

YHS  
GAMEDAYYankton (1-0)  
at Huron (0-1)

7 p.m., Huron

**LAST MEETING:** Michael Rucker passed for a school-record 315 yards as the Bucks blanked Huron 26-0 in Yankton.

**LAST WEEK:** Yankton jumped out to a 20-point lead and held on to beat Pierre 27-21 on the road. The Bucks took advantage of four turnovers.

Huron gave up 394 total yards and lost 31-14 on the road in Brookings.

**NEXT UP:** Yankton plays its home opener against Watertown, while Huron travels to Pierre.

**FOLLOW THE GAME ONLINE:** The Press & Dakotan will host a live chat during the game. Find it here: <http://www.yankton.net/yhsgameday>

## Bucks Hit Road To Face Improved Tigers

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After narrowly holding their sizable early advantage against Pierre in the season opener last Saturday, the Yankton Bucks once again hit the road for another Eastern South Dakota Conference battle tonight (Friday).

This time, the 1-0 Bucks travel to Huron to take on the 0-1 Tigers.

Last year these teams also played each other in week two, with the Bucks coming out on top 26-0 at Crane-Youngworth Field.

In that game, then-junior Bucks quarterback Michael

Rucker set a new Yankton single-game passing record for the Bucks with 315 passing yards. Rucker added three passing scores as Yankton mostly used their air attack to post the victory.

That passing game was not quite in synch last weekend against the Governors, as Rucker only passed for 76 yards. Forced turnovers and excellent first half field position powered the Bucks to victory.

Yankton head coach Arlin Likness knows that to once again defeat a much improved Huron squad, his team will need to iron out their week one difficulties.

“We didn’t produce much of-

fense in the second half,” Likness said. “We need to move the ball better and play better defense.”

Huron, which traveled to Brookings and fell to the Bobcats 31-14 last weekend, will be hoping to prove that the preseason excitement about its team was not just hype.

Tigers head coach Michael Postma knows that his Tigers will be in for another big test against the Bucks.

“Yankton is a very good team,” Postma said this week. “They are very good at the offense they run and their passing game has gotten much better over the past couple of years. You put that on top of their run-

ning game and they are a tough team to defend.”

Postma also seemed a little concerned about the size disadvantage that Huron will face against a larger Yankton team.

“Yankton has some really big, strong offensive and defensive linemen,” Postma added. “That will be the biggest challenge for us.”

According to Likness, Huron is a team that Yankton needs to take seriously, despite of their previous Class 11AA struggles.

“They (Huron) are definitely an improved team,” Likness said. “They have a big quarterback and experienced line coming back. We need to come in and

not underestimate them.”

If the Bucks can continue to force turnovers, as they did four times against Pierre last week, that will be a big key.

One thing to keep an eye on during the game will be Rucker’s performance under center. The senior should be able to surpass the Yankton career passing yardage mark at some point during the game.

Action kicks off in Huron at 7 p.m.

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## VB: Parkston Powers Past Hanson 3-2



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**Crofton's Maria Wortmann serves the ball during the Lady Warriors' opening round matchup with Hartington in the Wynot Tournament on Thursday in Wynot, Neb. Full results on the tourney were not available at presstime.**

## Somsen Named CPL Pitcher Of The Year

Yankton native and South Dakota State University pitcher Layne Somsen has been named 2012 Rawlings Coastal Plain League Pitcher of the Year for the recently-completed collegiate summer league season.

Somsen, who will enter his senior season this fall, compiled a 5-0 record with a 1.29 earned run average during the regular season for the Fayetteville (S.C.) SwampDogs. In 42 innings of work, the right-hander struck out 47 and walked only 15 batters. He allowed only 18 hits all season, holding opponents to a mere .129

batting average.

A Yankton native, Somsen finished in the wood-bat league’s top five of six different categories: ERA (tied-third), wins (tied-fourth) opposing batting average (second), WHIP (third), fewest hits allowed (first), and fewest runs allowed (tied-second).

Somsen won his lone postseason start, pitching six innings of two-run, two-hit baseball.

Earlier in the season, Somsen was selected as the starting pitcher for the American CPL All-Star team.

## Justin Jackson Finds A Home At Center For Huskers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Justin Jackson had just one question for Nebraska’s coaches when they asked him last winter if he would be willing to change positions for a third time.

“I asked them if I had an opportunity to play,” he said. Of course, they told him — if he earned it.

