

Tigers Tame Yankton In Season Opener



Yankton's Mikala Hora, 11, tries to drop in a kill over the Huron double block of Halee Allerdings, 6, and Katelyn Allerdings during their ESD volleyball match Saturday afternoon at the Summit Center.

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The Huron Tigers swept the Yankton Gazelles Saturday afternoon for the volleyball season opener, winning three straight games 25-23, 25-22, 25-17.

Both teams found themselves working with young, new players to begin the season. With all new players except for one, Huron was quick to take the lead in the first set as they scored the first five points of the game and kept the lead the entire set. Yankton head coach Leasa Woodward said she was anticipating a tough day, but is expecting the season to improve.

"We have a very inexperienced team," she said. "We had moments of brilliance and then we got into giving up five and six points in a row before we got ourselves out again. We served well, and beyond that we have a lot of work to do."

The Gazelles were able to tighten the gap during the first set, trailing 22-18 before Huron scored the last points of the game.

Huron's Katelyn Allerdings and Hallee Allerdings each put up eight kills, while Taylor Kobert contributed 19 digs to the Tigers' overall victory. Eliza Smith and Kelley McCarty each served four aces, with Katelyn Allerdings adding five blocks and McCarty three blocks.

Shelly Buddenhagen, Huron Head Coach said the team's strategy was, "Just to play and take care of our side of the net."

Buddenhagen also said dealing with new players forced them to focus on the work

they have been doing for the last few weeks.

"For the first day, I'm very pleased," she said. "In all three sets we jumped out to a pretty good lead and Yankton found ways to come back on us. I thought our team did a good job of working with that and we were able to make it to the finish line."

Although Huron was able to take advantage of their early leads in each set, the Gazelles put up a fight with seniors Mikala Hora contributing 11 kills, and Kelsey Fitzgerald adding seven kills.

After falling behind Huron 18-8 in the second set, Yankton called a timeout and came back with one ace and two kills from Brooke Wuebben to help bring the score to 22-17, Huron still in the lead. Hora contributed three blocks, while Paige Thieman served one ace during the set. Thieman would serve five aces and 17 assists for the match.

Buddenhagen said her team was aware of Hora and Fitzgerald, but the late substitutions by Huron late in each set gave them the chance to stop Yankton's momentum.

"Besides Hora and Fitzgerald for Yankton, Katelyn Allerdings is going to surprise a lot of people this year," she said. "She's our best well-kept secret so far and she really helped us throughout each game."

Yankton was able to take the first three points of the third set, but Huron came back winning the last game 25-17.

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South Dakota's Brittlyn Dillow, facing, congratulates teammate Danielle Anderson after Anderson scored USD's first goal in a 4-4 draw against North Dakota on Sunday at the USD Soccer Field.

Coyotes Rally To Tie North Dakota

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VERMILLION — Counting down the final seconds of regulation at the University of South Dakota Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon, the Coyotes were trailing by one to visiting University of North Dakota in their first home game of the 2012 season. But with eight seconds remaining in the second half, junior forward Jenny Teslow scored a goal to tie the match at four and send the game to overtime.

After two periods of exciting overtime play, neither team could grab a goal, ending the match in a 4-4 tie.

"We definitely wanted to win which unfortunately didn't happen but I'm really happy we came back," Teslow said. "We started out a little rough but we weren't going to give up. And we came back and scored."

North Dakota (1-2-1) opened up strong with two goals in the first twelve minutes but USD's Danielle Anderson scored the Coyotes' first goal with an assist from sophomore Brittlyn Dillow to put her team on the scoreboard. Another goal from UND's Sheri Stapf late in the half put the black and green up 3-1 at halftime.

The Coyotes (0-2-1) came back quickly after the break though, as sophomore Lauren Bennett and Teslow each grabbed goals to tie the game up at three apiece. Another UND goal by senior Noah Mithrush later in the second half almost secured them the win but Teslow's second goal with eight seconds remaining sent the game to extra minutes.

"I honestly don't think anything can compare to that feeling," Teslow said of her late goal. "It was probably the best feeling ever so I was really happy."

Although the Coyotes came out more aggressive than their opponents, neither team could pick up another to end the sudden death overtime. The tie is the first for both teams this season.

"I think we were just thinking we came back this far and we're not going to give up now just because we tied it," Teslow said. "So when we started the overtime, we went out even harder because the game is not over. You have to play until the end even though we didn't get the win."

USD will have another chance to grab a win on their home field this Tuesday, September 4 against Creighton at 4 p.m.

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Dion, Krause Win At Mitchell

MITCHELL — Wagner's Nick Dion and Mitchell's Mary Krause earned top honros in the Mitchell Invitational cross country meet on Saturday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Dion finished the 5,000-meter race in 18:40.0, 36 seconds faster than Plankinton's Nick Lawson. Lyman's Jaylen Uthe finished third.

