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MMC's Schlimgen Named Coach Of Year; Three Lancers Honored

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A season ago, a young Mount Marty College women's golf team made a splash, finishing fourth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships.

This year the Lancers improved on that mark and were recognized as a result.

Coach Tom Schlimgen was named the league's Coach of the Year, while three members of the Lancer women's golf team were recognized on the all-conference team. Sophomore Logan Wagner repeated as an all-GPAC selection, while fellow sophomore Kellie Winckler, a honorable mention pick a year ago, also earned all-league recognition.



Schlimgen

Junior Kelly Amundson earned honorable mention honors. Schlimgen was quick to deflect credit for the team's success and for the award.

"It's the kids," he said. "And the way we run it, Todd (Schlimgen) is men's coach and I'm women's coach, but we both work with both groups."

"This award is for the players and for coach Todd."

The players, though, were quick to give the credit right back.

"I was happy for coach," Wagner said. "He definitely deserved it."

Wagner, from Parkston, tied for



Wagner

second individually in the GPAC tournament, finishing seven strokes behind Dakota Wesleyan's Lauren Fitts for medalist honors. The first 10 finishers in the four-round GPAC Tournament

automatically were named to the all-league squad.

Wagner said the team was focused for every competition, especially in the spring when the Lancers only competed in four events.

"We put a lot of time in," she said. "We didn't play many tournaments. So we knew when we played, we had to make them count."



Winckler

Winckler, from Lake Andes, finished 13th in the GPAC Tournament and was voted on to the all-GPAC team by league coaches. She said that seeing how close the team was to placing second in the league was a motivator down the stretch.

"We saw how close we were and we were determined to get it," she said. "We got out and practiced a lot more than in the first semester."

Amundson, from Vermillion, tied for 14th in the GPAC Tournament.

"We were hoping to get all three," Schlimgen said. "Those three have been really solid, espe-



Amundson

cially in the spring." With the entire team returning for next season, and some talented recruits coming in to push the veterans, hopes for another strong finish are high. With the College of St. Mary joining the league, the GPAC will receive a second automatic berth into the NAIA Championships, making a repeat of a top-two finish a strong motivator.

"We're really excited. Everybody's coming back, and (Schlimgen) has recruited a couple that will help the team," Winckler said.

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'Open Gym' For Throwers Paying Off

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GAYVILLE – There are no appointments needed. There is no payment required. There are no qualifying marks necessary.

The weekly Sunday afternoon shot put and discus gatherings hosted by Tom Rice in Gayville aren't exactly a secret. The Gayville-Volin High School principal, athletic director and volunteer track coach has been holding those instructional sessions for over a decade, including time when he was at Beresford.

The idea is simple: Much like a basketball team would have an organized open gym get-together, throwers on a track team needed something similar.

"It's literally any kid from anywhere," Rice said as he watched the action at the Tri-Valley Conference meet on Tuesday in Gayville.

"We just work on fundamentals and let the kids throw."

Rice's sessions have attracted throwers from all over the region, from South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa, and athletes spanning every level – from new throwers on up to state title contenders.

In fact, University of South Dakota standout Kyle McKelvey (a high school and college record holder from Beresford) was once a fixture at those Sunday gatherings.

Through all the throwers over the all years, the common theme has been Rice's dedication to the kids.

"He's not our coach, but he's willing to invest his time just so we can get better," said Centerville senior Val Sunderland, who won the shot put (36-11.5) and discus (110-0) at Tuesday's meet.

"He gives us all great advice and he's really friendly; fun to be around."

The purpose of the weekly sessions isn't to coach someone else's athletes, it's all about opportunity: The opportunity to work with other throwers.

"The kids will talk to each other, give each other tips or suggestions," Rice said. "It's been fun."

"If they want it this bad, I'm glad to help."

The biggest difference over the years Rice has held the practices in Gayville has been location.

