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Yankton's Becky Frick gets out of the sand on Hole No. 17 during her round in the Yankton Invitational girls' golf tournament. Frick and the Gazelles compete in the South Dakota State Class AA Championships, beginning today (Monday) in Rapid City.

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Gazelles Open 'AA' Today

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If the Yankton High School girls' golf team can repeat – or even improve one spot – on their performance from a year ago at the South Dakota State Class AA Girls' Golf Championships, they'll be satisfied.

As the Gazelles head west for this year's state tournament in Rapid City, they'll be looking to potentially climb one spot from their fourth-place finish a year ago. Defending champion Sioux Falls O'Gorman, along with 2014 runner-up Pierre, appear to again have the 1-2 places locked up, while host Rapid City Stevens – third last year – could be in the mix for third place.

"Our goal is actually to maybe get third place," Yankton head coach Brett Sime said. "The girls really think we can get third. I just think it'll be hard to beat Stevens on their home course.

"But that's a great goal; I think it's realistic for us."

And there's reason for that optimism. Yankton returns junior Becky Frick

(sixth last year), junior Payton Pierce (tied for 35th), sophomore Linze Cowman (tied for 45th) and junior Ashley VanMeeteren (tied for 64th), while sophomore Darian Tramp and seventh-grader Morgan Strahl will be competing at state for the first time.

"We've got some good experience back, and the other two girls are going for the first time," Sime said. "They've had a whole season under their belt now, so I don't consider them rookies as much anymore as I did earlier.

"Hopefully they're ready to go."

In the case of Frick, she's come on strong this season after missing the first four meets with an injury suffered in the basketball season. The multi-sport athlete went on to finish third at the May 8 Eastern South Dakota Conference meet.

"She's a good player and a good athlete, but a great competitor," Sime said. "She wanted to be out there from day one, but just wasn't able to be."

Not only did Frick have to adjust to competing while wearing a boot upon her return to the golf course, she had to also readjust to life without it, Sime said.

"It's been a little bit of a trial this year with the injury, but she's making the best of it," he said.

The Gazelles, as will the rest of the Class AA field, will be chasing Sioux Falls O'Gorman, which returns its top four golfers from last year's state title squad. Pierre also returns its top four golfers, while Rapid City Stevens has its top three back this spring.

Most of the golfers in the field, however, will be playing on a course – Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City – they likely haven't seen much before. In Yankton's case, Frick is the only golfer who has played on the course.

"Hopefully she'll have some knowledge of the course she can share with the other girls," said Sime, who has also played the course.

"I know the holes we'll have to look out for, but that's what our practice rounds are there for, so we can get used to the surroundings."

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'B' Golfers Invade Yankton

Aberdeen Christian, Hawks' Seubert Hope To Recapture '14 Magic

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

A solid field will take to Fox Run Golf Course for the 2015 South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Championships, which begin today (Monday).

Canistota's Drew Seubert returns to defend his individual title after earning a seven-stroke victory a year ago. Philip senior Tristen Rush, second a year ago, and Andes Central-Dakota Christian junior J.J. Cooney, who tied for fourth, also return.

Here is a look at the teams qualified for this year's championship. The *Press & Dakotan* will have complete coverage from both days of the event.

Aberdeen Christian

The defending Class B state champions from Aberdeen Christian realize they'll need a repeat performance from 2014 to repeat that feat in 2015.

"Last year, they all peaked toward the end of the season," coach Gary Aderhold said. "The boys who didn't graduate played a lot over the summer, and their games have improved."

The Knights won six of their nine regular season meets, and then took second to Hamlin in both the pre-region and Region 1B meet.

Aberdeen Christian returns sophomore Cramer Johnson (tied for seventh last year), as well as junior Ezra Aderhold from last year's state team. The key for the Knights down in Yankton will be consistency, coach Aderhold said.

"If we can put in two good days of golf, we should have a good showing," he said.

Bon Homme

The Cavaliers came in second at the Region 4B Golf tournament in Yankton, and

head coach Mike Duffek has identified who his main competition has been all season.

"We've had a good season. We've been competing with Platte Geddes for first or second place all year," Duffek said.

Duffek also mentioned a goal he has for his boys' team in the upcoming tournament.

"As a team we want to improve upon our eighth place finish from last year," he said. "Alec Johnson has been shooting in the mid 70's all year long and should play well."

Colman Egan

The Colman-Egan boys may be young, but head coach Paul Clark has a goal in mind for his team.

"We are shooting for a 90 or below," Clark said.

Clark also mentioned two golfers on his team he expects to do well at state.

"Kade Gross who has become the leader of our team should place in the top 15. Mason Emerson should also do well," Clark said.

As an eighth grader last year, Gross placed 31st at the state golf tournament.

Garretson

At the Region 3B golf tournament, the Garretson boys came in first place, and head coach Kari Stoltenberg said she has been pleased with her team's performance this season.

"We've had successful meets. We lost some meets in the middle of the season. Our second golfer was out with an injury," Stoltenberg said.

Stoltenberg also stated she thinks her team can be competitive at state.

