

Coyote Men To Host UNLV At Sanford Pentagon

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Ryan Miller is coming back to South Dakota.

And the Mitchell native is bringing the University of Nevada-Las Vegas — more commonly referred to as UNLV — men's basketball team with him.

UNLV and the University of South Dakota are scheduled to meet Dec. 13 at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, according to a release Tuesday by Sanford. Tickets will go on sale May 29 at ticketmaster.com.

USD, which didn't make a formal announcement Tuesday, will begin its first season under head coach

Craig Smith in November. He takes over a program that was 12-18 overall and 6-8 in the Summit League last season.

For Miller, a first-year assistant with UNLV, it marks his first college basketball trip to South Dakota since he coached minor league basketball in the state. He made assistant stops at Memphis, Pepperdine, New Mexico, Missouri and Auburn — never once bringing a team to South Dakota.

"I'm excited. Being from South Dakota and being a in a position to working at a place like UNLV, we're excited to bring that history back to South Dakota," Miller told the Press & Dakotan.

That history includes 20 NCAA Tournament berths, the last in 2012-13, and a national brand that has made "Runnin' Rebels" synonymous with college basketball. In addition, standout Anthony Bennett was the No. 1 pick in the 2013 NBA Draft.

"We've got one of the top (recruiting) classes coming in, and we're excited to show off what we can do to South Dakota," Miller said.

In the release from Sanford, UNLV head coach Dave Rice said moving the game to Sioux Falls will allow highly-touted freshman recruit Rashad Vaughn (from Golden Valley, Minn.) a chance to play closer to home.

"It will allow us to continually expand the UNLV basketball brand as a national program," Rice said. "We try to do this for all of our players during their careers."

That was the same reason USD was able to bring in Cornell to the DakotaDome for a game in 2010: Cornell had a senior that season from Blair, Neb.

"It's a great idea," Miller said. "You always want them to get a chance to play as close to home."

Like that Cornell situation, the UNLV contract is a home and home with the Coyotes. USD will make the return trip to Las Vegas in December 2015.

The game will mark the second

consecutive season USD will play a game on Heritage Court. The Coyote women moved a home game with Drake to the Pentagon last season.

In just one year since opening, the Sanford Pentagon has already developed a taste for high-level college basketball.

Last November, Wisconsin and St. John's met in Sioux Falls, and later this year on Nov. 18, Wichita State and Memphis will meet.

The Coyote men will also play Stanford and Creighton next season.

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Gazelles Fourth At State Golf

PIERRE — The Yankton Gazelles maintained their hold on fourth place at the S.D. State Class AA Girls' Golf Tournament in a big way on Tuesday.

Yankton, which shot a team score of 356 in the first round, improved to 338 on Tuesday to finish with a 2-day score of 694 at Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman won the team championship at 615, well in front of defending champion Pierre (647). Rapid City Stevens finished third at 663.

Elle Carlson of O'Gorman was the individual champion at 149, two shots in front of Pierre's Katie Bartlett. O'Gorman's Meredith Turner (152), Pierre's Karissa Guthrie (153) and O'Gorman's Myla Brown (154) rounded out the top five.

Yankton's Becky Frick climbed to sixth place with a Tuesday round of 75, seven shots better than her first round score. She finished the tournament at 157.

Also for the Gazelles, Alicia Gregoire tied for 29th place (175), Payton Pierce tied for 35th (180), Linzie Cowman and Amber Livingston tied for 45th (184), and Ashley VanMeeteren finished in a tie for 64th (195).

Parkston Girls Win Third Straight Title

SPEARFISH — The Parkston Trojans coasted to a third consecutive South Dakota State Class A girls' golf title, shooting a final round 368 for a 16-stroke victory over Sioux Falls Christian in the event, which concluded Tuesday at Spearfish Canyon Golf Course.

Parkston finished at 708 after taking an 18-stroke lead into the final round. Madison was third at 775, followed by Belle Fourche (777), Vermillion (781) and St. Thomas More (781).

Parkston's Sydney Bormann shot a 77 for her second individual state title in three years. She finished at 179, 13 strokes ahead of teammate Sydney Weber. Madison's Samantha Langford and Belle Fourche's Liz Day tied for third at 168.

Dakota Valley's Mary High finished fifth at 170. Vermillion's Kate Brockevelt placed 19th at 186.

Parkston Earns State Baseball Tourney Berth

DIMOCK — The Parkston Trojans remained unbeaten on the season with a 9-2 victory over Vermillion in the Region 1B baseball tournament championship on Tuesday in Dimock.

Cole Donahue, Spencer Lucas, Dillon Stadlman and Lane Konrad each doubled for Parkston, with Lucas driving in three runs and Jacob Weber driving in two. The Trojans also took advantage of seven walks.