Much as one would expect with a small town, athletes were throwing out at the high school parking lot. There were no state-of-the-art video capabilities or fancy discus amenities. It was an athlete and pavement.

That all changed this spring when Gayville-Volin opened its new track complex, which features a new shot put and discus



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Centerville's Christian Gruschin competes in the boys' discus during Tuesday's Tri-Valley Conference meet in Gayville.

Gayville-Volin Girls, I-W Boys Win TVC Titles

GAYVILLE – In the first year of their new track, the Gayville-Volin girls' track team gave their hometown fans plenty to cheer about. The Raiders captured the Tri-Valley Conference team title at Tuesday's meet in Gayville. The boys' team championship was won by Irene-Wakonda.

For the champion Gayville-Volin girls, Laura Nelson won three events, the 800-meter run (2:29.1), 1600-meter run (5:21.1) and 3200-meter run (12:22.03). The Raiders were also first in the 3200 relay (10:44.4).

For Irene-Wakonda, Lauren Sokolowski won the 100 hurdles (16.05) and 300 hurdles (51.3). Andrea Sokolowski won the 400-meter dash (1:04.0), and the Eagles were also first in the 400 relay (53.8).

Viborg-Hurley's Kirsten Paetow won the triple jump (31-11.25), while the Cougars also won the 800 relay (1:51.0), the 1600 relay (4:38.3) and medley relay (4:34.7).

For the Centerville Tornadoes, Val Sunderland had the top mark in the shot put (36-11.25) and discus (110-9), while Rebecca Hybertson won the pole vault (8-3).

Freeman Academy's Hannah Yoder won the 100-meter dash (12.62) and 200-meter dash (27.9), while teammate Tiana Schroeder won the high jump (4-11).

On the boys' side, Irene-Wakonda had the top time or mark in five events. Matt Nelson won the 300 hurdles (43.3). Gabe King was first in the triple jump (39-8). Levi Zavala won the shot put (46-5.5). The Eagles also took

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Golf: Parkston Rolls To Region 3A Title

PIERRE – Parkston claimed the top three spots and put all five golfers in the top 14 on the way to coasting to the Region 3A girls' golf title on Tuesday at Hillsview Golf Course in Pierre.

Parkston finished at 326 as a team, with junior Sydney Bormann shooting a 69 for medalist honors. Sydney Weber shot 78 and Sierra Stands carded an 85 to finish second and third. Mobridge-Pollock's Miranda Eiseman and Chelsy Hoffman, and Chamberlains' Briditte Byrd each shot 88 to claim the next three spots.

Also qualifying for state were Parkston's Jayden Bormann (94) and Kenzie Lee

(108), and Wagner's Megan Zephier (105), Jackie Greger (121), Caitlyn Stimpson (123) and Emilea Cimpl (129).

Because Wagner qualified all four of its golfer individually, the Red Raiders will compete as a team at state despite a fifth place finish.

Mobridge-Pollock and Winner, which finished third also qualified for the team competition.

The South Dakota State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament will be held May 18-19 in Madison.

TEAM SCORES: Parkston 326, Mobridge-Pollock 367, Winner 435, Chamberlain 470, Wagner 478, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 622, St Francis 667, Todd County 697.

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1, Sydney Bormann, Parkston 69; 2, Sydney Weber, Parkston 78; 3, Sierra

Stands, Parkston 85; 4, Miranda Eiseman, Mobridge-Pollock 88; 5, Briditte Byrd, Chamberlain 88; 6, Chelsy Hoffman, Mobridge-Pollock 88; 7, Emily Dale, Mobridge-Pollock 93; 8, Liz Jankauskas, Winner 94; 9, Jayden Bormann, Parkston 94; 10, Aundrea Kramer, Mobridge-Pollock 96; 11, Ronae Klein, Winner 100; 12, Tatum Mendoza, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 105; 13, Megan Zephier, Wagner 105; 14, Kenzie Lee, Parkston 106; 15, Cayla Hintz, Mobridge-Pollock 111; 16, Addy Root, Winner 116; 17, Irene Grassrope, Chamberlain 120; 18, Jackie Greger, Wagner 121; 19, Caitlyn Stimpson, Wagner 123; 20, Sam Marts, Winner 125; 21, Madysen Hammell, Chamberlain 127; 22, Emilea Cimpl, Wagner 129.

