Two-Sport Standout Headed To MMC

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Vermillion's Kelly Amundson wanted to go somewhere close to home, to find a college campus and a women's basketball team that had a feeling of community.

Being able to play golf there too, that was a bonus she couldn't pass up.

Amundson will attend Mount Marty College and compete in both basketball and golf for the Lancers, the institution announced Monday. "The opportunity to play both really intrigued me. It really opened my eyes," Amundson said after finishing her opening round in the South Dakota State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament Monday in Hot Springs. "I wasn't planning on it, but it worked out that way."

On the basketball court, the 5-10 Amundson earned All-Class A Tournament and third-team All-State honors for the Tanagers, helping Vermillion to a state tournament berth. She averaged 14.5 points and 7.4 rebounds a game while shooting 40 percent from the field, 34 percent from three-point range and 74 percent from the line.

Her size and versatility were among the things that caught the attention of Tom Schlimgen, MMC's head coach for both women's basketball and golf. "She didn't shoot a lot of threes, but she has that ability," he said. "She gives us three posts in this recruiting class, which is exactly what we were looking for."

Also a state qualifying golfer, Amundson finished in a tie for 19th last season as the Tanagers finished third in the state Class A Tournament. "She's had some nice scores this season," Schlimgen noted. "She's been up and down at times, but that is the nature of golf."

While the combination of size and athleticism drew Schlimgen to recruit Amundson, it was the combination of MMC's small size, atmosphere and proximity that drew Amundson to MMC.

"I like that close community. It really stuck with me," she said. "I'm going to major in nursing, so that really helped with the decision as well. It was all pretty perfect."

Amundson has produced a solid resume away from competition as well. Besides attending Girls State, Amundson has been named an Athlete Hometown Hero of Character, and received an Award of Excellence for Leadership. She was also named November Student of the Month, Press & Dakotan A+ Student of the Week, Secretary of National Honor Society, and Secretary of the Student Council. She has also been very active in her community volunteering for the public library, Wakonda Nursing Home, her high school, the food pantry and on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Amundson has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship and Catholic Leadership Award. She is the daughter of Kurt and Peggy Amundson of Vermillion.

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Parkston Holds Class A Lead At Midway Point

HOT SPRINGS — The Parkston Lady Trojans claimed an eight-stroke lead after the opening round of the South Dakota State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament on Monday at Southern Hills Golf Course in Hot Springs.

Parkston shot a 326 as a team, leading the host Hot Springs Bison (334) and Spearfish (345). Defending champion Sioux Falls Christian was fourth at 349, with Vermillion fifth at 386.

Wagner shot 418 as a team to rank 11th. Hot Springs junior Cassidy Vollmer holds a one-stroke lead in the individual race with a 76. Hot Springs senior Schuyler Wetzler and Parkston eighth grader Sydney Bormann are at 77. Parkston junior Jordan Bormann was the other golfer to break 80, shooting a 79.

Parkston eighth grader Sydney Weber and Dakota Valley junior Shyler Funck are tied for eighth at 84. Parkston juniors Taylor Bormann and Logan Wagner shot 86 and 87, also ranking in the top 15.

Wagner senior Devon Brecke (89), Vermillion senior Kelly Amundson (90) and Vermillion junior Elly Miiller (92) also rank in the top 25 after the opening round.

Ryun Williams Officially A Ram

Former USD Women's Basketball Coach Takes Over At Colorado State; Lavin, Koupal Also To Join Rams' Staff

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Life after Ryun Williams has officially begun at the University of South Dakota.

The 43-year-old head coach of the USD women's basketball team for the past four seasons was introduced Monday at Colorado State, a resignation that leaves the Coyotes with yet another high-profile vacancy to fill.

Williams guided USD to a 76-47 record in his tenure, all spent in the Division I transition. Back-to-back 20-win seasons and two straight post-season appearances certainly made him an attractive prospect, USD athletic director

David Saylor said Monday. "This is what I hoped for. Not him leaving, but I think any time this kind of situation comes up, it's because you have success," Saylor said. "We should embrace success, and not be afraid of it."

"This is a much better position now than when Ryun got it."

In what was Williams' final season, the Coyotes went 23-8, 12-6 in their first year in the Summit League, and qualified for the WNIT — where they advanced to the second round.

Two months later, Williams is gone, and USD is left to begin the crucial recruiting months this



COLORADO STATE MEDIA RELATIONS

Ryun Williams is introduced as the new Colorado State University women's basketball coach on Monday in the McGraw Center in Fort Collins, Colo. Williams had been the University of South Dakota women's basketball coach for the past four seasons.

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YHS Second After Day 1



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Yankton's Hannah Withrow watches her tee shot on Hole No. 17 during the first round of the South Dakota State Class AA Girls' Golf Championships, held Monday at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls. Withrow shot a 79 to tie for sixth after the opening round, helping the Gazelles to second place at the tournament's midway point. The tournament finishes today (Tuesday).

