

Somsen, SDSU Fall In Summit Opener



Somsen

ROCHESTER, Mich. — Western Illinois scored two unearned runs in the top of the seventh inning, knocking off top-seeded South Dakota State, 4-2, in the opening game of the Summit League Baseball Championship.

The Fighting Leathernecks, who received an eight-inning pitching performance from Aaron Michel, improved to 19-35 overall and will face the winner between second-seeded Oakland or third-seeded North Dakota State at noon Eastern Time (11 a.m. Central) on Saturday. SDSU, which fell to 31-22 overall, will face the loser of the Oakland-North Dakota State game, which was moved to noon Eastern Time Friday due to the rain, in an elimination game at 3 p.m. Eastern on Friday.

Somsen, the 2013 Summit League Pitcher of the Year, struck out eight over seven innings of work, dropping to 4-5 on the season.

R.C. Central Golfer Signs With MMC



Rodriguez

Rapid City Central standout Azure Rodriguez will attend Mount Marty and participate in golf for the Lancers, the institution announced on Thursday.

Rodriguez, a standout player at Rapid City Central High School, was an integral player for the team. She was a member of the 2013 Greater Dakota Conference (GDC) 3rd place team. Individually, she finished 9th place at the 2013 Rapid Invite and finished 15th place at the GDC contest.

Earlier this week, she tied for 48th in the S.D. State Class AA Tournament, held at Yankton's Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

At Central High School, Rodriguez was named Most Dedicated, Most Improved, and received the Cobbler Spirit award in addition to lettering five years in the sport. Off the course, she was on the honor roll, was the National Honor Society treasurer and was an AYCE community board member.

"We are looking forward to having Azure join our golf program. She's seen great competition during her career so far and we are excited to put that experience to work for us," said MMC golf coach Tom Schlimgen. "We know she's going to be a great addition to our program and the Mount Marty community as well."

In addition to her athletic award Rodriguez is also receiving an academic merit scholarship. The daughter of Eddie and Tami Rodriguez of Rapid City, she plans to major in human service at MMC.

Rueb Shining On The Mat

Yankton 12-year-old Jarett Rueb completed the 2012-13 wrestling season with a 68-9 record while competing for the Legends of Gold elite program, ranking in the top 10 percent in the nation. He competed in the Rocky Mountain National Series where he was ranked No. 1 until losing the Triple Crown Championship match in triple overtime 3-2 to another top-ranked wrestler in the country. He also posted a 14-0 record for the Yankton Middle School squad. The son of Troy and Brenda Rueb, he is preparing to compete in a tournament in Las Vegas in July.



Rueb

29th MMC Golf Classic Held

The men's team of Adam Walsh, Mark Yonke, Jon Cooke and Aaron Hansen, and the women's team of Lori Ibarolle, Yvonne Slowey, Jenny Dietrich and Sandy Brandt claimed top honors in the 29th annual Mount Marty Golf Classic, held May 15 at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

More than 30 teams participated in the event.

Walsh, Yonke, Cook and Hansen scored a 56, one stroke better than the runner-up foursome of Jeff Wolfram, Denny Fokken, Matt Tereshinski and Steve Weiland.

Ibarolle, Slowey, Dietrich and Brandt finished at 68, two strokes better than the next teams. Peggy Frank, Lynette Bruening, Penny Porter and Hannah Withrow were runners-up after winning a scorecard playoff.

Proceeds from the annual event provide support for student scholarships, academic resources and campus improvements at Mount Marty College.

SCOREBOARD

DODGEBALL

YANKTON PARKS-REC

**COED TOURN.**  
RESULTS: Hanson Briggs Baliz of Fury def. The Dodgefighters 9-2; Balis and Dolis def. Baliz Deep 7-4  
**CHAMPIONSHIP:** Hanson Briggs Baliz of Fury def. Balis and Dolis 6-5

