

Getz Gets Lady Govs To Title

Senior Defends Title In Leading Pierre To First Girls' Golf Crown

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One year after coming up just short of the ultimate sweep, the Pierre Lady Governors flipped the script.

Their reward? The school's first-ever state girls' golf title.

Pierre rallied from a 5-shot deficit after Monday's first round to catch — and pass — three-time defending champion Sioux Falls O'Gorman by three strokes for the team championship at the S.D. State AA Girls' Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club in Yankton.

It made for some sweet revenge, said a smiling Pierre head coach John Knox.

"It was close; a little too close for comfort," he said. "It's kind of good, because last year we had the lead and they came back and beat us."

"This year we switched the thing. It worked out good; we're very happy."

Pierre, last year's runner-up to O'Gorman, edged the Knights 691-694 for first place. Yankton, at 726, finished third on its home course, followed in the top five by Sioux Falls Lincoln (748) and Rapid City Stevens (749).

Not only did the Lady Governors get to celebrate on a rainy and cool afternoon, they got to watch their senior Hallie Getz walk away with her second consecutive individual title.

Getz, a South Dakota State recruit, carded a 77 on Tuesday for a 2-day score of 153. She finished eight strokes ahead of Lincoln's Abbie Grevlos and Yankton's Megan Mingo — Grevlos beat Mingo in a 1-hole playoff for second place.

By turning a 4-shot lead after the first round in an 8-shot finish Tuesday essentially eliminated any drama from the individual race.

"That's what I said too, but my dad said, 'No, the pressure's not on you, it's on them because none of them have won a state championship,'" Getz said. "And luckily it ended up working out well."

Part of that was due to her mentality, Getz said.

"I came in (Tuesday) thinking that I was even with them and not let myself focus on having a big lead," she said. Getz birdied No. 10 and was never really threatened from there.

The Lady Governors were aided by a pair of other top-10 finishes and another golfer at 23rd. Karissa Guthrie took 10th place at 175, followed by Katie Bartlett at 176. Paige Lonbaken finished 23rd at 190, while the duo of Tatum Richards (193) and Jenna Johnson (194) were 27 and 28th, respectively.

Not bad for a program that is still without a home golf course, Knox said.

"We've been practicing on soccer fields and inside golf sheds with the nets up, but that's the way it is," he said. "They're hard workers, and next year it'll be better because it'll (state) be at our place."

He later added, "They've been through a lot the last couple years."

As has Getz.

Calling his lone senior a "bulldog," Knox recalled instances where Pierre would return from various meets or tournaments and Getz would soon head out to the driving range.

Her hard work was capped off in style, with yet another championship.

"It's definitely a good end to my senior year, and I'm just so proud of my team," she said.

The only senior among the lead group on Tuesday was Lincoln's Grevlos, who surged to an 80 after the first round. She followed that up with an 81 in the second round.

"It took me a while to get my drives down; the first eight holes were rough," Grevlos said. "But once I figured that out, it helped me out a lot."

Even despite hitting her tee shot on the 17th hole into the water, she was able to keep pace with Mingo. Plus, Grevlos was able to play with Pieper, whom she called a good friend.

"That was pretty nice to play with Hallie," Grevlos said. "And now I have one more try at that thing (title)."

Pieper, meanwhile, carded an 83 on Tuesday to finish at 164 in what was her final high school action.

"I tried to stay level-headed and not think about the way things were going hole by hole," Pieper said. "I just tried to hit fairways and greens; keep it simple."

For her, the focus now turns to her collegiate career at Boise State University.

"It was a little bittersweet," Pieper said. "I'm really going to miss my teammates and coaches, but I'm excited to move on and play in college."

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The foursome of Yankton's Megan Mingo, left, Pierre's Hallie Getz, Watertown's Haliee Pieper and Sioux Falls Lincoln's Abbie Grevlos shake hands after concluding the final round of the S.D. State Class AA Girls' Golf Tournament, Tuesday at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. Getz defended her individual title, with Grevlos beating Mingo in a one-hole playoff for second.

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Yankton's Megan Mingo watches her tee shot on Hole No. 17 during the final round of the S.D. State Class AA Girls' Golf Tournament, Tuesday at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf & Country Club.

Gazelles Finish Third For Third Straight Season

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To end their season, the Yankton Gazelles played a consistent two days of golf to claim third place at the State AA Tournament.

The Gazelles finished with 726 total, shooting 363 both days, coming in behind Pierre (691) and Sioux Falls O'Gorman (694) in second.

