

Girls

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Nelson stated her plan for today (Tuesday) in order to achieve a top finish.

"I'm going to have to trust myself more on the hundred yards and in and not over think things and just play golf the way I know I can," she said.

In the case of Hamlin's Koisti, she said there will be something she has to do in order to have a top finish.

"I will have to hit some more greens probably," Kosti said.

The final round of the girls' division gets underway today (Tuesday) at 9 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf & Country Coub.

- Dylan Huggins

Bridgewater-Emery's Sister Act

Maisie Hurd and Autumn Hurd are never far from each other at a golf meet. Whether they're in the same group, or their scores are similar, or they're sitting together later watching the action, the sisters from Bridgewater-Emery are close.

"It's fun, because we're usually one or two strokes away from each other," said Maisie, a senior, who recorded a 101 in Monday's first round of the state tournament in Yankton.

And that's the way they prefer it, according to Autumn, a junior.

"It seems like we golf better when we're together," said Autumn, who carded a 109 on Monday. "It's funny how often we end up in the same group."

The thing is, they're not the only Hurd on the Bridgewater-Emery roster.

Eighth-grader Darby Hurd is the third member of the team - she shot a 125 on Monday - and has added a new dimension to the sister act.

"We want her to do well, but it's definitely different," Autumn said, referring to the age difference. "She's our



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Golfers (L-R) Regan Benike from Castlewood, Maisie Hurd from Bridgewater-Emery and Kaitlyn O'Neill from Florence-Henry watch a fellow golfer tee off during Monday's first round of the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Championships at Hillcrest Golf & CC.

third person, so we definitely want her to do well."

Led by the three sisters, Bridgewater-Emery carded a 335 on the opening day and sits in fourth place in the team race.

Maisie and Autumn said they like to venture to Mitchell to golf at Lakeview Golf Course, but that's not necessarily Darby's favorite spot. She would instead rather golf with friends or the sister's father, Jeff.

No matter who's out there on the course, however, the sisters' relationship allows them to be able to work well on the course, according to Autumn.

"We know what to say to each other," Autumn said. And perhaps more importantly, "And we know what not to say."

Faced with cold and windy conditions on Monday, golfers had to find ways

to stay optimistic, the sister said.

"Coach always says, 'Positive attitudes win meets,'" Autumn said. "Maybe we should put that on a shirt."

- Jeremy Hoeck

Battling The Weather

The weather became a factor at Hillcrest, as golfers had to deal with the windy conditions throughout the morning and early afternoon.

Baylee Groos, a senior at Colman-Egan, said golfing in the windy weather was a constant battle.

"It was kind of frustrating but I tried to be pretty lenient on myself in terms of score," Groos said. "I know it was really hard for most people to swing. It warmed up towards the end, but it was pretty bad."

Groos said that Monday was the first time she had to golf in the windy conditions

before.

"No they actually had one meet in it this year and I was gone so today was the first day," said Groos, who shot a 114 on Monday and sits in 37th place.

Emma Michael, a freshman at Wall, said the wind was a challenge but she learned to deal with it as the day went on.

"It was a struggle on some of the holes but you just learned how to take your ball with the wind and sometimes just use it to your advantage," Michael said.

Michael said this was not his first experience golfing in the wind.

"I've golfed where we had to cut the holes in half so we only golfed nine because it was so windy," said Michael, who shot a 116 on Monday.

Platte-Geddes' Niki Nelson said being confident is key to playing in the wind.

"It was super tough. You had had to judge your ball correctly and it messed me up a couple of times, but you just have to play confident and win," Nelson said.

- Dylan Huggins

Seventh-Grade Sensation

By comparison to those around here, especially among the leaders, Taylee Indahl is a rookie.

The well-spoken, collected seventh-grader from Burke South Central shot a 94 during her opening round Monday, and put herself within striking distance of leader - and defending champion - Maggie Fiscel of Scotland (88).

While Indahl may be competing in her first state tournament, she's far from a newcomer to the South Dakota golf scene. The

daughter of Burke-South Central head coach Billie Jo Indahl, Taylee participated in the South Dakota Golf Association (SDGA) Junior Tour last summer.