GOLF

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

**LADIES LEAGUE**  
LOW GROSS: Norma Garvey 49, Katie Paulson 49  
LOW NET: Barb Dooley 31  
STANDINGS: Katie Tramp-Julie Tramp-Kay Blankenfeld 70, Andrea Tramp-Michelle Townsend 67, Deanne Lockridge-Linda Trentale 66, Patty Zavadil-Carol Leader 62, Irma Arens-Kathy Magorian 59, Katie Paulson-Bonnie Gussio 58, Barb Dooley-Dawn Stukel 49, Norma Garvey-Karen Clark 49, Judy Heine-Kathy Meink 46, Donna Steckler-Kim Brannen 44, Sheri Moser-Ginger Scheffer-Danielle McFarland 37, Brady Mackeprang-Ana Arens 26, Barb Hermek-Peck-Linda Fox 25, Sharon Koller-Jane Brown 23, Laurie Bailey-Judy VanDerhule 13, Melissa Lindahl-Robin Svendsen 3  
**TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE**  
STANDINGS: Baily-Kuchta 33  
LOW GROSS: Eric Baily 39  
LOE NET: Bruce Pokorny 31  
Sailor-Greveland 30, Farden-Johannsen 30, Bailey-Edwards 30, Clark-Fish-Christiansen 29, Sprakes-Brady 29, Hysell-Brauer 24, Wieselbaux-Wieselbaux 23, Merkel-Weiseler 22, Pokorny-Trenhaile 21, Tramp-Lancaster 21, Kuchta-Merkel 20, Tramp-Leader 19, Nohr-Goeden 19, Sprake-Janssen 18, Jackson-Thunker 17, Zavadil-Pooler 17, Murphy-Petersen 16, Barnes-Hoffart 15, Kaiser-Weinandt 15, Haubrick-14, Anderson-Larson 12, Schmidt-Ryan 10, Wilken-Schurman 9, Folkers-Van Essen 9, Pautler-Suing 8

BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**Tuesday, May 21**  
San Antonio 93, Memphis 89, OT, San Antonio leads series 2-1  
**Wednesday, May 22**  
Miami 103, Indiana 102, OT, Miami leads series 1-0  
**Friday, May 24**  
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 25**  
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
**Sunday, May 26**  
Miami at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.  
**Monday, May 27**  
San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	28	18	.609	—
Boston	28	20	.583	1
Baltimore	25	22	.532	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	24	22	.522	4
Toronto	20	27	.426	8 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	27	19	.587	—
Kansas City	25	19	.568	1
Detroit	21	22	.488	4 1/2
Chicago	21	24	.467	5 1/2
Minnesota	18	25	.419	7 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	30	18	.638	—
Oakland	25	23	.521	5 1/2
Seattle	20	27	.426	10
Los Angeles	19	27	.413	10 1/2
Houston	14	33	.298	16

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 8, Minnesota 3  
Texas 3, Oakland 1  
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3, 10 innings  
Detroit 11, Cleveland 7  
Baltimore 6, N.Y. Yankees 3  
L.A. Angels 7, Seattle 1  
Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 2  
Houston 3, Kansas City 1  
**Thursday's Games**  
Toronto 12, Baltimore 6  
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.  
Cleveland 12, Boston 3  
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
**Friday's Games**  
Baltimore (Tillman 3-2) at Toronto (Jenkins 1-0), 6:07 p.m.  
Minnesota (Deduno 0-0) at Detroit (Ani Sanchez 4-4), 6:08 p.m.  
Cleveland (Masterson 7-2) at Boston (Lackey 2-4), 6:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (DePaulis 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Rom Hernandez 2-4), 6:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Vargas 3-3) at Kansas City (Mendoza 1-2), 7:10 p.m.  
Miami (Koehler 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Milone 4-5) at Houston (Bedard 0-2), 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Grimm 3-3) at Seattle (J. Saunders 3-4), 9:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
STANDINGS: Baily-Kuchta 33  
LOW GROSS: Eric Baily 39  
LOE NET: Bruce Pokorny 31  
Sailor-Greveland 30, Farden-Johannsen 30, Bailey-Edwards 30, Clark-Fish-Christiansen 29, Sprakes-Brady 29, Hysell-Brauer 24, Wieselbaux-Wieselbaux 23, Merkel-Weiseler 22, Pokorny-Trenhaile 21, Tramp-Lancaster 21, Kuchta-Merkel 20, Tramp-Leader 19, Nohr-Goeden 19, Sprake-Janssen 18, Jackson-Thunker 17, Zavadil-Pooler 17, Murphy-Petersen 16, Barnes-Hoffart 15, Kaiser-Weinandt 15, Haubrick-14, Anderson-Larson 12, Schmidt-Ryan 10, Wilken-Schurman 9, Folkers-Van Essen 9, Pautler-Suing 8

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	28	18	.609	—
Washington	24	23	.511	4 1/2
Philadelphia	23	24	.489	5 1/2
New York	17	27	.386	10
Miami	13	34	.277	15 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	30	16	.652	—
Cincinnati	29	18	.617	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	29	18	.617	1 1/2
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	11 1/2
Chicago	16	28	.391	12
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	26	21	.553	—
Colorado	26	21	.553	—
San Francisco	26	21	.553	—
San Diego	21	25	.457	4 1/2
Los Angeles	19	26	.422	6

