

# Golf

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## Pre-Region 3B

**SIOUX FALLS** — The Canistota boys and Bridgewater-Emery girls came away with first place finishes at Monday's Pre-Region 3B golf meet at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Canistota carded a team score of 271 in the boys' division, 10 shots in front of Viborg-Hurley.

Drew Seubert of Canistota shot a 71 for medalist honors, six shots in front of Robert Jensen of Viborg-Hurley.

In the girls' division, Bridgewater-Emery shot a 294, four shots better than Irene-Wakonda.

Irene-Wakonda had the top two golfers, with Sydney Nielsen (90) and Makayla Mohr (94).

**BOYS' DIVISION**  
TEAM SCORES: Canistota 271, Viborg-Hurley 281, Irene-Wakonda 285, Freeman 303, Gayville-Volin 306

TOP 10: 1, Drew Seubert, Canistota 71; 2, Robert Jensen, Viborg-Hurley 77; 3, Austin Bormann, Mitchell Christian 85; 4, Justin Ostrem, Irene-Wakonda 91; 5, Shay Jolley, Canistota 92; 6, Landon Larsen, Irene-Wakonda 94; 7, Ian Hofer, Freeman Academy 95; 8, Greg Engbrecht, Marion 96; 9, Andy Pospisil, Gayville-Volin 97; 10, Stephen Bergeson, Gayville-Volin 97

**GIRLS' DIVISION**  
TEAM SCORES: Bridgewater-Emery 294, Irene-Wakonda 298, Freeman 316

TOP 10: 1, Sydney Nielsen, Irene-Wakonda 90; 2, Makayla Mohr, Irene-Wakonda 94; 3, Maisie Hurd, Bridgewater-Emery 94; 4, Autumn Hurd, Bridgewater-Emery 95; 5, Megan Egan, Freeman 102; 6, Karli Hofer, Bridgewater-Emery 105; 7, Maranda Egan, Freeman 106; 8, Danielle Vinz, Bridgewater-Emery 107; 9, Taylor Hermson, Freeman 108; 10, Nicole Saarie, Freeman 113

## Dakota XII Conference

**DELL RAPIDS** — Sioux Falls Christian put three golfers in the top eight on the way to the Dakota XII Conference girls' golf title on Monday at Rocky Run Golf Course in Dell Rapids.

The champion Chargers carded a team score of 368, eight shots better than Madison. Vermillion was third at 387.

Dakota Valley's Mary High was the conference medalist at 83, one shot in front of Madison's Samantha Langford.

**TEAM SCORES:** Sioux Falls Christian 368, Madison 376, Vermillion 387, Canton 388, West Central 393, Dakota Valley 413, Dell Rapids 430, Beresford 468, Lennox 470, Tea Area 531, Elk Point-Jefferson 569

TOP 10: 1, Mary High, Dakota Valley 83; 2, Samantha Langford, Madison 84; 3, Mikayla Christensen, SF Christian 86; 4, Kyleigh Moran, Vermillion 90; 5, Anna Perrenoud, SF Christian 91; 6, Kate Brockevelt, Vermillion 92; 7, Alexa From, West Central 93; 8, Kiersten Warkentien, SF Christian 93; 9, Mariah Palmquist, Madison 94; 10, Lindsey Sorlie, Canton 94

## U.S. Open Local

### Qualifying

**SIOUX FALLS** — Michael Berg of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Danny Sinksen of Sioux Falls advanced to the sectional round of the U.S. Open Golf Championships with top-two finishes at the local qualifier on Monday at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

Berg and Sinksen advance to sectional qualifying on June 2. The U.S. Open will be played June 12-15 on the Pinehurst No. 2 Course in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Berg won the event with a 69, two strokes better than Sinksen and Max Donahue. Sinksen earned the second qualifying spot with a playoff win over Donahue, a senior at Sioux Falls O'Gorman who will golf at the University of Arizona this fall.

Donahue is the first alternate, with Collin Hammer of Sioux Falls, a freshman for Augustana College, earning the second alternate spot.

