

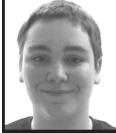
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Bucks Tennis Team Playing Near Top Of Conference; Plan To Finish Well



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Yankton Bucks tennis looks to finish the season strong. They have beat every team in ESD except for Aberdeen Central and Mitchell.

Coach Matthew Termansen believes that the Bucks are definitely near the top of the conference and is anticipating a strong performance.

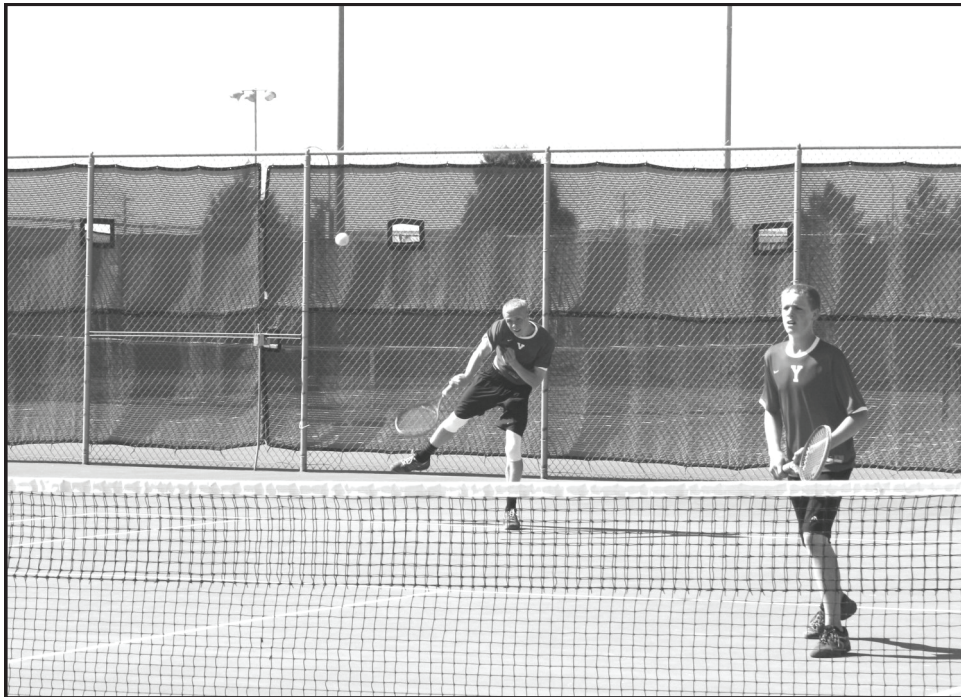
The Bucks are 11-5 thus far and have shown no signs of slowing down.

Coach Termansen says, “We feel like we are the 2nd best team in the ESD. The only teams that we have lost to are Mitchell and Aberdeen Central but we get a chance at redemption against Aberdeen on Saturday.”

The Bucks have been led by senior Luke Rockne, who's been varsity since his seventh grade year.

Rockne has posted an 10-3 record this year in singles against the best players in the state, as he plays in flight one.

Rockne is seeking a top eight seed at State. Accord-



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Above and Right: The doubles team of brothers Luke (left) and Hunter Rockne (Right) is shown taking on Sioux City Heelan on April 30 at Yankton.

ing Coach Termansen, “Luke is one of the best players in the state. We are hoping to solidify a top 8 seed at the State Tournament knowing that he can beat anyone at flight 1 if he plays his best.”

Rockne has also teamed up with his freshman brother Hunter Rockne to post a 9-5 record in flight one doubles this year. If they continue to compete well, with a strong finish they can earn a top eight seed in doubles at state.

The Buck's strength this year comes from more than Rockne; they have had outstanding leadership from another pair of seniors, Paul Fanta and Jason Shindler.

Shindler, who plays flight two, has posted an 11-5 record this year.

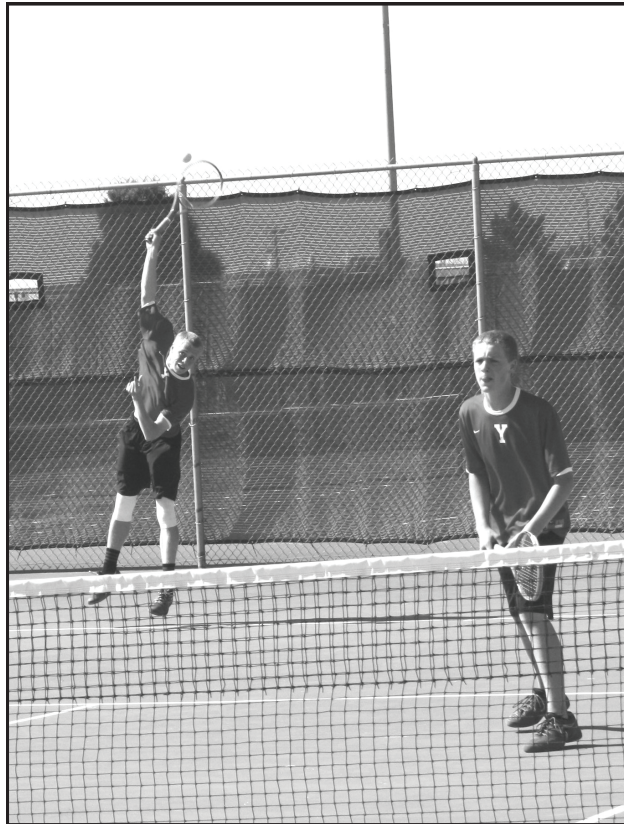
Coach Termansen believes that Shindler's leadership this season has been crucial to several Buck victories, both in singles and doubles.