**Wednesday's Games**  
Atlanta 8, Minnesota 3  
Cincinnati 7, N.Y. Mets 4  
L.A. Dodgers 9, Milwaukee 2  
Colorado 4, Arizona 1  
Washington 2, San Francisco 1, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh 1, Chicago Cubs 0  
Philadelphia 3, Miami 0  
St. Louis 5, San Diego 3  
**Thursday's Game**  
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 2  
**Friday's Games**  
Philadelphia (Kendrick 4-2) at Washington (Zimmerman 7-2), 6:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Medien 1-5) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 0-5), 6:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Feldman 4-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 4-4), 6:10 p.m.  
Miami (Koehler 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 3-4) at Milwaukee (Estrada 3-2), 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Stults 4-3) at Arizona (McCarthy 1-3), 8:40 p.m.  
St. Louis (Lynn 6-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Carpuno 1-2), 9:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Chatwood 2-0) at San Francisco (Lincecum 3-3), 9:15 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Jake Arrieta to Norfolk (IL). Designated RHP Alex Burnett for assignment. Promoted RHP Kevin Gausman from Bowie (EL).  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Recalled LHP Scott Barnes. Designated LHP David Huff for assignment.  
**National League**  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned RHP Kelvin Herrera to Omaha (PCL). Recalled RHP Luis Coleman from Omaha.  
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Derek Lowe on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Signed INF-OF Mark Teahen to a minor league contract.  
**National League**  
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed 2B Chase Utley on the 15-day DL.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed S Tyrann Mathieu to a four-year contract.  
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed LB A.J. Klein, RB Kenjon Barner, DT Star Lotulelei and G Edmond Kugbila. Claimed LB Ryan Ruan off waivers from Cleveland. Waived-injured TE Logan Brock.  
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed RB Giovani Bernard.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Tori Gurley. Waived QB Thaddeus Lewis.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Cae- sar Gullett. Waived LB Jake Killeen.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Sanders Cummings.  
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Claimed OT Kevin Haslam off waivers from San Diego. Re-leased OL R.J. Mallett.  
NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed WR Ramses Barden.  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed WR Justin Brown to a four-year contract and WR Markus Wheaton and CB Terry Hawthorne.  
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DT Cornelius Carradine and TE Vance McDonald to four-year contracts.  
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed WR Justin Velting.  
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed CB Johnthan Banks to a four-year contract.

AREA CALENDAR

**Friday, May 24**  
**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** Irene at Freeman (7:30 p.m.); Wynot at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR** NAIA Championships at Marion, Ind.; NCAA Preliminary Round at Austin Texas  
**TRACK, PREP** S.D. State Class AA Meet at Brandon (10:30 a.m.); S.D. State Class A Meet at Lennox (9:30 a.m.); S.D. State Class B Meet at Sioux Falls (9:30 a.m.)  
**Saturday, May 25**  
**BASEBALL, PREP** Class A Tour at Sioux Falls  
**SOFTBALL, GIRLS** Vermillion Summer Slam Tour (Yankton Lightning)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR** NAIA Championships at Marion, Ind.; NCAA Preliminary Round at Austin Texas  
**Sunday, May 26**  
**BASEBALL, AMATEUR** Crofton at Avon (7:30 p.m.); Freeman at Wynot (7:30 p.m.); Irene at Scotland (7:30 p.m.); Lesterville at Tabor (7:30 p.m.); Yankton at Menno (7:30 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, GIRLS** Vermillion Summer Slam Tour (Yankton Lightning)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR** NAIA Championships at Marion, Ind.; NCAA Preliminary Round at Austin Texas  
**Monday, May 27**  
**BASEBALL, PREP** Class B Tour at Sioux Falls (Bon Homme vs. Harrisburg, 30 minutes after Game 1, KVHT-FM)

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Tori Gurley. Waived QB Thaddeus Lewis.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Cae- sar Gullett. Waived LB Jake Killeen.  
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SCL: Yankton, Menno Win Openers

CROFTON, Neb. — Yankton's Josh Cleveland outdu- eled a pair of Crofton pitchers as the Tappers edged the Bluejays 3-1 in the South Central League amateur baseball opener for both squads.