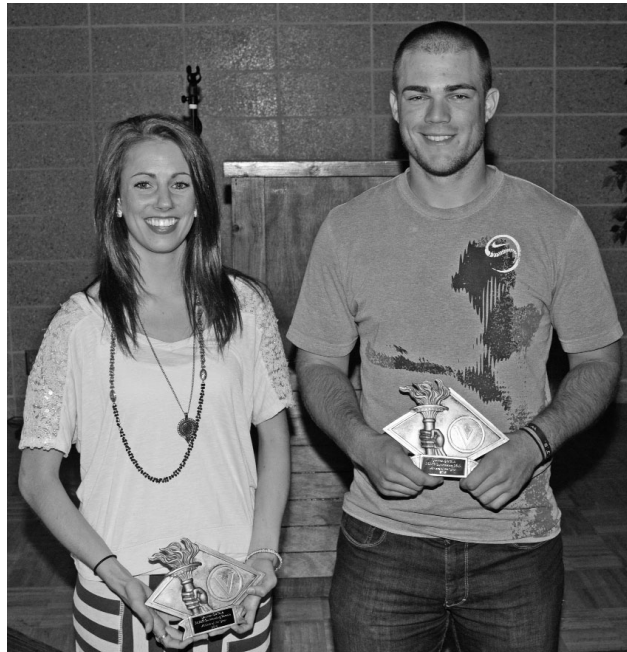
Yankton's Jace Guthmiller and Springfield's Travis Stockholm each shot 75 to tie for ninth. Ty Dannenbring of Yankton shot an 86 in the event.

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# MMC Honors Its Finest



**ABOVE:** Matt Tereshinski, Audra (Tramp) Tonn and Eliza Leloux were inducted into the Mount Marty College Athletic Hall of Fame on Sunday, part of MMC's Lancer Athletic Ceremony.



**LEFT:** Katie Smelker and Jared Miller were named MMC's Yankton Quarterback Club Female and Male Athletes of the Year. Smelker, a Stratton, Colo. native, earned All-American status this fall at the NIAA National Cross Country Meet. She was also named the Great Plains Athletic Conference Cross Country Athlete of the Year. Miller, a Sioux Falls native, led the Great Plains Athletic Conference in batting average, set school records for hits and doubles during his career, and is in the top 5 in several other MMC statistical categories.



**INSET:** Abbey VanDenBerg from Sioux Falls was named the Lancer Champions of Character Award winner.

**Lancer Club Award winners (not pictured) included** Derek Blumenstock, baseball; Sam Forrer, men's basketball; Allison DeKam, women's basketball; Chris Hoffman, men's golf; Caitlyn Roth, women's golf; James Elliott, men's soccer; Julie Nelson, women's soccer; Michaela Bunde, softball; Abbey VanDenBerg, women's track & field; Mychael Bierwagen, men's track & field; and Emily Schreur, volleyball.

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# Exhibition

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They've also seen an 18-inning game, in the last season the Omaha StormChasers, the AAA affiliate of the Kansas City Royals, were the Omaha Royals.

"We were just stopping through Omaha and decided to watch the game," Edward Knapp said. "After hours of close baseball, it was about midnight until we left the ballpark."

The Knapp's think the Explorers are after a pennant race this season, as the team indicated in their opening banquet last weekend.

What they like the most is how relaxing baseball is and the competitiveness of professional baseball.

"It's so relaxing, you can show up to the park and forget your problems," Edward Knapp said. "I also like the mind games and guessing pitches, after I showed my wife that, she actually loves and understands baseball."

Audrey admits that but also 'loves to cheer on her team'.

## Former Twin Finding His Role

Yankton is right on the border of 'Twins Territory', as most would argue, a vast majority support the Minnesota Twins in this area.

Last night, the Sioux City Explorers displayed their new centerfield for the first time: Former Twin Rene Tosoni.

