

Kelsie Belquist is shown posing for a quick photo in Hayward Field, located at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Photo courtesy of Beth Belquist.

by Kyrie Dauenhauer Although the 2023 North Dakota track and field season ended back on May 27 with the state track meet, NR-S track star Kelsie Belquist is still competing.
Belquist made the 22 hour

and 28 minute trek across the United States to compete against the best of the best at the 2023 Nike Outdoor Nationals at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon on June 15-

"It was very challenging competing against some of the best athletes across the nation," said Belquist, "but I think that it just pushed me more to achieve my goals."

Belquist was set to compete in three events at Hayward Field: The 100-meter hurdles, the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter hurdles. Yes, you read that last event

right. The 400-meter hurdles. While Belquist had never competed in the 400-meter hurdles, she placed 13th out of 31 athletes with a time of

"It was pretty scary doing something I have only done once before. It is nothing like the 300-hurdles and will take more practice for me to really excel in them," said Belquist.

On Saturday, June 17, Belquist competed in the tionals again next year. 100-meter hurdle prelims, record time of 14.02 seconds to take ninth place. Later that evening, Belquist competed in the 100-meter hurdle finals and took eighth place out of 30 with a time of 14.21

Belquist then competed in the 200-meter dash, and out of 31 athletes she tied for 20th place with Harley Mc-

Belquist will enter her senior year with a total of of 23.16 seconds. 10 state championships under her belt, and with high NoDak Youth



Kelsie Belquist glides over a hurdle during the 100-meter hurdle finals on Saturday, June 17. Belquist took eighth place overall with a time of 14.21 seconds. Photo courtesy of Beth Belquist.

nal season of track and field. and Joshua Beil. Belquist said she plans to

Meanwhile, a few other where she ran her personal North Dakota athletes were also found competing at the 2023 Nike Outdoor Nation-

Logan Weninger of Carrington competed under Team NoDak Youth in the Emerging Elite 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash. Overall, Weninger took 13th place out of 41 athletes in the 400-meter dash with a time Neal of Tuscaloosa, Alabama of 50.34 seconds and 49th with a time of 24.71 seconds. place out of 58 athletes in the 200-meter dash with a time

Also competing for Team

hopes of four more in her fi- Knoke, Tommy Schreiner

jump. In the 100-meter hurdles, Knoke took fifth place with a time of 15 flat. As for high jump, Knoke took 10th place with a jump of 1.86 meters, and in the 400-meter hurdles he finished in 43rd place with a time of 1:00.96.

Schreiner placed 25th overall in boys' long jump with a jump of 6.47 meters. Beil competed in the 400-meter hurdles and placed 33rd with a time of 1:00.03. He also competed in the 200-meter dash and placed 43rd with a time of 22.91 seconds.

Talen Farland, Reece Snow,

Nathan Mathern and Dylan McGlothlin of Bismarck Legacy, made up the 4x200-meter relay team under the name of Central Dakota Resilience. This relay team became national champions with their first place finish time of 1:24.74.

That time shattered their previous personal best, and the North Dakota overall state record of 1:26.05. The Bismarck Demons 4x200-meter relay team – made up of Deegan Staudinger, Jeran McNichols, Drew Henriksen and Hudson Schroeder - also competed in the 4x200-meter relay and took eighth place overall with a time of 1:30.11.

Both of these relay teams for Central Dakota Resilience and Bismarck Demons competed in the 4x100-meter relay as well, with the Central Dakota Resilience team snagging another national championship with a time of 41.42 seconds and the Bismarck Demons taking fourth overall with a time of 42.57

The four athletes for Central Dakota Resilience – Farland, Snow, Mathern and McGlothlin – competed in the 200-meter dash, with only Knoke competed in the McGlothlin earning a chance with a time of 21.95, Mathern placed 24th with a time of 22.06 and Snow placed 31st with a time of 22.19.

> McGlothin also competed in the 400-meter dash and placed ninth out of 34 with a time of 48.25 seconds.