Crofton led 1-0 after four innings, but Yankton took the lead in the seventh and never let go.

Jared Miller had two of Yankton's four hits, both doubles. Heath Arens and Nik Davis also had hits for the Tappers.

For Crofton, Scot Donner, Rand Thygeson and Aaron Losing had hits.

Cleveland went the distance for the win, striking out nine. Donner, who came on in the seventh after six shutout innings from Trevor Arens, took the loss.

Yankton is at Menno and Crofton is at Avon on Sunday.

**YANKTON**.....000 000 210 — 3 4 1  
**CROFTON**.....000 000 000 — 1 3 1  
(Arroyo 4-4), 6:10 p.m.  
Miami (Koehler 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 3-4) at Milwaukee (Estrada 3-2), 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Stults 4-3) at Arizona (McCarthy 1-3), 8:40 p.m.  
St. Louis (Lynn 6-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Carpuno 1-2), 9:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Chatwood 2-0) at San Francisco (Lincecum 3-3), 9:15 p.m.

**Menno 8, Tabor 6**  
MENNO — Menno jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and hung on, claiming an 8-6 victory over Tabor in the South Central League opener for both squads.

Macon Oplinger had three hits, including a two-run double, to lead Menno. Tyler Miller also had a two-run double for the Mad Frogs, which outthit Tabor 9-6.

Doug Vanacek doubled and singled, and Nathan Kloucek had two hits for Tabor.

Doug Hall picked up the win, striking out 10 batters over seven innings of work. Will Juhnke pitched the final two innings for the save. Jon Vavruska took the loss.

Menno hosts Yankton and Tabor hosts Lesterville on Sunday.

**TABOR**.....000 002 004 — 6 6 1  
**MENNO**.....050 000 03X — 8 9 2  
Jon Vavruska, Nathan Kloucek (5) and Wes Kloucek; Doug Hall, Will Juhnke (8) and Kevin Kunz

Class B

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Parker

Coach Phil Bjorneberg might be one of the few coaches in South Dakota who thought that things went well during a weather-hampered 2013 season.

"We got a little lucky," he said. "We got a lot of stuff qualified early, and that took the pressure off. Then we were able to sneak three or four more entries in at regions."

The weekend will mark the final prep competition for heralded distance runner Duane Jongeling. The three-time state cross country champion and South Dakota State recruit will hope to add to his already impressive resume, as he ranks second in both the 1600 and 3200, and is a part of the Pheasants' highly-ranked 3200 and medley relays.

"I'm excited to see what 'Dewey' does in his last state meet," Bjorneberg said. "Our distance guys are fairly solid."

Besides Jongeling, the Pheasants will have senior Jake Vollmer in the 1600 and 3200, junior Ryan Olson in the 3200 and junior Michael Olson in the 800. Vollmer ranks sixth in the 1600 and eighth in the 3200. Michael Olson ranks third in the 800 and Ryan Olson ranks sixth in the 3200. The Pheasants also are seeded first in both relays.

Parker also has junior Eric Hunstad entered in both hurdle races, and junior Tristen Erickson and freshman Zack Anderson entered in the high jump. Erickson ranks seventh in the high jump.

Other than seniors Tessa Weeldreyer in the 200 and Katelynn Gets in the discus, the Pheasant girls bring a younger squad to state. That said, Parker returns three of the four runners who took the Pheasants to the gold medal in the 800 relay a year ago: Weeldreyer, junior Morgan Hay and sophomore Brittany Olson.

Parker is the favorite to defend that 800 relay title. The Pheasants are also seeded third in the 400 relay and fourth in the 1600 relay. Parker finished second in the 1600 relay and sixth in the 400 relay a year ago.

Brittany Olson is the top-seeded runner in the 200, with Weeldreyer and Hay also entered in that event. Olson is also entered in the 400, seeded eighth.

Also for the Parker girls, freshman Hannah Herlyn ranks fifth in the high jump, and eighth grader Makenzie Dean is entered in the long jump.

Bjorneberg would like to see both teams holding up hardware on Saturday afternoon.

"Our goal is to get up on the podium with both teams," he said. "That's our main goal."

Scotland

The Highlanders bring five seniors, including a boy and two girls who combine for six individual events, as they head to Sioux Falls.

For the boys, senior Garrett Kotalik is entered in the 100, 200 and 400. He ranks sixth in the 400.

Sophomore Dan Stibral is entered in both throws, ranking seventh in the shot put. He finished seventh in the discus a year ago.