"We hope we can compete for a top spot. I think it would be realistic for a top four spot. We have three golfers

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Scotland's Fiscel Aims For Repeat Performance



P&D FILE PHOTO

Scotland's Maggie Fiscel tees off on Hole No. 10 during the Region 4B Golf Tournament earlier this month at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club in Yankton. Fiscel, a sophomore, is the defending individual champion for the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Tournament, which begins today (Monday) at Hillcrest.

Girls: Dolphins Back To Defend Title

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

The defending team and individual champions will hit the course at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club for the 2015 South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Championships, which begin today (Monday).

Scotland sophomore Maggie Fiscel is back to defend her individual title from last year, when she won the championship by one stroke over Deuel's Kali Trautman. Deubrook Area returns a pair of top-10 golfers from its state championship team from 2014.

Here is a look at the teams qualified for this year's championship. The *Press & Dakotan* will have complete coverage from both days of the event.

Bridgewater-Emery

The Huskies, fresh off a Region 3B title in Yankton, have been happy with how they've fared this season, according to head coach Scott Schultz.

"I'm pleased with how well the year has gone. 3 out of the 4 returned and we were hopeful to have a good year," Schultz said.

Schultz knows how good the competition will be at this tournament.

"We will have to play up to our potential. It could come down to one or two strokes," he said.

Maisie Hurd, a senior this year, finished in a tie for 26th at state last year.

Burke-South Central

The girls at Burke-South Central look to make a run at the Class B state title in Yankton after finishing second a year ago.

Burke-South Central returns two members from last year's team, junior Hannah Karbo and freshman Tressa Bull, but they lose Sydney Bentner, a senior from a year ago who placed third in the tournament. The newcomers for this year's team are eighth grader Emily Stukel and seventh grader Kaylee Indahl.

"We are feeling very positive and good about our chances," coach Billie Jo Indahl said. "We just won our region and have played will have played on the course three times before the tournament.

"Losing Sydney is hard, but Hannah has stepped into the leadership role, and Kaylee has been able to fill the

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Bucks Fall In Extras At Region 2A Tournament

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MITCHELL – A comeback was in the cards for the Yankton Bucks baseball team on Saturday.

But not quite two. Yankton rallied from a three-run deficit to force extra innings, but could not overcome O'Gorman's five-run ninth as the Knights beat Yankton 9-7 in the semifinals of the Region 2A baseball tournament at Cadwell Park in Mitchell.

Mitchell beat O'Gorman 3-1 in the championship later on Saturday. The Kernels beat Sioux Falls Roosevelt 2-1 in nine innings in the semifinals.

Chandler Schaeftbauer, A.J. Martinec, Luke Rysavy and Charley Illg each doubled and singled for O'Gorman, with Martinec, Illg and Reece Mimmack each driving in two runs. Nick Foley added a triple in the victory.

For Yankton, Adam Walter went 3-4 with a home run

and a double, driving in four, to lead the way. Colin Muth doubled and singled. Mason Townsend also had two hits. Brad Ulmer, Sheldon Gant, Austin Johnson and Ben Cameron each added hits.

"We were in a situation where we can't rely on small ball, which we've usually done in the past," said Yankton head coach Trey Krier. "We came up with some big hits in those spots. Our guys had the right approach, didn't try to do too much.

"We just have to be more consistent in being able to do that."

Mimmack pitched 3 2/3 innings of relief to pick up the win despite giving up six of the Bucks' seven runs. Hunter Cameron took the loss in relief.

The Knights took control early, taking advantage of Austin Johnson's lack of control. Two hit batters and a walk, combined with a Martinec double and an error, resulted in an early 2-0 O'Gorman lead.

"AJ's a senior for us, a kid who has thrown a lot of innings at the high school and Legion level for us. He's our bulldog," Krier said. "He struggled a little bit early, finding a rhythm. He got into it and was productive for us."

Yankton got one run back in the second. Muth ripped a leadoff double and scored on a Michael Heine sacrifice fly.

The Knights scored in the fifth on a Rysavy double, then another in the top of the seventh on a Martinec single to stretch to a 4-1 lead.

Then the Bucks came to life in the bottom of the seventh.

Ben Cameron led off the ninth with a single. Brad Ulmer followed with a one-out single. After a grounder forced Cameron at third, a bobbled ball in the infield loaded the bases. Muth stung a RBI single and Walter followed with a two-run single tying the game. Townsend singled to put the winning run on third, but Mimmack got a called third strike to

end the inning.

After both teams went down in order in the eighth, O'Gorman batted around in the ninth. Illg's two-out double that fell just inside the left field line started a string of four straight hits by the bottom of the Knights' order, plating five runs.

Kathol and Gant reached to start Yankton's ninth, with Kathol scoring on a throwing error. After a hard lineout by Muth, Walter blasted the ball out of Cadwell to pull the Bucks within two. Yankton got the tying run on base but could not finish the comeback.

"You take a look at the scoreboard after the game, and it's definitely the tale of two different types of ball games," Krier said. "It was a nail-biter, a pitcher's duel for the first six innings. Then the bats came alive for both of us. We scored six runs in the last three innings, they scored six runs in the last three innings."

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Yankton's Adam Walter, 21, is congratulated by head coach Trey Krier after Walter's ninth inning home run during the Bucks' Region 2A semifinal matchup with O'Gorman on Saturday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.