

**Summit League Soccer**

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| South Dakota.....                 | 3 |
| North Dakota State (2 OT).....    | 4 |
| NDSU vs. SDSU on Saturday at noon |   |

**Neb. District C2-2 Volleyball**

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| Hartington Cedar Catholic (22-9).....         | 0 |
| Guardian Angels CC (29-2).....                | 3 |
| GACC advances to state, Nov. 12-14 at Lincoln |   |

**Neb. District C2-5 Volleyball**

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| Crofton (20-9).....                              | 3 |
| Elgin Public/Pope John (25-7).....               | 2 |
| Crofton advances to state, Nov. 12-14 at Lincoln |   |

**Neb. District D2-3 Volleyball**

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| Wynot (21-8).....                                   | 0 |
| O'Neill St. Mary's (29-2).....                      | 3 |
| St. Mary's advances to state, Nov. 12-14 at Lincoln |   |

**S.D. District 10B Volleyball**

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| Gayville-Volin (20-7).....                            | 3 |
| Irene-Wakonda (11-11).....                            | 2 |
| Gayville-Volin advances to Region 5B Final on Tuesday |   |

# 'Determined' Bucks Look For Return To Dome



The Yankton Bucks come out of the tunnel prior to their game at Harrisburg earlier this season. Yankton will look to beat the Tigers again tonight (Friday) securing a second straight trip to the Class 11AA football finals.

## Yankton Hosts Harrisburg In Class 11AA Semis Tonight

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The list of obstacles faced this season by the Yankton High School football team includes the following: Only two returning starters, season-ending injury to the starting quarterback, a stretch of zero points in two straight games, and a mid-season switch at quarterback. And yet, the Bucks (6-3) are a win away from a return trip to the DakotaDome. How has Yankton put itself in a position where it is facing Harrisburg tonight (Friday) in the Class 11AA semifinals? "I think that shows you these kids have a lot of determination," head coach Arlin Likness said. "They were willing to work

hard, and came together. "There was a lot of will to succeed." And plenty to overcome. Senior quarterback Reid Sawatzke's season-ending knee injury in game No. 2 forced senior Rayden Terca to take charge of the offense. He would throw one touchdown against six interceptions before being replaced by junior Nate Stephenson, who has passed for 698 yards and five touchdowns - with seven interceptions. The Bucks made a concerted effort midway through the season to run the ball more - out of different formations, including the so-called "Wildcat" - and that effort has paid off.

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**YHS GAMEDAY**

**Harrisburg at Yankton (7-3)**

7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field

**LAST MEETING:** Yankton finished the regular season on a positive note, blanking Harrisburg 27-0 on Oct. 22. Tanner Frick rushed for 112 yards and three touchdowns in the victory.

**LAST WEEK:** Yankton opened the Class 11AA playoffs with a 33-8 victory over Huron. Harrisburg edged past Brookings 20-17 in its quarterfinal game.

**NEXT UP:** The winner will play in the Class 11AA championship, Nov. 13 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Start time is set for 7:30 p.m.

**FOLLOW THE GAME:** Jeremy Hoeck (@jhoeck) and James D. Cimburek (@jimburek) will follow the Bucks all season. Follow them on Twitter to keep up with the action.

## Crofton Edges EP-PJ For Trip To State Tourn.

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With a Class C-2 state championship berth on the line, the Crofton Warriors and the Elgin Public/Pope John Wolfpack entered the fifth set tied at two sets apiece. In a what would be a high-pressure situation to most, the Lady Warriors remained poised. "We try to emulate those type of situations in practice, so we are prepared in times like tonight," said Warriors head coach Susie Johnson. "Our girls have played a lot of tough teams all year, and that experience factor helped us." The defending Class C-2 runner-up, Crofton, started the fifth set in dominating fashion, jumping out to a 10-0 lead. The Lady Warriors would hold on to their early lead to close out a 18-25, 25-16, 25-13, 23-25, 15-5 victory. "Every one of our girls plays with a chip on her shoulder," said Johnson. "They play like they have something to prove, and it is special to watch." Elgin Public/Pope John got off to a quality start, as the Wolfpack defeated the Warriors 25-18 in the match's opening game. However, Crofton regained momentum winning sets two and three by a score of 25-16 and 25-13. "We got more comfort-

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# Bison Escape USD Again

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Corey Strang, 3, runs to Taylor Nivala, 17, after netting South Dakota's first goal in the semifinals of the Summit League tournament on Thursday in Brookings. USD fell to North Dakota State 4-3 in double overtime.

**BROOKINGS** — A cross into the wind ended what was an evenly-played, intense playoff soccer game. And it also ended the season for the University of South Dakota. Britney Monteen's shot 27 seconds into double overtime lifted top-seeded North Dakota State past the Coyotes 4-3 on Thursday night at the Summit League Soccer Championships in Brookings. All the drama built up by the previous 100 minutes came to a sudden end for the Coyotes, who were in the tournament for the first time. "It was an awesome game," senior defender Kasha Meyer said. "We could've given up right after the first goal, but that shows much this team wanted it." Picked seventh in the pre-season poll, the Coyotes took the conference by storm, going 5-3 in league play including four straight wins to close the season to reach the 4-team tournament. And yet, despite three goals — two by junior Corey Strang — and plenty of other good looks up top, USD came up just short against a tournament-tested squad. "I was so proud of this team," head coach Mandy Green said. "This was the best game we played all year, and that's the way it should

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# Gayville-Volin Outlasts Irene-Wakonda For District 10B Title

**GAYVILLE** — Gayville-Volin outlasted Irene-Wakonda 16-25, 25-15, 25-19, 19-25, 15-7 for the championship of the District 10B Volleyball Tournament, held on Thursday in Gayville.

