

Gayville-Volin Standout Clark Headed To MMC

Raider Star To Compete In Cross Country, Track, Basketball For Lancers

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Genevieve Clark is plenty familiar with playing multiple sports.

There were even times this fall where the Gayville-Volin standout had a cross country meet one day and a volleyball match the next, or vice versa.

And so, the idea of playing three sports in college wasn't a daunting prospect for Clark. The senior signed Wednesday afternoon to play basketball, run cross country and compete in track at Mount Marty College in Yankton.

"Hopefully that means I'm ready for it," Clark said, smiling, after her signing ceremony. "I'm ready for that challenge. I've been doing

double duty pretty much every year."

Clark, a four-sport standout at Gayville-Volin, has been one of the top all-around athletes in Class B since she joined the varsity ranks as a seventh-grade runner.

She won a state cross country title as a freshman, was runner-up as a sophomore, helped lead Gayville-Volin to the state basketball tournament as a sophomore and was on the state championship 3200-meter relay squad as a junior.

It was during that junior year that Mount Marty College entered her radar, she said.

"I didn't really want a huge college, but I really wanted to play basketball," Clark said.

"So Mount Marty fit perfectly for what I wanted."

A 5-foot-8 guard, Clark has scored 698 points in her basketball career and last season averaged 16.8 points. She was a key piece to the Raiders squad that reached the state tournament in 2014 and then won 19 games last season.

Clark will eventually join a Mount Marty program that relies on drivers and shooters under head coach Tom Schlimgen.

"Here, she'll be able to be a big fish in a small pond," Gayville-Volin girls' basketball coach Matt Malloy said. "With what Mount Marty likes to run; they like to drive and kick, that's basically like what we've been doing the last two years."

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Gayville-Volin standout Genny Clark (front center) signed Wednesday with Mount Marty College, where she will play basketball, run cross country and compete in track for the Lancers. She is joined by (front, L-R) GV girls' basketball coach Matt Malloy, guardian Joan, guardian Larry, MMC women's basketball coach Tom Schlimgen, (back, L-R) GV track coach Jeremiah Dibley, GV cross country coach Larry Buffington and MMC cross country/track coach Randy Fischer.

No. 1 Mustangs Hold Off MMC

Tietz Leads Mustangs To 68-58 Victory

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The Mustangs did just enough to get past Mount Marty on Tuesday night as they beat the Lancers 68-58 at Ciml Arena in Yankton. It was the first conference game for the Lancers.

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performed on Wednesday night.

"I thought our kids really laid it on the line and that we had a great effort," Schlimgen said. "We're capable of shooting it better than what we shot it because I think we have really good shooters," he said.

Mount Marty trailed Morningside 14-6 in the first quarter, but the Lancers outscored the Mustangs 18-11 in the second quarter.

During the second quarter Mount Marty went on a 15-11 run which included two three pointers and five made free throws. The run allowed the Lancers to trail by only one point at the half.

At the half, Alex Kneeland led Mount Marty with eight points going 2-3 on threes and Raquel Sutera had seven points and four rebounds. The Lancers shot 44 percent from the three point line in the first half (4-9) and grabbed 16 rebounds.

For the Mustangs at the half, Jessica Tietz had 11 points and three rebounds. Brandon Tighe had five points. The Mustangs had 13 rebounds and eight steals at the half.

In the second half, Morningside made a 13-9 run to take the lead in the fourth quarter leading 47-40 which included two three point



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Mount Marty's Alex Kneeland, 2, shoots over the top of Morningside's Jessica Tietz during their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Ciml Arena.

Pheasants Look For Another Strong Finish In 'B'

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The Parker Pheasants return to the South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls, for the sixth time in the last seven years, looking to break through the barrier that has kept them out of the finals.

Parker (26-5) finished third in 2011, 2012 and 2014, falling in the region final in 2013. The Pheasants also placed fourth in 2010 and fifth in 2009.

The Pheasants ride an 11-match win streak, which includes a grueling five-set victory over Freeman Academy in the District 9B championship, into the state tournament.

"They do not want to lose," said Parker head coach Jill Christensen, the state's winningest volleyball coach at 755 victories. "They refuse to lose. They play scrappy."

The team survived the loss of senior Hannah Herlyn (238 kills, 18 blocks) to injury in the district tournament.

"You don't realize how big an impact she had until she was out," said Parker senior hitter Hannah Carlson. "But we're lucky to have the bench we have. Hannah Viet has

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season. The other senior remaining in the lineup, 6-4 middle Contessa Harold, has 220 kills and 93 blocks (42 solo) on the season.

"We're a young team, but we have a lot of experience," Carlson said. "We did get off to a rough start this season, but everyone had the same goal: getting to and doing well at state."

Junior Rylie Christensen has a team-best 339 kills, as well as 117 digs. Junior Gabby Herlyn has 218 kills and 53 blocks.

"We've got great depth, and that has helped us," Coach Christensen said. "We've had a lot of girls step up."

Spreading the ball for the Parker offense has been junior Makenzie Dean, who has 264 digs and 51 ace serves to go with her 978 assists and 28 kills.

"She's a smart setter," Coach

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stepped in and played very well."

Viet, a 5-11 sophomore middle, has 23 kills and five blocks in limited action.

Carlson has 86 kills, 26 blocks, 69 assists and 33 ace serves on the

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Miller Powers Jacks Past Arkansas

BROOKINGS – The South Dakota State University women's basketball team used an 18-5 run in the first quarter and never looked back in its 76-69 nonconference win over Arkansas in front of 2,109 fans at Frost Arena. The win extends the Jackrabbits' home win streak to 12 games.

Macy Miller scored a game- and career-high 31 points for the Jackrabbits, now 2-0. Miller, a sophomore guard, scored 11 points in the first quarter. Seven of her points came during the Jacks' run as they led 24-14 after the first 10 minutes.

Junior forward Clarissa Ober added 11 points, 10 rebounds and two steals for

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Parker's Contessa Harold, 30, attacks the ball during the Region 5B final on Nov. 10. Harold and the Pheasants face Philip today (Thursday) at 1:45 p.m. to open the S.D. State Class B Volleyball Tournament in Sioux Falls.