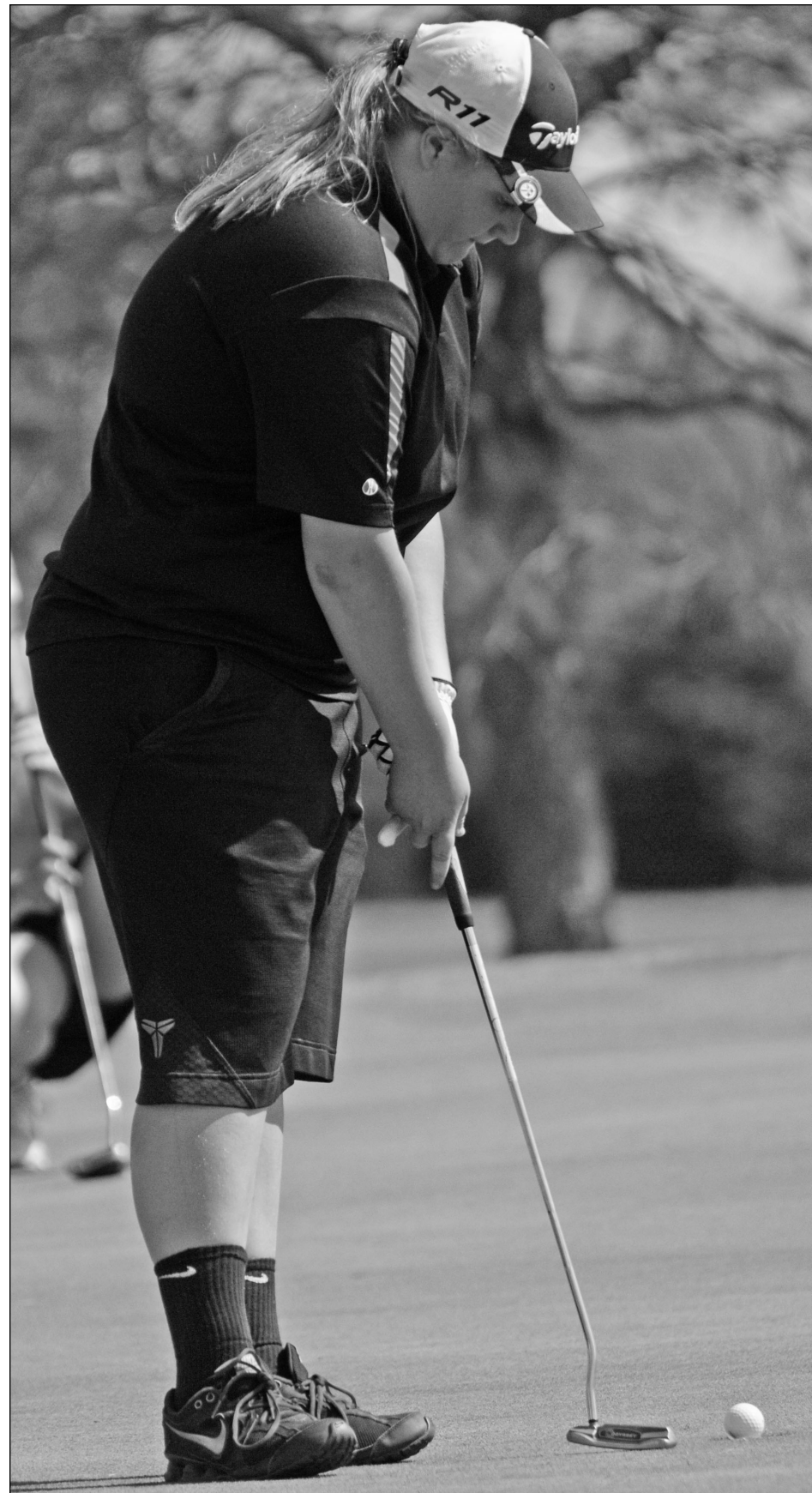
Ethan James doubled and singled, and Jack Brown and Jayce Huska had doubles for Vermillion.

Stadlman struck out four over five innings for the win. Weber pitched two innings of scoreless relief for the save. Jacob Odens took the loss.

The South Dakota State Class B Baseball Tournament will be held May 26 in Sioux Falls.

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Fiscel Claims Class B Title



Scotland's Maggie Fiscel putts on the No. 18 green during the final round of the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course.

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MITCHELL — A year ago, Maggie Fiscel was on the sidelines due to an injury. This year, the Scotland High School freshman is a state champion.

Fiscel shot a 45 on the back nine, but beat out Deuel's Kali Trautman for medalist honors at the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament, which concluded on Tuesday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course.

"It feels pretty good, really good," Fiscel said after claiming the title. "I was out last year with a back injury, and my coaches helped me through it."

Fiscel was strong on the back nine on Monday, shooting eight pars, but had six bogeys and two double-bogeys on the back nine on Tuesday.

"Yesterday my chipping and putting went really well," she said. "Today, I was just trying to keep focused."

Trautman gained five strokes on Fiscel on the back nine alone, but her double-bogey on No. 17 put victory out of her reach. She still had the day's best round.

Deubrook ran away with the team title, shooting a 534 for a 44-stroke victory over Burke-South Central. Howard was a distant third at 590.

Platte-Geddes placed eighth at 620. Freeman was 11th at 642. Parker finished 15th in the 17-team field at 690.

Platte-Geddes' Niki Nelson tied for eighth, finishing the event at 184. Irene-Wakonda senior Sydney Nielsen scored a 185 to finish 10th.

