

# Krier To Take Gazelles Helm

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Trey Krier is returning to the head coaching ranks. This time at the Class AA level.

A 2010 Mount Marty College graduate and former head coach at Gayville-Volin, Krier was announced Wednesday as the head girls' basketball coach at Yankton High School.

The first word that came to mind for him: Excitement.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to be in a position again where we can build a program," said Krier, a 26-year-old native of Sioux Falls. "I'm excited to build a program at the AA level and to

**TREY KRIER FILE**

AGE: 26  
HOMETOWN: Sioux Falls; O-Gorman High School graduate  
COLLEGE: 2010 Mount Marty College graduate  
EXPERIENCE: 1 season (2010-11) as assistant at Gayville-Volin; 2 seasons (2011-12, 2012-13) as head coach at Gayville-Volin; 1 season (2013-14) as sophomore boys' coach at Yankton High School

get back to working with kids."

Krier, who spent two seasons (2011-12 and 2012-13) as head girls' coach at Gayville-Volin before coming to Yankton where he spent last

season as the Bucks sophomore coach, said he was anxious to return to the girls game.

"I didn't think I'd necessarily miss the girls' game as much as I did," he said. "There's a big difference, but I'm looking forward to coaching girls again."

And his Gazelles players are likewise excited for Krier to take over the program, according to junior Sarah Rockne.

"I think he's perfect for the job," Rockne said Wednesday. "It's not like he's thrown in there brand new."

"Instead of starting over, I feel like we'll be one step



Trey Krier, right, looks on as Yankton boys' basketball coach Chris Haynes talks to an official during the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Basketball Tournament in March. Krier, who served as the sophomore boys' coach this past season and was previously head girls' basketball coach at Gayville-Volin, has been named the head girls' basketball coach at YHS.

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# Lancers Set To Begin GPAC Tourney



Mount Marty's Jared Miller follows through on his swing during a Lancer home game earlier this season. Miller, who led the Great Plains Athletic Conference with a .444 batting average, and the Lancers open the GPAC Tournament today (Thursday) against Northwestern. Start time is 9 a.m. at Drake Field in Mitchell.

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## MMC Enters Post-Season In Familiar Fashion

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The Mount Marty College baseball program has seen this before, going from hanging onto a season by a thread to earning a berth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament. Now the Lancers are hoping to repeat what that 2012 squad did: win a conference tourney title.

The 2014 edition of the Lancers (24-22) started GPAC play 1-10 but finished strong enough to earn secure the seventh seed in the GPAC Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) in Mitchell.

The 2012 Lancers opened GPAC play 3-8, then went 7-2 down the stretch to clinch a tourney berth. Once there, the Lancers won five straight games to take the tournament title, and a sixth in the NAIA opening round before being eliminated.

MMC opened the 2014 GPAC season with seven straight losses and losses in 10 of 11 before bouncing back. MMC finished 7-3, including 6-3 in GPAC play.

"This is the time of year that you want to be playing your best baseball," said MMC head coach Andy Bernatow. "The kids are believing in what needs to be done. I don't want this season to end."

"To do that, we have to continue playing good baseball and win some games."

With several players who contributed to that run still on the roster, the Lancers had experience to draw upon.

"For those of us on that team, we knew it wasn't the end of the world when we got off to a bad start," said MMC

## video

MMC Coach Andy Bernatow Talks About The Lancers And The GPAC.  
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## A Look At The Eight Teams In The GPAC Tournament

Here is a look at the eight teams in the Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball tournament, May 1-3 at Mitchell's Cadwell Park and Drake Field.