That’s all he needed to hear. Jackson agreed to move from defensive tackle to center and competed against two more experienced players in spring practice and fall camp. He appears to have won out.

Coach Bo Pelini put Jackson on scholarship two weeks ago and said the fifth-year senior is the front-runner for the starter’s job in Saturday’s opener against Southern Mississippi.

“It would mean the world to me,” Jackson said.

Jackson is the quintessential Nebraska walk-on. He grew up 20 minutes south of Memorial Stadium in Roch, Neb. He turned down scholarship offers from FCS and Di-

vision II programs to follow his dream of playing for his beloved Big Red. He was Pelini’s first walk-on, in 2008, after he earned all-state honors in Nebraska’s second-largest high school division.

“I don’t consider myself a second-rate athlete because I walked on,” Jackson said. “I just took a different road than other people. I never sold myself short and never expected anything less than perfection from myself. Did I reach it? Definitely not. I have yet to put together a perfect practice out here. But I strive for it and work for it.”

Jackson’s determination has not gone unnoticed by teammates. Several fellow walk-ons told him that his perseverance inspired them to work harder.

Jackson’s career floated in limbo until this year.

He sat out as a redshirt in 2008 and appeared in mop-up duty on the defensive line in a total of three games in 2009 and ‘10.

He was moved to guard for the

ALEXANDRIA — The Parkston Lady Trojans jumped out to a 2-0 lead, then lost two straight but rebounded to beat Hanson 25-23, 27-25, 26-28, 20-25, 15-9 in a five-set volleyball thriller Thursday night in Alexandria.

Laura Weiss had five kills, eight digs and three blocks to lead Parkston (2-4), while Whitney Weber added 13 set assists and 12 digs.

Jessica Bialas led the defense with 17 digs, while Krista Radke added 11 digs.

For the Beaverettes (3-2), Erika Nelson had 10 kills and seven blocks, Kynedi Cheeseman added nine kills and seven blocks, and Kendra Cheeseman posted 16 set assists.

Lindi Dey had 24 digs, Abby Kayser added 23 digs and Kelli Wendande posted 22 digs.

Both teams return to action next Tuesday, with Parkston hosts Andes Central and Hanson at Howard.

PARKSTON (2-4).....25 27 26 20 15  
HANSON (3-2).....23 25 28 25 9

## Canistota 3, Centerville 2

CANISTOTA — Morgan Larson led the Canistota Hawks in a volleyball win over the Centerville Tornados on Thursday night 25-21, 17-25, 25-13, 22-25, 15-13 in Canistota.

Larson made 13 digs, three aces, two assists and two kills while Chloe Nielsen had 12 assists, eight kills and six blocks. Lexy Sandman also had six digs, three kills and two blocks for the night.

For Centerville, Brittany Austin had 15 assists, 13 digs, four aces and one block. Logan Wreseler had nine kills and three aces, and Gabby Larson made 11 digs.

Canistota travels to Marion on Tuesday and Centerville will travel to Scotland.

CANISTOTA (1-2).....25 17 25 22 15  
CENTERVILLE (1-2).....21 25 13 25 13

## Alcester-Hudson 3, Gayville-Volin 1

GAYVILLE — Alcester-Hudson won an up-and-down volleyball match with Gayville-Volin on Thursday, 25-14, 25-9, 24-26, 25-8, in Gayville.

Jamie Jansen recorded 10 kills, five blocks and five digs for the Cubs (3-0), while Shenita Doering had nine kills and six blocks. Courtney McKee posted 21 set assists and nine kills, while Kassie Van Wyk added five kills and four blocks.

Rachel Haas led the Raiderettes (0-2) with eight kills, while Kella Barta, Viola Ishmael and Nikki Guy all added seven kills. Addison Bertrand chipped in with 15 set assists.

Both teams return to action next Tuesday, with Alcester-Hudson at Tri-Valley and Gayville-Volin in Scotland for a triangular with Centerville.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (3-0).....25 25 24 25  
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (0-2).....14 9 26 8

## Marion 3, Irene-Wak. 1

WAKONDA — Marion took the victory over Irene-Wakonda in Thursday night’s match 25-16, 23-25, 25-13, 25-17 in Wakonda.

Katherine Luke led the way for the Bears (4-1) with 18 digs, 15 assists, four aces, three kills and one block. Kylie Hughes had 17 kills, seven digs, and three aces while Devin Nelson

recorded 17 assists, six digs and four kills.

