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For a sixth straight year, a Sioux Falls public school will win the Class 11AA title at the South Dakota State Football Championships, which will be held this Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Many people have used this fact — and the fact that the Sioux Falls public schools are among the largest in the state — as the

basis for an argument to create an 11AAA class for football only. But if you look at the rest of the championship weekend field, you'd realize that the size of those biggest schools can't be the only factor in their recent success.

In the other 11-man classes — 11A and 11B — all four of the title contenders are from within 45 minutes of

Sioux Falls, with McCook Central-Montrose being the only one outside of a 25-minute barrier. Class 9A favorite Canistota and Class 9AA contender Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan are also from within 45 minutes of the state's largest city.

If the effects are being felt in five of the six classes — Class 9B being the only one without a Sioux Falls neighbor in the mix — there must be something else.

South Dakota Junior Football has become the feeder system that it was hoped to be when it was first formed in 1969, providing Sioux Falls and area schools with players, and the result has been success for not just Sioux Falls public schools, but surrounding communities as well.

Sioux Falls schools had just two championship losses from 1981 to 2003, but did not clamor for their own class. Why is the rest of the state crying for one after just six years?

## **Senior Moment**

Think 11AAA Is Needed? Then Look At The Other Classes

South Dakota's Tahnee Reed, left, Tori Kroll, Carol Logato and Kyle Everett celebrate a Coyote point during **USD's Summit League** volleyball match with Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne Sunday at the DakotaDome. Reed and Logato, the team's two seniors, were honored prior to the match, the final home event for the Coyotes this season.

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### **Sumner Earn MVFC Honors**

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State quarterback Austin Sumner has been named the Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Sumner, a redshirt freshman from Brandon, completed 16-of-28 passes for 328 yards and four touchdowns in the Jackrabbits' 45-34 Hobo Day victory over Southern Illinois. All four of Sumner's touchdown passes, which tied a career high, came in the first half. He hooked up with Aaron Rollin on a pair of first-quarter touchdowns, covering 5 and 44 yards, then threw touchdown passes of 71 and 4 yards to Dale Moss in the second quarter. Sumner topped the 300-yard mark for the second consecutive game and fifth time in six

## **SDSU Volleyball Caps Hobo** Day With 3-1 Win At ORU

TULSA, Okla. — The South Dakota State volleyball team played its final road match of the season on Saturday at Oral Roberts, and came away with a 3-1 win, snapping a season-long seven match losing streak in the process.

The Jackrabbits, who won by the set scores of 25-21, 27-25, 16-25 and 25-23, improve to 13-17 overall and 5-11 in The Summit League. Oral Roberts falls to 19-8 overall and 12-5 in league play.

Kaitlin Klingemann led the Jacks with 16 kills and with six block assists. Kelly Herrmann added 11 kills and 15 digs for her sixth double-double of the season. Ellyce Youngren finished with 10 kills, adding four block assists and two solo blocks in the win.

Shay Birath led the SDSU defense with 29 digs, while Emily Palmer finished with a career-high 27 digs. Elizabeth McVicker led the Golden Eagles with 12 kills, Joana Gruber added 11, while Olivia Ophus and

Jessica Pancratz both finished with 10. Bruna Silva

led the ORU defense with 35 digs. The Jackrabbits jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the match, dropped the third set and then fell into an early 10-5 hole in the fourth set. SDSU battled back to

tie the set at 12-all before finally taking a lead at 15-14. ORU came right back and took a 16-14 lead, and held on to that lead until SDSU tied the match at 23-

23 on a Palmer service ace.

A Klingemann kill put the Jacks up 24-13 and an ORU attack error ended the match with a 25-23 score in the fourth set.

The Jackrabbits return home for their final three matches of the season, starting with a match against No. 12 Northern Iowa on Monday at 6 p.m., followed by matches against UMKC on Friday and South Dakota on Saturday.

## NASCAR SPRINT CUP-AAA TEXAS

500 Sunday At Texas Motor Speedway, Fort

3. (9) Kasey Kahne, Toyota, 334, 113.5, 42, \$231,883. 4. (3) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 334, 124.1, 41, \$227,461.

\$196.125 6. (23) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 334, 104.8, 38, \$190,661. 7. (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 334, 88.3, 37, \$144,475.

