9AA Gameday: Road Warrior Tigers Hope To Finish With Bang

CLASS 9AA

2:30 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000), Vermillion Radio: KQRN (107.3 FM, Mitchell; KBRK (93.7 FM, Brookings); KJAM (103.1 FM, Madison) TV: SDPB

DEUBROOK AREA DOLPHINS

STAT LEADERS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: None RUNNER-UP: None

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Ryan Knutson	Att 206	Yds 2.175	Avg 10.6	Long 87	TD 38	Aug. : Sept.		@ Estelline	68	28
Riley Hanson	59	574	9.7	_	6	Sept.	14	Elkton-Lake Benton	21	0
Dalton Kruse	28	355	12.7	77	6	Sept.	21	Castlewood	34	12
Taylor Olsen	39	245	6.3	_	4	Sept.	28	@ Dell Rapids St. Mary	64	30
DOLPHINS	375	3,586	9.6	87	58	Oct. 5		@ Oldham-Ramona-Rutla	nd 50	0
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PASSING						Oct. 1	8	@ Arlington	43	6
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Kay Glatzer	37	_	_	_	_	FB	3	Tyler Jensen		95 Sr.
						WR	4	Riley Hanson		40 Jr.
PUNTING						WR	8	Dustin Trooien		55 Jr.
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HOWARD TIGERS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2009 RUNNER-UP: None

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PREDICTION

Both teams have great star running backs, solid second options and quality passers. This could be one of those close games that comes down to a special teams

DEUBROOK AREA 21, HOWARD 20

BY JEREMY HOECK

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VERMILLION — For a total of one week in the playoffs, the Howard Tigers were, on paper, the favorite.

Still, they put together another deep run and find themselves in the Class 9AA championship game today (Thursday) against undefeated Deubrook Area at 2:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

Following an opening round win over Elkton-Lake Benton, Howard (9-2) was given the No. 8 seed, not all that surprising, but rather low for a powerful team. Not that it made much difference, though, according to head coach Pat Ruml.

"Wherever they put us, we were going there confident," Ruml said. "We've been playing the same all year; good football. Even our two losses were very close, so it's been pretty steady for us."

The Tigers — whose only two losses came to defending state champions 9A Canistota and 9AA Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan upset top-ranked Kimball-White Lake 38-34 in the quarterfinals and steam-rolled Clark-Willow Lake 50-0 in the semifinals.

Exactly how the Tigers have put together another championship run is no big secret: They run. Howard has rushed for at least 200 yards in every game this season, including a 482-yard effort in the semifinals.

The rushing attack is led by sophomore Luke Loudenburg (1451 yds, 16 TD), senior Evan Donahue (822 yds, 11 TD) and senior Cole Potter (933 yds, 14 TD). All three average over eight years a carry, though Potter is a game-time decision because of an injury, Ruml said.

'We've won two games with Cole being out, so we've had some guys really step up," Ruml The other kids came in and ran things like normal."

Senior quarterback Landon Laible has passed for 637 yards, most to leading receiver Steve Larsen (Sr., 11 rec., 184 vds, 2 TD), while Loudenburg and Donahue each have 10 catches.

"It's all about assignment football for us," Ruml said. "We take care of blocks and our offensive line is very smart. We get a look at the two or three defenses we'll see, and when we get to the game, we make adjustments.

'We can line up on just about any defense out there, and we know we can get it done."

Howard's defense is just as balanced. Senior Hunter Eggert leads the team in tackles (81), followed by Donahue (77), sophomore Jordan Kuhle (72) and Potter (63). Senior James Jungwirth and Potter each have four sacks, while Donahue and senior Cal Wiese both have three interceptions.

The Tigers will need that defense against the high-powered Deubrook Area Dolphins (11-0), who rush for an average of 326 yards per game.

Deubrook Area, which lost in the semifinals last year, beat Gregory 44-37 in Saturday's semifinals. The Dolphins are significantly more balanced on offense than is Howard, but that's not to say they don't have a strong rushing attack.

Senior Ryan Knutson leads the offense with 2,175 yards and 38 touchdowns on the ground, and is joined by junior Riley Hanson (574 yds, 6 TD) and sophomore Dalton Kruse (355 yds, 6 TD).

Senior quarterback Taylor Olson has completed 66-of-134 passes for 987 yards and 12 touchdowns. His favorite receiver has been junior Dustin Trooien (27 rec., 488 yds, 3 TD), while senior Cory Byers leads with six touchdowns and Hanson has three scores.