Also for the Scotland boys, sophomore Blake Konstanz and eighth grader Chase Mogck are entered in the pole vault. The Highlanders are also entered in the 800 relay.

Senior Christy Mogck and sophomore Jessica Thum both have two individual events at state. Mogck is entered in the 100 and 200, ranking third in the 100 and fourth in the 200. Thum is entered in both hurdle races, with senior Samantha Geiman joining her in the 300 hurdles.

The Scotland girls also have sophomore Carley Skorepa entered in both the shot put and discus, as well as entries in the 400 and 800 relays. Skorepa is seeded fifth in the discus, while Scotland ranks eighth in the 400 relay.

Tripp-Delmont-Armour

Two boys' relays and one girls' event will make up the Nighthawks' weekend at the state meet.

The TDA boys are entered in the 3200 and medley relays. Sophomore Hannah Just will compete in the 100.

**Viborg-Hurley**  
While the Viborg-Hurley boys have just six individual entries and four relays, the lineup the Cougars bring to state — which includes six seniors — is potent enough to compete for a second straight Class B crown.

The Cougars boast top seeds in five different events, as well as several other top seeds, more than enough to match the 58 points they needed to win the title a year ago.

"We are heavy on seniors," said Coach Hansen. "We only have two back from our 4-by-1 and 4-by-2 (both state championship relays a year ago), but those spots will be filled by kids who have had success in basketball and in football."

Viborg-Hurley has been an athletic power across the board over the past three years. Besides last year's track and field title, the Cougars boast three straight runner-up finishes in bas-

ketball (2011 in Class A) and three straight top-four finishes in football.

"Hopefully that success will carry over onto the track," Hansen said.

The Cougars are seeded first in both those relays. Senior Trevor Jacobsen, a part of both of those victorious relays a year ago, is seeded first in the 100 and second in the 200 after finishing third and fourth in those events a year ago. Senior Tyler Novak, also a part of those winning relays a year ago, is seeded sixth in both the 100 and 200. Senior Tyler Gerdes, who won the long jump and finished second in the triple jump, is seeded first in both those events.

The Viborg-Hurley boys are also entered in the 3200 and medley relays, ranking fifth in the 3200 relay.

While the Cougars have the potential for a ton of points on the boys' side, Hansen said that many of those points are in precarious positions.

"The one thing about the 100 and 200 is that there's not much room for error. You have to come out of the blocks smoothly," he said. "The sprint relays come down to handoffs."

Freshman Abby Hora is entered in both hurdle races for the Viborg-Hurley girls. Also for the Cougars, sophomore Val Sunderland is entered in the shot put and eighth grader Emily Bjerkas is entered in the 100, where she ranks eighth.

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AM 1450

**MORNING COFFEE**

WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Friday, May 24**  
7:40 am Press & Dakotan (Nathan Johnson)  
8:20 am Welcome Center (Becky Leapley)

CAVALIERS HEADED TO STATE



The Bon Homme baseball team beat Parkston on Wednesday to advance to the S.D. State Class B club high school baseball tournament, May 27 at Sioux Falls Stadium.

The Cavaliers, 10-3, will face Region 3 champion Harrisburg in the second semifinal, set for 30 minutes after the opening game of the day between DDCEH and either St. Thomas More or Chamberlain, a 10 a.m. start. The championship is set for 30 minutes after the second semifinal.

Team members include (front) Cole Uecker, Alec Weber, Lincoln Stoebner, Hunter Young, Austin Kaul, Blasé Vanecek, Andrew Roland, Chase Kortan, (back) assistant coach Don Kortan, Ross Kortan, Tanner VanWinkle, Mike Mesman, Zach Sutera, Brendan Bares, Scott Wieseler, Kodi Larson and head coach Gary Kortan.

MMC's Smelker Earns All-American Status

MARION, Ind. — Mount Marty junior Katie Smelker earned All-American honors with a seventh place finish in the women's 10,000-meter run at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Thursday at Indiana Wesleyan University Outdoor Track in Marion, Ind.

Smelker clocked a 36:57.13 in the race, cutting more than a minute off the school record she set earlier this month. Eastern Oregon's Karlee Coffey won in 34:52.07.

Smelker is also qualified in the marathon, which takes place on Saturday. Dakota Wesleyan's Haley Brunke, a freshman from Scotland, is also qualified in that event.

Also on Thursday, Hartington, Neb., native Jonathon Becker competed for Concordia (Neb.) in the

men's 400-meter relay. The squad failed to advance, finishing 17th in 42.10. Becker will compete in the 110-meter hurdle preliminaries today.