### No. 1 Doane (NAIA No. 11)

RECORD: 42-7, 20-0 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Nick Studer .420, 14 doubles, 1 HR, 49 RBI; Ethan Schroeder .396, 7 doubles, 22 RBI; Dylan Matthews .366, 10 doubles, 31 RBI; Kevin Clausen .345, 12 doubles, 34 RBI

PITCHING LEADERS: Elliott Engle 9-1, 0.61 ERA, 59 IP, 60 K, 10 BB; Nathan Roth 6-2, 1.40 ERA, 58 IP, 55 K, 9 BB; Jacob McCord 3-1, 32 2/3 IP, 32 K; Brandon Stennis 8-1, 2.02 ERA, 62 1/3 IP, 60K; Austin Caspersen 8-1, 3.02 ERA, 65 2/3 IP, 50 K; Rolando Celis 1-0, 9 saves, 3.21 ERA, 28 IP, 32K

### No. 2 Northwestern (NAIA No. 20)

RECORD: 38-9, 16-4 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Mitch Peschon .385, 13 HR, 10 doubles, 41 RBI, 20 SB; Cody Groskreutz .380, 3 HR, 15 doubles, 8 triples, 51 RBI, 13 SB; Tony Schultz .369, 23 RBI; Skyler Wheeler .355, 17 doubles, 57 RBI; Davis Bloemendaal .335, 4 HR, 42 RBI

PITCHING LEADERS: Ryan Brasser 5-1, 2.28 ERA, 55 1/3 IP, 40 K; Tyler Stuerman 4-1, 2 saves, 2.42 ERA, 48 1/3 IP, 33 K; Isaac Horigan 7-1, 1 save, 2.76 ERA, 62 IP, 57 K; Josh Turner 5-0, 7 saves, 2.93 ERA, 43 IP, 60 K; Matt Picoos 9-2, 3.77 ERA, 62 IP, 55 K

### No. 3 Midland (NAIA RV)

RECORD: 37-16, 16-4 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Jordyn Van Atta .408, 20 doubles, 38 RBI; Jon Needels .402, 9 doubles, 28 RBI;

Zach Kinsella .357, 4 HR, 13 doubles, 21 RBI; Cole Gray .324, 9 doubles, 26 RBI; Dylan Steyer .322, 5 HR, 17 doubles, 41 RBI; Vinnie Orsi .296, 3 HR, 13 doubles, 48 RBI, 13 SB

PITCHING LEADERS: Rob Wheeler 2-0, 0.73 ERA, 24 2/3 IP, 23 K; Cody Pollack 1-1, 9 saves, 1.76 ERA, 30 2/3 IP, 43 K; Josh Johnson 6-4, 2.39 ERA, 62 IP, 26 K; Dillon Colner 9-2, 2.38 ERA, 68 IP, 39 K; Tyler Brungardt 7-5, 2.67 ERA, 67 1/3 IP, 50 K

### No. 4 Morningside

RECORD: 25-23, 11-9 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Jacob Lamoreaux .401, 12 doubles, 3 triples, 18 RBI, 15 SB; Nate Clark .393, 4 HR, 35 RBI; David Foley .307, 19 RBI, 8 SB; Blake Meacham .301, 24 RBI, 7 SB; Cole Chapin .288, 26 RBI

PITCHING LEADERS: Nick Weeter 2-3, 2.00 ERA, 18 IP, 13 K; John Sorenson 3-0, 10 saves, 2.43 ERA, 29 2/3 IP, 24 K; Lance Spongberg 5-3, 3.07 ERA, 55 2/3 IP, 50 K; Derek Appley, 3-1, 3.60 ERA, 45 IP, 45 K

### No. 5 Dakota Wesleyan

RECORD: 24-22, 10-10 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Ben Spitznagel .377, 9 doubles, 27 RBI, 23 SB; Jonah Johnson .340, 18 RBI, 24 SB; Ben Ladner .314, 12 doubles, 35 RBI; Sam Schumacher .313, 10 doubles, 22 RBI

PITCHING LEADERS: Wes Snyder 2-3, 1.32 ERA, 41 IP, 24 K; Kyle Larson 5-0, 1.71 ERA, 58 IP, 35 K; Kevin Hatcher 4-2, 2.66 ERA, 40 2/3 IP, 30 K; Patrick Whetham 3-1, 3.96 ERA, 38 2/3 IP, 16 K

### No. 6 Hastings

RECORD: 13-25, 13-25 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Trenton Neill .359, 10 doubles, 22 RBI; Drew Clark .326, 23 RBI; Jake Steese