"They like to run it up the middle, and Hanson is really

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DA OFFENSE VS. HHS DEFENSE

MATCHUPS

The Dolphins' Ryan Knutson has swam through opposing defenses, finding the endzone 38 times on the way to 2,175 yards on the season. Deubrook can pass, too, with Taylor Olsen throwing for nearly 1,000 yards and 12 scores. (Advantage: Deubrook Area)

HHS OFFENSE VS. DA DEFENSE

Sophomore back Luke Loudenberg has been a mighty mite for the Tigers. The 5-4, 135-pound back has rushed for 1,451 yards (16 TD). Cole Potter has also rushed for nearly 1,000 yards and QB Landon Laible has completed nearly two-thirds of his passes. (Advantage: Howard)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Deubrook Area has more reliable skill players at both kicker and punter, something that could be vital in a close game, as state finals tend to be. (Advantage: Deubrook Area)

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

Hunter Eggert Evan Donahue

James Jungwirth

INTANGIBLES

Both teams have won big games down the stretch. Howard edged out top-ranked Kimball-White Lake in the quarterfinals. Deubrook Area had exciting victories over Potter County (22-20, OT) and Gregory (44-37 come-from-behind) in the last two playoff games. (Push)

9B Gameday: Cowboys, Ranchers Set For West River Shootout

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

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VERMILLION — Jay Wammen, coach of the top-seeded and unbeaten Harding County Ranchers, and Kevin Keiser, coach of the second-seeded and 10-1 Colome Cowboys, agreed on one thing as they spoke about their upcoming Class 9B championship game.

The Cowboys are huge. Colome is hoping that size, and some of the speed that plays behind it on offense and defense, is enough to derail a high-powered Ranchers squad.

South Dakota's top-two smallschool 9-man teams face off in today's (Thursday) prime time matchup, a 7:30 p.m. start at the DakotaDome. When the teams line up, their size differential will be sizeable. While defensive tackle Tate Gress' 270-pound frame bulks the average of Harding County's defensive front to 210 pounds, the Colome offensive front has no one smaller than the 6-0, 245-pound Zack Ekberg.

"They're big," Wammen said.
"We haven't seen a team as big as they are.'

The Cowboys are content to grind out their offense behind their big front, but have shown plenty of explosiveness. Quarterback Terrance Kinzer has rushed for 1,420 yards and 22 scores, averaging 9.4 yards a carry. Running back Andrew Odden has pounded out 1,281 yards and 13 touchdowns for an offense that boasts 3,152 yards on the season.

"We talk about staying inside, staying behind our blocks, Keiser said. "What we want to do against Harding County is keep it between the ends, get what we can get. If we can do that, we'll keep them off the field.

Colome used that philosophy to take a 22-0 halftime lead over Viborg-Hurley on the way to a 52-36 victory in the semifinals. That first half went according to plan, with the offense holding the Cougars to three first-quarter plays and three first-half posses-

"We have to limit the big play against Harding County," Keiser said. "We struggled last week against Viborg-Hurley, not making them earn it. We don't want to give up easy touchdowns, and we want to win the turnover battle."

Kinzer, who has also thrown for nearly 500 yards and recorded eight touchdown passes, is also a leader on the Colome defense, recording 118 tackles and six interceptions. Cohl Ratemann (84 tackles, 7.5 sacks), Chase Hrabanek and Brandon Hauf have also helped corral opponents.

That defense will be trying to control one of the toughest dualthreat quarterbacks in nine-man football, senior Jess Feist. The 5-11, 175-pounder has rushed for 1,133 yards and 20 scores, and thrown for 1,745 yards and 20 more touchdowns.

"Jess is a coach's dream," Wammen said. "He can do it all." Steven Koch has provided a

solid second option in the running game, going for 736 yards and 14 scores. Sophomore Windon Hewson (454 yards, 7 TD) and senior fullback Dalton Mc-Cann (411 vards, 4 TD) have also been reliable options in the run game. Converted running back Ckyler Floyd (48-824 yards, 8 TD) and sophomore Harley Mollman (23-492, 9 TD) have been primary targets in the passing game.

Gress has led a tough Rancher

"It starts up front with our left guard. He started in the Dome for us as a sophomore," Wammen said of Gress. "We try to run behind Tate as much as possible."