"That was pretty challenging," she said, "looking at all the different courses, working on my game, but I think it definitely helped."

When she wasn't competing on the Junior Tour, Taylee could be found golfing with her father on nearby courses in Gregory and Winner.

It's experience like that, albeit not in a varsity meet until this spring, that had Indahl feeling calm and relaxed on the big stage Monday.

"I wasn't really focused on everyone else, just had to do what I can," Indahl said. "I have to play my own game."

"That should probably help (today)."

- Jeremy Hoeck

Baseball: Yankton, Wynot Win SCL Openers

CROFTON, Neb. - Yankton's Nik Davis went 3-4 with a double to lead the Tappers past Crofton 3-1 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Brandon Nickolite had two hits, Derrik Nelson doubled and Lane Sawatzke added a hit for the Tappers.

Tyler Zimmerman and Rand Thygeson had two hits each for Crofton.

Nickolite pitched seven innings for the win, with Josh Teichroew pitching a scoreless ninth for the save. Ben Hegge took the loss.

Yankton hosts Dimock-Emery in non-league action on Wednesday. Crofton hosts Freeman on Thursday.

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Brandon Nickolite, Mike Janish (8), Josh Teichroew (9) and Kory Bromley; Ben Hegge, Alex Mueller (9) and Carl Schieffer

Wynot 16, Lesterville 7
LESTERVILLE - Lee Heimes hit a grand slam and drove in eight runs as the Wynot Expos took advantage of nine Lesterville errors in a 16-7 victory in Sunday night's South Central League opener.

Heimes also doubled and singled twice for defending state champion Wynot, which also got a pair of singles from Chase Rolfes, Kyle Wiepen and Lance Heine.

Eric Hames pitched three innings and was relieved by Scott Morrison.

For Lesterville, Zach Johnson singled three times and doubled, while Mike Pavel had four singles and Ian Powell singled twice. Alex Wagner took the loss.

Both teams return to action Thursday, with Wynot hosting Tabor and Lesterville visiting Irene.

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Eric Hames, Scott Morrison (4) and Steve Heimes;
Alex Wagner, Tyler Edler (4), Ian Powell (5) and
Zach Johnson

American Legion Bon Homme-Scotland 1, Ethan-Parkston 0

TABOR - Chase Kortan struck out 10 batters in a 4-hit shutout as Bon Homme-Scotland moved to 8-0 on the American Legion season with a 1-0 victory Sunday over Ethan-Parkston.

The lone run came on a Mace Merkwan RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning.

In the loss, Dillon Stadlman allowed just two hits on the mound, while Lane Konrad and Dillon Thuringer both doubled.

Bon Homme-Scotland hosts Beresford on Wednes-

day to wrap up the regular season.
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and Carter Mecham

Honkers 6, South Central 2

PLATTE - Riley Hoffman took a no-hitter into the seventh inning as Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian/White Lake/Corsica beat South Central 6-2 in American Legion baseball action from last Friday.

South Central's Blake Boes broke up the no-hitter with a double and one out in the seventh inning.

Tanner VanGenderen had two hits for the Honkers, while Seth Kirsch doubled and Coby Johnson had two RBI. Hoffman struck out 11 batters in his seven innings.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

J.J. Cooney of Andes Central-Dakota Christian chips onto the No. 12 tee during the first round of the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament, Monday at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course.

Boys

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son's 94 did not figure into the team's score.

"You know we just wanted to give ourselves a chance for Tuesday," Cutler said. "I haven't looked at the scores nor did any of the adding."

"Hopefully we will be there where we will have a chance."

Individually, junior J.J. Cooney of Andes Central-Dakota Christian leads the way with a 6-over 78. Cramer Johnson of defending champion Aberdeen Christian is second at 81. Garretson's Micah Mader (82) and Platte-Geddes' Van Zee rank third

and fourth.

Tough Day To Score

Despite 124 golfers being on Fox Run Golf Course on Monday, only 40 birdies and four eagles were recorded.

All four eagles came on No. 14, with Eureka's Jordan Maier and Clark-Willow Lake's Harrison Woockey dropping 2-under shots within two groups of each other. Tanner Iwan and Tyler Stuefen of Elkton-Lake Benton were the others to accomplish the feat.