"I enjoyed every minute with the Twins," Tosoni said. "I signed right with them in '06, I was a late draft pick. They liked me and they treated me like a top-teir pick. That organization was good to me and developed me into the player I am today."

Tosoni spent one season in the big leagues, in 2011, which was his only season in the majors. He averaged .203 with five home-runs and 22



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

**Sioux City Explorers second baseman Andres Perez dives to field a grounder during Monday night's exhibition game against the Sioux Falls Canaries at Riverside Field.**

runs batted in. He spent three seasons in the farm system previously.

"Being able to make it to the big league with the Twins was huge," he said. "As a player, one of your goals is to make it to the big leagues with the team they started with."

Tosoni looks back on his first game as a Twin, as they played the Tampa Bay Rays on April 28, 2011.

"It's an overwhelming experience, you work so hard to get there and when you're there you want to soak it all in," he said. "You also want to compete and I'm not going to lie, I was nervous. No one is going to tell you they weren't and if they did, they're lying. It was a 12 o'clock game at Target Field and it was crisp 32 degrees."

He's looking forward to being a leader and helping the younger players on the Explorers roster this season.

"I know I came in as a veteran player, I have to be a leader on and off of the field," Tosoni said. "I have to talk to some of these guys who are first year pro's. I'll be asked to hit at the top of the order and make contact, maybe hit a few balls out of the park, as well. I'm here to play baseball and have a great time."

Tosoni liked what he saw from the Yankton crowd and

Shirley raved about the condition of Riverside Field.

"It's in great shape," he said. "I played ju-co in Florida and this is better than what I played on. The backdrop is beautiful and the ball carried well and it was just a nice place to start off."

## Canaries Skipper Loves Yankton's Support

Sioux Falls Canaries head coach Steve Shirley will begin his eighth season as the manager at the Bird Cage this summer.

So, Shirley has gotten used to Yankton and the exhibition game played here each season. He also coached the Explorers in 2005.

"This is exciting, I have done it from both sides," he said. "It has always been a great situation for us."

field," Shirley said. "It was good to see some live pitching, we're just getting started, this was only our third day of the pre-season. This wasn't the ending we'd like, but again, it's only the third day of the pre-season."

He also emphasized the importance of the youth camp, which took place at Riverside field in the afternoon.

"I think anything we can do that will help any town or city, Yankton in particular, we would love to be apart of," Shirley said. "It's something the kids look forward to and the players are able to interact with young players alike."

Even though his squad didn't play up to par, Shirley feels his team is taking the right steps to success.

"It felt good to get some kinks out and get on the

# Track: Crofton Girls Win At Creighton Inv.

**CREIGHTON, Neb.** — The hometown Creighton boys and Crofton girls came away with team track titles at Monday's Creight Invitational.

Crofton bested Creighton 120.5-109 for the boys' crown, thanks to six event victories. The Warriors were first in three events.

For the Bulldogs, Reid Liska won the 100-meter dash (11.4), Beau Schindler won the discus (142-10), Seth Wilmes won the high jump (5-10) and Zachary Hazen was first in the triple jump (39-11.75). Crofton also won the 400 and 1600 relays.

Crofton's Alex Janssen was first in the 800 (2:08.4) and 1600 (4:52.1), while teammate Evan Woodckman won the pole vault (12-6).

Randolph got event wins from Nolan Nordhues in the 200 (23.1), Drew Loberg in the 400 (55.1) and Dylan Loberg in the shot put (49-6.5).

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge won three events: Aaron Haahr in the 3200 (10:44.8), Brett Haisch in the 300 hurdles (42.8) and Jayden Reifenrath in the long jump (18-6).

On the girls' side, Crofton had the top time or mark in six events to finish first overall with 151 points. Elgin Public-Pope John was a distant second at 93.

For the Lady Warriors, Quinn Wragge won the 400 (1:03.5) and 800 (2:33.4), and Maria Wortmann won the discus (130-0) and shot put (41-11). Crofton was also first in the 1600 and 3200 relays.

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