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Gayville-Volin's Laura Nelson, center, gets off to a fast start during the varsity girls' race of the Beresford Invitational on Friday. Nelson claimed medalist honors in the race. Garretson claimed the team title.

YHS Runners Sweep O'Gorman Inv. Titles

SIOUX FALLS — Yankton's Annie Kruse and Brice Cowman swept medalist honors at the weather-shortened O'Gorman Invitational, held on Friday at Pasley Park.

Yankton won the girls' title in the five-team event, beating Harrisburg by 15 points. Brandon Valley beat out Yankton for the boys' title.

Kruse finished the 3,200-meter course in 11:55, 28 seconds faster than Madi Schandelmeier of Luverne, Minn. Yankton's Savannah Woods was third in 12:46.

Also for the Gazelles, Lauren Graves finished 10th (13:26), Whitlee Larson placed 12th (13:35), Ashtyn Haak placed 19th (13:47) and Tristin Roy finished 27th (14:30).

Cowman finished the 4,000-meter course in 13:33, 21 seconds ahead of Brandon Valley's Jakob Hanna. Yankton's Justin Grode was fourth in 14:24. Also for the Bucks, Kyle Bergeson finished 15th (14:54), Paul Fanta placed 19th (15:09), Andrew Peitz placed 20th (15:10), Evan Moon finished 24th (15:29), Morgan Hill placed 28th (15:48) and Sam Gusso finished 30th (16:08).

Yankton also won the JV girls' team title, with four girls in the top six. Madison McClure won the 2,400-yard race in 9:55.

Yankton ran away with the JV boys' title, putting five runners in the top six. Brody McClure won the 3,200-yard race in 12:21, with teammates Hiram Alvarez and Brady Jaquith right behind him.

Next up for Yankton is the Brandon Valley Invitational on Thursday.

Beresford Inv.

BERESFORD — Gayville-Volin's Laura Nelson and Dakota Valley's Graham Bacon claimed medalist honors in the Beresford Invitational cross country meet,

held on Friday at The Bridges at Beresford Golf Course.

Nelson pulled away from the field to finish the 4,000-meter race in 14:53.02, nearly 40 seconds faster than Lennox's Maisey Bainbridge. GV's Genevieve Clark finished third in 15:50.04.

Garretson, which had Haley Sage and Carmen Bohl placed fourth and fifth, edged host Beresford for team honors, 44-48.

Bacon edged Lennox's Nathan Timmerman by three seconds, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 18:12.90. Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen placed third in 18:17.10.

Lennox put four runners in the top 13 to earn team honors with 30 points. Beresford (54) and Garretson (55) finished second and third.

Sioux Falls Christian's Megan DeWeerd and Lennox's Taden Wilson earned JV medalist honors, with Beresford sweeping both team titles. The host Watchdogs also won both middle school titles, with Beresford's Cait Savey and Jake Limmer earning medalist honors.

John Collignon Inv.

MADISON — The West Central boys and Madison girls each claimed 1-2 finishes in the weather-shortened John Collignon Invitational cross country meet, held on Friday in Madison. No team points were kept.

West Central's Garrett Miles and Derrick Peters went 1-2 in the boys' race, with Madison claiming four of the next five spots. Madison's Emily Hawkes and Hailey Streff went 1-2 in the girls' race, with Tri-Valley freshman Riley Halman in third.

Pierre Inv.

PIERRE — Pierre's Rachel Propst and Jebben Keyes swept the varsity races at a cross country triangular with Aberdeen Central and Rapid City Central, held on Friday in Pierre.

Keyes won the weather-shortened boys' race in 13:53.26, seven seconds faster than Aberdeen's Tanner Peltier.

Propst clocked a 15:33.39 to finish 10 seconds ahead of Rapid City Central's Adeline Straatmeyer.

Bucks Fourth At Huron

HURON — Led by medalist Max Donohue's 72, Sioux Falls O'Gorman edged defending Class AA champion Sioux Falls Lincoln for top honors at the Huron Invitational boys' golf tournament, held on Friday at Huron's Broadland Creek National Golf Course.

Both O'Gorman and Lincoln shot 299 as a team, but O'Gorman won the title based on each team's fifth golfer's score. Rapid City

Stevens finished third at 309, followed by Yankton (310) and Brandon Valley (316).

Yankton's Jace Guthmiller, Lincoln's Parker Klitzke and O'Gorman's Sam Olson each shot 73 in the highly-compacted field. Yankton's Lane Sawatzke tied for sixth at 75. It took a 76 to crack the top 15, and a 79 to crack the top 27.

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Bucks Open Season Tonight

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

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A young Yankton Bucks football squad will receive its first test of the season tonight (Saturday), as the Bucks host Eastern South Dakota Conference rival Mitchell in the 2013 season opener for both squads.

