

Bucs Make Winston Top Pick

CHICAGO (AP) — You don't pass up a potential franchise quarterback. Not in today's pass-happy NFL. So Jameis Winston is headed to Tampa Bay as the first overall selection and Marcus Mariota goes to Tennessee at No. 2. They'll take their Heisman Trophies (Winston in 2013, Mariota last year) and try to turn two downtrodden franchises into contenders, maybe even champions. Neither was in Chicago, choosing to watch — and celebrate — at home with their families. It was the sixth time since 1967 that quarterbacks went 1-2, and this was no surprise. The biggest question was whether Florida State's Winston had too much off-field baggage for the Bucs. Obviously not. His college coach, Jimbo Fisher, has no doubts either.

"There are always bumps in the road," Fisher said. "But as far as on the field, he'll learn. He has an unbelievable ability to learn and learn fast. "Off the field he's an extremely great guy. People will be shocked with how he represents (the Bucs)." That's a high priority, Winston said. "It's a family town. And great men like Derrick Brooks and coach Lovie Smith and people like Mike Alstott make that town the way it is, and that's part of the football community. I look forward to getting involved in the football community and even the Tampa Bay community itself. I was blessed to have those men in my life before this process started." Some questioned Mariota having barely taken any snaps behind center in Oregon's quick-tempo attack, but Titans coach Ken

Whisenhunt, who has done big things with such veteran quarterbacks as Ben Roethlisberger, Kurt Warner and Philip Rivers, clearly isn't concerned. "He's a talented young man who has a very good feel for the position and how to process those things," Whisenhunt said, "and we're excited to get a chance to work with him." Naturally, Mariota isn't worried about the doubters, either. "I believe in my abilities and the hard work that I've put in," he said. "And that's one thing is that I can't control other people's opinions. I've just got to do what I can do and that's putting in the hard work and getting ready for the next chapter. People are always going to have their opinions and sav what they want to sav."

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Coyotes Crush 'Roos

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VERMILLION — Two non-conference series, same result for the University of South Dakota softball team. A pair of doubleheader sweeps. The latest victim was Kansas City, which saw the Coyotes pound out 21 hits — and surprisingly only two home runs — in wins of 4-3 and 7-4 on Thursday afternoon in Vermillion. Though mid-week sweeps of North Dakota and Kansas City won't help USD's ultimate goal of winning a Summit League championship, there were side benefits. "They're pretty important," said senior catcher Allie Daly, who had three hits and three RBI Thursday. "The biggest thing is to keep everything, the offense and defense, strong." By those barometers, the Coyotes (23-23-1) did what they needed to do heading into a weekend series with South Dakota State. They left a combined 14 runners on base in the doubleheader and their 7-8-9 hitters were a combined 0-for-16, but were able to allow certain players more at-bats. And freshman pitcher Megan Green — from Rapid City — pitched into the fifth inning in game two, in what was her ninth appearance of the season. "Just playing these games gives some other kids chances," head coach Amy Klyse said. "Megan hasn't pitched much, and our (designated player) spot is still up for grabs."

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ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
South Dakota's Matley Jones connects with a pitch during the Coyotes' doubleheader sweep of former Summit League foe Kansas City on Thursday at Nygaard Field. USD, 23-23-1, finishes the regular season with three home games against South Dakota State this weekend.



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Mount Marty's Hunter Hallock gets hit by a pitch during the Lancers' matchup with Northwestern in the opening round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Bishop Mueller Field in Sioux City, Iowa.