Competing for Mount Marty today (Friday) is sophomore Abbey VanDenBerg in the women's triple jump. Junior Jordan Pater will compete for MMC in the men's marathon on Saturday.

**NCAA Opening Round**  
AUSTIN, Texas — Junior thrower Cody Snyder became the first athlete in USD's men's track team history to qualify for the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships after finishing seventh in the discus at the West Region Preliminary Round in Austin, Texas on Thursday. The top 12 finishers in the event qualified for the championships, which will be held in Eugene, Ore., starting June 5.

Snyder threw 186 feet, 11 inches on his second attempt to break both his USD and state records by three inches. He set those records

with a 186-8 mark he had at the Double Duals in Yankton last year. He will be back in action on Friday competing with teammate Kyle McKelvey in the shot put at 6 p.m.

On the track, Alexa Duling moved on to the quarterfinals in the women's 400-meter hurdles after finishing third in her heat with a time of 59.15 seconds. The top-three in each of the six heats and the next fastest six times moved on to the quarterfinals. That round will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday with the top-three finishers in the three heats and the next fastest three times moving to the championships.

Erik Hill completed USD's day by finishing 44th in the men's 400 hurdles with a time of 54.55.

South Dakota will have nine athletes competing on Friday, including three who are regionally ranked within the top-12 in events. In the women's pole vault, Bethany Buell has the top mark in the nation at 14-7 1/2 while Emily Grove has the eighth-best mark in the region at 14-0. That event starts at 1 p.m.

Megan Glisar is ranked fourth in the region in the women's high jump at 6-0 and will compete at 6 p.m.

Mayer

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thing he said he is "anxious" for, specifically when it comes to maintaining Harrisburg's traditionally strong girls' basketball tradition.

Yankton

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Culver and senior Alexander Savage are qualified in the 100. Junior Brice Cowman is qualified in the 1600 and 3200, ranking in the top eight in both events.

"We have the opportunity for a lot of places," Youmans said. "For our boys to be successful, they have to have a lot of things to their way."

With more entries and more experience, the Yankton girls have higher expectations than their male counterparts, Youmans said.

"Our goal with the girls is a little more aggressive," he said. "Certainly we want as many running on day two as possible, but we will be more aggressive with our expectations of them."

"We have a lot of talent on the girls' side. It's a matter of taking advantage of opportunities."

As with the boys, a veteran three-event jumper leads the field events points, senior Kelsey

Fitzgerald. The Nebraska-Kearney basketball recruit ranks fourth in the high jump, ninth in the triple jump and 11th in the long jump. She is one of three long jumpers entered for the Gazelles, joined by eighth graders Emma Stewart and Lindsey Hale.

"The field events could be feast or famine for us," Youmans said. "We have kids in all six events, but that doesn't mean will put up a lot of points. We have to take advantage of opportunities, get in the mix and compete hard."

The Gazelles also have three athletes qualified in the shot put, with senior Clara Schild ranked fifth, junior Allie Murphy ranked ninth and freshman Adrienne Kusek ranked 15th. Kusek is also entered in the discus, ranked ninth.

Sophomore Lindsay Larson is qualified in the pole vault for the Gazelles.

On the track, the trio of juniors Annie Kruse and Whitelee Larson, and freshman Savannah Woods will look to score big points in the distance events. Kruse ranks second, Larson ninth and Woods 12th in a tightly-compacted 1600 field. Kruse

court in 2013-14 will likely be a familiar face, Mayer said.

"We've played Harrisburg for a number of years, and I feel like I know those kids, and they know kind of what my philosophy is," he said. "I really want to hit the ground running."

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Class A

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scored event is Dylan Fischbach, who will compete in the wheelchair 100-meter event.

The Tanagers are qualified in three relays, the 400, 1600 and medley. Vermillion is seeded third in the 1600 relay after finishing second in that event a year ago, and is seeded second in the medley.

Wagner

The Wagner girls have just one entry at state, but senior Sydney Breen is a potential state champion, tied for the top seed in the pole vault.

The Wagner boys have four seniors competing in five events, led by Tyler Dion in the 1600 and 3200. Junior Nick Dion will also compete in the 1600 and 3200.

Senior Spencer Peters ranks second in the pole vault entering state. Senior Will Hollmann is seeded fourth in the high jump. Junior Noah St. Pierre is seeded fifth in the long jump.

The Red Raiders rank sixth in the 3200 relay.

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