Krause led a 1-2 finish for Mitchell, clocking a 16:24.3 over the 4,000-meter course. Berkley Rietveld finished second in 16:37.0, with Hanson's Emily Hanson third in 16:45.2.

BOYS' DIVISION
TOP 15: 1. Nick Dion, Wagner 18:40.0; 2. Nick Lawson, Plankinton 19:26.3; 3. Jaylen Uthe, Lyman 19:28.6; 4. Davis Carson, Chamberlain 19:29.3; 5. Trey Persson, Hanson 19:39.7; 6. Trevor Holiday, Wagner 19:50.5; 7. Mason Bretting, Miller 19:57.0; 8. Devin Rihane, Palinton 20:02.3; 9. Brant Blaha, Avon 20:04.0; 10. Justin Krell, Plankinton 20:14.4; 11. Cole Sargent, Miller 20:29.1; 12. Jacob Schweitzer, Bridgewater-Emery 20:37.7; 13. Kyle Glanzer, Mitchell Christian 20:47.5; 14. Carter Langbhen, Wolsey-Wessington 20:56.4; 15. Beau Keeler, Miller 21:30.7

GIRLS' DIVISION
TOP 15: 1. Mary Krause, Mitchell 16:24.3; 2. Berkley Rietveld, Mitchell 16:37.0; 3. Emily Hanson, Hanson 16:45.2; 4. Sara Herman, Lyman 16:50.5; 5. Savannah Schmidt, Plankinton 16:51.2; 6. Quinn Lulif, Lyman 16:54.9; 7. Reganne Engbrelsen, Platte-Geddes 17:43.0; 8. Becca Glanzer, Mitchell Christian 17:43.8; 9. Anna Byers, Chamberlain 18:23.8; 10. Ashley Robinson, Wolsey Wessington 18:31.2; 11. Maddie Tyrell, Chamberlain 18:32.1; 12. Khiree Held, Mitchell Christian 18:37.2; 13. Kelsey Barnett, Wagner 18:54.0; 14. Tiffany Swanson, Chamberlain 18:56.7; 15. Brienne Bertsch, Miller 19:52.6

RUCKER SCORES 2 TDs, THROWS FOR 1 AS BUCKS TAKE OPENER



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Yankton quarterback Michael Rucker surveys the field during Yankton's 27-21 victory against the Pierre Governors on Saturday. Rucker rushed for two touchdowns as well as throwing for another in the victory.

Bucks Hold Off Governors

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

PIERRE — Yankton took advantage of four Pierre turnovers, including three in Governor territory, to open their 2012 campaign with a 27-21 victory on Friday night at Hollister Field.

In the season and Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) opener for each team there were plenty of miscues and mistakes committed to keep the coaching staffs and players on both teams busy in the coming weeks.

Although they held a 27-7 advantage midway through the second quarter, the Bucks were outscored 14-0 after that point and struggled to find any consistent offensive rhythm throughout the contest.

The key of the game was definitely Pierre's four turnovers, the first three of which led to Yankton touchdowns.

After the first three possessions of the game resulted in punts, Pierre took over for their second time on offense and immediately lost a fumble which Buck defender Dustin Hopper recovered deep in Governor territory.

Senior running back Evan Schroeder took a handoff from fellow senior Michael Rucker and dashed 18 yards on the very next play to put the Bucks on the board. A successful Lane Sawatzke PAT made it 7-0 Bucks, a lead which Yankton would never surrender.

On the very next possession, Governor quarterback Alex Grey miscommunicated with his receiver and Yankton defender Sam Wendte grabbed an interception on a pass that was nowhere near any Pierre players.

Finding themselves with excellent field possession once again, the Bucks marched 30 yards in three plays before Rucker dove in on a 1-yard quarterback keeper to push the Bucks advantage to 13-0. Another Sawatzke extra point stretched the lead to 14-0.

Pierre was finally able to eliminate the mistakes on their following possession and put together a 10 play, 71-yard drive that culminated in a 26-yard strike from Grey to Austin Christopherson to close the gap back to 14-7.

Yankton answered immediately however as Schroeder returned the fol-

lowing kickoff 53 yards to set up an eventual Rucker to Chris Brown 25-yard touchdown pass. A missed PAT made it 20-7, Yankton.

Pierre once again turned the ball over deep in their own territory on a fumble during their next possession and the Bucks once again capitalized, their third touchdown off of a Pierre turnover in the first half. This time it was Rucker finding a hole and sprinting 23 yards for the score. Another Lane Sawatzke extra point gave Yankton a 27-7 advantage.

After turning the ball over on three of their past four possessions, Pierre finally was able to sustain a drive that saw senior Austin Wagner score on an 8-yard run to cut the deficit to 27-14 with just over three minutes remaining in the second quarter.

That would mark the end of the fast-paced, high-scoring segment of game however, as second-half play became a stalemate.

