

4B Golfers Punch Tickets To State

PG Boys, B-SC Girls Win Region Titles

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Boys' teams from Platte-Geddes and Bon Homme, and girls' teams from Burke-South Central and Scotland earned trips to state with top-two finishes in the Region 4B Golf Tournament, held on Friday in Yankton.

At the girls' tournament at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club, Burke-South Central put three golfers in the top eight to claim the team title with a 315.

"That's not our best score of the season, but we'll take it," head coach Billie Jo Indahl said. "They did a good job. They held up their nerves pretty well."

The Scotland Lady Highlanders, paced by defending state champion Maggie Fiscel's round of 84, finished second in the team race at 34 – good enough to qualify them for the state tournament.

"We thought we had a good chance to qualify, but the girls did a great job," Scotland head coach Greg Gemar said.

Not only did Fiscel, a sophomore, cut seven strokes off her pre-region round from Monday, she was 14 shots in front of second place Friday. Burke-South Central's Taylee Indahl carded a 98.



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ABOVE: Scotland's Maggie Fiscel tees off on Hole No. 10 during the Region 4B Golf Tournament on Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club in Yankton.

RIGHT: Platte-Geddes' Jayden Van Zee chips toward the pin on Hole No. 1 during the Region 4B Golf Tournament on Friday at Fox Run Golf Course.



Coyotes Bounce Back From Loss, Stay Alive In Summit League Tourney

FARGO, N.D. — South Dakota defeated South Dakota State 18-7 to advance to the second day of the Summit League Softball Tournament at Ellig Sports Complex. The Coyotes (27-24-1) will take on the loser of North Dakota State and IUPUI at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in an elimination game. South Dakota will have to win twice Saturday to get into a winner-take-all final.

South Dakota center fielder Katie Dinning recorded the program's first five-hit game on record as part of a record-breaking day. Dinning homered twice against the Jacks

and scored six runs in two games Friday to become the first Coyote and second player in Summit League history to score 60 runs in a single season.

Dinning was 5-for-5 against South Dakota State and 7-for-9 on the day. She moved into fifth place on the Summit's all-time hit list (238) and into sixth place on the league's all-time runs list (145).

Sisters Morgan and Sydney Hancock both homered during a nine-run third inning against SDSU. Sydney hit a grand slam that gave the Coyotes a 7-5 lead. Morgan

added a three-run shot – her third home run of the day – that made it 11-5. Morgan drove in nine runs with her three homers Friday.

South Dakota tacked on six runs in the top of the seventh for good measure as Shelby Keil had a two-run single and Matley Jones added a two-run double. It was the Coyotes' fourth win against the Jacks in the last week and this one eliminated their rivals. It was also the third time this season South Dakota has scored at least 18 runs in a single game.

IUPUI 11, SOUTH DAKOTA 9: IUPUI sent South Dakota into the elimination game against South Dakota State after scoring seven times in the top of the seventh inning to turn a five-run deficit into an 11-9 lead. A grand slam by Sarah Lawrence – her second home run of the season – completed the comeback.

Morgan Hancock hit a grand slam that gave South Dakota a 5-1 lead in the first inning and knocked out IUPUI starter Brooke Boetjer after just five batters. Hancock hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning that gave South Dakota an 8-4 lead.

Allie Daly's RBI double in the sixth made it 9-4.

Daly had two hits in both games and extended her hitting streak to 19 games – the longest on record at South Dakota. She raised her batting average to .405, giving the Coyotes three hitters who are currently batting above .400 this season.

Daly and Jones have 59 and 58 RBIs, respectively, to lead the Summit League. The league's single-season record is 60 set by Fort Wayne's Dani Pugh last season. The Coyotes' record is 63 set by Tiffany Davis in 2001.

Krause Named Second-Team All-GPAC

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Coming off their best season in a decade, the Mount Marty College softball team garnered one second-team and four honorable mention selections as the Great Plains Athletic Conference announced its post-season awards.

MMC sophomore Amber Krause was named to the second team as a utility player. Junior Cassidy Janicek, sophomore Karlee Kozak and freshmen Kelsey Mitera and Jenn Mitera each earned HM nods.

"We're excited about who we have coming back, and the additions we have coming in to fill spots for next year," said MMC head coach Albert Fernandez.