Cooney, the tournament leader, helped himself by being consistent. He had just one birdie on the round, but recorded 12 pars, three more than any other golfer on the course.

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Christian's Kate Wynja.

"The conditions were definitely brutal. While we were warming up it was snowing," Bormann said. "We practice in all conditions and (our coach) always says 'You

never know what the state tournament weather is going to be like' and it definitely paid off practicing in that (kind of weather)."

Vermillion's Kate Brock-evelt held the top spot for the Tanagers shooting 96 and finishing day one at twelfth place. Kyleigh Moran came in tied for 14 with 98 and Kayla Stammer shot 103.

"Because of how well we

played at regions, we were put into better groups here at state, so we were also playing with girls who are better than us," Stammer said, who finished second at regionals with 79. "That made me even more nervous before we came into it because I knew the other girls I was playing with were a lot better."

Round two of play begins Tuesday at 10 a.m., delayed

one hour from 9 a.m. due to the threat of frost.

"I think we just need to concentrate on all our games individually and not dwell on today," Weber said. "We're pretty good with mental toughness and if the weather does turn out to be like today, we just need to focus on our game and not focus on the weather at all."

For More Skippers, No Managing Experience Required

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Craig Counsell played 15 years in the majors, scouted and has worked with minor league players and coaches. But he never coached or managed in the minors or majors before taking over as Milwaukee's manager for Brewers general manager Doug Melvin.

Counsell is one of the latest additions to a recent crop of big league skippers who are showing that prior managerial experience isn't necessarily required.

"I've always said baseball, we as an industry, we don't do a great job of necessarily grooming guys," Melvin said. "It doesn't happen like it should sometimes."

The typical paths to becoming a big league skipper used to wind through minor league outposts while climbing organizational ladders. Others might bide time as trusted coaches on major league staffs.

Counsell, a 44-year-old baseball lifer, earned the Brewers job with his penchant for preparation and organizational know-how.

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny and White Sox skipper Robin Ventura took similar paths back to the dugout. Both are in their fourth seasons.

"These were all players that commanded respect as teammates," Melvin said this week. "I think when you ask

around, most players will say they were great teammates."

Walt Weiss, in his third year with Colorado, and Brad Ausmus, in his second season with Detroit, also got their jobs without having previously managed or coached in the majors or minors.

And the Miami Marlins turned to general manager Dan Jennings — who only briefly coached high school in Mobile, Alabama, in the 1980s — to manage the club after firing Mike Redmond on Sunday. Jennings never played in the majors, but has been with the Marlins on the personnel side since 2002 and is in his second season as general manager.

They've all been involved with baseball most of their lives, with varying degrees of experience in front offices.

Former players with managerial aspirations may not be eager to manage in the minors first or become a coach because they've made a lot of money as a player, Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said.

"You have to be open-minded to evolving changes," said Dombrowski, who hired Ausmus to replace Jim Leyland in 2014.

Ausmus was previously a special assistant for three seasons for the San Diego Padres. A 22-year veteran, Leyland had already managed 14 years with three different teams — mostly with the

Pirates — by the time he had arrived in Detroit in 2006.

Counsell's predecessor, Ron Roenicke, had several managerial and coaching stops on his resume. He spent 10 years as a coach for Mike Scioscia with the Los Angeles Angels before getting the Brewers job in 2011.

It's the same year that Counsell ended his 15-year playing career, finishing up in Milwaukee.

Roenicke was fired on May 3 following the team's 7-18 start. In came Counsell, a special assistant to Melvin since 2012.

His organizational knowledge could come in handy. The last-place Brewers could start turning over their veteran-laden roster if they can't make a dramatic push to get back into the competitive NL Central race.

Melvin said Counsell's recent playing experience helps him relate with today's players. Counsell has played with seven players on the Brewers roster.

"I don't know if it helps in managing the game," Counsell said, "but it helps teaching players."

The model of success for this group of managers is Matheny, whose teams are averaging nearly 92 wins a season since he took over the Cardinals in 2012. St. Louis hasn't missed a beat since Tony La Russa left, advancing to the NLCS for three straight seasons.

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8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)