

A.D.: USD Waiting On Contract Before Groundbreaking

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VERMILLION — Construction could begin on new athletic facilities at the University of South Dakota by the end of May, but there remains a final step with the contractor, athletic director David Herbster said Tuesday.

The initial groundbreaking date for the four facilities, highlighted by a

new arena, was initially set for Monday (May 12), but USD officials are still waiting on a signed agreement with the contractors, Herbster said.

"We want to make sure all our ducks in a row, especially for a project this large," he said.

Herbster didn't have an official timeline, but said he is optimistic ground could be broken before the end of the month.

The new facilities include a 6,000-

seat basketball and volleyball arena, which will be connected to the DakotaDome on the south side by a Science, Health and Research Laboratory.

A 9-lane outdoor track and field complex, as well as new soccer fields, will be constructed to the east of the dome.

Though the actual groundbreaking ceremony will be held later than initially expected, Herbster maintained

that support for the projects haven't wavered.

"We've always told people, We're more concerned with getting it right than rushing something like this," he said.

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SD Regents Approve SDSU Stadium Plans

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota's Board of Regents approved design plans Tuesday for a new 19,359-seat football stadium at South Dakota State University.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the plans. State lawmakers had approved the \$65 million project during the 2014 session.

The plans have not changed substantially since the board reviewed them late last year. The total amount of square footage has been trimmed by 7 percent to about 161,000 square feet.

It will be built on the site of the existing Coughlin Alumni Stadium, which is over 50 years old. The current stadium lacks modern amenities and adequate seating.

Plans for the new structure include a space for retail operations and the University Police Department. Synthetic turf will replace the grass field.

A 12,000-square-foot club room will be used on game days and for other events throughout the year. The plans also include green spaces and \$150,000 for landscaping.

University funds will make up \$2 million of the expenses. Private and foundation funds will cover \$27 million. And \$36 million in bonds will be issued and repaid with stadium revenue.

About 10 percent of the budget is put aside for unforeseen costs, said Monte Kramer, system vice president of finance and administration.

"There is potential there for cost escalation," he said, because the construction will take place over the course of two years.

The old stadium will still be used during various stages of construction.

The board has yet to approve a final bid for construction, which is expected to begin this summer. Construction of the east and south grandstands is expected to finish by September 2015. The full project will be complete by September 2016.

S.D. Girls' Golf I Region 3A

Parkston Surges To Crown

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MITCHELL — The defending Class A champion Parkston Trojans, by their own estimation, did not have their best outing of the season at Tuesday's Region 3A girls' golf tournament.

Luckily, they didn't need it.

Parkston shot a team score of 359 to win by 42 strokes in the event, held Tuesday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course.

Mobridge-Pollock finished second, with Winner shooting a 428 for third, both qualifying for state.

"We left a lot of shots out there," said Parkston head coach Tyler Hockett after the event. "That should make us hungry to prepare even more for state."

The tournament was scheduled for Monday, but the rains that buffeted most of the state were enough to convince organizers to push it back a day.

"We tried to make it enjoyable, but we're in the hands of Mother Nature," Hockett said. "It's a crazy time of year, and academics come first, with finals and semester tests."

Medalist Sydney Bormann, who shot an 80, was one of many that was happy with the delay.

"It was really not great yesterday," she said. "It was still a little windy today, but there was not any rain."

Bormann, who tied for third at state a year ago, echoed the stance of her coach.

"I felt like I didn't play as well as I'd like. I was struggling with my putting," she said. "I definitely had some strokes left out there. I didn't quite feel like I had my game there today."

Hockett has been impressed with the season-long success of Bormann, a sophomore who has won all eight tournaments this season, in-



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Parkston's Sydney Bormann tees off on Hole No. 11 during the Region 3A Girls' Golf Tournament on Tuesday in Mitchell.

Watertown's Jutting To Play Baseball At Mount Marty

Mount Marty College announced Tuesday the commitment of Watertown High School senior Trevor Jutting to attend MMC this fall and play baseball for the Lancers.

Jutting is a third baseman and pitcher for the Watertown High School club baseball and American Legion teams. He is a multi-sport athlete for WHS and has had an impressive high school athletic career that includes being named All-Conference and All-State in football.

