

Frick Leads Gazelles To Third On Day One

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Yankton golfer Becky Frick hits an approach shot Monday morning during the opening round of the Class A State Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook Golf Course.



RAPID CITY – The Yankton Gazelles did just about exactly what they wanted to after day one Monday at the South Dakota State Class AA Girls' Golf Championships at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City.

Junior Becky Frick leads the individual race and the Gazelles sit in third place. "We were hoping to be the third; that was the goal the girls had, so it's nice to see them go out and get a good start at that," head coach Brett Sime said.

Frick carded a day one round of 76 and sits in first place, three shots in front of Pierre's Karissa Guthrie. Sime said Frick's only stumble of the day was a triple bogey on No. 9, but rebounded to shoot par on the back nine.

"She had a great round," Sime said. "She went out and just played really smart. We're just hoping (today) she can put together another good round."

Sioux Falls O'Gorman built a commanding 17-shot lead in the team race after a round of 333. Pierre is second at 350, followed in the top five by Yankton (357), Rapid City Stevens (362) and Brookings (374).

Pierre's Katie Bartlett (80), O'Gorman's Elle Carlson (82) and O'Gorman's Kelsey Johnson (82) round out the top five individual scores.

Also for Yankton, Payton Pierce is tied for 17th place (91), Linze Cowman and Morgan Strahl are tied for 24th (95), Ashley VanMeeteren is tied for 62nd (108)

and Darian Tramp is in 80th place (119).

Even with the longer distances, Pierce was still able to finish right at her season average, while Strahl fired her best round of the season. The last time the Yankton Gazelles had a golfer win an individual state championship was Hannah Withrow in 2010.

The top 20 individuals and top six teams will place and receive medals/trophies.

"We're in a good position, and there are a lot of teams right around there," Sime said. "It looks like the conditions might be colder (today), with a possibility of some rain, but we just have to get mentally prepared and do the best we can."

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Golfers Weather Wind On Day 1

Deubrook, Scotland's Fiscel Lead In Title Defense

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Although golfers had to battle windy and cold conditions, defending state champion Maggie Fiscel finds herself in a familiar position: First place.

Fiscel, a sophomore from Scotland, shot a 88 at Monday's first round of the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Championships at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club in Yankton.

On a day highlighted – especially early – by the weather, Fiscel said later she was used to playing in those kinds of conditions.

"Yeah I've done it quite a few times during practices and tournaments," said Fiscel, who holds a 2-shot lead over Deubrook Area's Kayla Oval.

Fiscel says she is nervous and excited to have the opportunity to repeat as a state champion.

"I'm nervous and excited but I'd like to do it again," she said. "We will see what happens (today)."

Fiscel said there is one thing in particular she will work on before today's final round.

"I will try to work on one foot putts," she said.

Defending state champion Deubrook Area leads the team race by 17 strokes (301-318) over Burke-South Central. Howard (325), Bridgewater-Emery (335), Hamlin (343) and Hill City (343) round out the top five.

Burke-South Central's Taylee Indahl and Hamlin's Molly Koisti both carded a 94 on Monday, one shot in front of Newell's Adrianna Weeldreyer.

Niki Nelson, a senior at Platte-Geddes, shot a 96 on Monday and is currently in sixth place. She said the hard work she put in and with the help of her dad helped her achieve the score she received on day one.

"A lot of hard work and my dad always drilling on me," Nelson said



Golfers from across the state took over Yankton's two golf courses as the South Dakota State Class B boys' and girls' golf tournaments teed off on Monday at Hillcrest (girls) and Fox Run (boys). The tournaments conclude today (Tuesday).

ABOVE: Scotland's Maggie Fiscel tees off during Monday's first round of the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Golf Championship at Hillcrest Golf & CC. Fiscel, the defending state champion, holds a two-stroke lead entering the final round. (Jeremy Hoeck/P&D)

LEFT: Platte-Geddes' Colton Plooster gets out of the sand on Hole No. 13 during the first round of the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Golf Tournament on Monday at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course. Platte-Geddes holds the team lead after day one. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

Boys: Platte-Geddes, AC-DC's Cooney Hold Lead

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The boys in the South Dakota State Class B Golf Championships battled the weather on Monday at Fox Run Golf Course in Yankton. With the temperatures in the 40s and 50s and winds blowing at 20 to 30 miles per hour it was a tough day to golf.

Today's conditions were miserable, I think on average you are looking at eight to a dozen strokes for everyone probably

with the cold and the wind," said Platte-Geddes coach Frank Cutler, whose team leads after the first round.

"We just tried to make sure they had enough stuff with them, maybe some gloves to keep their hands warm in between shots."

Conditions for day two today (Tuesday) of the tournament are going to be similar with forecasts in the 40s and 50s again with winds of 5-10 miles per hour.

Platte-Geddes Leads

After the first day of the tournament the Platte-Geddes Black Panthers lead by two strokes with a score of 264 over defending champion Aberdeen Christian and Hamlin, who are tied for second with 266.

Helping Platte-Geddes to this score was low scorer Jayden Van Zee who shot 83 and currently sits in fourth place amongst individual golfers.

"He's been real solid here for the last month or so, the conditions were tough out there so that's pretty solid," Cutler said.

Colton Plooster and Riley Hoffman shot 90 and 91, respectively, to round out the scoring, while Coby John-

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Parkston Takes 20-Stroke Lead In Run For Fourth Straight Title



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

Parkston's Sydney Bormann chips onto the green during the first round of the South Dakota State Class A Girls' Golf Tournament on Monday in Madison. Bormann, a two-time champion, shot an 83 to lead individual honors and help the Trojans to a 20-stroke lead in the team competition.

BY ELYSE BRIGHTMAN
Vermillion Plain Talk

MADISON — The defending girls' golf state champions Parkston Trojans is holding on to its title at the end of day one from the Class A State Golf Tournament at Madison Country Club where the weather looked more like winter than spring.

"It's extremely cold and windy today," said head coach Tyler Hockett. "Probably the worst we've played in all year. We do try to play when it is bad because we know the state tournament could be just like this."

The preparation paid off as the defending champs ended the day in first place at 375, a comfortable 20-stroke lead from second place 395 put up by Madison. West Central came in at 403 and Vermillion is in fourth with 408.

Parkston is also seeing a familiar sight in the individual scores with Sydney Bormann



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Vermillion's Kyleigh Moran chips onto the green during her round in the state 'A' tourney.

and Sydney Weber holding on to the one and two spots.

Bormann shot 12 over par for an 83 and first place in the first

round and Weber came in at 86, tied for second with Sioux Falls

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