In the loss for the Eagles (0-2), Chloe Nielsen had 18 digs, seven kills, three blocks, two aces and one assist. Dana Schenk made 12 digs, 10 kills, five blocks and one ace. Bailey Hinseth also had 18 assists and three kills.

Marion won the junior varsity match 25-18, 25-15 as well as the C-Match 25-8, 25-14.

Marion hosts Canistota on Tuesday and Wakonda travels to Beresford.

MARION (4-1).....25 23 25 25  
IRENE-WAKONDA (0-2).....16 15 23 17

## Wagner 3, Chamberlain 0

WAGNER — Jessa Doom led the Wagner Red Raiders in a victory over the Chamberlain Cubs on Thursday night at Wagner 25-11, 25-21, 25-19.

Doom had 22 digs and 21 assists, Nicole Webber made 11 kills and Emily Bruning recorded three blocks.

For Chamberlain, Jesse Brounell had 17 digs and Logan Pickner had 10 kills.

Wagner travels to Gregory Sept. 6 and Chamberlain travels to South Central on Tuesday.

WAGNER (6-0).....25 25 25  
CHAMBERLAIN (1-2).....11 21 19

## Menno 3, Freeman Acad. 0

FREEMAN — Menno swept a match against Freeman Academy on Thursday night 25-20, 25-20, 25-20 in Freeman.

Courtney Schaeffer had five assists, two aces, one dig and one kill for the night. Brittany Haberman made five kills, four blocks, four digs

and two aces while Shelby Huber had five digs, four kills and two aces.

For Freeman Academy, Hannah Yoder recorded eight kills and three aces. Brooklyn Ries had eight assists and Caroline Schrag made three kills.

Menno travels to Bridgewater-Emery on Tuesday and Freeman Academy travels to Dell Rapids on Tuesday.

MENNO (1-2).....25 25 25  
FREEMAN ACADEMY (0-2).....20 20 20

## South Sioux City 3, Vermillion 0

VERMILLION — It was an inter-state battle on Thursday night as the Vermillion Tanagers hosted the South Sioux City Cardinals, falling in three 25-16, 25-23, 25-18.

For the Cardinals, Taylor Bleil had nine kills and two blocks while Morgan Hanson put down seven kills and four ace serves. Julia Hartnett and Beth Hubbard added six kills each.

Katie Herrera led the Tanagers at the net with eight kills and two blocks as setter Mariah Larson spread out 14 assists. Sarah Hughes-Berheim and Mackenzie Huber carried the load in the back row with 15 and 11 digs respectively.

South Sioux City will see action again on Tuesday against Sioux City East as Vermillion travels to Bon Homme.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY (1-0).....25 25 25  
VERMILLION (2-1).....16 23 18

## Andes Central 3, Avon 0

LAKE ANDES — In a matchup between two

Class B rivals, Andes Central’s Sierra Svatos’ 18 assists led her team to a sweep of the Avon Lady Pirates on Thursday night 25-23, 25-6, 25-15.

Svatos’ assists were spread out to several hitters, including Kellie Winckler and Hayli Gray with seven and six kills respectively. Winckler added another 10 digs and eight aces to her totals while Latasha Dion picked up 10 digs.

For the Lady Pirates, Alyson Roth put down four kills and added six assists while Chesney Nagel added seven more assists. Emily Mudder led the defense with six digs.

The Eagles also swept the JV match 2-0 and the C match ended a 1-1 split.

Both teams play again on Tuesday as Andes Central travels to Parkston and Avon hosts Tripp-Delmont-Armour.

ANDES CENTRAL (2-0).....25 25 25  
AVON.....23 6 15

## White Lake 3, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 0

ARMOUR — Claire Moeller had eight kills to lead White Lake past Tripp-Delmont-Armour 25-14, 25-18, 25-11 on Thursday night in Armour.

Ivy Haines and Jazmyn Hinker each added four kills for the Wolverines.

Kelli Batterman had five kills and 13 digs for TDA, while LaNae Fuerst had three kills and Hannah Just recorded 18 digs. Morgan Ziegler chipped in with six set assists.

TDA visits Avon next Tuesday. White Lake

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## Golf: Bucks Break 300 In Home Dual

In a day marked by record high heat, the Yankton Bucks were just as hot on the links. Yankton put three golfers under 80 to easily beat Lennox in a boys’ dual on Thursday afternoon at Fox Run Golf Course.

The Bucks carded a varsity score of 297, well ahead of Lennox at 404.