Jutting's career on the ball diamond has also been impressive and included an outstanding sophomore season for the Watertown Post 17 Legion Team. Jutting carried a team leading .417 batting average with 48 hits, 37 runs, 13 doubles, 3 triples, and 3 home runs, with 22 runs batted in. As a pitcher Jutting was 3-3 with 40 innings pitched.

He had another impressive showing during his junior campaign where he was 6-2 as a pitcher with a 2.62 ERA while averaging almost a strikeout per inning. Jutting also recorded a .312 batting average with 48 hits, 42 runs, 14 doubles, 1 triple, and 4 home runs with 38 RBI.

"I am excited for Trevor to



Jutting

Wizards Stay Alive

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Marcin Gortat had 31 points and 16 rebounds, John Wall scored 27 points and the Washington Wizards rode a 39-rebound advantage to a 102-79 rout of Indiana on Tuesday night, cutting the Pacers' lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals to 3-2.

Washington can even the series at home on Thursday in Game 6.

It was a stunning turnaround for a team that had lost the last three. But with Gortat matching a career high in points and posting a playoff career high in rebounds, Washington held a 62-23 rebounding edge.

David West scored 17 points for Indiana.

Washington used a 15-6 run to take a 45-38 halftime lead, extended the margin to 24 after three and to as much as 30 in the fourth.

Washington denied the top-seeded Pacers a spot in the conference finals and improved to 4-2 on the road in this year's playoffs. They are just 1-3 at home.

Softball: Fury Red Sweep Fury White

In a battle between two Yankton teams, the U10 Fury Red swept the U10 Fury White in a girls' softball doubleheader on Tuesday at Riverside Park.

Red won game one 13-5 and won game two 10-4.

In the opener for Red, Kate Beeman homered, drove in two runs and scored twice. Molly Savey and Ellie Karolevitz both singled twice, while Karolevitz was the winning pitcher.

In the second game for Red, Annika Gordon and Elle Feser both singled and scored, while Karolevitz singled and was the winning pitcher.

The Fury Red travel to Norfolk, Nebraska, on Thursday.

Eye On The Ball



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Yankton's Brandon Frick competes during a boys' tennis triangular at Mitchell on Tuesday. Results were not available at presstime.

Baseball: Yankton Drops 3-1 Decision At Mitchell



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton pitcher Austin Johnson sends the ball home during the Bucks' baseball game at Mitchell on Tuesday. The Kernels beat the Bucks 3-1.

MITCHELL — Mitchell topped Yankton 3-1 in a high school club baseball game Tuesday night in Mitchell.

Yankton drops to 12-11 overall on the season and 1-5 in the region.

Austin Johnson pitched four innings and gave up all three runs. Sheldon Gant pitched three innings, hit a single and had one run.

Colin Muth hit a single and had an RBI. Mason Townsend also hit a single. Brad Ulmer had four singles.

Yankton returns home to host Harrisburg tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at Riverside Field.

BH Boys Claim SEDS Crown

SCOTLAND — Scott Van Winkle won two events to help the Bon Homme Cavaliers win the boys' team title at Tuesday's Southeast South Dakota Conference track meet in Scotland.

Mount Vernon-Plankinton won the girls' team crown.

Van Winkle was victorious in the 300-meter hurdles (42.24) and set a meet record in the pole vault (12-10.25) to lead the Cavaliers to first place with 175 total points. Winner was second at 116.

Brendan Bares won the 100-meter dash (10.88) for Bon Homme, which also had the top time in the 400 and 800 relays.

Chamberlain's Hudson Priebe was a triple winner, taking first in the 200 (a meet record 22.31), 110 hurdles (15.08) and long jump (21-5).

Wagner's Nick Dion won the 1600 (4:50.18) and 3200 (10:59.64), while Scotland's Dan Stibral had the top mark in the discus (136-3) and shot put (48-2).

On the girls' side, Mount Vernon-Plankinton won four events to finish first with 151 points. Bon Homme, with six wins, was second at 133.

Caitlin McLouth won three events for Bon Homme, including the 100 hurdles (15.21), long jump (17-0) and triple jump (a meet record 35-8.75). Teammate Anna Heusinkveld was first in the 100 (12.51) and 200 (27.05), while McKeely Merkwon won the pole vault (8-6).

Scotland's Carley Skorepa was victorious in the discus (114-9) and shot put (37-7.25).

Fort Randall Conf.

AVON — A number of area athletes had strong days at Tuesday's Fort Randall Conference track meet in Avon.