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Gazelles See Season End In District 2AA Play-In



Yankton's Hannah Bockholt attacks the ball during the Gazelles' match at Sioux Falls Washington in the District 2AA Volleyball Tournament on Monday in Sioux Falls.

9A: Canistota

Cruises Past

Eagles 50-13

CANISTOTA - The Irene-Wakonda Eagles flew high into the second round of the South Dakota 9A South Dakota State Playoffs.

However, a trip to the toprated Canistota Hawks lay in

The Hawks, behind quarterback Shay Jolley, topped the Eagles 50-13 in Canistota

The Eagles were coming off a 58-44 win at Hanson last week – a win in which Irene-Wakonda threw for 494 yards and quarterback Gabe King threw seven touchdown

"They do what they do and they do it very well," Canistota head coach James Strang said of the visiting Eagles. "When they spread it out like that, it's not something we see a lot of and it's hard to prepare for."

"Canistota's got a lot of great players," Irene-Wakonda head coach Brent Mutchelknaus said. "Anytime we got a completion, they came up and made the hit.

"Their line did a great job tonight," Mutchelknaus added. "It's difficult to find an area of weakness with them." The Hawks stuck with their power game and some timely passing from their senior quarterback, Shay Jolley, to keep quickly grab and

keep their lead throughout

1,400-yard rusher, took an option pitch and reeled off a

63-yard touchdown scam-

per just 1:14 into the game. Nielsen was denied on the

conversion, but the Hawks

sacked for a 16-yard loss by

Jonathon Dick. Two incom-

a possession that lasted less

plays for their second score.

Nielsen displayed

patience as he swept left,

waited for the blocks to de-

velop and turned upfield for a

15-yard touchdown for a 12-0

Hawk lead midway through

Jolley, who also estab-

lished his running capabili-

ties - whether it was on op-

tion keeps, wildcat-type runs

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the first quarter.

The Hawks worked three minutes of clock in eight

plete passes later, Irene-Wakonda had to punt to end

than a minute.

The Eagles' start saw King

led 6-0 after three plays.

Jared Nielsen, Canistota's

the night.

BY KEITH A. BROCKBERG P&D Correspondent

their path.

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Monday night.

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SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Gazelles beat an off-balance Washington team one week ago. On Monday, with an extended season on the line, it was the Warriors who felt at home on the court.

Washington swept Yankton 25-23, 25-22, 25-19 in the play-in match for the District 2AA Volleyball Tournament at Washington High School. The setback ended Yankton's season with a 4-17 record, while Washington (17-16) will play at top-ranked Harrisburg today (Tuesday).

"We are more confident in our gym. There is such a thing as home-court advantage," said Washington head coach LaDawn Nesje. "The other night (Oct. 26 at Yankton), we were just out of sorts on that trip to Yankton. We had a kid in class when she should have been on the bus. We had kids not in the locker room at the right time.

"We just weren't very well put together in that match. We are very used to patterns and routine, and we just made sure we were better at following

Caryn Hazard had nine kills, Jamie Kayl had eight kills and 10 digs, and Kirsten Wiseman had eight kills to lead a balanced Washington attack. Hailey Olson finished with 27 assists. Emily Van Bockern added 15 digs.

For Yankton, Becky Frick had seven kills, three blocks, three ace serves and nine digs in her final match with the Gazelles.

"Becky Frick could change the whole game," Nesje said. "If she gets behind the line and serves five points, we're done. We can tell when she's in the front row. You know when she's behind the serving line.

"She's a difference maker." Also for Yankton, Emily Fedders had 10 assists, Sophie Drotzmann had five blocks and Danielle Salvatori had nine digs. All three are seniors.

'We have girls that have been on the court for three years: Hannah (Bockholt), Sophie, Becky, Ellie, Danielle ... Losing those five seniors, along with the seniors that put in the time and effort each and every day in practice when they maybe don't see the rewards

on the court, this was the group I came in with," said Yankton head coach Tiffany Beste. "It's been interesting to take the journey with them. Of course I'm disheartened that it wasn't longer than it was, but hopefully they've learned some things over the course of the past four years that are going to help them later in life in bigger things than high school volleyball.

"I couldn't have asked for better kids."

Yankton got off to a 12-6 lead in the opening set despite having their rotation misaligned. They took two rotation violations in the set and could not realign their rotation until the second set.

"The first set, when Yankton had a wrong lineup in, that right there should make them not play very well, and what was that score, 25-23?" Nesje said. "I think if our team would have been in that same situation it would not have been that close.

That's credit to how their players communicate with each other when they're out of position, and still be able to set up some sort of offense."

