

S.D. State AA Boys' Golf Tour.

Bucks 4th After Day One

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BRANDON — The Yankton Bucks shot a 305 to sit in fourth place after the opening day of the South Dakota State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament on Monday at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course.

"We didn't have our best day, but we're still in fourth," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime.

"Hopefully we play a little better and hold this spot, or maybe even catch one of those teams in front of us."

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Sioux Falls O'Gorman shot a 289 to hold a five-stroke lead over defending champion Sioux Falls Lincoln and host Brandon Valley after day one. Rapid City Stevens ranks fifth at 307, followed by Watertown (311), Harrisburg (313), Aberdeen Central (314), Rapid City Central (315) and Sioux Falls Washington (317).

Team scores were significantly lower than a season ago, when Lincoln won the title with a 298 average and 317 average — which has Washington in 10th out of 18 — would have been good enough for sixth in that 16-team field.

Individually, O'Gorman's Max Donohue shot a 32 on the front nine to finish at 5-under 67, one shot ahead of defending champion Tommy Vining of Sioux Falls Lincoln. Yankton's Jace Guthmiller, Brandon Valley's Riley Duncanson and Aberdeen Central's Tyler Foster are tied for third at 70. O'Gorman's Chris Gaher also finished under par at 1-under 71.

Also for Yankton, Mitch Schlingman shot 77, Logan Megard carded a 78, Ben Jensen shot 80, Brandon Frick carded an 81 and Lane Sawatzke shot 83.

"We had a couple of guys



State Play

ABOVE: Yankton's Jace Guthmiller tees off on Hole No. 10 during the first round of the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament, Monday at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course. Guthmiller shot a 2-under 70 to sit three shots off the lead at the midway point.

LEFT: Yankton's Mitch Schlingman chips onto the No. 15 green Monday.

RIGHT: Yankton's Logan Megard watches his tee shot on Hole No. 17 Monday.

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South Dakota's Tyler Starr, 11, pressures Missouri State quarterback Kierra Harris during USD's 17-14 victory on Saturday at the DakotaDome. Starr was later ejected for this helmet to helmet hit on Harris, and that penalty was upheld Monday. Starr will have to sit out the first half of this Saturday's home game against Indiana State.

USD's Starr To Miss First Half Saturday After Hit Upheld

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VERMILLION — USD linebacker Tyler Starr will miss the first half of Saturday's home game with Indiana State after a helmet to helmet hit last Saturday was upheld as flagrant following a review, according to head coach Joe Glenn.

Late in the fourth quarter of Saturday's eventual 17-14 win over Missouri State, Starr was flagged and ejected for a hit on MSU quarterback Kierra Harris — who left the game.

The play was later reviewed by Bill Carollo, the coordinator of officials for the Big Ten Conference and the Missouri Valley Football Conference, and three of his evaluators, Glenn said Monday.

They decided that Starr's hit was flagrant, under the new NCAA rule for targeting, leading to his first-half suspension.

"We don't think it was the classic, textbook helmet to helmet shot, but there was still contact after the hit to the helmet area," Glenn said.

The play, which has since been uploaded to YouTube, appears to show incidental contact with Starr's helmet.

"Tyler was leading with his hands, and when the guy jumped up to throw, he jumped too," Glenn said. "It looks like his head and hands hit him (Harris) in the sturnum, but then slid up the body."

Starr himself said Saturday that he didn't mean to make contact with Harris' head.

"I made a hit and didn't even realize what I did," Starr said. "It wasn't intentional."

As he did after Saturday's game, Glenn brought up the injury to USD senior wide receiver Austin Koch in the Sept. 28 game at Western Illinois. In that game, Koch was knocked out because of a hit to his head, but the WIU defender was not penalized. Koch, as a result, suffered a concussion that will again keep him out of Saturday's game with Indiana State.

"We know the rule, that we have to hit lower," Glenn said. "We hope we can get a little bit more consistency. They (rets) didn't see it the first time, but they can go back and see it on film."

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Vikings Sign QB Freeman; Muddles Position

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota's quarterback this weekend will be Matt Cassel or Christian Ponder, not Josh Freeman.

If Ponder has healed from his broken rib, coach Leslie Frazier said, he will return as the starter. If Ponder is still hurt, Cassel will keep the job.

Beyond Sunday's game against Carolina, well, there's no guarantee for anyone.

The Vikings were finalizing Freeman's contract Monday, four days after the 25-year-old was cut by Tampa Bay. He didn't make it in time for practice but was scheduled to arrive later, and

Freeman and general manager Rick Spielman were scheduled to address reporters in an evening conference call.