.292, 10 doubles, 20 RBI  
PITCHING LEADERS: Christian Schneider 5-1, 3.69 ERA, 53 2/3 IP, 53 K; A.J. Fruchtl 6-3, 4.59 ERA, 51 IP, 49 K; Tyler Stender 1-6, 5.28 ERA, 46 IP, 16 K

### No. 7 Mount Marty

RECORD: 20-20, 7-13 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Jared Miller .444, 3 HR, 14 doubles, 46 RBI; Derrick Nelson .331, 4 HR, 29 RBI; Derek Blumenstock .330, 15 RBI; Michael O'Connell .308, 9 doubles, 27 RBI; Zac Hollenback .285, 11 doubles, 15 RBI, 10 SB

PITCHING LEADERS: Michael Sadler 1-1, 2 saves, 2.84 ERA, 19 IP, 11 K; Alex Mogensen 5-4, 3.25 ERA, 55 1/3 IP, 28 K; Brandon Nickolite 4-2, 3.30 ERA, 57 1/3 IP, 21 K; A.J. Griffith 2-4, 5.48 ERA, 42 2/3 IP, 29 K; Dominic Wieseler 4-6, 5.66 ERA, 47 2/3 IP, 29 K

### No. 8 Briar Cliff

RECORD: 15-32, 7-13 GPAC  
OFFENSIVE LEADERS: Matt Boswell .314, 29 RBI; Brandon Amenta .314, 16 RBI; Gary Davis .311, 10 RBI; Jake Erichsen .307, 10 doubles, 28 RBI; Matt Fiechter .269, 24 RBI, 11 SB

PITCHING LEADERS: Adam Alexander 4-0, 3.42 ERA, 23 2/3 IP, 12 K; Kyle Rommel 2-1, 3 saves, 4.50 ERA, 14 IP, 9 K; Dylan Romo 2-5, 4.73 ERA, 59 IP, 37 K; Gary Davis 3-7, 4.94 ERA, 51 IP, 32 K; Dylan Hannah 2-6, 6.44 ERA, 36 1/3 IP, 19 K

### GPAC Leaders

BATTING AVERAGE: Jared Miller, MMC .444; Nick Studer, Doane .402; Jordyn Van Atta, Midland .408; Jon



**GPAC TOURNEY**  
May 1-3 at Mitchell  
NOTE: Games at Cadwell Park, unless noted.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
GAME 1: Doane (42-7) vs. Briar Cliff (15-32), 9 a.m.  
GAME 2: Northwestern (38-9) vs. Mount Marty (23-21), 9 a.m., Drake  
GAME 3: Morningside (25-23) vs. Dakota Wesleyan (24-22), noon  
GAME 4: Midland (37-16) vs. Hastings (13-25), noon, Drake  
GAME 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.  
GAME 6: Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 4 p.m., Drake  
GAME 7: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 7 p.m.  
GAME 8: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 7 p.m., Drake  
**Friday, May 2**  
GAME 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9 a.m.  
GAME 10: Game 6 loser vs. Game 7 winner, 11 a.m., Drake  
GAME 11: Game 5 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 12:30 p.m.  
GAME 12: Game 9 loser vs. Game 10 winner, 4 p.m.  
GAME 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 7:30 p.m.  
NOTE: Pairings of Games 12 and 13 may be adjusted to avoid previously or recently matched opponents  
**Saturday, May 3**  
GAME 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 11 a.m.  
GAME 15: If necessary, 30 minutes after Game 14

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## Kearney Standout Headed To MMC

Kearney, Neb., standout Philip Vornhagen will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for the Lancers, the institution announced on Wednesday.



Vornhagen

Vornhagen, a pitcher and outfielder, logged 14 innings on the mound and saw limited time in the outfield in 2013, an injury-shortened season for the Kearney Runza American Legion baseball team. In 2012, Vornhagen batted .322 for the Kearney Post 52 junior squad.

