

YHS GAMEDAY

Harrisburg (5-4)
at Yankton (9-0)

7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field

LAST MEETING: Yankton took advantage of four Harrisburg turnovers to down the Tigers 31-8 on Oct. 17.

LAST WEEK: Yankton jumped out to a big early lead and coasted to a 43-21 victory over Huron in the first round of the 11AA playoffs.

Harrisburg opened the 11AA playoffs with a 33-6 victory over Mitchell.

NEXT UP: The winner of this game will face the winner of the Brookings-Pierre semifinal in the Class 11AA championship, Nov. 14 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

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Bucks, Harrisburg To Play For Dome Berth

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For the second straight year, the Yankton Bucks football team will look to beat an opponent twice in order to reach the peak: a trip to the DakotaDome next Friday evening for the '11AA' state championship.

"Good teams can beat a team more than once in a season," Yankton head football coach Arlin Likness said. "In 2002, we defeated Sioux Falls Washington in the regular season and in the Dome."

Last season, Yankton was defeated by the Watertown Arrows, a team the Bucks defeated in the regular season, in the semifinals.

However, in Yankton's way for its first trip southeast on Highway 50 since 2005: the Harrisburg Tigers.

The Bucks (9-0, 7-0 in ESD) were able to defeat the Tigers 31-8 at home in their last regular season game of the season on Oct. 18. The teams will meet tonight (Friday) at Crane-Youngworth Field at 7 p.m.

"We feel like we have gotten more physical since our first meeting with Yankton," Harrisburg head coach Brandon White said. "The kids have bought in and it was a tough stretch we were on to end the season. We really talked to the kids that everyone is 0-0 and that we need to beat the best in order to be the best."

Harrisburg, also was in the semifinals and lost, as well.

"Last year we got so close," White said. "We are in the same position now. We seem to get to a big game, but just cannot finish. As a whole school, we need to step up in situa-

tions like this. It would be huge to kind of get the monkey off our back."

In the opening round, Harrisburg (5-4, 5-3 in ESD) defeated the Mitchell Kernels.

"Mitchell was a completely different team than we played earlier in the season," White said. "We learned a lot about ourselves and the hesitation is gone. We know now that we can get the job done."

The Tigers will continue to run the ball heavily with senior running back Jonathan Kabambi, who has 1,426 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns this season. However, White indicated that he has more trust in quarterback Shay Slaughter, who has 1,296 passing yards and nine touchdowns through the air.

"We have to do what we are designed for and that's running the

ball," White said. "If we can give Jonathan (Kabambi) the ball and have Shay (Slaughter) use the play action pass, I think we will be in business."

A key for the Harrisburg defense will be trying to stop the multiple threats that Yankton possesses.

"We know that their running game has come alive of late," White said. "Also, Evan Greenway is a big part of their offense and Mason Strahl doesn't put them in a bad position and hurt us with his legs. We need our offense to eat away at the clock, so they don't have as much time to score. Our hands will be full all night with their weapons."

Pointing out a flaw for Yankton is tough, according to White.

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Headed To Lincoln



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

The Wynot Blue Devils celebrate their District D2-2 volleyball championship over Stuart on Thursday night in Plainview, Nebraska. Wynot returns to state after a two-year absence. The Nebraska State Volleyball Tournament begins Nov. 13 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Cougars Upend GV In District 10B Final

CENTERVILLE — Viborg-Hurley rallied from a two-set deficit to beat Gayville-Volin 18-25, 10-25, 25-16, 25-16, 15-13 in the championship of the District 10B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday at Centerville High School.

The Cougars (12-15) will host the Region 5B final on Tuesday in Viborg.

Abby Hora had 21 kills and 41 digs to lead Viborg-Hurley. Hannah Jorgensen had 14 kills, 22 digs and three ace serves. Angelique Lee had five blocks and 19 digs. Sam Boomgarden posted 23 assists and 18 digs. Shelby Simonsen had 15 assists and Annie Wirth had 17 digs in the win.

