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Cole Feterl knows he will have an entire state watching him, hoping that the local kid can hold his own against the rest of the world.

And for the 16-year-old from Lennox, he's fine — relatively speaking — with being the only South Dakota archer to represent Team USA at the upcoming World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

"It's kind of cool, and nerve-racking too," Feterl said by phone Friday. "There's a little bit of pressure on me, with people looking at me to do well."

"But it's nice to represent Team USA in South Dakota."

Feterl, who will be a junior this fall at Lennox High School, is one of 24 archers to represent Team USA, 12 each on the boys' side and 12 on the girls' side. He will be one of three in the Compound Cadet Men division, along with Daniel O'Connor (Georgia) and Dane Johnson (Indiana).

Because of his proximity to Yankton, Feterl has been to the Easton Yankton Archery Complex for



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practices or tournaments at least 50 times, he estimates.

Does that mean he'll have an edge over archers from, say, Mexico?

"It helps quite a bit, because it's kind of a team having home field

advantage in football or basketball," Feterl said. "Other people will probably come and be nervous because it's new."

Feterl qualified for the USA team at the qualification tournament in Florida on April 27-28, which also

corresponded with the Gator Cup — Feterl was second in that national event. Competing on that big of a stage was even new for Feterl, who had previously competed in prestigious events down in Yankton.

"I had never been to a tournament like that," he said. "I tied with another kid for the last spot, so I didn't know if I made it. When I won the shoot-off, I was a little surprised, but I thought I had a pretty good chance."

Although Feterl may hail from a different state than his Compound Cadet teammates O'Connor and Johnson, he says the three are close.

"We're always texting each other," Feterl said. "It's nice, because we never annoy each other because we're never around each other. But we hang out all the time when we're at the same tournaments."

The USA team includes archers in eight divisions, including Feterl's. They include:

Recurve Junior Men: Zach Garrett, Collin Klimitchek, Caleb Miller

Recurve Junior Women: Mackenzie Brown, Karissa Yamaguchi, Anna Miscione

Recurve Cadet Men: Ryan Oliver, Geun Kim, Min Soo Kim

Recurve Cadet Women: Caity Farr, Suzanna Sim, Eliana Claps

Compound Junior Men: Steven Manfull, Chris Bee, David Houser

Compound Junior Women: Paige Pearce, Emily Fischer, Danielle Reynolds

Compound Cadet Women: Dahlia Crook, Cassidy Cox, Breanna Theodore

What is Feterl most looking forward to during the World Archery Youth Championships? The international flavor, he said.

"How many different countries will be there," Feterl said. "I've been to tournaments with other countries, but not this many. That should be fun."

On the other hand, Feterl said he knows his job is to show up and represent Team USA as best he can.

"I haven't really done anything like this. It sounds like a pretty big deal," he said. "I've been shooting a lot lately, so hopefully it pays off."

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out and go. I kept going and it worked out really well."

Youmans credited the junior for sticking to the plan and pushing through barriers.

"It was one of those moments that tugs at you," he said. "She's a great athlete and a tremendous competitor. A lot of hard work and dedication came together."

Woods also helped the Gazelles put their first points of the day on the board, running on Yankton's fifth place 3200 relay. The foursome of Woods, Tessa Folkers, Erica Westerman and Lauren Graves finished in 9:48.52.

The junior Woods hopes to ride Friday's momentum into today's 1600-meter final.

"This shows what could happen tomorrow," she said. "I'm very excited for it."

The other point of the day for Yankton came from junior Adrienne Kusek, who placed eighth in the discus (114-0). She also finished tenth in the shot put (35-9).

The Gazelles qualified the 400 (eighth, 50.68), 800 (fifth, 1:46.39) and 1600 (fifth, 4:05.77) relays for today's finals. Sophomore Madason Tessier, who was on the 800 and 1600 relays, also qualified in both the 100- (15.46) and 300-meter hurdles (47.69), placing fourth in both. Freshman Kate Budig, also on the 400 relay, qualified seventh in the 300 hurdles (47.89). Senior Danielle Beckmann ran on all three qualifying relays.

"It's exciting when day two will be full of a lot of activity," Youmans said. "We have an almost full day tomorrow. You've got to have a lot of opportunities to score if you want to stay in the hunt."

Yankton just missed the finals in the girls' medley, finishing ninth in 4:23.37.

While Rose struggled on the cold, rainy Friday morning, so did everyone else. For the senior and University of Sioux Falls recruit, the problem was as much anxiety as conditions.

"At the beginning it was



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Yankton's Emma Stewart hits the pit during the Class AA girls' long jump at the South Dakota State Track and Field Meet on Friday in Sturgis. Stewart won the event, with teammate Lindsey Hale finishing second.

a lot of nerves," he said. "Coach (Justin) Olson talked to me and told me to relax. After that, I was able to get my foot down hard, which I hadn't been doing."

Having defending champion Taryn Christion of Sioux Falls Roosevelt was right behind him added to the pressure.