Genevieve Clark had 17 kills, 30 digs and three ace serves to lead Gayville-Volin, which will face either Parker or Freeman Academy in the Region 5B final on Tuesday. Grace Dangel had 30 assists and 10 digs. Megan Hirsch had 13 kills and Viola Ishmael had 18 digs for the Raiders.

For Irene-Wakonda, Caitlin Hinseth had 14 kills, six blocks, 21 digs and four ace serves to lead the way. Taylor Lee posted 18 kills and 15 digs. Hannah Anderson had 36 assists and 15 digs. Maddie Mohr had 11 kills, Ashley Emmick had 27 digs and Maria Van Driel had 13 digs in the effort.

**Region 5A**  
**Wagner 3, McCook Central-Montrose 1**  
WAGNER — The Wagner Red Raiders bounced back from a slow start to beat McCook Central-Montrose 22-25, 25-21, 25-10, 25-23 in the semifinals of the Region 5A Volleyball Tournament on Thursday. Wagner advances to the championship against Mount Vernon-Plankinton, set for Tues-

day in Plankinton. The match will begin at 7 p.m.

Ali Kuca led a balanced Wagner attack with 13 kills, 22 digs and four blocks. Sierra Juffer had 20 assists and Krista Dvorak had 17 assists to power the offense. Adrian Weber had 15 kills and Jensen Holzbauer had 13 kills to lead the net game. Rachel Dion led the floor defense with a team-best 27 digs.

For MCM, Danielle Hansen had 10 kills and 25 digs, and Nicole Bies had 33 assists to lead the way. Morgan Koepsell had 10 digs and two blocks, and Morgan Sechser had 15 digs for the Fighting Cougars.

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| MCCOOK CENTRAL-MONT..... | 25 | 21 | 10 | 23 |
| WAGNER.....              | 22 | 25 | 25 | 25 |

### District 9B

**Parker 3, Scotland 0**  
PARKER — The fifth-ranked Parker Pheasants earned a berth in the District 9B volleyball championship match with a 25-14, 25-3, 25-12 victory over Scotland in the semifinals on Thursday in Menno.

The Pheasants, 24-5, will face second-seeded Freeman Academy in the final, a 7 p.m. start tonight (Friday).

For Parker, Rylie Christensen had eight kills, and Contessa Harold and Gabby Herlyn had six kills and three blocks each to lead the way. Makenzie Dean posted 27 assists and seven digs. Lexi Olson added 10 digs and

three ace serves in the victory.

For Scotland, which finished with a 10-19 record, Alexis DeBoer had three kills and 14 digs, and Taylor Bietz had seven assists to lead the way. Shannon Fanning posted 24 digs, Elyssa Walloch had 14 digs and Alex Conrad had two ace serves for the Highlanders.

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| PARKER (24-5).....    | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| SCOTLAND (10-19)..... | 14 | 3  | 12 |

### Freeman Academy 3, Menno 1

PARKER — Freeman Academy downed host Menno 25-19, 25-22, 23-25, 25-10 in the semifinals of the District 9B volleyball tournament on Thursday in Menno. Freeman Academy (24-2) will face Parker in the championship today (Friday) in Menno. Start time is set for 7 p.m.

Chelsey Heeg had 20 kills and Hannah Yoder had 18 kills and 2.5 blocks to lead Freeman Academy. Sarah Miller finished with 47 assists in the victory.

For Menno, which finished with an 11-13 record, Tara Spencer had 16 kills, six blocks and 11 digs, and Marissa Buechler had 14 assists to lead the way. Paige Heckenlaible had six blocks, Courtnee Edelman had 19 digs and two ace serves, Liz Massey had 14 digs and Ashton Vaith had 11 digs for the Wolves.

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| FREEMAN ACADEMY (24-2)..... | 25 | 25 | 23 | 25 |
| MENNO (11-13).....          | 19 | 22 | 25 | 10 |

### District 11B Platte-Geddes 3, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 0

PLATTE — Alexis Peterson had 17 kills to lead Platte-Geddes to a 25-14, 25-24, 25-16 victory over Tripp-Delmont-Armour in the semifinals of the District 11B Volleyball Tournament on Thursday.

The Black Panthers advance to face Kimball-White Lake in the final tonight (Friday), hosted by Dakota Christian School.

Jenna Erickson had 33 assists and 10 digs, and Hallie Hallock had 12 digs for Platte-Geddes. Jana Nelson had eight kills and 11 digs in the victory.

For TDA, Kelsey Buchmann had eight kills and nine blocks, and Erica Koster had 15 assists and 11 digs to lead the way. Jeana Nuss had 11 digs and Matti Reiner had 10 digs for the Nighthawks.

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| PLATTE-GEDDES.....        | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR..... | 14 | 14 | 16 |

### Kimball-White Lake 3, Andes Central-DC 1

KIMBALL — Brooklyn Donald had 14 kills and four blocks, and Nikki Ruiland had 11 kills to lead Kimball-White Lake to a 25-22, 20-25, 25-23, 27-25 victory over Andes Central-Dakota Christian in the semifinals of the District 11B volleyball tournament on

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Gayville-Volin's Genevieve Clark serves the ball during the District 10B championship volleyball match on Thursday in Gayville.

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