

LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

Coyotes Conclude Competition At NCAA Preliminaries

AUSTIN, Texas—South Dakota track and field concluded competition at the NCAA West Preliminaries at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Saturday. South Dakota advanced three athletes to the NCAA Championships.

Junior Amber Eichkorn once again had the top performance for the Coyotes. She clocked 16 minutes, 37.93 seconds for 22nd place in a competitive 5,000-meter field. Eichkorn improved upon her 27th-place seed. Under the lights two nights ago, Eichkorn qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 10,000-meter run.

Coyote pole vaulters were led by freshman Jake David's 31st-place mark of 16-6 3/4. Senior Kevin Sarekhkhani vaulted 16-0 3/4 to take 36th.

After a lightning delay that postponed competition one hour, sophomore Danielle Waldner took to the shot put ring. She threw the shot 46-4 on her third attempt, which would hold up for two places higher than her seed and place 40th.

South Dakota juniors Hunter Wilkes, Eichkorn and senior Cody Snyder will represent the Coyotes at the NCAA Championships held June 10-13 in Eugene, Ore. Wilkes and Eichkorn both compete on Thursday, June 11. Wilkes pole vaults at 4:45 p.m. and Eichkorn races the 10,000 meters at 6:38 p.m. Snyder throws the shot put at 4:05 p.m. on Friday, June 12.

Complete results will be posted on GoYotes.com following the conclusion of the meet.

South Dakota volleyball schedule finalized

Tournaments at Wyoming, Arizona, North Dakota and Purdue highlight South Dakota's 2015 volleyball schedule announced Thursday by head coach Leanne Williamson. The Coyotes are coming off a 19-12 campaign and will return four of seven starters this fall.

The Coyotes begin the year with four 20-match winners including Ohio State and Arizona, two teams that competed in the NCAA Tournament a year ago. Of South Dakota's 13 non-conference opponents, nine had winning records in 2014 and six won at least 20 matches. The 13 foes come from 12 different conferences. In addition to Ohio State, the Coyotes will take on Purdue of the Big Ten.

Opening weekend is Aug. 28-29 in Laramie, Wyo., where the Coyotes will face Butler, Wyoming and Ohio State. The home opener is Sept. 25 against Western Illinois, which is also the first of a 16-match Summit League slate. The Coyotes' eight home matches on the slate are all Summit contests in The Den at the DakotaDome.

South Dakota will get its first look at defending Summit League Tournament champion Denver on Oct. 4 in Denver. Regular season co-champion IUPUI comes to The Den on Oct. 16. The Senior Day opponent is rival-South Dakota State in the home finale Nov. 8.

Seven Named Academic All-Summit League For Track And Field

ELMHURST, Ill.—Seven South Dakota student-athletes have been named to the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Academic All-League teams, as announced by the league office on Wednesday. Seniors Brant Haase, Josh Petersen, Kevin Sarekhkhani and junior Mubarak Musa represent the Coyote men, while senior Megan Glisar and juniors Katie Wetzstein and Amber Eichkorn made the women's team.

Eichkorn accumulates her third academic all-league honor of the school year. She is one of three Coyotes to qualify for the NCAA Championships and will race the 10,000 meters on June 11 in Eugene, Ore. Eichkorn also successfully defended her Summit League titles in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters earlier this month. She clocked a Summit League meet record of 35 minutes, 18.59 seconds en route to taking the 10,000 on the first day, before breaking her own school record in the 5,000 meters when she ran 16:16.48 on the third day. During the 2015 outdoor season, she set school records in the 3,000 (9:39.13), 5,000 (16:16.48) and 10,000 (34:12.98). Eichkorn also won the 5,000 meters at the Texas Relays and finished runner-up in the 10,000 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays. Eichkorn carries a 3.74 grade point average while studying kinesiology and sport science.