"Knowing Taryn was nipping at my heels was a factor," Rose said. "It helped me want to get better, but it also played against me."

Youmans credited Rose for getting the job done under tough circumstances.

"The conditions were not going to let anybody go out and have a big mark," he said. "It was all about holding his spot. He knew he was in a dogfight, and he put a jump enough out there to win."

The Bucks also got points out of their throwers, as senior Nick Raab placed seventh in the discus (142-4), while senior Evan Greenaway placed eighth in the shot put (45-9 1/2).

"Coming in we knew there was potential," Youmans said. "Every point is going to matter. Those were important places."

For Raab, the day — outside of the conditions — felt good.

"I was really getting through the ring well in warmups. It felt like it was going to be a good day," he said. "The weather started out not too well, but it ended up all right."

Rose also qualified for the finals of the 400 (50.70), as well as with the 400 (43.75) and 1600 (3:28.53) relays. Senior Ryan Sternhagen qualified in the 200 (22.39), as well as in the 400, 800 (1:31.85) and 1600 relays. Senior Charlie Stephenson qualified in both the 110- (15.57) and 300-meter (39.73) hurdles, as well as in the 400 and 800 relays. Senior Mason Strahl was on all four relays. Juniors Coletton James (800 relay) and Blake Savey (1600 relay) completed the qualifying relays.

"Our guys are excited



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Yankton's Lee Rose gets out of the blocks during the prelims of the boys' Class A 400-meter dash at the South Dakota State Track and Field Meet on Friday in Sturgis. Rose qualified for finals in the event. Earlier in the day he won the long jump.

right now," Youmans said. "They went out to set the tone today to let people know that they'll be there tomorrow as well."

"That's why they are our senior leaders."

Competition begins at 10 a.m. CT today.

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standards that I didn't think I could get," he said.

Stibral stated the difficulty in throwing the shot put in the cold weather.

"The cold weather adds difficulty of course, but you just have to get good form and that will help you out a lot," he said.

Stibral's best throw at the state meet was 54-02.75.

As for the girls, Gayville-Volin's Laura Nelson finished first in the 3200 meter run after finishing second at last years meet.

Nelson was excited about her victory in the 3200.

"I'm just so thankful, it's just a blessing," she said. "It's been such a beautiful day and our team our 4x8 this morning and then this was such a perfect way to end the day."

Nelson said a key in her victory was not worrying so much.

"I tried not to worry. I have to keep my nerves under control because sometimes I get a little nervous with pressure, but I just try to relax and run happy and enjoy the race," she said.

Nelson finished with a time of 11:45.61

Payton Johanneson of Andes Central-Dakota Christian finished first in the high jump.

Johanneson said staying warm was key for her to get a top finish.

"Staying warm is a big part of it. We came down with a start at 9:30 a.m. and we got here at 8:00 a.m. to warm up," she said. We stayed warm till 10 and got our run trough's down and do what we do."

Johanneson finished with a height of 5-03.

Lauren Sokolowski of Irene-Wakonda finished first in the 100 hurdles prelims.

Sokolowski mentioned her strategy in running the 100 hurdles, an event she has won the last three years.

"I just try to stay low when going over the hurdles. Get fast steps in between them and come out of the blocks quick," she said. "That's one of my specialties is getting out of the blocks pretty well."

NBA: Thompson Diagnosed With Concussion

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The initial hit caused Klay Thompson plenty of pain. The final diagnosis delivered another blow to him and the Golden State Warriors as they prepare for the NBA Finals.

Two days after he got kneed in the head by Houston's Trevor Ariza, the Warriors said Friday that Thompson has a concussion and will not return to practice until he is symptom free.

The All-Star guard went through neurological tests that confirmed the concussion. He was injured in the fourth quarter of Golden State's 104-90 win over the Rockets in the Western Conference finals clincher Wednesday night.

The NBA Finals start Thursday against Cleveland. And while the Warriors are optimistic Thompson will be cleared before then, he must pass through the league's concussion protocol first.

"This break has turned out to be good for us," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said after Friday's practice. "And maybe good for Cleveland, too, because they've got some injuries. It's just something we've got to work through and we'll see how it goes."

Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving has been slowed by knee tendinitis and a sore foot, and four-time NBA MVP LeBron James has been banged up as well.

But neither of those injuries seems as serious as the one the Warriors are facing now.

Thompson was at the team's facility Friday but did not participate in the workout. The Warriors will practice again Saturday and take Sunday off.

Kerr said he's not concerned about Thompson staying sharp.

"Klay picks up his rhythm very quickly," Kerr said.

It's unclear how long Thompson could be away from the court — and that's

the concern for the Warriors.

The NBA's concussion policy requires players to pass a series of steps without experiencing symptoms before they can return. That starts with riding a stationary bike and progresses to jogging, agility work and non-contact team drills, according to the league. Players must start over if they experience any symptoms.

The protocol also requires the team physician to discuss the process with Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, the director of the NBA's concussion program, before a player can return.

Kerr insisted he will heed the advice of the medical staff as he always has with injuries.

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