The Rancher defense has been dvnamic, recording seven shutouts in their 11 victories. Koch (105 tackles) has three interceptions and four fumble recoveries from his linebacker spot. Feist has picked off a teambest four passes in the secondary. Defensive linemen Reece Jensen, McCann and Floyd each have recovered three fumbles.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1993

STAT LEADERS

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Mark Skovbaek **PUNTING** Avg. 36.3 Ckyler Floyd **DEFENSIVE LEADERS** Tate Gress

Sack 2.0 6.0 8.0 — 16.0 2.0 MATCHUPS

Jess Feist. If he was all you knew about the Harding County of-

fense, it might be enough to tip the matchup in their favor. 1,133 yards

rushing, 1,745 yards passing, 20 touchdowns each way. But the Ranch-

ers also have a bruising back in Steven Koch and a top-notch receiver

The Cowboys have their own thundering herd, a front five (linemen and

ends) that average nearly 6-3 and 265 pounds. Besides having a tough run-

ning tandem of Terrance Kinzer and Andrew Odden, Kinzer can lob it up to

6-4 Cohl Ratermann or 6-6 Lane Fawcett. (Advantage: Colome.)

HC OFFENSE VS. CHS DEFENSE

CHS OFFENSE VS. HC DEFENSE

in Ckyler Floyd. (Advantage: Harding County)

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SCHEDULE

Opponent @ Dupree Newell

@ Bison Timber Lake

Lemmon-McIntosh

Jones County (playoffs)

Faulkton Area (playoffs)

PROBABLE STARTERS

RANCHERS OFFENSE

@ Philip Wall

@ Faith

7:30 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000), Vermillion Radio: KWYR (93.7 FM, Winner) TV: SDPB

HARDING COUNTY **RANCHERS**

RUNNER-UP: 1992, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2010

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jess Feist	126	1,133	9.0	80	20
Steven Koch	102	736	7.2	45	14
Windon Hewson	60	454	7.6	45	7
Dalton McCann	68	411	6.0	47	4
RANCHERS	370	2,828	7.6	80	48
PASSING					
	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Jess Feist	108	175	1,745	5	20
RANCHERS	111	180	1,775	5	20
RECEIVING					
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Ckyler Floyd	48	824	17.2	70	. 8
Harley Mollman	23	492	21.4	47	9

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COLOME **COWBOYS**

STAT LEADERS

Terrance Kinzer

COWBOYS **PASSING**

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SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

games. (Advantage: Harding County)

CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1988, 2007

84 69 30 Andrew Odden Brandon Hauf 1,281 227 6.2 4.2

COWBOYS **Avg** 18.3

26 18 33 20.3 12.0 18.8 **PUNTING** Terrance Kinzer

Long In20 40 — **DEFENSIVE LEADERS** Sack INT 6 — — 2 1 Terrance Kinzer 7.5 — — — — Andrew Odden Jacob Worden

Neither of these teams have had to punt much this season, but

Floyd has been able to put the ball a little deeper. Both have solid return

Both of these teams have great traditions within their regions. The

teams met last year in the opening round, with Harding County winning

big before falling to Avon in the semifinals. This year, the Cowboys have

come back with a chip on their shoulder and have buried that shoulder

SCHEDULE

Opponent Jones County 26 20 66 44 48 38 26 28 52 22 52 Opp Aug. 24 Aug. 31 @ Gregory Sept. 7 Sept. 14 South Central Corsica-Stickney Sept. 21 @ Plankinton Sept. 28 Sunshine Bible White River Bison (playoffs) Avon (playoffs) Viborg-Hurley (playoffs)

PROBABLE STARTERS-

COWBOYS OFFENSE Brandon Hauf COWBOYS DEFENSE Paul Temple Zack Ekberg Lane Fawcett Brandon Hauf Jacob Worder Andrew Odden Chase Hrabanek

PREDICTION

This game could go one of two ways: a low-scoring battle in the trenches or a shootout. I think it will be the former, which favors the Cowboys.

> COLOME 12, **HARDING COUNTY 8**

BBWAA Announces Finalist For Baseball Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera is one of five finalists for the AL MVP award in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of Amer-

The Detroit third baseman is joined by Texas' Adrian Beltre and Josh Hamilton, the New York Yankees' Robinson Cano, and Los Angeles Angels rookie Mike Trout, who also is one of three nominees for AL Rookie of the

For the first time Wednesday, the BBWAA announced finalists for its awards. The winners will be revealed next week live on the MLB Network, beginning Monday with the two rookies of the year

and concluding Thursday with the MVPs.

Milwaukee's Ryan Braun has a chance for a repeat as NL MVP. He's pitted against San Diego's Chase Headley, Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen, St. Louis' Yadier Molina and San Francisco's Buster Posey.

Mets knuckleballer R.A. Dickey is among the three finalists for the NL Cy Young Award. Washington's Gio Gonzalez and 2011 winner Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers are also competing.

Detroit's reigning AL MVP and Cy Young winner Justin Verlander has another shot for top pitcher in the AL. Tampa Bay's David Price and the Angels' Jered

Weaver are the other two finalists. The winner in each league will be picked Wednesday. Trout is competing with two

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fielder Yoenis Cespedes of the

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