The Bucks return four starters on offense, five on defense and 16 letterwinners overall. The team has just 12 seniors on the roster, the fewest for an Arlin Likness-led Bucks team.

"We have a lot of questions that we will hopefully come up with answers for," Likness said. "Every week we want to get better."

"Getting better" has been a big focus for Mitchell coach Kent Van Overschelde and

the Kernels, who went 1-8 and missed the playoffs a year ago. The Kernels return 31 letterwinners, including eight starters each on offense and defense, and those athletes have gone to work to prepare for the season.

"We grew in experience last year," Van Overschelde said. "This year, we're much more prepared to start the season."

One of the ways the Kernels prepared for the season was by putting a brand new, \$150,000 weight room, to good use.

"The kids did utilize the new weight room this summer," Van Overschelde said. "In the first two weeks of the season, we've seen the impact of that."

Junior running back Mitch Johnson (5-8, 170) handled

much of the running duties a year ago, following the lead of linemen Andrew Getty (Sr., C, 6-1, 200) Dylanger Pierson (Sr., T, 6-4, 235) and Chandler Nelson (Jr., T, 6-2, 220). Also back for the Kernel offense are tackle Mitch Morgan (Sr., 6-4, 215), receiver Beau Brown (Jr., 6-0, 155), flanker Landon Neugebauer (Jr., 5-11, 150) and tight ends Tyler Larson (Jr., 6-1, 180) and Ethan Jones (Sr., 6-0, 180). Quarterback Matt Larson (Jr., 5-10, 150) is also back, but was beaten out by sophomore Kanin Nelson (6-2, 180).

"We're excited about the progress that Kanin's made," Van Overschelde said. "We're excited about the experience that we return on the offensive line. We return some ex-

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Mitchell (0-0)
at Yankton (0-0)

7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field

SERIES SINCE 1981: Yankton 35-5. Bucks have won 29 straight.

LAST MEETING: Yankton beat Mitchell 40-0 last season.

LAST SEASON: Yankton went 7-4 and was eliminated in the quarterfinals. Mitchell went 1-8 and did not make the playoffs.

NEXT UP: Yankton begins four straight games against 11AAA opponents, a game at Rapid City Stevens. Mitchell hosts new ESD member Harrisburg.

BUS TRIP TO RAPID CITY

SET: There will be a charter bus for Yankton fans going out to Friday's Yankton-Stevens game. The bus will leave at 11 a.m. Friday morning, and return after the game. There is a cost to ride the bus. Contact Kim or Teresa at 665-6546 to reserve a seat.

FOLLOW THE GAME ONLINE:

The Press & Dakotan will host a live chat during the game. Find it here: http://www.yankton.net/yhs_gameday

Let The Games Begin



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Menno-Marion running back Chet Peterson, front, out-runs Irene-Wakonda defender Braxton Erwin, left, for a long run in their Friday night season opener in Menno. Peterson rushed for 168 yards, and teammate Nick Gortmaker rushed for 222 yards and threw for 149 more as the Razorbacks beat Irene-Wakonda 49-0 for the first win in the co-op's history.

Razorbacks Roll In Debut

MENNO — In the first game of their new co-op, the Menno-Marion Razorbacks gave their fans plenty of reason to get excited about 2013.

Propelled by 481 rushing yards, the Razorbacks rolled up 630 yards of total offense in a 49-0 shutout of Irene-Wakonda on Friday night in Menno.

Quarterback Nick Gortmaker rushed for 222 yards and one touchdown, and also added 149 yards and two scores through the air. Chet

Peterson ran for 168 yards and two touchdowns and Austin Handel added two scoring runs.

Menno-Marion got started early, leading 28-0 at halftime and holding down the Eagles — who managed 96 yards of total offense.

Devin Mehlhaf made seven tackles, with one sack, on defense for the Razorbacks, while Gortmaker added a sack.

In the loss for Irene-Wakonda, Garrett Anderson

ran for 50 yards and Gabe King passed for 37 yards.

Next week, Menno-Marion travels to Freeman and Irene-Wakonda hosts Alcester-Hudson in Irene.

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Vermillion 17, Lennox 0

LENNOX — The Vermillion Tangers defeated the Lennox Orioles 17-0 in the opening game of the 2013 season for both squads.

Tyler Madsen led Vermillion (1-0) with 74 yards rushing and a touchdown. Regan Bye added 54 yards on the ground. Jack Brown added a rushing

touchdown in the effort. Matt Oulette completed three passes for 56 yards.

There were no stats available for Lennox (0-1) in the loss.

Vermillion hosts South Sioux City on Sept. 6 in the DakotaDome. Lennox travels to Dakota Valley on Sept. 6, as well.

Wagner 22, Tri-Valley 14

COLTON — Dylan Brunings had a pair of touchdown passes to Noah St. Pierre as Wagner upset pre-season top-ranked Class 11B Tri-Valley 22-14 in Friday night's season opener in Colton.