Lancers Fall In GPAC Tourney Opener

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SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The bullpens for both Mount Marty and Northwestern struggled in the late innings, but Northwestern's got just enough breaks to hold on for an 11-7 victory over the Lancers in the opening round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Bishop Mueller Field on the Briar Cliff University campus. The loss sends MMC (30-21) into an elimination game against Midland today (Friday) at noon. Northwestern (24-26) will play host Briar Cliff today at 9 a.m., with the winner of that game advancing to the bracket final. "You would hope seven runs would be enough to win with our staff," said a disappointed Mount Marty coach Andy Bernatow after the game. "The difference was our having missed opportunities at inappropriate times." Zach Cortese went 4-4 with a home run, a double and three RBI to lead Northwestern. Christian Hamett went 3-4. Reed Smith doubled and singled, Casey Guthmiller had two hits and Skyler Wheeler doubled in the victory. For Mount Marty, Derek Blumenstock had three hits and Zach Hollenback doubled, singled and scored three times. Derrik Nelson had two hits and three RBI. Bryton Carlson also had two hits. Cody Ulmer and Nick Sehr each added a hit in the effort. Fernando Gutierrez pitched seven innings, allowing two earned runs, to pick up the win. A.J. Griffith, who gave up the first four Northwestern runs, took the loss. MMC grabbed the early lead when Hollenback reached on an error, advanced on a Ryan Buck bunt and scored on a Nelson single. Northwestern took control in the third, scoring three runs with the help of three hits and an error, then added a run in the fourth. The Lancer offense stalled until the sixth. Hollenback led off with a double and scored on Nelson's single, but MMC stranded runners at the corners after one of Gutierrez's three strikeouts ended the inning. Northwestern got to the Lancer bullpen in the seventh, with back-to-back hits by Cortese and Grant Lang striking the key blows. MMC got a run back in the eighth on a Blumenstock bases-loaded single, but a check-swing 1-2-3 double-play and a hard shot to first ended the threat. "(Missed opportunities) blew the wind out of our sails and gave them momentum," Bernatow said. "The momentum swings were big."

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Golf: Gazelles Finish Third In Brookings

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Gazelles finished in third place at the Brookings Invitational girls' golf tournament, hosted at the Brookings Country Club on Thursday night. Sioux Falls O'Gorman finished in first place with a team score of 304, 15 points better than their last meet. Pierre finished in second with a score of 322. Pierre's Karissa Guthrie finished on top

of the table with a total score of 72. O'Gorman placed five golfers in the top eight with Roosevelt and Pierre the only other individuals in the top eight. Elle Carlson and teammate Kelsey Johnson of O'Gorman both ended with a 75. Yankton's Becky Frick tied for tenth with a score of 82. Another Gazelle, Payton Pierce, finished with a score of 83. The Gazelles will be in

action again on May 8 at the Eastern South Dakota Conference Meet, hosted in Aberdeen. TEAM SCORES: SF O'Gorman 304, Pierre 322, Yankton 330, Aberdeen Central 346, Brookings 353, Huron 354, Harrisburg 369, SF Roosevelt 369, SF Washington 381, Watertown 388, SF Lincoln 394. TOP 15: Karissa Guthrie, Pierre 72; Elle Carlson, O'Gorman 75; Kelsey Johnson O'Gorman 75, Jamie Benedict, O'Gorman 77; Meredith Turner, O'Gorman 77; McKayla Poppens, Roosevelt 78; Emily Olson, O'Gorman 79; Megan Parsons, Harrisburg 80; Cassidy Entwistle, Huron 81; Becky Frick, Yankton 82; Katie Bartlett, Pierre 82; Paige Lonbaken, Pierre 82; Beth Hildebrandt, Brookings 83; Cassidy Gough, Aberdeen Central 83; Payton Pierce, Yankton 83. OTHER YHS: Linze Cowman 85, Ashley VanMeesteren 89, Darian Tramp 95, Morgan Stahl 101.

S.F. Christian Inv. SIOUX FALLS — The ladies from Parkston finished in first place at Sioux Falls Christian's Charger Invite, hosted on Thursday evening. Parkston finished with a score of 335, while SF Christian followed in second with a score of 357. Vermillion rounded out the top three with a score of 363. Sydney Bormann of Parkston finished in first place individually with a

score of 73. Mary High, of Dakota Valley, placed four with a score of 83. Vermillion's Kyleigh Moran placed sixth with an 85. TEAM SCORES: Parkston 335, SF Christian 357, Vermillion 363, West Central 379, Canton 383, EPJ 407, Dakota Valley 405, Lennox 414, Beresford 419, Dell Rapids 430, Sioux Valley 435, Tea Area 446. TOP 15: Sydney Bormann, Parkston 73; Anna Perrenoud, SF Christian 81; Kate Wynia, SF Christian 81; Mary High, Dakota Valley 83; Laurym Driscoll, West Central 85; Sydney Weber, Parkston 86; Jayden Bormann, Parkston 87; Sadie Jensen, Beresford 89; Megan Hinker, Lennox 90; Kate Brockevett, Vermillion 91; Ashley Lamfers, SF Christian 91; Kayla Stammer, Vermillion 91; Makenna Krysl, Dakota Valley 92.