OTHER FINISHERS: Taysa Hulmacher, Chamberlain 135; Darra Walking Eagle, St. Francis 138; Jakayla Hesse, St. Francis 140; Bailee Boyd, Todd County 141; Brooklyn Logg, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 152; Lauryn Clown, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 156; Rachael Janis, Todd County 173; Alana Murray, Todd County 187; Teanna Hart, St. Francis 194; Tegiah Spotted Tail, St. Francis 195; Madusa Anderson, St. Francis 195; Nette Broken Leg, Todd County 196; Rosie Eberhardt, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 209.

Randolph Boys' Inv.
RANDOLPH, Neb. – Led by medalist Brad Kathol's 79, Hartington Cedar

Catholic shot a 347 for a three-stroke victory over Creighton at the Randolph Invitational boys' golf tournament on Monday at the Randolph Golf Course.

Kathol edged out Crofton's Brock Mueller and Creighton's Chase Largen, each shooting 80, for top honors. Cedar Catholic's Sam Anderson finished fourth with an 81.

Hartington-Newcastle was third with a 356, followed by Randolph (365) and Pierce (368).

TEAM SCORES: Cedar Catholic 347, Creighton 350, Hartington-Newcastle 356, Randolph 365, Pierce 368, Crofton 379, Osmond 383, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 422, Bloomfield-Wauka 432, Wayne JV 440.

TOP 15: Brad Kathol, Cedar Catholic 79; Brock Mueller, Crofton 80; Chase Largen, Creighton 80; Sam Anderson, Cedar Catholic 81; Chase Dendering, Hartington-Newcastle 83; Brady Brockhaus, Creighton 84; Cade Linville, Randolph 86; Andrew Schnoor, Randolph 87; Matt Bruce, Pierce 87; Derek Jueden, Hartington-Newcastle 90; Kolby Jueden, Hartington-Newcastle 90; Zach Brenden, Pierce 90; Adam Leise, Cedar Catholic 91; Zach Kumm, Osmond 91; Mason Stubbs, Randolph 92.

Tanagers Rally Past Dakota Valley 8-5

NORTH SIOUX CITY – The Vermillion Tanagers rallied to beat Dakota Valley Panthers 8-5 in high school club baseball action Tuesday night in North Sioux City.

Vermillion was able to score all eight runs in the final three innings. Jack Brown was 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored to lead Vermillion, while Carter Kratz was two hits, two runs, and an RBI. Jacob Odens got the win on the mound after pitching four innings and he was relieved by Kratz, who shut the door, pitching three scoreless

innings.

Dakota Valley was able to score five runs in the first four innings before managing to only get two hits in the final three. Bryce Schroeder was the leading hitter for Dakota Valley getting two hits, driving in a run, and scoring another. Luke Johnson was able to reach base and score two runs for the Panthers. Tanner Bykerk received the loss for Dakota Valley, allowing zero runs until the fifth inning, and was relieved by Austin Carter for the last two innings



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Yankton's Hunter Rockne returns a shot during his flight three singles match with Brandon Valley, part of a home triangular on Tuesday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

Bucks Swept In Home Finale

The Yankton Bucks boys' tennis team dropped matches to Brandon Valley and Mitchell on Tuesday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

The Bucks dropped a 7-2 decision to second-ranked Mitchell. Jason Shindler and Paul Fanta continued their strong showing at flight two doubles with a 10-4 victory over Beau Brown and Kanin Nelson, who came into the day with a 15-0 record.

Fanta also won at flight four singles, beating Nelson 10-4.