This was the only definitive word from Frazier: there's not enough time for Freeman to learn the offense and play against the Panthers. The Vikings didn't just sign him for depth, though.

They're trying to save the season after losing their first three games, and they also need someone to count on for the future.

Though Freeman agreed to a prorated \$3 million deal for only the rest of the year, these next three months will be a feeling out process for both sides in advance

of the free agent market.

Ponder said he felt "very little pain, if any" while throwing in practice. He also said he's not sure what to think about this latest bold move by Spielman.

"We'll see what happens. It's their decision, not my decision," Ponder said. "Obviously I can control how I play."

Frazier said several times Ponder is still the starter if he's healthy, but a rib is a dangerous body part to expose to injury. Keeping Cassel in the lineup on Sunday would hardly be a controversial or deceptive decision. The 31-year-old gave a sputtering offense a spark with two touch-

downs and 248 yards passing without a turnover in the win in London over Pittsburgh on Sept. 29.

Ponder, whose record as a starter is 12-17, expressed defiance toward the doubt about his status.

"In my eyes, I'm getting prepared to play. As long as I play well, then I'm the one on the field," he said.

Even Frazier acknowledged, though, the question about whether Ponder will play another game for the Vikings. He has one year remaining on his contract,

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Cross Country: Bon Homme Boys Win SESD

SCOTLAND — The Bon Homme boys and Ethan-Parkston girls claimed team cross country titles at Monday's Southeast South Dakota Conference meet in Scotland.

Bon Homme and Wagner tied for first place in the boys' division with 27 points, but the Cavaliers had a pusher and Wagner only had three runners. Ethan-Parkston was third at 33.

Nick Dion of Wagner was the individual champion at 17:35.26, followed by Coleton

Schlyer of Winner (17:36.52).

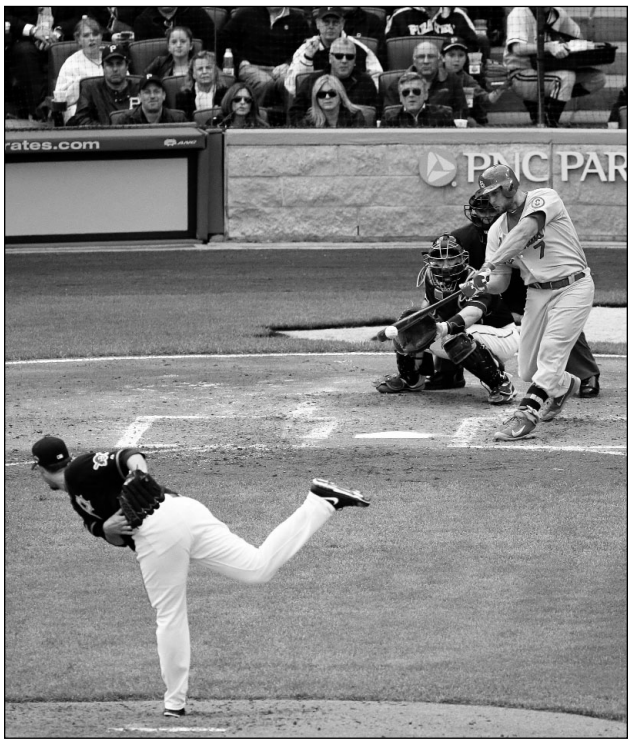
In the girls' division, Ethan-Parkston put three runners in the top five to finish first overall with 12 points. Mount Vernon-Plankinton was second at 26.

Chloe Bartels of Winner was first across the line in 15:23.07, followed by Maddison Hajek of Bon Homme (15:55.73).

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Bon Homme 27, Wagner 27, Ethan-Parkston 33, Winner 47, Chamberlain 47, Gregory 49, Burke-South Central 66, Platte-Geddes 68, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 74

TOP 10: 1. Nick Dion, Wagner 17:35.26; 2. Coleton Schlyer, Winner 17:36.52; 3. Tyson Vogt, Burke-South Central 17:58.05; 4. Nick Zelnovsky, Ethan-Parkston 18:11.40; 5. Aaron Voigt, Gregory 18:30.44; 6. Kyle Klinnert, Bon Homme 18:40.45; 7. Jacob Lopez, Chamberlain 18:53.27; 8. Nathaniel Klinnert, Bon Homme 19:01.02; 9. Trajan Holiday, Wagner 19:06.48; 10. Justin Krell, MVP 19:09.65

GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Ethan-Parkston 12, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 26, Bon Homme 34, Burke-South Central 37, Winner 58, Platte-Geddes 73, Chamberlain 75, Scotland 80, Gregory 93
TOP 10: 1. Chloe Bartels, Winner 15:23.07; 2. Maddison Hajek, Bon Homme 15:55.73; 3. Taya Heisinger, Ethan-Parkston 16:23.18; 4. Lexy Lelschner, Ethan-Parkston 16:29.37; 5. Jessica Enders, Ethan-Parkston 16:47.70; 6. Reganne Engbreton, Platte-Geddes 16:52.59; 7. Savannah Schmidt, MVP 16:58.36; 8. Loma Greberson, MVP 16:58.83; 9. Lexi Fernau, Burke-South Central 17:05.91; 10. Patience Nesheim, Ethan-Parkston 17:12.63



DAVID CARSON/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/MCT
Matt Holliday of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch hits a 2-run homer in the sixth inning during Game 4 of the National League Division Series playoffs against the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park Monday.