Glisar, a two-time All-American, picks up her second academic all-league honor. She was the 2015 Summit League high jump champion with a meet-record height of 5-11 1/2. Glisar also triple jumped 39-5 3/4 at the championships to score four points for the Coyotes. Glisar broke her own school record earlier this spring when she cleared 6-0 3/4 at the Texas Relays. Glisar graduated with a degree in communication sciences and disorders and held a 3.70 cumulative grade point average. She plans to remain at South Dakota to earn her doctorate in audiology.

Haase caps off the outdoor season with the sixth academic league honor of his career. He earned all-league honors in the 10,000 meters by finishing runner-up in 30:27.57. He also placed fifth in the 5,000 meters by clocking 15:02.97. Haase posted the league's fastest 5,000 meter time of 14:27.03 at the Texas Relays. He was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team earlier this month. Haase graduated with a cumulative 4.00 and earned a bachelor's degree in health sciences. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in pharmacy.

Musa earns his first academic all-league honor after winning the 2015 Summit League 5,000 meters. He ran 14:44.08 to secure the victory. Musa also earned all-league honors in the 10,000 meters by placing third in 30:51.54. During the regular season, Musa won the Dakota Duals 5,000 meters and ran a career-best time of 30:08.46 for 10,000 meters at the Mt. SAC Relays. Musa holds a 3.33 grade point average while studying criminal justice.

Petersen earns his second academic all-league award this year. He earned all-league honors in the long jump and 4x100-meter relay. Petersen leaped to a new career best of 23-0 1/2 at the Summit League Championships to finish runner-up. Petersen graduated with a 4.00 grade point average and earned a degree in kinesiology and sport science. He plans to enroll in dental school.

Sarekhkhani collects his second academic all-league honor. He was the 2015 Summit League pole vault champion with a jump of 16-4. Sarekhkhani's career-best mark of 17-1 at the Dakota Duals this spring qualified him for the NCAA West Preliminaries. Sarekhkhani graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication studies and psychology, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.57.

Wetzstein earns a spot on her fifth consecutive Academic All-Summit League team. She earned all-league honors in both the 800 and 1,500 meters. Wetzstein clocked a new career best of 2:10.64 to finish runner-up in the 800 meters. She also placed third in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:25.52. Earlier this spring, she broke the school record for 1,500 meters by clocking 4:22.62. The time qualified her for the NCAA West Preliminaries. Wetzstein carries a 3.91 grade point average with a major in medical biology.

To be eligible for the Academic All-Summit League team, a student-athlete needed to have a minimum grade point average of 3.30, completed at least one full academic year at the institution and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's meets. Votes by the institutions' faculty athletic representatives and sports information directors select the 10 student-athletes on the teams, with all ties standing.

Vermillion Hosts Lewis And Clark Wooden Bat Tournament



Vermillion Legion Post 1 pitcher Jake Odens and first baseman Jefferson Galvin in the game against Sioux Falls East Post 15 last Friday in the Lewis and Clark Wooden Bat Tournament.

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The Vermillion Post 1 Legion baseball team dropped all four games of the Lewis and Clark Wooden Bat Tournament last weekend at Prentis Park, Riverside Field in Yankton and Crofton, Nebraska.

The tournament saw a rain delay that put the game schedule behind three hours.

Omaha Central was the top team in the Vermillion bracket, Yankton won the Yankton bracket and Sioux Falls Post 307 won the Crofton (Nebraska) bracket. Brandon Valley, also from the Vermillion bracket, earned the wild card spot.

The four teams convened in Yankton on Sunday where Omaha Central was crowned the winner after beating Yankton 1-0 in the championship game.

Game 1
The Vermillion left the tying run on second and the winning run on first in the bottom of the seventh as they fell to Sioux Falls East Post 15, 3-2 on Friday.

East's Keenahn Coyle pitched a complete game to record the win going seven innings and allowing four hits with three walks and eight strikeouts. Hunter Christopherson, Jake Odens and Cole Anderson combined on the mound for Vermillion with six strikeouts and four walks.