"I was very proud of how we played against Mitchell. They are a top-two team in the state, and we took two matches off of them and were extremely close in a couple other ones," said Yankton

head coach Matt Termansen. "Fanta and Shindler continue to play great."

Earlier in the day, Brandon Valley edged the Bucks 5-4. Shindler and Fanta each win in singles play, then teamed up for a doubles win. Luke and Hunter Rockne also scored a doubles win.

"We didn't come out with any fire and they wanted it more than we did," Termansen said. "We lost to the better team today."

Yankton finishes the dual season with a 14-7 record. The Bucks travel to Watertown for the Eastern South Dakota Conference Championships on Friday.

MITCHELL 7, YANKTON 2
SINGLES: Jacob Cersosimo M def. Luke Rockne 10-8; Beau Brown M def. Jason Shindler 10-2; Alex Hegge M def. Hunter Rockne 10-3; Paul Fanta Y def.

Kanin Nelson 10-4; Brenden Lehr M def. Nate List 10-3; Jacob Dahme M def. Ethan Klimisch 10-0.

DOUBLES: Cersosimo-Hegg M def. Rockne-Rockne 11-9; Shindler-Fanta Y def. Brown-Nelson 10-4; Lehr-Dahme M def. Klimisch-List 10-2.

JV: Sam Mooney Y def. Bailey Miller 8-5; Michael Frick Y def. Miller 8-5; Isaac Klimisch Y def. Miller 8-3; Kyle Jamison M def. Devin Mines 8-3; Miller M def. Cole Sawatzke 8-3.

BRANDON VALLEY 5, YANKTON 4

SINGLES: Bill Trevillian BV def. Luke Rockne 10-6; Jason Shindler Y def. Dalton Johnson 10-4; Mason Blue BV def. Hunter Rockne 10-4; Paul Fanta Y def. Dylan Kipp 10-6; Braden Rogiers BV def. Nate List 10-4; Joel Kooser BV def. Ethan Klimisch 10-6.

DOUBLES: Rockne-Rockne Y def. Trevillian-Kipp 10-5; Fanta-Shindler Y def. Blue-Talcott 10-2; Rogiers-Kooser BV def. Klimisch-List 11-10 (7-2).

JV: Gerrit Dijkstra Y def. Eric Hanson 8-6; Sam Mooney-Michael Frick Y def. Johnson-Hanson 8-6; Ben Mooney-Tanner Dykstra Y def. Hanson-Johnson 8-6.

Roosevelt 6, Vermillion 3

SIOUX FALLS – Sioux Falls Roosevelt downed Vermillion 6-3 in boys' tennis action on Tuesday. The match was the

makeup of a dual that was postponed from Monday.

Jacob Ford won in both singles and doubles play for Vermillion, both in tiebreakers. In singles play, he downed Roosevelt's Karsten Grove 6-3, 6-7 (7-1). Ford and Sam Craig scored a 6-3, 3-6, (11-9) win over Cooper McKenzie and Spencer Smith in doubles action.

Also earning a win for the Tanagers was Ryan Styles, a 7-5, 6-4 decision over Isaac Schweitzer in singles action.

SINGLES: Jacob Ford V def. Karsten Grove 3-6, 7-5, (7-1); Spencer Smith R def. Sam Craig 6-2, 6-4; Ryan Styles V def. Isaac Schweitzer 7-5, 6-4; Keegan Baatz R def. Tim Elleson 6-1, 6-0; Rahul Giti R def. Daniel Roberson 6-0, 6-0; Brady Barr R def. David Wang 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

DOUBLES: Ford-Craig V def. Cooper McKenzie-Smith 3-6, 6-3, (11-9); Schweitzer-Baatz R def. Styles-Elleson 6-1, 6-0; Barr-Grove R def. Roberson-Wang 6-1, 6-4.

JV: Shaiv Kitter R def. Avery Mollet 10-3