Cardinals Force Game 5 In NLDS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rookie Michael Wacha took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning and the St. Louis Cardinals showed off their October poise, edging the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 Monday and setting up a winner-take-all Game 5 in the NL division series.

The Cardinals tied this playoff matchup and improved to 7-1 over the last three years when facing elimination in the postseason.

Pedro Alvarez hit his third home run of the series, connecting with one out in the eighth for Pittsburgh's only hit in Game 4.

Wacha, who came within an out of a no-hitter in his final start of the regular season, and the St. Louis bullpen made Matt Holliday's two-run homer in the sixth stand up.

Trevor Rosenthal worked around a two-out walk in the ninth, retiring Andrew McCutchen on a pop for his first postseason save.

Game 5 will be Wednesday in St. Louis, with ace Adam Wainwright starting for the NL Central champion Cardinals and rookie Gerrit Cole going for the wild-card Pirates. Both

pitchers won last week in the NLDS.

The Cardinals finished with only three hits, and that was enough. Holliday got two of them, including his homer off Charlie Morton.

Wacha struck out nine and walked two. The 22-year-old righty didn't permit a runner until walking Russell Martin leading off the sixth.

Wacha nearly no-hit the Washington Nationals in his last start on Sept. 24, surrendering only a single by Ryan Zimmerman with two outs in the ninth. He might have been even better in front of a frenzied crowd that relentlessly chanted his name, eager to send the Pirates into the NL championship series for the first time in 21 years.

Working so quickly the Pirates never had time to get settled, he breezed through Pittsburgh's revamped lineup like it he was in extended spring training, not a pressure-packed elimination game. Mixing his fastball and changeup masterfully, Wacha overwhelmed the Pirates from the moment he stepped onto the mound.

Volleyball: Hanson Wins 5-Setter Over Cougars; Marion Sweeps Bobcats

ALEXANDRIA — Kaitlyn Schroeder had 16 kills as Hanson avoided an upset bid by Viborg-Hurley in a 5-set prep volleyball thriller Monday night in Alexandria. Hanson won by scores of 14-25, 25-13, 25-12, 20-25, 18-16.

Emily Brown had 17 set assists and Leah Marsh had 27 digs for the Beaverettes (16-1).

In the loss for the Cougars (12-11), Abby Hora had 13 kills and 13 digs, while Hannah Jorgensen and Katelyn Graber each added 11 kills. Megan Knock led the offense with 37 set assists.

Both teams return to action Thursday, with Hanson at Mitchell Christian and Viborg-Hurley at Baltic.

VIBORG-HURLEY (12-11).....25 13 12 25 16
HANSON (16-1).....14 25 25 20 18

Marion 3, Freeman Academy 0

MARION — Erica Schoenwald posted 12 kills and 13 digs to lead the Marion Bears past Freeman Academy 25-14, 25-16, 25-6 in high school volleyball action Monday night in Marion.

Devin Nelson recorded eight kills, 19 digs and six ace serves, while Renae Kayser added 16 set assists, seven digs and five ace serves.

For the Bobcats, Hannah Yoder had five kills, while Sarah Miller posted eight set assists, five digs and two ace serves.

Marion hosts Menno tonight (Tuesday) and Freeman Academy visits Centerville on Thursday.

FREEMAN ACADEMY.....14 16 6
MARION (11-6).....25 25 25

Wagner 3, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 0

ARMOUR — Gina Soukup posted 14 kills to lead the Wagner Red Raiders past Tripp-Delmont-Armour 25-9, 25-13, 25-19 in prep volleyball action Monday night in Armour.

Ali Kuca added eight kills for Wagner (14-4), while Brooklyn Tolliver and Kim Koupal each had 12 digs. Krista Dvorak and Kayla Deurmeier both had 19 set assists.

For TDA, Jessica Sandau had seven kills, while Becca Brown had 19 digs and three blocks.

Wagner hosts Scotland tonight (Tuesday).

WAGNER (14-4).....25 25 25
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR.....9 13 19