Pierre had outgained Yankton 190-153 in first half yardage, but that meant little as Yankton often found them-

selves with a short field due to Governor turnovers. That lack of ball control would come back to haunt Pierre one more time early in the second half.

The Governors received the opening kickoff of the third quarter needing to establish a drive and mainly hold onto the ball, as they had been successful on offense up to that point when they were not turning the ball over.

Pierre put together a solid opening drive to start the second half, marching into Yankton territory, but once again the Governors put the ball on the ground and Bucks junior J.J. Hejna was there to recover for Yankton.

The Bucks were able to gain some yardage and chew up some time on their following possessions but never really threatened to score again throughout the remainder of the game.

Pierre saw Grey throw a touchdown strike to Shay Reinke from 15 yards out with nine minutes left in the game, but Yankton's defense held on from there.

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Yankton Wins Two On Brookings Trip



TROY MARONEY/BROOKINGS REGISTER

Yankton senior Sarah Santos charges to net to play a short shot during her No. 2 singles match against Huron's Michelle Johnson at the Jim Holwerda Jamboree in Brookings on Saturday.

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Gazelles girls' tennis team posted a 2-3 combined record in back-to-back events in Brookings on Friday and Saturday.

In the Brookings Jamboree on Saturday, Yankton beat Huron 5-4 and lost to Aberdeen Roncalli 9-0. Yankton opened the weekend by beating Marshall, Minn., 6-3, and losing to Aberdeen Central (9-0) and Brookings (5-4) on Friday.

Sarah Rockne (flight 1), Sarah Santos (flight 2) and Taylor Rothenberger (flight 4) each went 3-2 in singles play. Kim Cap and Anna Kokesh had one singles win each. Jaclyn Arens went 4-3 in JV singles.

In doubles, Rockne and Rothenberger teamed up for two wins. Santos and Kaitlyn Frank had one victory. Yankton, 3-5, returns to

the road on Friday, traveling to Mitchell to face theernels and another Eastern South Dakota Conference rival, Pierre. Start time is 2 p.m.

ABERDEEN RONCALLI 9, YANKTON 0
SINGLES: Morgan Gunderson R def. Sarah Rockne 8-2; Kaylyn Deiter R def. Sarah Santos 8-3; Taze Hanson R def. Alexa Bryan 8-0; Erica Carrels R def. Taylor Rothenberger 8-0; Gabby Imbery R def. Kim Cap 8-3; Katie Torrence R def. Anna Kokesh 8-1

DOUBLES: Gunderson-Deiter R def. Rockne-Rothenberger 8-2; Hanson-Carrels R def. Bryan-Cap 8-1; Imbery-Erin Dudley R def. Santos-Kaitlyn Frank 8-5

JV: Jaclyn Arens Y def. Mikayla Titus 6-4

YANKTON 5, HURON 4
SINGLES: Sarah Rockne Y def. Erin Isackson 8-4; Sarah Santos Y def. Michelle Johnson 8-6; Sierra Goergen H def. Alexa Bryan 8-1; Taylor Rothenberger Y def. Claire Hoogland 8-1; Kim Cap Y def. Alison Fenske 8-3; Cassie Hedblom H def. Anna Kokesh 8-0

DOUBLES: Rockne-Rothenberger Y def. Johnson-Goergen 9-7; Isackson-Hoogland H def. Bryan-Cap 8-6; Fenske-Hedblom H def. Santos-Kaitlyn Frank 8-4

JV: Jaclyn Arens Y def. Tabatha Hamdierks 6-3; Bailey Harvey H def. Arens 6-4

YANKTON 6, MARSHALL 3
SINGLES: Sarah Rockne Y def. Jenna Gannott 8-6; Anja Baumgart M def. Alexa Bryan 8-6; Taylor Rothenberger Y def. Rachel Landmark 8-3; Kim Cap Y def. Melissa Baumgart 8-4; Anna Kokesh Y def. Chris-

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Bucks Play No. 1 Pats To Draw

The Yankton Bucks continued their strong start to the soccer season, playing top-ranked Sioux Falls Lincoln to a 1-1 draw in boys' varsity soccer action on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex.

Lincoln led 1-0 off a Tanner Hoffman goal in the 13th minute, but the Bucks scored midway through the second half on an indirect penalty kick by Derek Brenner.

Landon Breen stopped four shots in goal, and the defensive efforts of Casey Skillingsstad, Connor Chambers, John Dannenbring, Alex Wieseler and Zander Savage helped keep the Patriots at bay.

Yankton, which remains unbeaten at 2-0-1, travels to face Rapid City Central on Saturday, Sept. 1.

Lincoln beat Yankton 1-0 in the JV contest.



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Yankton's Derek Brenner, right, pushes the ball up field in front of Sioux Fall Lincoln defender Bradley Bierschbach during the first half of their boys' club soccer game Saturday afternoon at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.