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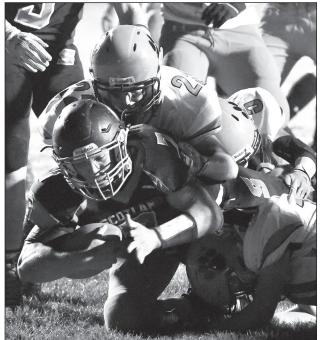
S.D. High School Football Quarterfinals

Scotland Rolls To Semis



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Scotland's Chandler Diede stays on his feet through a dive tackle from a Philip defender during Monday night's Class 9A quarterfinals in Scotland.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D Scotland's Tanner Iwan dives into the end zone through three Philip defenders during Monday night's Class 9A

Highlanders Will Travel To Sully Buttes

game. "I'm

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right off

BY DYLAN HUGGINS sports@yankton.net

SCOTLAND- The Scotland Highlanders are one win away from going the

Dakota Ďome. The Highlanders defeated Phillip Monday night 40-6 in Scotland during the second round of the 2015 9A South Dakota high

school football playoffs. With the win, Scotland advances to the next round to face Sully Buttes Satur-

day in Oneida. The Highlanders were coming off a game in which they scored 28 points in the first round against Andes Central/Dakota Christian. It was a closer game than the one on Monday night in which the final was 28-18.

Head coach Ryan Robb said he was happy with how his team started the

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the start because we wanted a 100 percent effort tonight from the opening kickoff, and we got that from both sides of the ball," Robb said.

"The big thing is effort and execution," he said "Our game plan was to spread them out a little bit which allows them to get into space and our hard practice this week paid off" At the half, Scotland led

Phillip 26-0. Tanner Iwan stole the show in the first half as he scored three touchdowns

for Scotland including a

fumble recovery and two rushing touchdowns.

The fumble recovery was a 45 vard return and the rushing touchdowns were 21 yards and 7 yards. Iwan wasn't the only one to score a touchdown for Scotland in the first half.

Chandler Diede had a five-yard rushing touchdown as well.

Derek Pederson intercepted a pass and return it 26 yards which gave Scotland a 33-0 lead late in the third quarter. Chandler Diede scored his second rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

Dalton Kinsley scored the only touchdown for Phillip on the night in which he returned an 80 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Tanner Iwan said that

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Football: Webster Area Holds Off Bon Homme 35-28 In 9A Semis

WAUBAY - Hunter Gaikowski rushed for 220 yards and Riley Reetz added 100 yards on the ground as Webster Area survived a wild fourth quarter to edge Bon Homme 35-28 in Class 9AA quarterfinal action Monday night in Waubay.

Webster Area (10-0), which plays in Saturday's semifinals, led 15-6 after three quarters. The two teams then combined to score 42 points in the fourth quarter.

Chase Kortan rushed for 53 yards in the loss for Bon Homme (6-4), while Bryce Scieszinski completed 23-of-

38 passes for 382 yards and four touchdowns. Kortan led the team with nine receptions for 87 yards, and Nathan Schenkel had six grabs for 167 yards.

quarterfinals in Scotland.

Carter Mechem led the Bon Homme defense with 12 tackles, while Schenkel added 10.

Webster Area led 35-14 with 2:20 to play in the fourth quarter, but Bon Homme rallied with a pair of Scieszinski touchdown passes to cut the deficit to 35-28.

BON HOMME (6-4) WEBSTER AREA (10-0)

FOOTBALL | PAGE 8 punched its ticket into the

HARTINGTON, Neb. - Topto earn their place in the Ne-

seeded Wynot swept Wausa braska Volleyball D2-5 finals on Monday night. The match ended 25-8, 25-7, 25-9.

Cortney Arkfeld led Wynot's offense with 12 kills and their defense with 18 digs. Danielle Wieseler provided 27 assists and made 15 digs.

There are no stats available for Wausa.

Wynot will play for the D2-5 title tonight (Tuesday) against Winside.

Winside 3, Bloomfield 2 HARTINGTON, Neb. Third-seeded Winside

Volleyball: Wynot Advances To D2-5 Finals Sub-District D2-5 finals with a victory over number two ranked Bloomfield in Monday

> night volleyball action. The match ended with scores of 25-21, 24-26, 15-25, 25-19, Leah Poppe led the way for Bloomfield with 17 kills

and 20 digs. Brittany Keibel provided 37 assists and Sarah Castaneda added 20 more

There are no stats avail-

able for Winside at this time. one ranked Hartington-Čedar Catholic Winside will play the today (Tue.) in Randolph for the C2-4 District final today (Tuesday) title, a battle of first vs second. against Wynot or Wausa. HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (17-13)... WINSIDE (12-15)...... BLOOMFIELD (11-15)

Sub-District C2-4

Ponca 3,

Hartington-Newcastle 0 RANDOLPH, Neb. – Number two ranked Ponca swept passed Hartington-

Newcastle to advance to the finals of the Nebraska C2-4 Volleyball Tournament The match ended 25-19, 25-18, 25-22. Hartington-Newcastle was led by

Ryley Eickoff with seven kills. Sophie Noecker led with 22 digs and Courtney Pick provided eight assists.

There are no stats available for

Ponca will face off against number

Sub-District C2-9 Niobrara-Verdigre 3, Creighton 1

WAUSA, Neb. – Number two ranked Niobrara-Verdigre clinched their spot in the Nebraska C2-9 Volleyball

Sub-District final with a 3-1 win over Creighton on Monday night. The match ended 25-20, 25-23, 23-25, 25-23.

Jeanette Kruger led Creighton with seven kills. Sydney Walton provided 16 assists and had four ace serves. Bailey

Zimmerer had eight digs. There are no stats available for Niobrara-Verdigre. Niobrara-Verdigre played number

one ranked Crofton in the C2-9 Finals on Monday night. NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE (14-15)....