No statistics were reported for Gayville-Volin, which finished with a 21-6 record.

VIBORG-HURLEY (12-15).....18 10 25 25 15
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (20-6).....25 25 16 16 13

Region 5A

Wagner 3, Parkston 2

WAGNER — The Wagner Red Raiders outlasted Parkston 25-22, 22-25, 25-21, 22-25, 15-10, in the semifinals of the Region 5A Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

This was the fifth meeting between the teams this season, with each team having taken two previous encounters.

Emily Brunasing had 19 kills and two blocks, and Ali Kuca had 18 kills and 34 digs to lead a balanced Wagner attack. Brooklyn Tolliver posted 10 kills and 39 digs. Rachel Dion had 32 digs, Krista Dvorak had 29 assists and Sierra Juffer added 20 assists in the victory.

For Parkston, which finished at 22-11, Sadie Schoenfelder had eight kills and 17 digs, and Jessica Bialas had a team-high 26 digs to lead the way. Halli Heisinger posted seven kills and five blocks. Kenzie Lee had seven kills and 16 digs. Whitney Weber added 26 assists for the Lady Trojans.

Wagner, 29-5, travels to Plankinton to face top-seeded Mount Vernon Plankinton in the region final on Tuesday. Start time is set for 7 p.m.

PARKSTON (22-11).....22 25 21 25 10
WAGNER (29-5).....25 25 22 25 15

Region 4A

Dakota Valley 3, Beresford 0

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Defending champion Dakota Valley moved within a victory of returning to state with a 25-14, 25-19, 25-11 victory over Beresford in the semifinals of the Region 4A Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

Elizabeth Lammers had 13 kills, Shayla Johnson had eight kills and Lindsey Smith had 35 assists and nine digs to lead Dakota Valley. Emma Tuttle had seven kills, two blocks and four ace serves. Meredith Lammers had six

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Wynot Upsets Stuart 3-1

BY JEREMY HOECK
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PLAINVIEW, Neb. — The Wynot Blue Devils got their long-awaited revenge. And in a big way.

Not even the defending state runner-up and top-ranked team could stand in their way.

Getting revenge on the team that beat them in the district final a year ago, the Blue Devils upset Stuart 18-25, 25-17, 25-23, 25-16 in Thursday night's District D2-2 final in Plainview.

Not only does Wynot (21-9) advance to the state tournament for the first time since 2011, it did so against a familiar opponent.

"We've been wanting it all year," sophomore Cortney Arkfeld said. "I remember the gym, I remember everything."

"We've been thinking about Stuart all year."

Which is why Wynot's celebration was especially sweet, added senior Kristi Bruening.

"It really was," she said. "We remember how they play, that they don't give up," Bruening added. "We knew we could do it, though."

Stuart (27-5), the Class D-2 runner-up last year, saw its bid for a fifth consecutive state tournament trip come to a shocking end thanks to a Wynot game plan to serve the ball deep.

Consequently, the high-powered Broncos were never really able to develop any rhythm.

"We scouted them and saw they played short," Bruening said. "In practice this week we worked on that."

It was an area of improvement all season for the Blue Devils, though, she added.

"We missed a lot of serves earlier this season," Bruening said. "Tonight was a totally different story."

In the opening set, however, Stuart was the aggressors, using its depth

and defense to hand the Blue Devils an early defeat.

That's when things changed, though. Wynot surged from a 13-12 lead in the second set to win the next three sets — stunning the Broncos, who sat on the sidelines afterward for a few minutes before posing for a team photo.

"We came in with a lot of intensity, and we just wanted to keep the momentum," Wynot head coach Tammy Wieseler said.

Even when things were favoring Wynot, was there a time when the Blue Devils felt like they could really pull off the upset?

"The whole time, actually," Bruening said. "On the bus and in warmups. We could just tell; we were fired up."

Arkfeld had the biggest night for Wynot with 14 kills, five solo blocks and two ace serves, but Bruening added eight kills and Hannah Lauer had six kills.