Game 2
After a lengthy rain delay, the first pitch for Vermillion's second game on Friday was thrown a little before 10:30 p.m. The Tanageres went on to lose to Omaha Central in six innings after an hour and a half time limit was put on the game that ended around 12:30 a.m.

Game 3
The team then returned to the field

Saturday morning at 9:30 for the third game against Norfolk.

Norfolk's two runs in the third inning proved to be the different maker as Vermillion dropped game three 2-1.

Travis Weber's RBI single in the sixth inning scored Andrew Heine for the Tanageres lone run.

Vermillion out-hit Norfolk five hits to three, but couldn't capitalize on opportunities.

Brandon Mockler pitched a complete game.

Game 4
Vermillion dropped an 8-0 decision to Brandon Valley in the team's final game of the Lewis and Clark Wooden Bat Tournament Saturday night.

Brandon Valley scored three in the second inning, one in the third and another two in the sixth to earn the wild card spot for Sunday's semi-final in Yankton.

First Dakota National Bank Junior Golf Tour Results

11-under Boys

1. Luke Honner, Sioux Falls, 40; 2. Liam Sarmiento, Sioux Falls, 42; 3. William Sanford, Sioux Falls, 45; 4. Mac Drake, Sioux Falls, 48; 5. Radley Mauney, Sioux Falls, 48; 6. DJ Heiberger, Sioux Falls, 50; 7. Payton Koehn, Parkston, 54; 8. Jake Cunningham, Yankton, 58; 9. Levi Mickelson, Sioux Falls, 58; 9. Taten Mauney, Sioux Falls, 61; 10. Max Orr, Beresford, 64; 11. Isaiah Richards, Vermillion, 76; 12. Bodhi Brady, Vermillion, 85.

12-13 Boys

1. Austin Swenson, Brandon, 75; 2. Jimmie Cunningham, Yankton, 80; 3. Carter Libis, Springfield, 86; 4. Alec Rice, Volga, 86; 5. Zachary Curd, Sioux Falls, 88; 6. Gavin Hatch, Sioux Falls, 90; 7. Brody Boltjes, Platte, 91; 8. Jack Eggebraaten, Sioux Falls, 94; 9. Landon Moe, Brookings, 96; 10. Jonathan Tawzer, Lake Norden, 98; 11. Chase McDonald, Wentworth, 100; 12. Reagan Hammond, Brandon, 101; 13. Hunter Lavin, Vermillion, 101; 14. Devin Vasa, Sioux Falls, 108; 15. Quinn Bormann, Parkston, 122; 16. Ethan Yu, Sioux Falls, 132; 17. Will Miller, Platte, 158.

14-15 Boys

1. Michael Statz, Sioux Falls, 75; 2. Jack Lundin, Sioux Falls, 75; 3. Sam Batta, Watertown, 75; 4. Nathan Woodall, Sioux Falls, 80; 5. Sam Sutcliffe, Sioux Falls, 81; 6. Jameson Bull, Dakota Dunes, 84; 7. Austyn Burfeind, Sioux Falls, 85; 8. Karter Lein, Harrisburg, 85; 9. Ryan Neff, Sioux Falls, 86; 10. Ethan Huber, Mitchell, 87; 11. Michael Frick, Yankton, 88; 12. Jackson Schroepel, Sioux Falls, 89; 13. Dalton Maibaum, Yankton, 100; 14. Dausyn Pravecek, Freeman, 100; 15. Nick Bennett, Mitchell, 109; 16. Heston Jorgenson, Madison, 110; 17. Mason Valland, Sioux Falls, 110; 18. Brayden Edwards, Freeman, 112; 19. Kaden Mork, Irene, 112; 20. Blake Brown, Madison, 116.

