

# McKelvey Scores Record Mark At Relays

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SIoux FALLS — Kyle McKelvey and Cody Snyder have always been linked together by their performances in throwing events.

A year apart, the duo set state high school records in their respective events at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays. And now, as teammates at the University of South Dakota, they have taken their exploits to a higher level.

So, it was only appropriate that McKelvey, a Beresford native, followed Snyder of Lake Andes by setting a new Relays record on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

McKelvey — who already owned the high school record — set the college record in the men's shot put at 58-feet-8.5 on Saturday. A day earlier, Snyder did the same thing in the discus.

"We were actually talking about it earlier. If you're in the college division and you're not from the area, you probably think this is a tiddly winks little track meet," McKelvey said.

"If you're from around here, it doesn't matter how small the college division is, it's still the best meet."

Considering the Coyotes compete at the Mt. Sac Relays, the Summit League Championships and the NCAA West Preliminaries, that's a bold statement.

But for good reason, McKelvey said. "It's not as big, but it's the best," he said.

McKelvey defeated North Dakota State standout Alex Renner (a Watertown native) for the shot put title. The two have long competed against each other, dating back to their high schools and now in the Summit League.

"When you've got NDSU and SDSU here, that's about all you need for a really competitive meet," McKelvey said.

Yankton High School senior J.J. Hejna found out all about that competition, and likewise from a familiar face.

Hejna took second place behind David Mulbah of Sioux Falls Roosevelt in a sudden death (jump-off) in the boys' high jump on Saturday.



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ABOVE: Morgan Hay of Parker anchors the Pheasants' 400-meter relay on Saturday at the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls.

RIGHT: Kyle McKelvey of South Dakota completes a meet-record breaking toss in the men's shot put on Saturday the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls. McKelvey won the event with a toss of 58-feet-8.



Both jumpers — who have locked horns more than once — cleared 6-feet-6 earlier in the event, but each missed all three attempts at 6-8. To break the tie, Hejna and Mulbah attempted 6-7 and

then 6-6. Both missed at 6-7, but Mulbah cleared 6-6 and Hejna missed.

"You don't always see a battle like that in high jump," Hejna said later.

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## 'Cats Sweep L&C Titles

WINNEBAGO, Neb. — The Hartington Wildcats swept the team titles at the Lewis & Conference track meet on Saturday in Winnebago.

The girls' division was decided by two and a half points, as Hartington edged Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 105.5-103 for first place. Wynot was a distant third at 66.

Hartington got event wins from Camie Stratman in the long jump (15-5) and shot put (35-11.75).

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge had three athletes win two events. Ellie Arudser won the 200-meter dash (26.5) and triple jump (33-1), while Sadie Petersen won the 1600 (5:45.4) and 3200 (12:02.5). Kelsey Dietrich was first in the 100 hurdles (15.6) and 300 hurdles (49.6). For good measure, Audra Corbit won the high jump (5-0).

Cortney Arkfeld of Wynot had the top time in the 400 (1:01.2) and 800 (2:26.0), while teammate Kristi Bruening won the discus (100-7).

In the boys' division, Hartington won seven events to roll up 124.5 total points. Creighton was second at 84.

Pat Wortmann was first in the 800 (2:01.8) and 1600 (4:50.8) for the champion Wildcats, while teammates Joe Noecker won the 400 (51.1), Griffon Kalin won the 300 hurdles (41.5) and Ty Dybdal was first in the discus (140-0).

Randolph's Dylan Loberg won the 110 hurdles (16.4) and shot put (49-0.75). Wynot's Cody Stratman was first in the long jump (19-8), while Creighton's Jake Ripp won the pole vault (13-6) and Wausa's Austin Hegge won the triple jump (40-11).

### Mid-State Conference

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Crofton girls' and boys' track teams combined to win nine events at the Mid-State Conference meet on Saturday in Norfolk, Neb.

Wayne won the girls' team title with 98 points, edging out Norfolk Catholic at 95.5. And on the boys' side, Battle Creek rolled up 110.5 total points to easily take first place.

In the girls' division, Crofton had two athletes win two events: Quinn Wragge was first in the 400-meter dash (1:02.7) and 800-meter run (2:24.2), while Maria Wortmann had the top mark in the discus (134-2) and shot put (41-2).

Also for the Lady Warriors, Allison Arens won the 1600 (5:45.4), and Crofton had the top time in the 1600 and 3200 relays.

Alli Walter of Hartington Cedar Catholic was the champion in the 100 (12.5) and 200 (26.2).

On the boys' side, Crofton's Alex Janssen won the 1600 (4:45.9) and 3200 (10:19.7).