Brunings completed 8-of-16 passes for 185 yards, with three of those passes

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Volleyball: Arrows Clip Gazelles In Season Opener

BY RICH REMMERS

Watertown Public Opinion

WATERTOWN — The Watertown Arrows got off to the start they were looking for and winded up getting the better of their former coach and the Yankton Gazelles on Friday in an Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match in the Civic Arena.

The Arrows posted a 3-1 win over the Gazelles. The match was the first of the season for both teams. Watertown took the opening game 25-15 before Yankton bounced back to win the sec-

ond game 25-20. The Arrows then wrapped up the match with 25-13 and 25-21 wins.

"I am very pleased with how well the girls played, especially coming out the way they did," said Watertown coach Kim Rohde. "I was a little afraid of having the first-game jitters but they just came out ready and prepared and looked really comfortable."

The match marked the return of former Watertown coach Tiffany Beste to the Civic Arena.

Beste coached the the Arrows from 2005 to 2011 be-

fore making the move to Yankton last year. She took over the Yankton volleyball program this year after helping the coaching staff in her first year at Yankton.

"I was pretty comfortable making my Yankton debut here in Watertown but I could have probably went into most ESD gyms and felt normal," said Beste. "It was great for me to come back here and I felt super comfortable. It was kind of fun to get to debut here with my last match having been on this court. It was a pretty neat night for me."

The Arrows showed no signs of jitters to start the match. Watertown raced to an 8-0 lead in the first game and held a 20-13 advantage at one point before kills by Macy Denzer and Holly Becking put the finishing touches on the game and gave Watertown the early advantage.

The Gazelles shook off their nerves and settled in and played a solid second game. Yankton jumped out to a 9-3 lead before the Arrows got things going. Watertown trimmed the deficit to 21-19

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Coyote Countdown To Season Hits '0' Today

USD Football Anxious To Start 2013 After 1-10 Season In '12

BY JEREMY HOECK

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VERMILLION — There was a time when a countdown clock in the USD football locker room and DakotaDome weight room read "200 days."

Eventually, that number got closer and closer to the 2013 season opener with UC Davis.

At some point, the Coyotes got tired of preparation. They're ready to take the field today (Saturday) at 2 p.m. against the Aggies in the DakotaDome.

"It's been going since last season ended," junior offensive lineman Andrew Schofield said of the countdown clock. "The excitement's been there for a long time."

"Every day we go into lift, we see it. We've been staring at it since it

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son's 1-10 output. Words like 'bigger,' 'faster' and 'stronger' have been common themes, along with the 'Band of Brothers' theme, during the pre-season.

"We busted it up in the weight room this summer, and we want to show South Dakota and all our fans that we're ready," sophomore defensive tackle Nick Jacobs said. "We love this state; we want to win."

started at two-hundred something."

It's been in the locker room and weight room where the Coyotes — by all accounts — have made the biggest improvements since last sea-

Fall practices have, however, provided the Coyotes with additional obstacles in the form of injuries. Three running backs have suffered setbacks (two of the season-ending variety) and a handful of other players have suffered setbacks.

Getting back on the field might just be the best remedy for some of these hurdles, head coach Joe Glenn said this week.

"Thank god," Glenn said after pointing out his team will have practiced 44 times between spring and fall camp before the opener.

"It's time to roll out the carpet. We still have to touch it up a little bit for the big dance, but we're ready to play."

UC Davis, like the Coyotes, took a step back in 2012. The Aggies went 4-7 in long-time head coach

Bob Biggs' last season. In steps new coach Ron Gould — formerly at California — who inherits a squad picked to finish 11th in the Big Sky Conference.

"They'll have a whole new way of doing things," Glenn said. "I saw him (Gould) in a picture with eight running backs, and they're all supposed to be bruisers."

"But there's only one football," Glenn joked.

And that ball will be guided by senior quarterback Randy Wright (2,410 yds, 13 TD), who was named the starter only Wednesday after a 3-man battle. He will be joined by last year's leading rusher Colton Silveria (590 yds, 3 TD) and leading receiver Corey Galindo (33 rec, 603 yds, 3 TD).

Up front, UC Davis has three new starters on the line — with a senior, two juniors and two sophomores. "They're pretty young up front,

so hopefully we can take advantage of that," Jacobs said. "We've been watching film and getting ready for them; I think we're ready to go."

And win, Schofield added.

"Both of us want to win really bad," he said. "We didn't come off the best seasons, but we both have the attitude that we want to win right now."

Part of that attitude also includes some of the self-inflicted wounds that derailed last season, Glenn said.

"Our discipline has to change. We can't have dumb penalties before and after the snap," he said. "I want to see us be tough. We'll try to run right at them, and I think they'll try to do the same thing."

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