Fiscel will defend her title in Yankton, as Fox Run Golf Course and Hillcrest Golf and Country Club will host the Class B Tournament in 2015.

Boys

Andes Central's J.J. Cooney shot a final round 81 to tie for fourth in the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament, which concluded Tuesday at Mitchell's Wild Oak Golf Course.

Canistota's Drew Seubert built on his four-stroke first round lead to claim individual honors at 151. Philip's Tristen



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Andes Central's J.J. Cooney watches his tee shot on Hole No. 6 during the final round of the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Mitchell's Wild Oak Golf Course.

Rush shot 158 to place second, followed by Deubrook's Riley Hanson at 159. White River's Mat Beardt tied Cooney for fourth.

Aberdeen Christian won its first-ever state golf title, shooting a 247 on Tuesday to finish at 497 for the event.

Hamlin shot 500, followed by Deubrook Area (508), Garretson (509) and Howard (510).

Platte-Geddes placed sixth at 511. Bon Homme was eighth at 534. Andes Central placed 13th in its first-ever team appearance, shooting a 557.

Platte-Geddes' Colten Plooster tied for 17th at 168. Bon Homme's Alec Johnson tied for 23rd at 170.

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MMC Volleyball Adds Two Hitters

Mount Marty College announced Tuesday the athletic signing of Brianna Duerr and Tyann Hamlin to play volleyball for the Lancers next year.

Brianna Duerr, a Garretson High School senior, is a 6-foot right side hitter. She was named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Her stats for the 2013 season were: 88 kills, 26 assists, 26 solo blocks, 27 assisted blocks, and 24 ace serves.

Duerr is the daughter of Duane and Pat Duerr of Brandon and plans to major in nursing with a business minor at MMC.

Tyann Hamlin, a Highmore-Harold High School senior, is a 5-foot-6 outside hitter. She lettered three years, was named All-Conference, All-State 3rd team, Academic All-State, and Central Conference All-Tournament Team at Gettysburg Tournament. Hamlin led her team with the most kills in 2012 and 2013, named Most Valuable Player, and was



Hamlin

Captain in 2013.

She was a part of the teams District Championship, Conference Championship and placed sixth at state in 2010. Her overall high school career stats for the three years she started were 725 kills, 47 assists, 58 blocks, 736 digs, 138 service aces, and averaged a 92 serving percentage.

Hamlin is the daughter of Chuck and Pam Hamlin from Highmore and plans to major in radiologic technology.

"Each one of these talented women will add to our program," MMC head coach Candice Climer said. "Brianna will add some depth to our right side hitter position and has a passion for the game. Tyann will add depth to our outside hitter position but can play all six rotations. She will only continue to help our program with her successes throughout her high school career."

"Both Brianna and Tyann will be great assets to our team and campus."

Two From Yankton On St. Louis Captains Roster

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The city of Yankton will be well represented on the 2014 roster of the St. Louis Captains, members of the Lewis & Clark Baseball League.

Yankton native Derrick Nelson (a Mount Marty College player) will pitch and play shortstop, while Yankton native Mark Vig is the team's manager. Another Mount



Nelson

league comprising teams made up of players from the

Marty player, Zac Hollenback, is an outfielder.

The Lewis & Clark Baseball League (LCBL) is a collegiate summer baseball



Hollenback

St. Louis metro area and beyond. The league runs from June through early August.

More information can be found at lewisclarkbaseball.com.

Pac-12 Presidents Back New NCAA Model

BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ
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Pac-12 university presidents have sent a letter to their colleagues at the other four major football conferences calling for sweeping changes to the NCAA model and autonomy for those leagues.

A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday night. It was sent last week to the other 53 university presidents from the Southeastern Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Spurred in part by Northwestern football players' move to unionize, the Pac-12 presidents outlined a 10-point plan for reform that includes many proposals commissioners have been advocating for several years, including a stipend for athletes. The NCAA is working on a new governance structure that will

allow the five wealthiest conferences to make some rules without the support of smaller Division I schools.

"We acknowledge the core objectives could prove to be expensive and controversial, but the risks of inaction or moving too slowly are far greater," the letter reads. "The time for tinkering with the rules and making small adjustments is over."

Arizona State President Michael Crow told the AP that his counterparts in the Pac-12 are not "happy with where things are going. We're not happy with the nature of the debate out there. And we felt like our voice is not well understood."

"We've been talking about the need for reform for a long time, and so in a sense our thinking has coalesced," Crow said. "There's just so much thinking going on relative to the NCAA. So we thought it was time to say, 'Well, this is

what we think the NCAA should be, and this is how we think it should work."

The full list of proposals included in the letter are:

— Permit institutions to make scholarship awards up to the full cost of attendance.

— Provide reasonable on-going medical or insurance assistance for student-athletes who suffer an incapacitating injury in competition or practice. Continue efforts to reduce the incidence of disabling injury.

— Guarantee scholarships for enough time to complete a bachelor's degree, provided that the student remains in good academic standing.

— Decrease the demands placed on the athlete in-season, correspondingly increase the time available for studies and campus life, by preventing the abuse of organized