Senior Megan Mingo placed third after a one-hole shoot off with a score of 161, while Becky Frick tied for 12th with 180. Amber Livingston tied for 24th (191) and Whitney Specht tied for 28th (194). Alicia Gregoire came

in tied for 63rd with a score of 215, and Rachel Frick tied for 75th (225).

This year marks the sixth consecutive top-6 finish at the State AA Tournament for Yankton, placing third last year and in 2011, second in 2010, sixth in 2009 and fifth in 2008, which head coach Brett Sime said shows Yankton's improvement over the years.

"When I first started coaching at YHS our goal was to break 400, and we've come a long way since then," he said. "Even on a tough course like Hillcrest we're shooting just over 360. We've come a

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Parkston, Andes Central Girls Win State Golf Titles

MMC Recruit Kellie Winckler Earns 'B' Medalist Honors In Leading Eagles To First Team Championship In Any Sport

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

BROOKINGS — For the first time in school history, Andes Central is bringing home a state championship.

The Eagles, led by head coach Tom Cooney, carded a 268 both days to finish eight strokes ahead of Deubrook for first place at the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament, which concluded Tuesday at Brookings' Edgebrook Golf Course.

If there was a sign that things were looking good, it came away from the course, Cooney said.

"They were focused and I could tell (Monday) at the motel," he said. "Usually they were wanting to go the pool in years past or play around, but this time was different."

"It was serious, like the girls thought, 'This is ours, let's go get it.'"

The victory was made even sweeter by the fact that the Eagles swept the day. Senior Kellie Winckler, a Mount Marty College basketball and golf recruit, rallied from a 3-stroke deficit after the first round to catch and pass Deuel's Kali Trautman by two shots, 155-157, for the individual crown.

"She's a gamer; she thrives on that competition," Cooney said. "I think she was motivated by the fact that nobody really even talked about her. She had a hamstring injury a few weeks back, and we didn't know if she would even play."

Twin sister Krista Winckler improved her play by two shots on Tuesday to finish 10th with a 2-day score of 178. Andes Central's third golfer, Brooke Deurmier, also shot better Tuesday, finishing at 203.

The fact that his golfers shot better in Tuesday's cold and rainy conditions was especially impressive, Cooney said.

"That, to me, is probably the thing that floors me most," he said.

"There were times you could hardly see the next hole over from you."

Also for the Eagles, Aleacia Golus shot a 289.

Deuel finished third in the team standings at 552, followed by Irene-Wakonda (564) and South Central-Burke (579).

Individually, Sydney Benter of South Central-Burke was third at 168. Irene-Wakonda was led by Sydney Nielsen, who tied for eighth place at 177. Teammate Makayla Mohr tied for 21st at 192.

In other area finishes, Freeman's Shelby Bauer was 20th at 190, while Parker's Allison Sanner and Scotland's Aisha Abbink tied for 21st.

The tournament, however, belonged to Andes Central.

"It's almost like a dream,"

Cooney said. "We really came in just happy to get our team to the state tournament. There weren't any huge expectations like maybe we've had in the past, the girls just went out and made it happen."

"Nobody expected us to do this and here we are bringing a trophy home."

S.D. Class A Girls

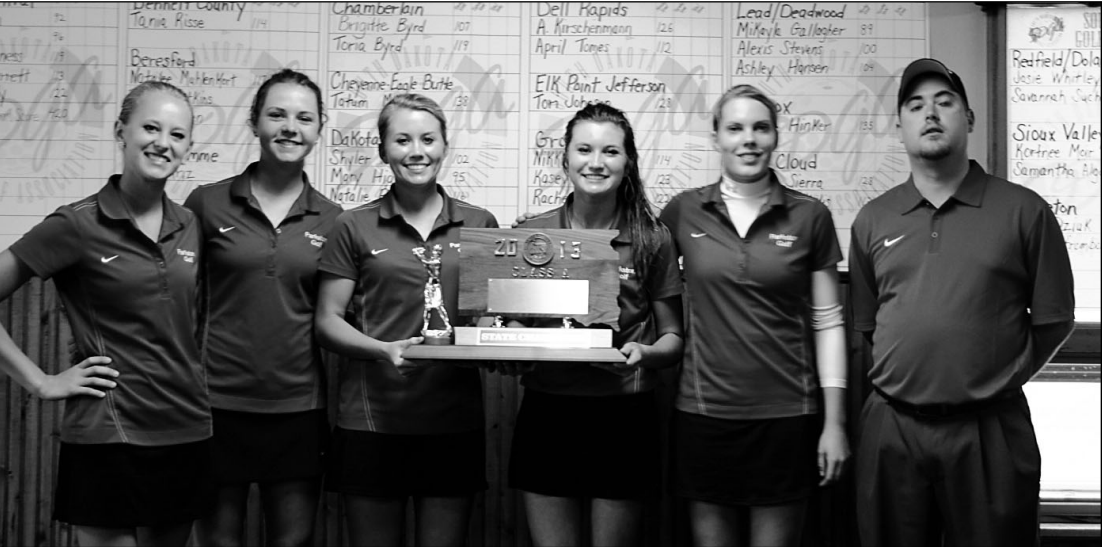
MILBANK — The final round of the S.D. State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament was called off Tuesday because of weather, so Monday's scores held up.

