

Yankton's Stewart Takes Aim At School Record



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Yankton's Emma Stewart competes in the finals of the girls' long jump on Saturday at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls.

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SIOUX FALLS — Emma Stewart wants to pass her cousin on the Yankton High School track record books.

The sophomore pulls no punches: She wants to eclipse the school's record mark of 18 feet, 2 inches in the long jump.

Though Stewart didn't improve on her season best (17-7.5) Saturday at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls, she said she feels like she's nearing Heather's Olson record mark.

"She always asks me what I got after each meet," Stewart said. "I want her record. I want those bragging rights."

Stewart, who finished fifth Saturday at 17-5.5, maintains that it helps that her jumps coach is Justin Olson — who happens to be married to Heather.

"It helps that we're related," Stewart said, smiling. "He can tell me like it is, and I can take it."

Although Stewart finished

fifth in the long jump at Howard Wood, she was actually third among Class AA athletes. The annual meet combines entrants from all classes — as well as athletes from North Dakota and Minnesota.

Watertown's Macy Denzer won the long jump title at 18-5.5, and was followed by an Alberta, Canada athlete (17-10), Rapid City Steven's Elizabeth Schaefer (17-6.25) and Dakota Valley's Sara Bohan (17-5.5).

"Yeah, it was weird, but that's what this meet does," Stewart said. "I'm definitely happy I got fifth."

Stewart wasn't alone in cracking the top-5 for Yankton in a jumping event.

Lee Rose was third in the boys' long jump (21-8.75), while Ethan-Parkston's Wes Dvorak finished fifth (21-3.75). Dvorak later finished second in both the 110 hurdles (14.76) and 300 hurdles (39.28).

Also for Yankton, the Bucks 800 relay team finished fourth (1:30.94, second



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Scotland's Dan Stibral throws in the boys' shot put on Saturday at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls.

among Class AA schools) and their 400 relay quartet finished fifth (44.22, third among AA).

There were two other area champions on Saturday, both on the girls' side.

Payton Johanneson was Andes Central-Dakota Christian won the high jump (5-2), while Dakota Valley won the 1600-meter relay (4:06.84).

Irene-Wakonda's Lauren Sokolowski was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.12), followed by Yankton's Madison Tessier (15.36). Bon Homme's Morgan Rothschild was fourth in the 300 hurdles (46.41).

On the boys' side, Beresford's Joseph Kirkebak was second in the high jump

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USD's Slam Sisters

Coyotes Set Summit League Home Run Mark; Minogue Sets Single-Season Hits Record

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VERMILLION — The beat goes on for the University of South Dakota softball team.

And if the Coyotes have their way, it'll continue up in Fargo, North Dakota.

Capping off a perfect home season, the Coyotes finished off a sweep Sunday over rival South Dakota State with a 12-4 five-inning Summit League victory in Vermillion.

Not only did the Coyotes (26-23-1, 13-4) out-score the Jackrabbits 33-9 in the weekend series, they enter this week's Summit League tournament as perhaps the hottest team — outside of top-seeded North Dakota State.

"Everyone in our dugout is seeing the ball well and making the plays we need to make," senior shortstop Matley Jones said. "We've got a lot of high hopes for this week."

Having secured the tournament's No. 2 seed — and first-round bye — with Saturday's sweep of the Jacks, the only thing left for the Coyotes to grab on Sunday was extra momentum.

The Jackrabbits (22-27, 7-11), though, made life interesting, cutting a 5-0 deficit down to 5-4 in the top of the third inning.

As has been the case since the Coyotes began their conference season, there was no panic. They went on to the score the next seven runs, ending the game in the fifth via the mercy rule.

"I liked the adversity (Sunday), so we could see that we can get through it," head coach Amy Klyse said. "For us to be like, 'We're fine, stay chill, we can respond,' that's huge for us."

Sure, the Coyotes wouldn't have been hurt by a loss Sunday, but there were secondary goals to keep in mind, players said later. Chief among those was recording yet another sweep of SDSU and maintaining their win streak over their in-state rivals — USD has now won 12 straight games against the Jacks.

There were other things to shoot for Sunday, as well, for the Coyotes.

Junior Yvon Minogue went 3-for-3 to break the Summit League single-season record for hits (she now has 87), which was set 20 years ago. And junior Katie Cochran hit a solo home run in the third to break the conference record for team homers in a season; USD now has 69 in 50 games.

"Individual records are awesome and exciting, and like we told the girls, it's everyone else giving her (Minogue) so many more at-bats," Klyse said. "The team record is a bigger deal for us. That shows all the hard work over the off-season."

"That shows full team buy-in."

The victory over the Jacks ensured a perfect 10-0 home record this season for the Coyotes, who hit .473 with 26 home runs and out-scored opponents 104-28 in Vermillion. Minogue, in particular, was most potent at the plate in home games, batting .647.

"We sign balls after every game she sets a record, so she's probably got a bucket full right now," joked senior Matley Jones.

"That team record is what we're most proud of, we put a lot of work into that."

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South Dakota leadoff hitter Yvon Minogue connects on a pitch during Sunday's Summit League game against South Dakota State in Vermillion. Minogue broke the conference record for hits in a season and now has 87 on the season.