> McNichols of the Bismarck Demons was also found competing in the 100-meter dash, where he took 35th place out of 43 athletes with a time of 11.07 seconds. Schroeder also competed in the boys' long jump event, where he placed 23rd with a jump of 6.53 meters.

Dakota Recreation Report

by Patricia Stockdill



Tournaments:

*July 8: Devils Lake.

Fishing: *Devils Lake elevation, June 20: 1,450.46 8 feet above

mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,450.38 MSL

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,836.47 MSL; 21,800 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releas-

*N.D. Game and Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Try East Bay for nice-sized perch using jigs and minnows. Look for continued good walleye activity throughout much of the lake working structure.

*Devils Lake, Lakeview Lodge, Minnewaukan: Continued good walleye activity working structure in deeper water with live bait rigs. Slower success in clear water, however. *Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Contin-

ued walleye success working structure in 10 to 20 feet, especially on the west end of Devils Lake using a variety of presentations with bright colors.

Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: Activity continues on area lakes but reports remain light.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait and Tackle, Jamestown: Increasing activity throughout area lakes with most success on nightcrawlers.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Lots of activity on Jamestown Reservoir with most success on leeches or nightcrawlers.

*Lake Ashtabula, The Hungry Pelican at the Crossing, Luverne: No new reports. *Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Continued

good walleye and bass success but most perch are small and non-keeper size. *Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait and Tackle, Garrison:

East end of Lake Sakakawea producing nice walleye success in 8 to 20 feet. Warmer water temperatures starting to move fish deeper but try a variety of depths and presentations. Best success seems to be with Lindy rigs and portion of a nightcrawler. Try the east of Lake Audubon, as well, for walleye.

*Lake Sakakawea, Indian Hills Resort, Garrison: Good walleye activity throughout the area around the resort. Try 10 feet with Lindy rigs and a variety of bait.

*Lakes Audubon and Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Work the mouth of Steinke or Centennial bays on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for walleye in 8 to 14 feet using bottom bouncers and leeches. Also try deTrobriand Bay, around Mallard Island, and west in Douglas Bay.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace still somewhat slow from shore during the day with better success from boats. Look for shore success to improve, however. Try jigs or Lindy rigs and nightcrawlers from boats around the spillway channel and stumps. Use caution, though, depending on river levels. Good numbers of walleye with some sorting for keepers. Also try the rocks at night from shore. Not many trout, salmon, or catfish yet, however. Work the north shore with best walleye success in the morning on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Most consistent activity is from Douglas Bay attend the Nike Outdoor Na- emerging elite 100-me- at finals. Overall, McGlothlin to the west. Try 10 feet but look for fish to move deeper as ter hurdles, the 400-meter placed in sixth with a time water temperatures warm. Some success along the south hurdles and the boys' high of 21.68. Farland placed 20th shore, as well, working west and deeper in 18 feet. Some salmon mixed in with the walleye.

N.D. river data:

*James River, Kensal: River stage, 3.3 feet; streamflow, 90.2 CFS.

*Pipestem Creek, Pingree: Creek elevation, 5.58 feet; streamflow, 69.2 CFS.

*Red River, Grand Forks: River stage, 17.88 feet;

streamflow, 5,110 CFS. *Shevenne River, Warwick: River stage, 3.77 feet;

streamflow, 422 CFS.

Numbers to know:

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd.gov).

N.D. Game and Fish Department, Devils Lake office: (701) 662-3617.

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, Jamestown office:

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North Dakota Game & Fish Department News –

Nominal increase in breeding duck numbers

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's 76th annual spring breeding duck survey conducted in May showed an index of more than 3.4 million birds, up just 1.5% from last year. And like last year, the

breeding duck index for 2023 was the 23rd highest on record and stands at 39% above the long-term (1948-2022) average, according to Mike Szymanski, migratory game bird supervisor.
"As with all May water-

fowl surveys, we are counting what remains of last year's fall flight. After a modest production year last year, duck numbers were flat relative to responses that are more typical with abundant water on the landscape," Szymanski said. "Moreover, a large decrease in the number of ducks observed in areas with good wetland conditions (i.e., the Drift Prairie) is emblematic of a broader population that has declined overall. Such observations may be more typical as prospects for large fall flights decline from those of the 1994 to 2016 time period."