9. (18) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 334, 88.3, 35, \$164,433.

10. (26) A J Allmendinger, Ford, 334, 91.6, 74, \$157,735. Top 12 in Points: 1. C.Edwards, 2,316; 2. T.Stewart, 2,313; 3. K.Harvick, 2,283; 4. M.Kenseth, 2,278; 5. Bra.Keselowski, 2,267; 6. J.Johnson, 2,261; 7. D.Earnhardt Jr., 2,237; 8

J.Gordon, 2,235; 9. Ku.Busch, 2,229; 10. D.Hamlin, 2,217; 11. Ky.Busch, 2,216; 12. **VOLLEYBALL** 

### SATURDAY'S S.D. SCORES

CLASS A (Heartland Events Center)

CLASS B (GISH)

Elkhorn South (27-4) vs. Gering (29-6), 12:30 p.m. Lincoln Pius X (35-3) vs. Beatrice (11-22),

Avon 38. Harding County 8 Waverly-South Shore 52, Viborg/Hurley 17

Canistota 42, Hanson 0 Wall 20, Corsica/Stickney 14

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Howells (26-4) vs. Hampton (22-10), 12:30

. Wynot (24-4) vs. Brady (25-4), 2:30 p.m.

Stuart (28-3) vs. Levton (25-6), 5:30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL** 

Class 11AA Sioux Falls Roosevelt 23, Sioux Falls O'Gor-

Sioux Falls Washington 42, Sioux Falls Lin-

Class 11B

McCook Central/Montrose 28, Winner 7

Class 9AA

Kimball/White Lake 42, Deubrook 28

Class 9A

Class 9B

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 50, Leola/Frede

Tri-Valley 48, St. Thomas More 19

SATURDAY'S S.D. SEMIFINALS

Class 11A
Dell Rapids 41, Tea Area 13
West Central 34, Spearfish 7

Giltner (20-7) vs. Bertrand (28-2), 7:30 p.m.

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Record Pts Pv 1. LSU (59) 9-0 1,499 9-0 1,398

sland Central Catholic (29-3) vs.	<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	9-0	1,369	
3-6), 2:30 p.m.	<ol><li>Alabama</li></ol>	8-1	1,334	
is Scotus (26-0) vs. Ashland-Green-	<ol><li>Boise St. (1)</li></ol>	8-0	1,288	
), 5:30 p.m.	6. Oregon	8-1	1,184	
25-4) vs. Ogallala (28-8), 7:30 p.m.	<ol><li>Oklahoma</li></ol>	8-1	1,138	
ASS C2 (Hastings High)	8. Arkansas	8-1	1,107	
High Northeast (31-1) vs. Elm-	<ol><li>Clemson</li></ol>	8-1	979	
ck (28-7), 12:30 p.m.	<ol><li>Virginia Tech</li></ol>	8-1	885	
er (26-5) vs. Yutan (26-5), 2:30 p.m.	11. Houston	9-0	804	
atte St. Patrick (24-7) vs. Hastings	12. Penn St.	8-1	725	
25-7), 5:30 p.m.	<ol><li>13. Michigan St.</li></ol>	7-2	718	
6) vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic	14. Georgia	7-2	657	
o.m.	<ol><li>South Carolina</li></ol>	7-2	654	
D1 (Grand Island Northwest)	<ol><li>Wisconsin</li></ol>	7-2	602	
'alley (27-4) vs. Guardian Angels	<ol><li>Kansas St.</li></ol>	7-2	546	
olic (21-10), 12:30 p.m.	<ol><li>Southern Cal</li></ol>	7-2	502	- 1
ey (30-2) vs. Hitchcock County (28-	<ol><li>Nebraska</li></ol>	7-2	491	
	<ol><li>Georgia Tech</li></ol>	7-2	340	- 1
Davenport-Shickley (26-4) vs.	21. Texas	6-2	313	Ν
21-11), 5:30 p.m.	<ol><li>Michigan</li></ol>	7-2	264	
Milligan (30-1) vs. Winside (24-7),	<ol><li>Cincinnati</li></ol>	7-1	206	- 1
	24. Auburn	6-3	181	- 1

25. Southern Miss.

Others receiving votes: TCU 56, Ohio St. 50, Arizona St. 15, Florida St. 12, Washington 8, Iowa 4, Notre Dame 4, Baylor 3, Tulsa 1, Virginia 1, West Virginia 1.

USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. records through Nov. 5, total points based on 25

and previous ranking:	2001,	Tennessee	4		
and previous ranking.			_		
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1. LSU (59)	9-0	1,475	1	Indianapolis	0
<ol><li>Stanford</li></ol>	9-0	1,378	3		
<ol><li>Oklahoma State</li></ol>	9-0	1,359	4		W
<ol><li>Alabama</li></ol>	8-1	1,286	2	Cincinnati	6
<ol><li>Boise State</li></ol>	8-0	1,242	5	Pittsburgh	6
6. Oregon	8-1	1,180	6	Baltimore	5
<ol><li>Oklahoma</li></ol>	8-1	1,141	7	Cleveland	3
8. Arkansas	8-1	1,075	8		
9. Virginia Tech	8-1	955	11		W
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Miami 31. Kansas City 3 New Orleans 27, Tampa Bay 16 Houston 30, Cleveland 12 San Francisco 19, Washington 11 N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 11 Atlanta 31, Indianapolis 7 Denver 38, Oakland 24 Cincinnati 24, Tennessee 17 Green Bay 45, San Diego 38 Arizona 19, St. Louis 13, OT N.Y. Giants 24. New England 20 Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m. Open: Carolina, Detroit, Jacksonville, Min-

Monday's Game Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m Thursday, Nov. 10
Oakland at San Diego, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 13

Buffalo at Dallas, noon Denver at Kansas City, noon Washington at Miami, noon

St. Louis at Cleveland, noon Arizona at Philadelphia, noon Tennessee at Carolina, noon Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon

Houston at Tampa Bay, noon New Orleans at Atlanta, noon Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noor Baltimore at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m. Detroit at Chicago, 3:15 p.m New England at N.Y. Jets, 7:20 p.m.

Minnesota at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

#### **TRANSACTIONS** HOCKEY

National Hockey League
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned F Benn river to Worcester (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F D.J. King to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Houston RW Jed Ortmeyer one game for an illegal check to the head during Friday's game at Hamilton.
BINGHAMTON SENATORS—Assigned G Brian Stewart to Elmira (ECHL).

ECHL ELMIRA JACKALS—Waived D Stephen

### SATURDAY'S TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to

terms with 1B Jim Thome on a one-year con-FOOTBALL

National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed P Chris Jones from the practice squad. Released G

NEW YORK GIANTS—Activated WR Ram ses Barden from the physically-unable-to-pe

form list.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed P Dan Sepulveda on injured reserve. Signed P Jeremy

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed CB Phillip Buchanon on the injured reserve list Signed CB Brandyn Thompson.

#### VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Districts -Monday, November 7

AREA CALENDAR

FOOTBALL, PREP Neb. Playoffs Quar-Catholic (3 p.m., KKYA-FM, KVHT-FM); Class D1 — Bruning-Davenport-Shickley at Creighton (5 p.m.)

2AA (Third — Brandon Valley at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM); S.D. Regions — 4A at Elk Point (Tea at Elk Point-Jefferson, 7 p.m.); 5A at Wagner (Tri-Valley vs. Wagner, 7 p.m.); 4B at Parker (Alcester-Hudson at Parker, 7 p.m.): 6B at Scotland (Andes Central vs. Hanson, Wednesday, November 9

No activities scheduled

## HOCKEY National Hockey League COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled F Cam Alkinson from Springfield (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled left wing

Fabian Brunnstrom from the Grand Rapids NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with D Anton Stralman.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned F Mat-

tias Ritola to Norfolk (AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Recalled D Paul
Postma from the St. John's (AHL).

ECHL

FCHI —Suspended Alaska RW Wes Goldie two games and fined him an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in a Nov. 4 game against Bakersfield MOTORSPORTS

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR—Suspended Kyle Busch for the
Sprint Cup or Nationwide races at Texas after he
deliberately wrecked championship contender
Ron Hornaday Jr. in the Truck Series race on COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT—Named Kevin Freeman men's assistant director of basketball adminis-

# **South Dakota**

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"They're almost flawless when you watch them on film," Houk said of Friday's matchup with first-place NDSU. "We can't be inconsistent against them, or we won't even win one set.