Jace Guthmiller led Yankton with a round of 67, including a dual-best 32 on the front nine. Mason Sundleaf shot a 74, followed by teammates Ben Jensen (76) and Lane Sawatzke (80).

Lennox’s best score was a 95 by Preston Lauters.

Yankton also won the JV dual, 345-470. Mitch Schlingman led the Bucks at 84, followed by teammates Brandon Frick (85), Eric Stratman (86) and Logan Megard (90).

The Bucks are off until Sept. 7 when they host the annual Yankton Invitational at Fox Run Golf Course.

**Varsity Division**  
TEAM SCORES: Yankton 297, Lennox 404  
INDIVIDUAL: Jace Guthmiller Y 67; Mason Sundleaf Y 74; Ben Jensen Y 76; Lane Sawatzke Y 80; Preston Lauters L 95; Jordan Gesling L 101; Jacob Gundvaldson L 101; Dylan Abraham L 107

**Junior Varsity Division**  
TEAM SCORES: Yankton 345, Lennox 470  
INDIVIDUAL: Mitch Schlingman Y 84; Brandon Frick Y 85; Eric Stratman Y 86; Logan Megard Y 90; Mason Meyer L 115; Patrick Konda L 117; Max Jacobson L 119; August Meyer L 119

## West Holt Inv.

ATKINSON, Neb. — Valentine had a pair of golfers in the top five to earn top team honors at the West Holt Girls’ Invitational, held Thursday at Atkinson-Stuart Country Club.

Valentine was first overall with a team score

of 417, followed by Boone Central (433) and West Holt (435). Crofton finished fifth at 464, while Hartington Cedar Catholic carded a 518.

Boone Central’s Amy Ahlers was the individual champion at 81, while the Valentine duo of Michelle Renning (89) and Shawna Wheeler (103) were second and fifth, respectively.

The top area finisher was Crofton’s Mariah Zavadil at 103.

TEAM SCORES: Valentine 417, Boone Central 433, West Holt 435, O’Neill 462, Crofton 464, Pierce 496, Battle Creek 510, Hartington Cedar Catholic 518, Elkhor Valley 531

TOP 15: Amy Ahlers, Boone Central 81; Michelle Renning, Valentine 89; Melissa Kyncl, Boone Central 100; Bridgett Henn, Battle Creek 102; Shawna Wheeler, Valentine 103; Mariah Zavadil, Crofton 103; Mackenzie Hale, West Holt 106; Paige Mitchell, West Holt 106; Ashton Bancroft, Valentine 108; Bryce Huston, West Holt 109; Morgan Langan, O’Neill 111; Holly Hesse, O’Neill 112; Myranda Fischer, Crofton 112; Ryann Henn, Battle Creek 113; Kylie Krieger, West Holt 114

## Beresford Quad

BERESFORD — Dakota Valley scored a four-stroke victory over Sioux Falls Christian in a four-team boys’ golf quadrangular at The Bridges in Beresford on Thursday night.

Dakota Valley finished at 164, followed by Sioux Falls Christian (168) and Beresford (210) in the nine-hole event. Elk Point-Jefferson did not field a full team.

Beresford’s Kory Diefendorf shot a 36 for medalist honors. Dakota Valley’s Thomas High and Sioux Falls Christian’s Brett Korn each shot 38.

## Chamberlain Inv.

CHAMBERLAIN — Host Chamberlain had the only two scores under 80 to break on the way to victory in its home boys’ golf invitational on Thursday.

Coleman Caldwell shot 71 and Lane Shroyer shot 75 as the Cubs finished at 333, 24 strokes better than runner-up Winner.

TEAM SCORES: Chamberlain 333, Winner 357, Todd County 368, Pierre ‘A’ 377, Pierre ‘B’ 420

TOP 10: Coleman Caldwell, Chamberlain 71; Lane Shroyer, Chamberlain 75; Jayden Braun, Winner 82; Drew Espinosa, Todd County 85; Luke Jedlicki, Winner 86; Kade McTigue, Pierre 87; Charles Bad Milk, Todd County 89; Landon Engel, Winner 89; Adam Hultmacher, Chamberlain 89; Tanner Colombe, Todd County 92



JEREMY HOECK/P&amp;D

**Yankton's Brandon Frick tees off during Thursday's boys' golf dual against Lennox at Fox Run Golf Course. Frick shot an 85 on the day. Yankton carded a 297 as a team to easily win the dual.**