Even senior setter Jenna Heine got involved in other ways, with 25 set assists, four solo blocks and two ace serves. Sophomore Carissa Kuchta chipped in with three kills and two aces, while junior Danielle Wieseler keyed the defense with 15 digs.

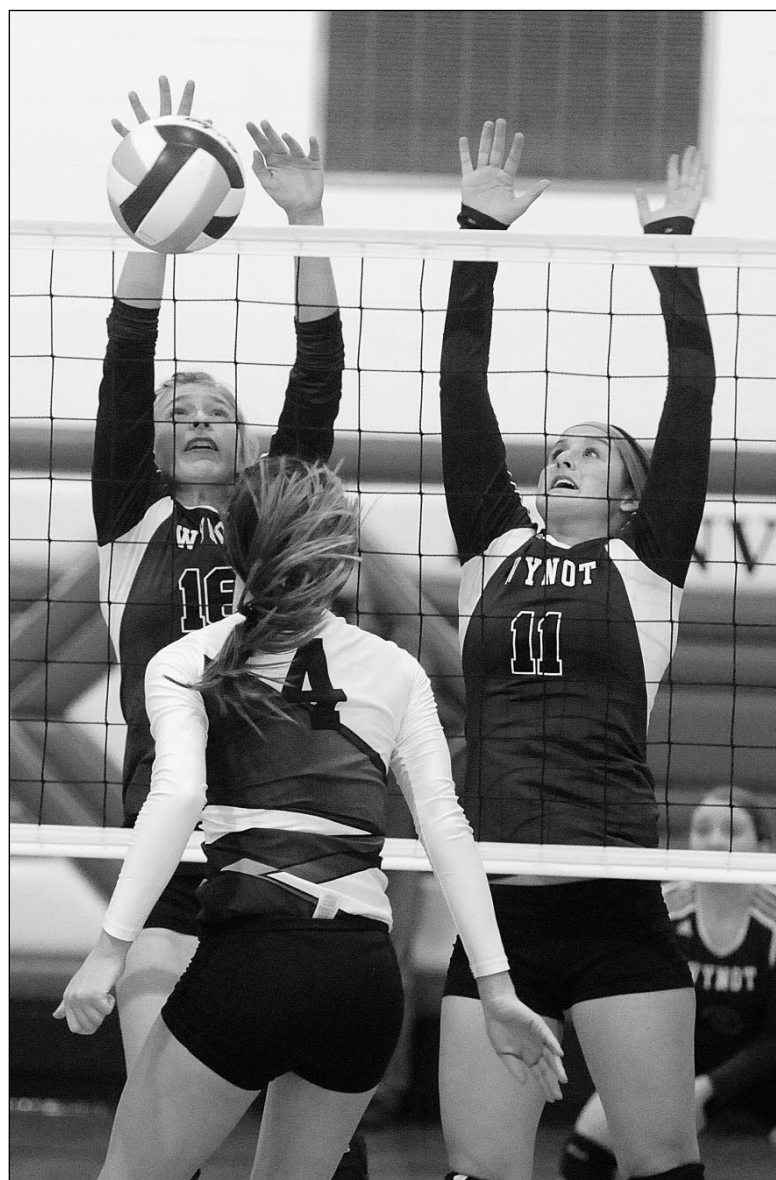
And now, a school known for its four consecutive state girls' basketball titles returns to the state volleyball scene — Nov. 13-15 in Lincoln.

"It's very important for the program," coach Wieseler said. "Every time you can get experience in state, it helps you grow your confidence."

Though the current players have never played in a state volleyball tournament, they can at least use their basketball experience, Bruening said.

"We know what to do now," she said. "We know how much fun it can be."

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The Wynot defense of Cortney Arkfeld, left, and Carissa Kuchta team up for a block of Stuart's Harlee Fischer during their District D2-2 final Thursday night in Plainview, Nebraska.

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