### Niobrara Valley Conf.

ATKINSON, Neb. — The West Holt boys and O'Neill St. Mary's girls claimed top honors in the Niobrara Valley Conference track and field meet on Saturday in Atkinson, Nebraska.

Bo Jensen won the 110-meter hurdles

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Yankton pitcher Austin Johnson, 2, throws Mitchell's Spencer Neugebauer, near, out at first during their high school baseball game on Sunday at Yankton's Riverside Field.

## MMC Women Ninth, Men 10th At GPAC Track Meet

CRETE, Neb. — The Mount Marty College women placed ninth and the men finished tenth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which concluded Saturday in Crete, Nebraska.

The MMC women finished with 14 points, with Doane scoring 255 points to win the team title by over 100 points. The Lancer men had 7.5 points, with Concordia scoring 216 points to easily outdistance Doane for the

crown.

Freshman Karen Mayfield added to her third place 10,000-meter finish on Friday with an eighth place finish in the 5,000 on Saturday. She clocked a 20:07.84.

Junior Abbey VanDenBerg placed fourth in the triple jump, clearing 37-7 1/4, and finished eighth in the long jump, clearing 17-0 1/2.

The highlight for the MMC men on Saturday was Tyler Payer tying for fourth in the high jump, clearing a career-best 6-5.

Also in the meet, Dorndt junior Lillie Koerner (Freeman) finished third in the 1,500 (4:45.11) and eighth in the 800 (2:20.41).

On the men's side, Concordia senior Jonathon Becker (Hartington, Neb.) finished second in the 110 hurdles (14.72) and 400 hurdles (54.02). He was also a part of the Bulldogs' third place 1600 relay (3:16.73).

Morningside senior Taylor Kube (Crofton, Neb.) finished seventh in Friday's 10,000, finishing in 33:45.73.

## Golf: O'Neill Claims West Holt Boys' Inv.

ATKINSON, Neb. — O'Neill shot a team score of 332 to earn an eight-stroke victory in the West Holt boys' golf invitational on Saturday at Atkinson-Stuart Country Club.

Plainview's Sam Meuret shot a 75 to edge O'Neill's Josh Cuddy for medalist honors. Plainview's Colin Wright finished third at 80.

TEAM SCORES: O'Neill 332, West Holt 340, Ewing 365, Neligh-Oakdale 370, Plainview 375, Creighton 380, Boyd County 382, Ainsworth 383, North Central 387, Clearwater-Orchard 392, West Holt JV 401, Chambers-Wheeler Central 420

O'Neill 76; Colin Wright, Plainview 80; Robert Nordby, Ewing 81; Alex Fritz, West Holt 81; Nate Gotschall, O'Neill 82; Kelly Fedders, West Holt 84; Tristan Strong, O'Neill 85; Mitchell Atkinson, Boyd County 86; Jake Friedrich, North Central 86; Cody Berni, Boyd County 87; Austyn Ramm-Lech, West Holt 87; Ben Ramold, Ewing 87; Brady Kallhoff, Neligh-Oakdale 87; Aaron Hauf, Clearwater-Orchard 87; Jake Wilkins, Ainsworth 88; Cameron Schmuecker, West Holt 88; Adam Soukup, O'Neill 89; Connor Batdwin, Creighton 90; Matt Kelly, O'Neill 90

### Niobrara Valley Conf.

NELIGH, Neb. — West Holt ran away team honors in the Niobrara Valley Conference boys' golf tournament, held Thursday at Antelope Country Club.

West Holt shot 340, 44 strokes better than runner-up Elgin Public-Pope John. West Holt's Cameron Schmuecker

beat teammate Alex Fritz and North Central's Jake Friedrich for medalist honors. All three shot 82, with Friedrich finishing second and Fritz third.

TEAM SCORES: West Holt 340, Elgin Public-Pope John 384, North Central 386, Orchard-Clearwater 388, Boyd County 398, Neligh-Oakdale 400, Ewing 407, Chambers-Wheeler Central 439, Niobrara-Vedigre 543

Mitchell Gullikson had three hits and Adam Walter drove in three runs as the Yankton club high school baseball team completed a 4-0 weekend with a 6-1 victory over Mitchell on Sunday at Riverside Field.

Gullikson also had a RBI and a run scored, and Walter doubled for Yankton. Brad Ulmer had a triple, a single and two runs scored. Lane Sawatzke doubled and singled with two runs scored. Reid Sawatzke had a hit and a run scored, and Mason Townsend added a hit in the victory.

Austin Johnson went the distance on the mound, striking out two.

