

Local Sports News

Hovden Named Summit League Coach Of The Year

ELMHURST, Ill.—South Dakota men's golf coach Nick Hovden has been named the Summit League Men's Golf Coach of the Year, as announced by the league office Thursday.

Hovden collects his first accolade after leading the Coyotes to their first Summit League title and NCAA Division I Regional appearance. South Dakota fired a tournament-low round of 292 on the third day to eclipse the leaders and take the crown.

The Coyotes had a 299.77 team stroke average for the year and claimed four tournament titles. In addition to the Summit League Championships, the men were victorious at the Jackrabbit Fall Classic, Atchafalaya Intercollegiate and Bradley Invitational.

Hovden's women's team also won a title at the Creighton Classic.

In five years the helm of the program, Hovden has coached four all-Summit League golfers, two academic all-Summit League honorees and three America Sky all-academic honorees.

Wilkes, Eichkorn Finish Seasons At NCAAs

EUGENE, Ore.—South Dakota juniors Hunter Wilkes and Amber Eichkorn wrapped up their seasons at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

The dark horse duo entered the final round after strong performances at the NCAA West Preliminaries in Austin, Texas, two weeks ago.

Wilkes ended up in 18th place in the pole vault. She cleared the opening height of 13 feet, 3 1/2 inches on her third attempt, but missed all three attempts as the bar rose to 13-9 1/4. Wilkes finishes off her outdoor season with a Summit League title, a new career best of 13-11 that ranks third in school history and honorable mention All-America honors.

Stephen F. Austin's Demi Payne won with a vault of 15-5, breaking Coyote alumna Bethany Firsick's meet record in the event from 2013.

Eichkorn finished 20th in the 10,000 meters with a final time of 34:55.33, clocking 5:17.45 through the first mile. Eichkorn concludes her outdoor season with Summit League titles in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, four new school records and honorable mention All-America honors.

Fogg To Represent Canada At FISU Games In South Korea

South Dakota junior Abigail Fogg has earned a roster spot on Canada's 2015 Development Women's National Team. The 6-foot-4-inch center redshirted the 2014-15 season after transferring from American University. She has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

Hailing from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Fogg will represent her native country at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Games July 5-13 in Gwangju, South Korea.

"I could not be more excited," said Fogg. "It has been my dream since I was young to compete for my country and I am grateful to have this opportunity. I definitely would not be here if it were not for the love and support of my family, friends, teammates and coaches. I am blessed to have such great people in my life and such a great opportunity ahead of me."

Fogg was one of 22 athletes invited to a tryout for the team, held June 6-9 at the University of Toronto's Goldring Centre. Since making the roster, Fogg began a 10-day training camp at the Goldring Centre under head coach Fabian McKenzie. The squad will travel to China for an exhibition tournament June 22-28 prior to the FISU Games.

Snyder becomes All-American at NCAA Championships

EUGENE, Ore.—South Dakota senior Cody Snyder earned All-America status in the discus at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

Snyder launched the discus 193 feet, 8 inches on his second throw to take the lead of the first flight. The mark held onto sixth place headed into finals. Snyder's fifth throw landed near the 197-foot mark, but his foot stepped out of the ring resulting in a foul. Snyder ultimately finished seventh with a mark of 193-8.

The Lake Andes, S.D., native is the first Coyote from the state of South Dakota to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Division I level. Snyder becomes the program's 13th All-American.

Snyder ends his collegiate career as a first-team All-American, a two-time Summit League discus champion, a member of three Summit League team titles and a career best throw of 194-6.

Dakotaman Triathlon Scheduled For Saturday

LAKE ALVIN - The 10th annual Dakotaman sprint triathlon will be held Saturday, June 20, at Lake Alvin.

The event consists of a 600-yard swim, 16-mile bike and 3.2-mile run. For more information or to register online, go to www.allsportcentral.com. Contact race directors Howard or Arlene Bich at habich@sio.midco.net, or by phone at 605-275-6891 or 605-491-0635 for more information.

Get To The Point Half Marathon

Get to the Point half marathon will be held in Elk Point, SD on Saturday, September 26th starting at Casey's - exit 18 off I-29. Food, fun and awards will be given to participants. Portables and break stops will be on the route, and entries are coming in. One woman from Duluth, MN, has registered and a woman from Jacksonville, Florida also will be in the event. Enter online at www.runsignup.com under Get to the Point. All proceeds support the local mentoring program and it's mission of helping youth. Volunteers will be needed for the event. Contact John Gille at 605-421-5050 to sign up as a volunteer.

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SD Archer Wins Gold At World Youth Archery Championship

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Cole Feterl followed the gold medal action from his computer at home in Lennox, watching — like millions of people around the world — the 2013 World Archery Youth Championships from Wuxi, China.

He was 14 years old. Just young enough to miss the cut-off for the biennial event. But certainly old enough to know what it would mean to represent the United States.

"I remember watching these on YouTube," Feterl said. "And I always wanted to be at one of these."

Mission accomplished. Feterl, the lone South Dakotan in the field, helped lead the United States to a team gold medal Saturday morning at the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

Paired with Dane Johnson and Daniel O'Connor, Feterl helped Team USA beat Great Britain by 12 points in the Compound Cadet Men's final.

The finals were held on a specially-designed course out in front of the Easton Yankton Archery Complex, but the general setup was much like Feterl watched online two years ago.