Krause, who repeated as a second-team selection, led the team in most offensive categories: .381 batting average, .628 slugging percentage, .453 on-base percentage. 38 runs scored, 43 hits, 13 doubles,



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Mount Marty sophomore Amber Krause was named second-team all-Great Plains Athletic Conference for a second straight season.

three triples, three home runs and nine stolen bases. She also drove in 13 runs on the season.

As a pitcher, Krause led the Lancers in earned run average (5.83), victories (6), appearances (25), starts (16),

complete games (14), innings pitched (117 2/3) and strikeouts (64).

"She had a great year as a sophomore, led us in several categories," Fernandez said.

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Bucks Sweep Past Brandon Valley

BRANDON – The Yankton Bucks rolled to a doubleheader sweep of Brandon Valley in club high school baseball on Friday in Brandon.

In the opener, Brad Ulmer and Mason Townsend each had two hits to lead Yankton to a 6-3 victory. Ulmer also had a run scored and a RBI, while Townsend scored a run.

Also for Yankton, Adam Walter had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Ben Cameron had a hit and a RBI. Jordan Kathol and Colin Muth each had a hit and a run scored. Wyatt Adam had a hit, and Justin Leader drove in two runs in the victory.

Austin Trevino had two of Brandon Valley's five hits.

Austin Johnson sent the distance, striking out seven, for the win. Levi McKercher took the loss.

In the nightcap, Townsend and Michael Heine each doubled and singled to the Bucks to a 10-0 victory. Townsend also had two RBI and a run scored. Heine also scored twice.

Also for Yankton, Kathol had two hits, two RBI and a run scored. Ulmer had two hits, a RBI and a run scored. Sheldon Gant doubled and scored. Muth had a hit, a RBI and two runs scored. Walter had a hit, two RBI and a run scored. Johnson added a hit, a RBI and a run scored.

Cal Kedik had two of Brandon Valley's three hits. Trevino tripled for the other hit.

Townsend struck out five in five innings of work for the win. Payton Livingston took the loss.

Yankton hosts Mitchell in a doubleheader today (Saturday). Start time is set for 1 p.m.

Bon Homme-Scotland 5, Vermillion 3

VERMILLION – Bon Homme-Scotland remained unbeaten on the season with a 5-3 victory over Vermillion in club high school baseball action on Friday at Vermillion's Prentis Park.

Chase Kortan had two doubles, two runs scored and a RBI to lead Bon Homme-Scotland. Carter Mecham also had two hits. Zach Sutera, Cole Uecker and Cole Goehring each had hits in the victory.

For Vermillion, Brandon Mockler doubled and singled to lead the way. Joe Miller, Jack Brown, Cole Anderson and Hunter Christopherson also had hits.

Zach Sutera picked up the win, pitching 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. Kortan got the final seven outs, allowing one hit, for the save. Christopherson took the loss, going the distance.

Bon Homme-Scotland is off until a May 17 matchup with Parkston-Ethan. Vermillion travels to face Beresford-Centerville on Sunday.

Yankton Boy Rides Way To National Title



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ABOVE: Yankton's Evan Payer shows his skill on the track. He captured the Junior Mini 65-cc (ages 7-11) division at the AMSOil AMA Amateur National Arenacross Championships this past weekend in Las Vegas.

RIGHT: Payer poses with the championship trophy.

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Evan Payer may not have been delivered on a dirt bike, but it wasn't long after that he was on one.

And the Yankton boy has rarely been seen away from his bike.

Payer, a 10-year-old rider, was raised in a motocross family: His father, Waylon, owns Yankton Motorsports and has been riding for about 30 years.

It was only natural that Evan got hooked on the sport.

"He's been around bikes since he was born," Waylon said.

In that short span from once riding around in a small 50cc Honda bike until now, Evan has developed into a national champion – made all the more impressive given he lives in area that isn't exactly known for its motocross prowess.

Evan captured first place last weekend in the Junior Mini

65cc (ages 7-11) division at the AMSOil AMA Amateur National Arenacross Championships in Las Vegas.

It wasn't his first national competition, but given the magnitude of the stage, Evan's age may have been his biggest advantage, according to his parents.

Why? He may have been more nervous during the awards ceremony than he was during the race.

"I think he gets how big of a deal this is, but he's modest and pretty shy," mother Nicole Payer said of her son, who was too shy to comment for this story.

And yet, competitive once he gets on his Kawasaki bike.

Invited to the national championships because he qualified after titles in Kansas City and Council Bluffs, Iowa, Evan was faced with a much higher class of riders in Las Vegas.



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