

Golf: Dakota Wesleyan Sweeps Honors At Mount Marty Invite



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Morningside golfer Christian Nohr, a Crofton, Nebraska, native, watches his tee shot during the Mount Marty College Invitational golf tournament, held Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Dakota Wesleyan swept men's and women's team honors.

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Dakota Wesleyan University was able to sweep the Mount Marty College Invitational men's and women's golf tournament on Friday afternoon at Hillcrest Golf Course in Yankton.

The Tiger men shot 291, which was three shots over par. The women shot a 338, which was 46 over par.

"This is awesome, it will make me look forward to the rest of the season," Tyler Burr, winner of the men's division said. "The team did great today, we can't take anything away from the whole team."

Burr, from Dakota Wesleyan, shot a four under 68 to earn the title.

"The putter was really working today," he said. "That was what helped me and really gave me somewhat of a cushion."

Burr knew he had a legitimate shot at earning the title on hole 17.

"Coming down on the last hole I played, on 17, I knew with my drive I would probably have secured the victory," he said.

He also took advantage of the smaller greens, which is usually a difficult part of the course.

"The course was good," Burr said. "It's a short course, with small greens. I was able to get up and down on it, so it wasn't too big of a problem."

The Mount Marty men took fifth place, at 44 over, but coach Todd Schlimgen was optimistic.

"I think the biggest thing on this course is not letting bad shots bother us," he said. "We did a good job of controlling that and forgot about our bad holes and went on to the next holes."

He was also happy with how the men putted.

"Our putting was very well, better than we expected today," Schlimgen said. "We were able to minimize our longer holes."

The Lancer women were the highlight of the day, as they earned fourth place. Logan Wagner took home third place for Mount Marty.

"She (Wagner) is a great competitor," Schlimgen said. "She's always out here working on her game, whether it's golf, or basketball. She is just a strong asset

to our school."

Even though the Lancers got fourth, Schlimgen feels his girl's have their best golf coming.

"No one is ever happy with their rounds," he said. "We had some people do better than they thought, and some do worse than they thought. That will happen, we just need to get everyone on point for the GPAC tournaments, because those are the big ones."

As a whole, Schlimgen was happy with how the newcomers and freshmen performed.

"I thought as a whole we did well," he said. "This was the first meet for the year for all of us. The newcomers and freshmen played well. The first meet of the year is a start to see where you can end. We were happy with how we did today."

He also feels that staying on the fairway will be key for both squads.

"We want to stay in the fairway and keep our strokes down," Schlimgen said. "Driving and putting are key components to golf. We need to keep working

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Cougars, Razorbacks Roll In Season Openers

VIBORG — Rusten Anderson led Viborg-Hurley in the win against Parker 26-0 throwing for 181 yards for three touchdowns in football action Thursday.

In the win for Viborg-Hurley, Dakota Flint made a 60 yard run for a touchdown and had three receptions for 68 yards. Dillon Sawyer made seven tackles and rushed for 49 yards. Matt Munkvold made two receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown.

For Parker, Landon Leberman was 15-6 for 23 yards passing and Kordell Buyck had 12 rushes for 33 yards and eight tackles.

Next, Parker will host Centerville and Viborg-Hurley will play at Garretson Thursday.

Menno-Marion 43, Irene-Wakonda 6

IRENE — Menno-Marion rolled past Irene-Wakonda 43-6 on Friday evening behind 136 yards rushing from Austin Hardel.

Brody Bierke helped Menno-Marion (1-0) with 121 rushing yards, as well. Lincoln Lanquack added 10 tackles in the victory.

Bryant Knoedel and Josh Headly combined for 45 rushing yards in the loss for Irene-Wakonda (0-1).

Menno-Marion will host Freeman on Friday, while Irene-Wakonda will travel to Alcester-Hudson.

MENNO-MARION (1-0).....14 22 36 43
IRENE-WAKONDA (0-1).....6 6 6 6

Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian 39, Freeman 6

FREEMAN — Behind 146 rushing yards and two touchdowns from Nate Spawn, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian

was able to throttle Freeman 39-6.

Coby Johnson and Charles Harberts combined to throw for 135 yards and a touchdown for PGDC (1-0). Cody Roth had five snags for 62 yards, while Buley Hoffman rushed for 38 yards on six touches.

There were no stats available for Freeman (0-1).

PGDC will travel to Kimball to face Kimball-White Lake on Friday, while Freeman voyages to Marion to face Menno-Marion.

Scotland 48, Centerville 0

SCOTLAND — Scotland toppled Centerville 48-0 on Friday night thanks to 246 rushing yards from Alex Kotalik. He also added three scores in the contest.

On the defensive side, Josh Vaith led Scotland (1-0) with nine tackles.

Rory O'Malley led Centerville (0-1) with 43 passing yards. Tyrell Martz rushed for 19 yards, in the loss.

Scotland will travel to Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Friday, while Centerville will host Baltic.

SCOTLAND (1-0).....28 14 0 6-48
CENTERVILLE (0-1).....0 0 0 0-0

Avon 76, Burke-South Central 27

AVON — Avon brought the offensive weapons on display for their 76-27 dismantling of Burke-South Central on Friday afternoon.