"I am excited to have Philip join the program. He should be a natural fit to the campus and the team. Philip worked out for us last fall and I liked his swing and feel that he has the potential to turn into a quality college hitter," said MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow. "I am excited to see how he progresses this Legion season and next fall when he gets to campus."

Vornhagen has been named to the Honor Roll and was named Academic All-Conference in 2012 and 2013. He has also participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, K-Club, and DECA.

Vornhagen, the son of Allen and Kellee Vornhagen, plans to major in nursing at MMC. He will receive a Mount Marty College Merit Scholarship and Scholastic Scholarship for his academic achievement and will also be receiving a baseball scholarship.

## Montoya Set For Two-Race Return To NASCAR

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Juan Pablo Montoya is turning Indianapolis into his own triple play.

Roger Penske's team announced Wednesday that the Colombian driver will add two NASCAR races — Indianapolis and Michigan — to his full-time IndyCar schedule.

Montoya already is scheduled to compete in the inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis on May 10. One week later, he will attempt to qualify for the Indianapolis 500. Now he'll return to Indy for the Brickyard 400 in July, too, and if he qualifies for each one, Montoya would be the first driver to start three feature races at Indy in the same season.

"Three chances gives me a better chance of winning one of them now," said Montoya, who will drive the No. 12 Ford Fusion for Penske's team at Indy and Michigan.

No driver has won even two of the biggest feature races at the track — the 500, the Brickyard, the U.S. Grand Prix or the MotoGP race.

Montoya wants to be the first to have it on his already unique resume.

The 38-year-old was dominant in his 2000 Indy win, becoming the first rookie winner in 34 years. He completed another first Wednesday — becoming the first driver to experience every racing configuration at the historic Brickyard. In addition to competing on the 2.5-mile oval in IndyCars and Cup cars, he also has competed on the original road course in Formula One, did a two-seater ride on the MotoGP course and was one of about two dozen drivers testing Indy's new road course Wednesday.

This year's return to open-wheel cars could help him prepare for the June 15 and July 27 Cup races. He has competed in that series for the previous eight years.

"I think running Michigan and here are two tracks where running open-wheel helps you, especially Michigan, which is a lot like an open-wheel car because you don't slow down much and use momentum and lot of high speed," Montoya said. "Coming here to the Brickyard, it's one of those places where I feel like I got robbed a few times. To be able to come here and be able to close that deal will be really, really nice."

Montoya has two wins, 24 top-five finishes and nine pole awards in his Cup career. He has one top-10 finish in three IndyCar races this year. He will join Penske's full-time Cup drivers, Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano, both of whom have already visited Victory Lane in 2014.

Ryan Blaney will drive the same No. 12 car for NASCAR races in Kansas and Talladega. SKF will sponsor all the races except Indianapolis.

Until moving back this season, Montoya hadn't driven IndyCars since 2000 when he was competing with Chip Ganassi's team, Penske's biggest rival.

Montoya won seven races in CART and the 500 in his two open-wheel seasons with Ganassi. Their run together also included the 1999 CART championship. He then moved to Formula One, where he spent six seasons before abruptly quitting to return to the United States to compete in NASCAR. He reunited with Ganassi, but the results never came.

His last win in NASCAR was in 2010, a year after he made the Chase for the Sprint Cup cham-

Montoya was in serious contention to win at least two Brickyard 400s, but both chances slipped away in the waning laps.

Montoya led 116 laps in 2009 until a speeding penalty on his final pit stop cost him the win. He was also leading in 2010 with 20 laps to go before a late caution sent him to pit road, where he got four tires while everyone else took two. Stuck deep in traffic with little time to make up the ground, Montoya crashed and finished 32nd.

Penske's team is willing to give him another chance.

"It (the Brickyard) is one of the biggest races of the year and to go there with somebody that could have won the race a few of times already is something that we're looking forward to," Team Penske President Tim Cindric said. "To just run the Brickyard would be a pretty big ask of our team and of Juan, without having spent much time in our cars or having been out in a Cup car for a while, so we felt like we needed to give him another shot at it prior to the Brickyard so he could get ready for us."