16-18 Boys

1. Jace Guthmiller, Yankton, 76; 2. Justin Kolb, Sioux

Falls, 76; 3. Mitch Schlingman, Yankton, 76; 3. Cade Carpenter, Mitchell, 78; 4. Hank Eggebraaten, Sioux Falls, 78; 5. Alec Johnson, Tyndall, 78; 6. Zane Swenson, Brandon, 78; 7. Brenden Bassing, Sioux Falls, 79; 8. Brian Finn, Tea, 80; 9. Jamie Smith, Parkston, 80; 10. Bronson Vasa, Sioux Falls, 80; 11. George Mickelson, Sioux Falls, 81; 12. Taylor Fjerstad, Brandon, 81; 13. Grant Kolb, Sioux Falls, 83; 14. Bryce Eimers, Madison, 86; 15. Devin Gilbertson, Sioux Falls, 90; 16. Garret Hohn, Parkston, 90; 17. Alex King, Sioux Falls, 100; 18. Hayden Pterman, Miller, 129.

11-under Girls

1. Emily Kolb, Sioux Falls, 52; 2. Reese, Jansa, Sioux Falls, 52; 3. Keva Burshiem, Flandreau, 59; 4. Adisyn Indahl, Burke, 61; 5. McKenna Mork, Irene, 65; 6. Tyla Mauney, Sioux Falls, 70; 7. Maiya Muller, Beresford, 81.

12-13 Girls

1. Taylee Indahl, Burke, 84; 2. Brogan Landeen, Sioux Falls, 93; 3. Alexandra Carr, Vermillion, 105.

14-15 Girls

1. Liz Duncan, Brandon, 90; 2. Maci Colberg, White Lake, 94; 3. Natalie Poppens, Lennox, 97; 4. Jenna Sutcliffe, Sioux Falls, 101; 5. Tressa Bull, Burke, 102; 6. Nicole Steen, Brookings, 102; 7. Sophia Salter, Sioux Falls, 103; 8. Mallory Arndt, Sioux Falls, 112; 9. Caitlyn Stimpson, Pickstown, 113; 10. Kyla Kolseth, Brandon, 125.

16-18 Girls

1. Sydney Bormann, Parkston, 68; 2. Sydney Weber, Parkston, 71; 3. Samantha Langford, Madison, 74; 4. McKayla Poppens, Lennox, 74; 5. Elle Carlson, Sioux Falls, 75; 6. Becky Frick, Yankton, 75; 7. Kyleigh Moran, Vermillion, 80; 8. Brooke Pearsen, Brookings, 81; 9. Emily Olson, Sioux Falls, 84; 10. Kayla Oval, White, 84; 11. Linze Cowman, Yankton, 88; 12. Brooke Ehlers, Worthing, 91; 13. Ashley VanMeeteren, Yankton, 97.

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Sunday in Larchwood 13-0 in seven innings. Jay Thaler took the loss for the Grey's who team league record slipped to 1-2. Thaler tried to overcome six fielding errors by the visiting team, but it wasn't enough as Larchwood pounded out 13 hits in only the seven frames. Thaler struck out six in his six innings work.

Vermillion scratched out six hits but couldn't get a run across, even with runners in scoring position several times during the contest. The Sox were led at the plate by Mike Moran and Jayce Huska, both were 2-for-3.

Larchwood, currently at the top of the State Line League, improved to 2-0. Starting pitcher Patrick Sinnema went all six striking out eight on the day for the Diamonds and were led offensively by Travis Feekes who was 2-for-4 with a single, double and two RBI.

The Grey Sox continue with State Line League action on Sunday June 7 in Vermillion when the Canton Aces come to town. Game starts Sunday at 2 p.m. On Wednesday, June 10th, the Greys travel to Akron for a matchup with the Rebels at 7:30 p.m.



Vermillion's Rusty Jensen pitching in last Wednesday's Grey Sox game against the Harrisburg Woodies at Prentis Park.

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