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SIoux FALLS — Thanks to two golfers in the top seven, the Yankton Gazelles are in second place after the opening round of the South Dakota State Class AA Girls' Golf Tournament, held Monday at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Eastern South Dakota Conference champion Pierre leads the team standings after the opening day with a 331, with the Gazelles three strokes back. Defending state champion O'Gorman is in third at 339, followed by Sioux Falls Lincoln (351) and Aberdeen Central (353).

"I have to say that we had a pretty good day," said Yankton head golf coach Brett Sime. "The weather cooperated well, and we had two girls shoot in the 70s. Any time you can do that, you're going to put yourself in contention."

Yankton junior Megan Mingo is tied for the tournament lead with a 74, sharing the top spot with Watertown junior Haliee Pieper. Pierre junior Hallie Getz is one shot off the pace.

"I was hitting greens in regulation and my irons were really working well," Mingo said of her round, a season best. "Hopefully tomorrow will be the same."

Familiarity with the course — even though it's not in Yankton — helped for Mingo.

"I came up before the Sioux Falls Invite and played it with my dad, and we've had two other practice rounds here," she said. "So this was the sixth round I've played on this course this year."

Yankton senior Hannah Withrow shot a 38 on the back nine to finish at 79, tie for sixth after the first round.

"My goal was to be under 80," she said. "I was able to keep my cool to try to get down in the 70s. My putting was pretty good, and I was hitting my irons and getting up and down."

"When I needed a par, I got it."

While both veterans felt they left shots on the course, Withrow and Mingo will not let those re-

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Avon Duo Open With No-Hit Effort In The Pits: Drama — Of Course! — In IndyCar Again

Bards' Tycz, Roach Team Up For Six-Inning No-Hitter In 15-0 Win Over Scotland

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On the one hand, Avon's performance Sunday night in its South Central League amateur baseball opener looked like many other scores in the league — one-sided.

Yet, the 15-0 victory included a small win for the use of wood bats.

Logan Tycz, age 21, and Bill Roach, age 48, combined to throw a 6-inning no-hitter against the Scotland Highlanders in the contest played in Avon.

Tycz struck out four and walked one batter in his five innings on the mound, while Roach faced the minimum in his one inning of relief. Tycz was helped by his defense, which turned three double plays behind him.

"The wood bats are definitely making a big difference," Roach said. "They were hitting ground balls right at people. They were making contact, but some of those could've been hits with aluminum (bats)."

Class B teams across South Dakota joined their Class A counterparts in using wood bats, starting this season. Though games like Sunday's, with a 10-run or 15-run rule, will still occur, pitching and defense figure to lead the way.

"So far, so good," Avon co-manager and catcher Dan Bures said. "It didn't seem to affect us like I anticipated, but our pitchers should be OK."

By the time Roach came into the game, he said he didn't realize the Bards hadn't allowed a hit.

"I didn't know until after the game, when Dan mentioned to me, 'Good job saving that no-hitter for Logan,'" Roach said. "I thought, 'Oh crap, I probably should've been nervous or something.'"

Not only did Avon complete three double plays, its defense didn't commit an error.

"They made some contact in the first inning, but we played really good defense," Roach said. "We came up with the plays when we needed to do. If we didn't turn some of those double plays, they could've extended some innings and gotten us into some trouble."

Added Bures, "We didn't give up any 'freebies.'" Bures keyed the Bards' attack with two hits including a home run and five RBI, while Jesse Hajek and Jeff Haenfler each added a pair of hits.

The game wasn't out of hand until the fourth inning, when Avon tacked on five runs to lead 9-0. By that time, Tycz was already in full control, Bures said.

"Logan located well, and was just wild enough at times to be effective," he said.

Asked Monday about his involvement in the no-hitter, Roach joked that it was "99 percent Logan." However, Roach even being involved in a game against his former team was an interesting sidenote, he said. Roach played for Scotland for 3-4 years before joining Corsica-Stickney in the Sunshine League for the last few years.

"Dan being my neighbor across the street really got me thinking about, and with the opportunity to commute to games with people, I was all for it," Roach said. "Plus, I've never played in a state tournament, and maybe this is my last hurrah."

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In The Pits: Drama — Of Course! — In IndyCar Again

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — This Indianapolis 500 already has plenty of drama: panic over the size of the field, engine shortages, legal wrangling and issues with underperforming Lotus. Toss in \$275,000 worth of fines against 13 teams, and IndyCar has a real soap opera bubbling right before its biggest race.

But, really, is that anything new? IndyCar's very existence in this current league began at a time of war for open-wheel racing, when a group of owners with one set of ideas split from CART in 1996 to join a startup series created by Tony George called the IRL. Nothing has come easy since, in large part because the team owners typically can't get out of their own way.

The team principals fight for power with the league, fight with each other over rules and generally search for just about anything to complain about. Unlike Formula One and NASCAR, which both succeed operating as virtual dictatorships, IndyCar has moved closer to the model that ultimately killed CART — the inmates trying to run the asylum.

"You are never happy with a racing association, they've all got problems," A.J. Foyt said Monday. "I don't care if it's NASCAR or its SCCA, or whoever. Somebody is always going to be upset with something."

One can't help but wonder, though, if there's been too much back-room politicking going on