Bucks Earn Eighth Victory



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Jason Shindler competes at flight two singles during a boys' tennis dual with Sioux City Heelan on Thursday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

The Yankton Bucks tennis team moved to 8-3 on the season with a 9-0 victory Thursday over Sioux City Heelan at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts. Picking up wins in singles action for Yankton were Luke Rockne (flight one), Jason Shindler (two), Hunter Rockne (three), Ben Mooney (four), Nate List (five) and Ethan Klimisch (six). The Bucks then won all three doubles matches, with Tanner Dykstra teaming with Shindler at flight two. Yankton returns to action Saturday at a quadrangular in Madison, against Watertown and Mitchell. YANKTON 9, SIOUX CITY HEELAN 0. SINGLES: Luke Rockne Y def. Daniel Breiner 10-2; Jason Shindler Y def. Jack Youngblade 10-2; Hunter Rockne Y def. Ryan McCarthy 10-1; Ben Mooney Y def. Zack Watkins 10-2; Nate List Y def. Jason Stoniker 10-6; Ethan Klimisch Y def. Tho Bui 10-3. DOUBLES: Rockne Rockne Y def. Breiner-Stoniker 10-5; Shindler-Tanner Dykstra Y def. Watkins-Bui 10-1; List-Klimisch Y def. Youngblade-McCarthy 10-5.

Golf: USD's Matthews Named To All-Summit First Team

LOMPOC, Calif. — South Dakota senior Samuel Matthew was named to the 2014-15 first team All-Summit League Men's Golf, as announced by the league prior to the start of the Men's Golf Championship in California. The awards are based on Golfstat rankings heading into the championship tournament. Three Denver Pioneers earned first team all-league honors including the league's stroke average leader Petter Mikalsen at 70.57. The sophomore leads The Summit League by nearly

two strokes and has seven top-10 finishes this season, including five in the top-five. Joining him on the first team are teammates Pat Frodigh and Chris Korte. USD's Matthew was named to the first team for the second consecutive season. The senior has six top-five finishes this season, including capturing medalist honors at the Atchafalaya Intercollegiate. Matthew is tied with fellow first team selection Scott Newell of Oral Roberts for third in the league with a 73.00 stroke average. Newell, Freeman Academy's Hannah Yoder won the 100-meter dash (12.65) and teammate Clara Koerner won the 800 (2:24.82), while Menno's Ashton Vaith was first in the 100 hurdles (17.41) and teammate Paige Heckenlaible won the discus (104-8). Centerville's Val Sunderland won the shot put (35-11), while teammate Rebecca Hybertson won the pole vault (9-1), and Tripp-Delmont-Armour's Kera Kaufman won the 200 (27.54). Bridgewater-Emery was first in the boys' division with 146 points, followed by Centerville

the Newcomer of the Championship in 2012, has three top-five finishes this season and a low round of 68. The men's all-league second team included Denver's Arti Edelman (73.45) and Jake Kelley (73.88), Oral Roberts' Parker Dolezal (73.96), IUPUI's Rylan Porter (73.76) and South Dakota State's Grant Smith (74.14). The 2015 Summit League Men's Golf Championship begins today (Friday) and runs through Sunday at the La Purissima Golf Course in Lompoc, Calif. (128.5) and Canistota (123). For the Centerville Tornadoes, Nick Wixon won the 800 (2:15.92) and 3200 (10:37.24), while Tyrell Martz won the 110 hurdles (17.57) and pole vault (11-3), and Christian Gruschin recorded a first-place toss of 172-4 in the discus. In other area finishes, Menno's Austin Handel won the shot put (47-3.5) and Beresford's Dylan Andal won the high jump (6-2).

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