Put simply, USD has its work cut out for it next weekend.

"It'll be tough up there, and we know that," Kroll said. "We'll work hard in practice and hopefully come out with two wins.

"That'd be great."

## FREMONT, Neb. — Bethel outscored Mount Marty

37-24 in the second half to beat the Lancers 70-55 at the Midland Women's Basketball Classic Saturday.

Hicks had 14 points and Sarah Clark added 10 points for the Lady Pilots, who shot 49 percent from the field. Alexa Berg scored 19 points to lead Mount Marty.

Kylie Gross finished with 15 points. Taylor Forsch

# **Coyotes**

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short run later, the Cougars' Sid Hart made a 37-yard field goal with the wind to give Viborg-Hurley a 10-8 lead.

After a defensive stop, the

Cougars were trying to put to-

gether another drive — this time with the wind — when a pitch attempt went awry. Taylor Zemlicka fell on the ball in the endzone, giving Waverly-South Shore the lead. Viborg-Hurley drove to midfield on its ensuing drive but stalled near midfield. A 28-yard pass from

Taylor Zemlicka to Jordan Buchholz set up a Brent Zemlicka 12yard scoring run. A 24-yard scoring run by Taylor Zemlicka just over two minutes later sent the Coyotes to the half leading 30-10.

"We knew we had to play sound, aggressive football. When we didn't, Viborg-Hurley found a way to score," Kirch said. "We got things fixed, got people in the right spots."

The Coyotes' Taylor Zemlicka scored on a 47-yard run to start the second half, but Viborg-Hurley answered with a long drive, culminating in Matt Jensen's 1-yard scoring run.

other Viborg-Hurley drive inside the WSS 20. But three straight plays from the 1-yard-line were turned back, keeping the Cougars out of the endzone. Waverly-South Shore took the ball 77 yards, finishing with a Brent Zemlicka 9-yard run, and Brent Zemlicka added a 12-yard scoring run three minutes later to complete the scoring.

196 yards and three scores, and three scores for Waverly-South Shore, which finished with 328 yards rushing. Tyson Zemlicka led the WSS de-

fense with 15 tackles. Buchholz added 10 stops.

Tyler Novak rushed for 44 yards to lead Viborg-Hurley, which Dennis DeNeui had four catches for 44 vards.

DeNeui made 15 tackles, with Novak and Jacob Reiners each

proved a vital factor.

"When we could score against the wind, that was huge," Kirch said. "Luckily we were able to do that.

against the wind, Viborg-Hurley head coach John Nyhaug does not blame that for the Cougars' loss. "If you coach long enough in South Dakota, you're going to have

nights like this," he said. "We were handled up front. They were an excellent football. They would have been excellent in any weather." Waverly-South Shore will now make the trip south to Vermillion,

where the Coyotes draw perennial Dome residents Avon. The Pirates won 38-8 at Harding County on Sat-Game time Friday is 11 a.m., the first of three nine-man finals set for the second day of the three-day

championship session in the DakotaDome. Viborg-Hurley, which played for the 9AA final a year ago, finishes with an 8-3 record. The Cougars' regular season losses came at the hands of Canistota and Hanson,

which met in the Class 9A semifinals Saturday. "I told our guys that when it's all said and done, we didn't necessarily want to dwell on this game,' Nyhaug said. "We wanted to focus on the success we've had the last two years. They accomplished a lot. They were undefeated the last three years in the Tri-Valley Confer-

They have a lot to be proud

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"I knew that Harding County would have physical kids, because they always do," Avon coach Tom Culver said. "But we knew if we continued to pound with our running game, it's going to wear them down. The first half, they were making tackles. All of a sudden, they aren't making them and our

backs were finishing." Harding County (9-2) failed to finish a couple drives.