Parkston, which led Sioux Falls Christian 350-353 in the team race after Monday's action, earns its second straight championship and third title in five years.

The only action Tuesday were two full holes and a start to the third, Parkston coach Tyler Hockett said. Monday's conditions were not much better, he said.

"They grinded it out. We all teed off early in the morning Monday, and that's when the rain was unbelievably bad too," he said. "We tried our best to gut it out, but it was about an 8-stroke difference just because of the conditions."

Hot Springs finishes a distant third at 402, but walks away with the individual champion in Cassidy Vollmer (82). Kiersten Warkenthien of Sioux Falls Christian finishes second at 83, followed by Parkston's Sydney Bormann and



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Parkston claimed the 2013 S.D. State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament. The tournament was called after Monday's play due to poor weather conditions on Tuesday. The championship is Parkston's second straight and third in five years.

Christian's Abby Perrenoud (85).

Parkston's Logan Wagner (86), Jordan Bormann (88), Taylor Bormann (91) and Sydney Weber (95), as well as Dakota Valley's Mary High (95), all finish in the top 20.

Despite the bittersweet finish to the season, the ultimate goals were met for the Trojans, Hockett said.

"I told the girls I wouldn't grade them on their best or worst performances, but they were ten for ten," he said. "They won some big-time meets and shot unbelievably low scores."

"To have five girls like this in a smaller school is a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

Vermillion finishes ninth in the team race after an opening round 424.

S.D. Class B Boys

BROOKINGS — For the fourth time during his high school career, Freeman senior Arron Lickteig finished a state tournament in the top three.

Lickteig lost a playoff to Howard's Cal Wiese for second place at the S.D. State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament, which concluded on Tuesday at Brookings Country Club. The two had met on the final day before, with Lickteig beating Wiese in a playoff for medalist honors in 2012 and Wiese beating out Lickteig for medalist honors in 2011.

Lickteig also finished 16th in 2010, second in 2009 and 33rd as a seventh grader in 2008.

Garretson's Derek Dillon shot a two-day



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Andes Central's Kellie Winckler pitches on to the first green during the final round of the Class B state girls' golf tournament on Tuesday at Edgebrook Golf Course in Brookings. Winckler earned medalist honors and helped the Eagles to their first state team title in any sport.

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CorTrust Bank Invests \$1.5 Million In USD

VERMILLION — CorTrust Bank president and CEO Jack Hopkins has made a \$1.5 million investment in University of South Dakota and the Coyotes' athletic facility master plan which includes a 6,000-seat arena for basketball and volleyball, and an outdoor track and soccer complex. The announcement comes on the heels of strong fundraising for the project which is now in the final stages of design.

"We look at this as an impor-

tant economic development tool for the state of South Dakota," said Hopkins, a 1984 graduate of USD. "The addition of these facilities will help in the recruitment of athletes and students to the University of South Dakota. That will mean more graduates who employers can recruit to stay within South Dakota upon graduation."

USD and CorTrust Bank have been partners since 1984. This investment extends CorTrust

Bank's current marketing relationship with Coyote athletics. Additionally, CorTrust Bank will receive naming rights to the club area of the new arena.

"Our partnership with CorTrust Bank and the Hopkins Family extends back to the early 1980s," said USD Director of Athletics David Herbster. "By the time this agreement runs its course, we will have had a 50-year relationship with the family. We are fortunate and blessed to

have the trust and commitment to continue our forward momentum into not only this campaign, but the future of Coyote athletics."

CorTrust Bank's commitment puts fundraising for the new facilities above the \$50 million mark. In addition to the new 6,000 basketball/volleyball arena, the overall athletic facility master plan includes a new 400-meter outdoor track, two soccer fields, two practice football fields

and two practice basketball courts. Connecting the Dakota-Dome to the new arena will be a three-story building which will be the new home for the departments of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Kinesiology & Sports Sciences. New training and weight rooms along with classrooms, offices and a new hospitality area will also highlight the connector building.