The number of total wetlands was down 26% from last year and 76% above the 1948-2023 average. The wa-

necessarily represent the amount of water contained in wetlands or the type of wetlands represented.

"This is the seventh wettest spring in terms of wet basins on record, following our second wettest survey last year," Szymanski said. The prairie wetland ecosystem is highly dynamic, which is evidenced by the last few years bouncing between wet and dry conditions. Whether wet or not, waterfowl resources continue to decline in the state due to diminished reproductive potential, limited by secure nesting cover."

Indices for most individual species, except for bluewinged teal, mallards and scaup increased from 2022. Mallards were down 9.8% from 2022 and represented the 27th highest count on record. The green-winged teal index increased 71%, wigeon and pintails increased 58% and 47%, respectively, and other increases ranged from 12% for shovelers to 19% for canvasbacks. Decreases from the 2022 index were observed for scaup -23%), mallards (-9.8%) and blue-winged teal (-4.4%).

Pintails, a species of management concern, appeared to be responding to excellent ter index is based on basins nesting conditions where

continentally and it's good to see them respond to good habitat conditions in the state, he added.

"Breeding duck numbers in North Dakota generally trend with wetland conditions. After a nominal increase, the overall number of ducks is still above the 75-year average, but 15% below the 1994-2016 average," Szymanski said. "Breeding duck indices above 4 million in the state will be unlikely, even during the wettest years, unless our upland nesting habitats improve. The Dakotas will no longer be able to consistently buoy mid-continent duck populations without large numbers of acres of secure nesting cover on the landscape in the form of perennial grasses provided by programs like CRP."

Szymanski added that the estimated number of Canada geese (297,914) in North Dakota during the May 2023 survey was down 23% from the 2022 estimate, which was a record.

"Canada goose nesting efforts appeared to be reduced and delayed as few Canada goose broods and lower than normal numbers of nests were observed on the

with water and does not available, Szymanski said. were many pairs and small Bait vendors can properly is in the water, load and senecessarily represent the These birds have struggled groups of Canada geese obidentify species and ensure cure your boat to the trailer. served during the survey on territories. Pairs may have simply been delayed, but some flooding of nests occurred during early May in areas with 4 to 8 inches of rainfall during active nest-

Bait regulations

Anglers should note that live white suckers are not legal baitfish in North Dakota, except in the Bois de Sioux and Red rivers.

Anglers can use live white suckers on the Bois de Sioux and Red rivers, and tributaries up to the first vehicular bridge; however, they are illegal elsewhere. Fathead minnows, sticklebacks and creek chubs are the only legal live baitfish outside of the Bois de Sioux and Red

The transportation of live white suckers, other than in Richland, Cass, Traill, Grand Forks, Walsh and Pembina counties, is illegal.

In addition, it is illegal for anglers to import minnows and other forms of live aquatic bait, such as leeches and frogs, into North Dako-

When purchasing live aquatic bait, anglers must buy from a licensed North survey," he added. "There Dakota retail bait vendor.

all bait is clean of any aquatic nuisance species.

For more information, refer to the 2022-24 North Dakota Fishing Guide, available at license vendors or online at the state Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Tips when launching, loading boats

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department encourages boaters to plan accordingly when launching and loading a boat. Here are a few simple reminders to ensure a fluent transition at the ramp.

Launching

- Don't pull onto the ramp until your boat is ready to launch.
- Prepare for launching in the parking area. Remove covers, load equipment, remove tie downs, attach lines and put in drain plug before backing onto the ramp.
- When ready, pull in line to launch. Wait your turn. Be courteous.

Loading

- Don't block the loading area with your boat until your tow vehicle is ready to load. Wait until you are clear of the launch area to unload
- As soon as your trailer

 Remove boat and trailer from the water as quickly as possible.

Get clear of the ramp. Pull into the parking area to finish securing your boat, unload gear, drain all water and inspect for and remove any vegetation. Remember

to leave plugs out when

transporting your boat.

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