"It's cool to see it in person, but even better to actually be up there," he said.

When the United States team of 24 archers — 12 men, 12 women — was announced two months ago, Feterl knew he would have the label of 'lone South Dakota archer' for the



JEREMY HOECK/PRESS AND DAKOTAN
Cole Feterl, center, high-fives USA teammate Dane Johnson, left, during their Compound Cadet Team gold medal final Saturday morning at the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

tournament. But he never let any potential pressure get to him.

"It's a huge honor to win a gold, especially here," Feterl said.

At 16 years old, Feterl was the oldest of his team: Johnson (from Indiana) is 14 and O'Connor (from Georgia) is 15.

The trio had advanced their way all through the Compound Cadet Team bracket during the week, setting themselves up for an appearance in the finals.

They were then matched up against Great Britain. The United States team built up a 12-point lead after three of four ends, and later captured a 225-213 victory.

"One we got a lead, we just coasted and quit worrying," Feterl said.

The United States did have the advantage, though, when it came to crowd support. The WAYC being



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South Dakota native Cole Feterl lines up his shot during Saturday morning's Compound Cadet Team gold medal match against Great Britain at the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

in their home country no doubt fueled the archers all week, Feterl said. "It was awesome," he said. "My family was here,

and a bunch of other people.

"I had a couple of rough days, but the team shot awesome."

Herbster Announces Staff Promotions

University of South Dakota Director of Athletics David Herbster is reorganizing his administration and promoting current staff members in the process. David Williams has been promoted to deputy athletic director, Jon Schemmel to senior associate athletic director for development, Jamie Oyen to senior associate athletic director, and Jeanette Hubert to associate athletic director for business and finance.

Williams has served as senior associate athletic director for external relations since May of 2013. In addition to retaining external responsibilities, Williams will oversee the day-to-day operations of the department including management of the athletic facilities, budget and compliance. Williams will serve as sport administrator for football and men's basketball.

Williams has more than 20 years of intercollegiate athletic experience including 12 as an athletics director. He has been the AD at Kentucky Wesleyan, Missouri Western State, and Wisconsin-Parkside.

Schemmel has been the associate AD for development for the last five years. He is responsible for much of the fundraising efforts associated with the \$66 million sports performance enhancement complex. In addition, Schemmel serves as the liaison between the athletic department and USD Foundation.

Prior to joining the athletic department staff, Schemmel was the account executive for Coyote Sports Properties, the marketing arm of Learfield Sports for USD. Schemmel will serve as sport administrator for men's and women's golf.

Oyen has been the associate AD for compliance and senior woman administrator for the last three years. She oversees the department's compliance program, academics, scholarships and life skills programming for 17 sports and 370 student-athletes. She also serves as an advisor for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Oyen will serve as sport administrator for women's basketball, volleyball and tennis. She will continue in her role as SWA. Prior to joining USD, Oyen was the assistant AD and SWA at the University of Sioux Falls.

Hubert has been the assistant AD for administration for the last 12 years. She has also handled all business functions of the department in that time. In addition to overseeing the budget of the department, Hubert serves as the liaison for human resources and information technology. She will serve as sport administrator for softball and track and field.

Prior to USD, Hubert served as assistant vice president for Community First National Bank where she was responsible for originating real estate, consumer and commercial loans. She has served as treasurer and board member for the Vermillion Rotary Club and was also a board member and treasurer for the Vermillion Area Community Foundation.

James Bandy, who has served as senior associate AD for internal operations for the last four years, has taken a new position within the USD Office of Academic Affairs. A search for the position of senior associate AD for operations and facility management is currently underway.

SDHSAA Names New Assistant Executive Director

PIERRE - The South Dakota High School Activities Association has announced the selection of Brooks Bowman to fill its open Assistant Executive Director position. Bowman, who had been the director of bands with Kimball Public Schools, will be in charge of Fine Arts activities at the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Before joining the SDHSAA, Bowman was the director of bands in Kimball, the assistant director of bands at Rapid City Central and the director of bands at Sully Buttes. He currently serves the SDHSAA as the state co-chair for All-State Jazz Band, and is involved in several music organizations in South Dakota.

Bowman completed his Bachelor of Music Education degree at Northern State University in Aberdeen. He and his wife Nichole currently live in Kimball with their three children. Mr. Bowman will begin with the SDHSAA July 27. He will be succeeding the current Assistant Executive Director James Weaver.

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Along the way, the team has come across many people willing to share personal stories of family and friends with MS. Some even offer food, supplies or just support to keep skating for a good cause.

Dittberner says the first year was the most memorable when they finished their skate by crossing the Yankton Bridge to a crowd of people.

"We did a huge grand finale after party where we skated across the Yankton Bridge and it was just a huge deal and people came with their photos of family members who had MS and just sharing their stories and I just remember crying the whole day," Dittberner said. "We've just met so many great people that feed us and give us things along the way and just text messages people send that help us keep going."

Before finishing North Dakota last weekend, the team had raised over \$25,000 with a goal of \$4,000-\$5,000 per year, but the future of Sk8 the State is uncertain. Though "word on the street" is the women will be skating the length of California next year.

"Life is changing and everybody's lives are going in different directions," Dittberner said. "We're not sure exactly what our next step is going to be."

"It's just three girls and a van, but we can really make a difference."

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