Termansen says, “Jason is a senior that has been

rock solid as a leader. He has played in every single match this year and I know that I am going to get his best effort on every single point. Between doubles and singles, he has helped us win a lot of matches this year.”

Fanta has battled through some early season injuries to post a 4-1 record in flight 4 singles and looks to finish strong.

Fanta and Shindler have also teamed up as the flight two doubles team for the



Bucks this year, posting an 11-2 record.

The Bucks have set themselves up very well for good seeds at ESD and State.

Coach Termansen says that if they can get through a tough end of the year schedule they should all be where they want to be come year end tournaments.

Termansen is hoping for at least a top three finish at ESD and a top eight finish at the state tournament, both of which are very ob-

tainable for this squad. He notes, “We want to get 2nd at ESD. Mitchell is far and away the best team, so everyone else is playing for 2nd. We are very strong at the top of our lineup so we are hoping to get a lot of points from our top guys at the ESD Championships.”

Only time will tell if this Bucks' team will make the most of their potential, but if their season so far is any indication, the year could certainly end on a high note.

Baseball Season Heating Up; Teams Preparing To Have Successful Summer League Seasons



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The Bucks baseball teams are just finishing up a strong 2015 season. They have regions, which they have to win, before they go to the state tournament. Teams in the Buck's region include: Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, and Mitchell. Senior Adam Walter says, “We have a good chance to make it to state if we keep playing well.”

Bucks baseball is led by head coach Trey Krier and assistant coach Craig Rolfes. The team leaders are the senior captains: Ben Cameron, Adam Walter, Brad Ulmer, Austin Johnson, and Wyatt Adam. Krier says, “All five of them lead in different ways.”

One difficulty with spring baseball is the weather. Krier says, “Spring season in South Dakota is tough because the season is so fast, and the weather gets in the way of a lot of the things you want to do.” Luckily the boys are up to this challenge and have not only succeeded, but thrived. “Our guys have done a good job of preparing themselves and getting into the swing of things. I think we are starting to get to a point where we have consistent output from certain people, and we are starting to understand roles within our group” comments Coach Krier.

To prepare for games, regions, and state, the Bucks work hard on both offensive and defensive repetitions. Krier says that a typical spring practice looks like, “A lot of time in the batting cage and a lot of time fielding ground balls and fly balls. We are also trying to build up arm strength and stamina for our position players and also our pitchers.”

The future of spring baseball looks promising as well. Krier says, “The leadership of our senior group is what is going to take us as far as we go this year and in the years to come. I firmly believe that leadership by our upperclassmen has an impact on our team long after those seniors are gone. They have a lot of things they can show and leave with our talented underclassmen.”



Track Team Has Tremendous Talent



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Yankton's tracks season is in full swing. Coming off their last competition at Howard Wood the Bucks and Gazelles like where their season is headed.

“At the beginning of the year the goal was just to compete well and not embarrass ourselves. As the year has gone on we have realized that as a team we have tremendous talent on both the boys and the girls team. Giving us the goal of a combined state championship,” says Bucks open 400 runner John Dannenbring, “I know I am personally not the best runner out there but that doesn't stop me from cheering on my teammates as they win.”

It has been this attitude from everyone on the track team that has carried them as far as they have come this year.

“This year especially our track team seems to be closer then ever and to me we seem like we are one happy family,” Senior Janae Osborn says. This overall attitude is shared by the entire team and has really showed come race day. The Yankton has team has really excelled this in year in all areas. Having that all-around team is something

that will help guide the boys and girls of Yankton Track to hopefully a district title, as well an overall team title.

“Yankton hasn't exactly been known as a track powerhouse in the last few years throughout the state. So for me and all of our team winning ESD and possibly winning state team title would be an awesome way to end our senior year. I think this year we have the team to put us back on the map as a dominate ESD track team. Plus taking that victory lap around the track up in Brookings wouldn't be bad either.” says Evan Greenway adding, “That's our ultimate goal, to win ESD.”

With a star studded team, who knows what this year's Yankton Buck and Gazelle track team is going to accomplish. Could this years ESD track victory be the next banner that gets hung in the Summit? We will have to wait and find out.

The ESD Conference Meet will take place in Brookings on May 16, followed by the Last Chance Meet on May 21. After that, the State Track Meet wraps up the season on May 29-30 in Sturgis and Rapid City.

Gazelle Golf Started Season Without A Key Golfer; Continues Improving



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The season started out rough says Coach Sime “The beginning of the season was kind of tough we were missing one of our top golfers, Becky Frick.”

But this helped the team as a whole, Coach Sime continued to say that the injury helped some of the other girls step up to the tee and better their golf game. Upon Becky's return Coach Sime stated that “Our scores have gotten better and we are competing at a higher level.”

The golf team is back on track for the ESD conference on Friday the 8th and the team hopes to place in the top two, “If we have a good day and the other team has a bad one, you never know what could happen,” says Coach Sime.

Ashley VanMeeteran, one of the girls on the team, is also ready, “We have played in a lot of tournaments already and have improved each time.”

The state tournament is also on the horizon. This year the tournament will be held in Rapid City May 18-19. The team hopes to place high in this tournament and bring home a plaque for Yankton High School. One challenge in both tournaments is the course. Ashley VanMeeteran said, “We have never played either the ESD or the state courses so it will be a challenge, but I believe we can conquer them.”

This doesn't seem to phase the team though, Becky Frick said “I think if we stay positive we will be able to do well at each tournament.” The team definitely seems to have an overall positive attitude going into two of the biggest tournaments of the year. The girls also have a meet coming up on May 14 in Brandon Valley.



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