Yankton, 12-7 overall and 1-2 in region play, hosts Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Thursday. The doubleheader is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

### Yankton 6, R.C. Cent. 0

Ben Cameron tossed a complete game two-hit shutout, striking out eight, as Yankton beat Rapid City Central 6-0 on Sunday at Riverside Field.

Brad Ulmer and Sheldon Gant each had a hit and a run scored, and Mitch Gullikson and Austin Johnson each had a RBI and a run scored for Yankton. Mason Townsend had a hit and Mitch Mueller drove in a run in the victory.

### Bon Homme 8, Vermillion 3

WAGNER — Bon Homme broke a 3-3 tie with a five-run eighth inning, claiming an 8-3 victory over Vermillion in an extra-inning baseball game on Sunday.

The game was originally scheduled for April 30 in Vermillion, but was played in Wagner as part of a triangular with Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes.

Chase Kortan homered and doubled, driving in four, to lead Bon Homme. Hunter Young had three hits, including a double. Austin Kaul doubled and singled, Mike Mesman had two hits, and Cole Uecker and Scott Wieseler added hits in the victory.

Jayce Huska had three of Vermillion's eight hits. Jack Brown, Billy Mount, Carter Kratz, Travis Weber and Jacob Odens added hits.

Both starters pitched well, but did not figure in the decision. Young struck out six and allowed two runs (one earned) in six innings of work. Vermillion's Ethan James also allowed two runs, striking out six.

Kaul, who pitched the final two innings, picked up the win.

## Tennis: Bucks Go 1-2 At Madison

MADISON — The Yankton Bucks went 1-2 in a boys' tennis triangular at Madison on Saturday. Yankton beat Madison 6-3 and dropped a 5-4 decision to Watertown and a 9-0 decision to Mitchell. Yankton's Greg Hauer,

Hunter Christopherson took the loss. Bon Homme, 9-3, travels to Menno on Wednesday.

### Bon Homme 7, W-A-LA 4

WAGNER — Chase Kortan struck out 10 batters in six innings as Bon Homme downed Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes 7-4 in club high school baseball action on Sunday.

Kortan also helped his cause, recording two hits and three runs scored, for Bon Homme. Cole Uecker and Austin Kaul each had a hit and two RBIs in the victory.

David Kocer led W-A-LA with two hits. Drué Soukup tripled in the effort. Logan Mudder took the loss.

### Vermillion 11, W-A-LA 0

WAGNER — Jack Brown went 3-4 with a double and three RBIs, and Carter Kratz struck out seven in three innings of relief in an 11-0 victory over Wagner-Avon-Lake Andes in club high school baseball action on Sunday.

Jayce Huska had two hits and two RBIs, and Billy Mount had a hit and two RBIs for Vermillion. Kratz and Seth Miller each had hits in the victory.

Drué Soukup and Derek Soukup had hits for W-A-LA.

Jacob Odens picked up the win, with Kratz recording a three-inning save. Derek Soukup took the loss.

Vermillion, 9-4, is off until beginning post-season play.

### Yankton 5-4, Stevens 0-3

The Yankton Bucks earned a doubleheader sweep of Rapid City Stevens on Saturday, winning the opener 5-0 and the nightcap 4-3.

In the opener, Colin Muth tossed a complete game four-hitter, striking out five, for the win.

Offensively, Austin Johnson had three hits, two runs scored and two RBIs to lead Yankton. Brad Ulmer had a double, a single and a RBI in the win.

In the nightcap, Sheldon Gant had two hits and three RBIs, and Reid Sawatzke had two hits and a run scored to lead Yankton. Lane Sawatzke had a hit and two runs scored, Ulmer had a hit and a run scored, and Mason Townsend and Mitch Mueller added hits in the victory.

London Withrow pitched five innings for the win, striking out two. Gant struck out two in two innings of work for the save.

### JV: Yankton 11-9, Roosevelt 5-14

Yankton split with Sioux Falls Roosevelt in JV baseball action on Friday at Riverside Field.

Yankton won 11-5 in the opener, led by Levi Schmidt had a team-best four hits, also with two RBIs. Colin Muth had three hits, including a double, with two RBIs. Mason Townsend also had three hits and two RBIs. Reid Sawatzke added two hits, and Hunter Ryan, Ben Cameron and Tyler Guthmiller each had a hit in the win.

Sawatzke pitched six strong innings for the win.

In the nightcap, a 14-9 Roosevelt win, Sawatzke had two hits and Ryan had a double and two RBIs. Townsend and Muth each had a hit and a RBI for the Bucks.

Paul Fanta and Hunter Rockme each went 2-1 in singles play. Hauer and Fanta also went 2-1 in doubles action.

Next up for Yankton is a home dual with Sioux Falls Lincoln on Tuesday.