COLTON — Tri-Valley earned a trip to the Class 11B finals with a 48-19 victory over St. Thomas

More in the Class 11B semifinals Saturday.

just 5-of-21 passes for 103 yards

Brett Page threw for three touchdowns and rushed for another to lead Tri-Valley. Kyle Erickson rushed for three scores. Kenton Welbig, Andrew Buchmann and Dom Burggraff caught touchdown passes in the win. Jake Sullivan threw for 165 yards and a

and Newt Johnson running the ball into the endzone for the Cavaliers. Thad Johnson had seven tackles and a sack to lead the Tri-Valley defense. Caleb Heiberger

score for St. Thomas More. Cory Weidmann

caught a touchdown pass, with Taton Bolton

had a paif of sacks. Tri-Valley, 11-0, will face McCook Central-Montrose in the Class 11B final, Thrusday in the DakotaDome. St. Thomas More finishes with a

### Class 9AA KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE 42, DEUBROOK

AREA 28: KIMBALL — Kimball-White Lake used a pair of 100-yard rushers and a 129-yard passing day from Jesse Taylor to claim a 42-28 victory over Deubrook Area in the Class 9AA football semifinals Saturday

Trevor Reinesch rushed for 163 yards and three touchdowns for Kimball-White Lake. Seth Carstens rushed for 131 yards and three scores. Kyle Peters caught four Taylor passes

ing one in the endzone for a Kimball-White Lake safety. Dylan Konechne made nine stops. Turner Blasius added eight tackles.

Class 11AA
WASHINGTON 42, LINCOLN 7: SIOUX
FALLS — DaVonte Clay rushed for 282 yards and five touchdowns to lead Sioux Falls Wash-

The victory gives Washington (8-2) its fifth consecutive state finals appearance, a Class 11AA record.

tion for the Washington defense. Dan Marlette and Austin Bensen also picked off passes. Lincoln's Alex Schultz threw for 218 yards and a score on 22-42 passing. Trey Naasz had

catching the lone Lincoln touchdown. Trevor Naasz led the Lincoln defense with

A Coyotes' 3-and-out set up an-

Taylor Zemlicka finished with Brent Zemlicka had 131 yards and

gained 104 yards on the ground and 60 through the air. Jack Huether was 6-16 passing, with

making 12 tackles for Viborg-Hur-The Coyotes' efforts against the

While the Cougars struggled

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Class 11B

SCOREBOARD **AUTO RACING** Grand Is Concordia (23

Worth, Texas
1. (5) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 334 laps, 144
rating, 48 points, \$484,783.
2. (7) Carl Edwards, Ford, 334, 120.9, 43, Lutherar

5. (1) Greg Biffle, Ford, 334, 107.1, 40, Central Catho

8. (19) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 334, 89.7, 36, \$134,325. CLASS D2 (Grand Island Central Catholic)

District 15A Championship: Hot Springs def. Custer, 25-15, 25-15, 25-13

NEBRASKA STATE TOURN. Nov. 10-12 at Kearney and Hastings Grand Island High School (29-5) vs. Lincoln Northeast (21-15), 12:30 p.m. Omaha Burke (30-6) vs. Bellevue East (30-

Millard West (17-16) vs. Papillion-LaVista South (34-0), 5:30 p.m. Lincoln Southwest (29-5) vs. Omaha Marian (32-8), 7:30 p.m.

Gretna (26-4) vs. Omaha Skutt (28-9), 5:30 Omaha Gross (22-10) vs. Northwest (32-4),

7:30 p.m. CLASS C1 (Hastings College) Kearney Catholic (28-2) vs. Norfolk Catholic (27-5), 12:30 p.m.

MMC Sixth, Eighth In GPAC Cross Country Meet LINCOLN, Neb. — The Mount Marty College men's team finished sixth and the women finished eighth in the Great Plains Athletic

Conference Cross Country Championships, held Saturday at Pioneer Park in Lincoln, Neb. Nebraska Wesleyan swept the team titles. Doane's Edwin Ronoh won the men's race, completing the 8,000-meter course in 26:12.73.