USD Men's Golf Team Wins Summit League Championship

South Dakota Wins Summit Golf Championship

LOMPOC, Calif. — South Dakota's men's golf team erased an 11-stroke deficit and passed two teams Sunday at La Parisima Golf Course to win the program's first Summit League Championship. The Coyotes advance to compete at one of six NCAA regional sites. Official championship selections will be announced at 9 a.m. Monday on the Golf Channel's Morning Drive.

The Coyotes got subpar rounds from senior Sam Matthew and sophomore Cody Seal in posting the round of the tournament, a 4-over-par 292 for a three-round total of 909 (+45). Oral Roberts finished at 912 for second place and South Dakota State was third at 924. Both teams shot 18-over-par Sunday.

"What a surreal feeling to raise that trophy," said South Dakota head coach Nick Hovden. "Our team was so mentally tough today when it counted. I couldn't be more proud of this group. They worked their butts off."

"Our goal through two days was to get into the final group and we did that. The last few holes had been our demise the first few days so today we took more of a match play mindset — go play those first 15 holes and once you get to the last three, go out and beat those two kids you are with and good things will happen. That's exactly what they did."

Matthew had three birdies and one bogey Sunday for the low round of the day at 2-under-par. He finished 7-over for the tournament, good for third place in the individual standings. Seal had four birdies and three bogeys for a 71. He finished in fifth place at 9-over-par. Both were named to the five-person all-

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Bucks, Knights Split Twinbill

MMC Women Finish Eighth In GPAC Track



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Yankton's Ben Cameron fields a ground ball during the opening game of the Bucks' club high school baseball doubleheader with Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Yankton split with the Knights, with each game ending in a 1-0 score.

The Yankton Bucks club high school baseball team split a pair of 1-0 decisions with Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

In the opener, won by O'Gorman, Sheldon Gant doubled and singled to lead Yankton. Brad Ulmer and Wyatt Adam also had hits. Colin Muth went the distance in the loss, striking out two.

In the nightcap, won by Yankton, Jordan Kathol had a hit and a run scored. Ulmer had a hit and Gant drove in the lone run.

Yankton, 9-7 and 3-2 in region play, hosts Sioux Falls Washington today (Monday). The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity game to follow.

O'Gorman swept the JV games, 5-4 in eight innings and 11-1.

Vermillion 13-7, Turner-Hutch 3-5

VERMILLION — Vermillion scored in all 10 innings of a doubleheader to sweep Turner-Hutch in club high school baseball action on Sunday at Prentiss Park.

In the opener, Vermillion took advantage of nine errors in a 13-3 decision. Travis Weber and Nate Robertson each had a double and a RBI for Vermillion. Joe Miller had a hit and three runs scored.

Preston Gall doubled for Turner-Hutch. Isaac Decker drove in two runs.

Carter Kratz struck out seven over four innings to pick up the win. Cody Thompson took the loss.

Brandon Mockler and Carter Andre

combined on a one-hitter in the nightcap, a 7-5 Vermillion win.

Andre had a double and a RBI to lead Vermillion offensively. Pierce Plucker had the lone Turner-Hutch hit.

Mockler pitched three no-hit innings to pick up the win. Gall took the loss.

Vermillion hosts Beresford-Centerville on Wednesday.

9/10: Yankton 9-7, Brookings 8-2

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Bucks stretched their win streak to six with a doubleheader sweep of Brookings on Saturday.

In the opener, Yankton scored two in the bottom of the seventh for a 9-8 decision.

Jackson Somsen had three hits and a run scored, and Oakley Palmer had two hits and a run scored to lead Yankton.

Nathan Eichacker had a hit and two runs scored. Kellen Franzen drove in the game-winning run with a hit.

Eichacker picked up the win. Yankton claimed the nightcap 7-2.

Caid Koletzky doubled and singled, scoring a run. Ben Wold had two hits, scoring twice. Cole Brummer and Somsen each had a hit and a run scored.

Isaiah Woods picked up the win.

Yankton, 8-8, travels to Harrisburg for a doubleheader on Tuesday. Start time is set for 5 p.m.

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — The Mount Marty College women's track and field team finished eighth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships, which concluded on Saturday in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Senior Abbey VanDenBerg was the big point-scorer for the Lancers, placing second in the triple jump (38-2.75) and fourth in the triple jump (17-8.25). Fellow senior Holly Hegge placed ninth in the long jump with a mark of 17-1.5.

VanDenBerg, Hegge, Caitlin Davis and Morgan Hay teamed to finish eighth in the 1600 relay, clocking a 4:15.80. Hegge, Hay, VanDenBerg and Gabby Swanson just missed the awards stand in the 400 relay, finishing ninth in 51.60.

Allison Cross also just missed the awards stand, finishing tenth in the shot put with a toss of 42-3.25.

In the middle distance events, Davis placed 12th in the 400 (1:01.88). Mandy O'Malley placed 12th in the 800 (2:22.40), with Berkley Rietveld 23rd (2:32.56). Jordyn Hudelson was 15th in the 1,500 (5:06.13), with Reitveld 18th (5:16.73).

The MMC men were led by

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