Devin Tolisma rushed for 329 yards, while Logan Mudder added 76 passing yards for Avon (1-0).

Tyson Serr led Burke-South Central (0-1) with 70 rushing yards in the loss.

Avon will host Gregory on Friday, while Burke-South Central will travel to Marty Indian.

AVON (1-0).....24 40 54 76
BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (0-1).....0 20 7 0-27

Madison 36, Dell Rapids 33

DELL RAPIDS — Madison came back from an 18-8 first quarter deficit to defeat



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Viborg-Hurley's Rusten Anderson (15) hurdles over a Parker defender during season-opening high school football action Friday night in Viborg. Anderson threw for 181 yards and three touchdowns in a 26-0 victory.

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Tanagers Tame Lennox 26-20

BY ALAN DALE
The Plain Talk

VERMILLION — Jack Brown threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers and the Vermillion defense toughened up in the second half to lead a Tanager 26-20 win at the DakotaDome Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

Vermillion (1-0) defeated Lennox for the second straight season on football's opening weekend.

Neither offense got going in the third but a long punt return by Tanager Peterson set up the hometown boys with some prime real estate heading into the final quarter.

The Orioles wouldn't let that ruffle their feathers as they picked off a deep Brown pass to keep within one score.

Yeah, about that...

Ouellette picked off a Lennox pass and wheeled his way into the end zone to put the Tanagers up 26-14 with 9:06 left in the game.

The visitors responded with an impressive drive but the Tanager defense raised Lennox's hand with a full deck of Clubs.

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Bucks

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tle, which was crucial. The last time we played them, we had that mindset to be more physical and to get after them. We came out and really executed what we wanted to do."

A key difference from last season's contest will be the loss of seniors, according to Likness.

"The big difference will be the loss of the seniors, for both teams," he said. "We have new leaders who have stepped up and taken those roles, which is huge for us. I'm going to bank on our guys to step up and get the job done."

Likness knows that even though Mitchell went 3-6 last season, they have potential to tear up 11AA this season.

"They are talented and very good," he said. "Mitchell is for real, they gave three pretty good quarterbacks, running backs, and receivers. It's really a complete package."

The Kernels will rely on: Kanin Nelson (Jr., QB), Mitch Johnson (Sr., RB), Tyler Larson (Sr., TE), and Beau Brown (Sr., WR) to open the field up.

"Those are some of our play-makers," Van Overschelde said. "The offense really gets started when those guys get going."

This week in practice, Mitchell locked in on Yankton's dual threat quarterback, senior Mason Strahl.

"He (Strahl) proved to be very affective for Yankton down the stretch. He's a dual threat guy, he was a real focus for us this week."

Van Overschelde will look for Mitch Johnson (Sr., ILB) to command the defense.

"Johnson will be our run-stopper," he said. "If you hear his name a lot, that will mean that our guys up front are doing their job."

Likness is expecting

Mitchell to use their standard offense against the Bucks. However, he noted that he wouldn't be surprised if the Kernels tried to sneak up on Yankton.

"They will do a lot of their bread-and-butter," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they put a few wrinkles in, as well. I think offensively, they will use their speed to get to the edge. We need to try to control that and win the position battle."

Van Overschelde is sticking to his guns and wants to establish a running attack versus Yankton.

"Our plan is very simple," he said. "We're going to run the ball and execute our plan, but we need our offensive line to make a statement and have success early. We need to focus on what will win us games from August to Octo-

ber, not just one game or two."

When Yankton has the ball, they will look to get Mitchell in different positions, forcing them to make split decisions.

"When they think we are in a running formation, they will bring the house at us a few times," Likness said. "I think in passing situations, they will try to invite us to a few spots to try and get interceptions. We need to complete our check downs and find all our reads."

In order for Mitchell to have success, they will need to stop the run and not give up the big play, Van Overschelde says.

"We really set a focus on stopping the run," he said. "We have been prone to giving up long runs and drives. If we can accomplish that, we

will be successful."

A key for Yankton is controlling the tempo and field position.

"We need to take control of field position," Likness said. "The team set a goal of no turnovers. If they do that, the odds get a lot better. We need to move the ball, if the defense can stop them, it will keep guys fresh. We are going to try and run a couple different tempo's. If we get the lead, we will try and slow it down a bit."

Being able to stimulate Yankton's control will be tough, but Van Overschelde believes his Kernels are up

for the task.


"The first game, we really are preparing for their normal offense," he said. "We want to be able to put ourselves in the position to recognize what's going on. We will really need composure and to be able to show our play-making ability, which will help us compete at a high level."

The Yankton seniors haven't defeated Mitchell, which dates back to middle school. Likness feels getting a victory over a team his seniors haven't beat, will be a great step in the right direction.

"We have to go out and play good football," he said. "If we can get some help from underclassmen and get a win in Mitchell, considering they (seniors) never got a win, it would be a great rebound and a step in the right direction. We will have to stay together and fight until the end."

Kickoff is set for 7p.m. at Joe Quintal Field in Mitchell.

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