Nebraska Wesleyan's Hannah Kin-

berg won the women's race, finish-

ing the 5,000-meter course in

Leonardo Banales led the MMC men, finishing 16th in 27:02.13. Samuel Lopez (27:21.31) finished 25th, with Jordan Pater (28:03.47) 38th, Titus Kosgei (28:07.71) 40th and Tyler Smit (28:13.54) 43rd. Also for Mount Marty, James Jensen (29:36.14) placed 74th, Joshua Monson (30:05.02) placed 81st, Kevin Kosman (30:51.91) fin-

ished 85th and Mychal Bierwagen The Ranchers, who totaled 212 yards of offense, turned the ball

a couple passes into the stiff wind before the Ranchers lost a fumble at the Avon 9-yard line. You can't have things like that in a close game," Wammen said. Harding County capitalized on an Avon fumble to score the

over on downs at the Avon 9 yard

second quarter. Trailing 22-8 in the

third quarter, Jess Feist completed

line after blocking a punt in the

game's first touchdown when Feist found Chek Giannonatti for a 33yard score. Feist, who completed

with a pair of picks, added the two-Hunter Dykes recorded eight tackles, includ-

> Trever Peterson completed seven passes for 172 vards and a score, with Rilev Hanson making three catches for 105 yards and a score. Ryan Knutson rushed for 104 yards and two

> ington to a 42-7 rout of Sioux Falls Lincoln in the semifinals of the Class 11AA football playoffs, held Saturday at Howard Wood Field.

Clay carried the ball 38 times and scored on runs of eight, eight, 12, seven and 20 yards. Quarterback John Hander scored the other Washington touchdown. Nate Gerry had 10 tackles and an intercep-

nine catches for 98 yards, with Nick Goeman

16 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble re-

12. Penn State 13. Michigan State 15. South Carolina 618 572 20 9 22 23 25 13 530 386 354 339 334 17 Nebraska 18. Cincinnati 19. Georgia Tech 20. Texas 21. Michigan 22. Kansas State 23. Southern Mississippi 24. TCU 328 25. Auburn 6-3 109 Others receiving votes: Arizona State 49: Florida State 44; Notre Dame 22; Ohio State 22; Washington 10; Iowa 8; Texas A&M 6; West Virginia 6; Baylor 3; Rutgers 2; Arkansas State 1; Miami (Fla.) 1; Virginia 1.

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**Bethel Powers Past MMC** 

Baysia Cox led Bethel (3-0) with 15 points. Kristen

added 10 points and five assists. MMC, 2-1, hosts Dakota State Tuesday.

(31:13.12) placed 90th. Kaylee Fly finished 14th to lead the Mount Marty women, clocking a 19:20.77. Brooke Fischer (21:36.78) placed 62nd, Brittney Mikkelsen (21:49.76) finished 67th, Becka Jensen (22:18.62) placed 70th and Beth Uthe finished 71st (22:32.98) for the Lancers. Also for MMC, Katie Breuer (23:18.81) finished 76th, Beth Finnegan (23:30.44) finished

(24:03.98) finished 83rd. point conversion to put the Ranchers up 8-0 with 4:59 remaining in the first quarter. Avon answered with a 10-yard touchdown and two-point conver-

77th and Autumn Biermann

sion run by Kocmich, who finished with 63 yards rushing, with 6:45 remaining in the first half. Avon's defense made it difficult on Giannonatti, who came into the game leading the Ranchers with 1,583 yards rushing and 454 yards receiving and 28 total touchdowns. He finished with 60 yards rushing and the lone touchdown reception against an Avon defense that's allowed just 20 points in the play-

Wall broke through in the sec-

conversion.

start the second half, setting up the tying 2-yard Shull touchdown run. CÁNSÍTOTA 42. HANSON 0: CANISTOTA The Canistota Hawks ran their win streak to 23 games with a 42-0 rout of Hanson in the semifinals of the Class 9A football playoffs Sat-Alex Robertson rushed for 157 yards and

ond quarter with a 1-yard keeper

Both teams went four-and-out to

by Blasius followed by a toss to

Jess Williams for the two-point

65 vards and two scores for Canistota. The Hawks finished with 329 yards on 51 carries. Jason Vanwinkle led the Hawk defense with 14 tackles. Nathan Dick made 10 stops. Tyler Pringle rushed for 48 yards for Hanson. which finished with 128 yards total offense

three touchdowns, Troy Hofer rushed for 105

yards and a score, and Cody Bunger rushed for

TRI-VALLEY 48, ST. THOMAS MORE 19: