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SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL S.D. POST-SEASON

DISTRICT 2AA First Round, Nov. 2 S.F. Washington def. Yankton 25-23,

Semifinals, Nov. 3 Brandon Valley def. Sioux Falls Lincoln. 25-13. 25-18. 25-12 Harrisburg def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-20, 25-20, 25-21

Final Round, Nov. 7

CHAMPIONSHIP: Brandon Valley

(17-4) at Harrisburg (18-3), 7 p.m.
THIRD: Sioux Falls Washington (17-17) at S.F. Lincoln (13-16), 7 p.m.
REGION 4A

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 Beresford def. Canton, 25-14, 25-

Lennox def. Vermillion, 22-25, 25-11, 25-16, 18-25, 15-11 Tea Area def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-20, 25-19, 25-23

Semifinals, Nov. 5, at North Sioux City
Beresford def. Tea Area, 25-17, 2025, 25-22, 25-23 Dakota Valley def. Lennox, 25-17, 25-20, 25-10

Championship, Nov. 10 at TBD

Dakota Valley (25-4) vs. Beresford Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

West Central def. Tri-Valley, 17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 21-25, 15-11

McCook Central/Montrose def. Bon Homme, 25-20, 26-24, 25-14 Wagner def. Parkston. 25-12. 25-

20, 23-10

Semifinals, Nov. 5

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. West
Central, 25-15, 25-16, 25-15 Wagner def. McCook Central/Montrose, 22-25, 25-21, 25-11, 25-23
Championship, Nov. 10
Wagner (28-5) at Mount VernonPlankinton (28-2), 7 p.m. at Plankinton DISTRICT 9B

All games at Menno Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 Menno def. Freeman, 25-15, 25arterrinais, Nov. 3

Menno def. Freeman, 25-15, 2525-9

Scotland def. Marion, 25-19, 25-16, 25-14, 25-18, 25-14

25-27, 29-27 Semifinals, Nov. 5 Freeman Academy def. Menno, 25-19, 25-22, 23-25, 25-10 18. 26-24, 25-18 Parker def. Scotland, 25-14. 25-3.

Championship, Nov. 6
Parker (24-5) vs. Freeman Academy DISTRICT 10B

BY MICHAEL HAMMOND

BATTLE CREEK, Neb. -

Cardinals defeated the Wynot

Blue Devils 25-14, 25-22, 25-14

in the D2-3 Final on Thursday

"I'm impressed, she has

stuck out, she's been playing

since she was a freshman, so

she knows her game pretty

well," St. Mary's coach McK-

"She has been a go to girl at

times because we know we

exactly what Sibbel did in

at 25-14. St. Mary's led the

final six points with Sibbel

the first set, getting five kills

and an ace that ended the set

entire first set and scored the

can rely on her to get the job

Getting the job done was

enzi Connot said of Sibbel.

in Battle Creek, Nebraska,

earning them a spot in the

state tournament.

Lead by Riley Sibbel's 16

kills the O'Neill St. Mary's

sports@yankton.net

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 Viborg-Hurley def. Centerville, 25-11, 25-6, 25-16 Semifinals, Nov. 3

DISTRICT 11B

Championship, Nov. 5

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

Semifinals, Nov. 5

Armour, 25-14, 25-14, 25-16

Gregory def. Marty Indian, 25-15, 25-11, 25-7

Burke/South Central def. Avon. 25-

Groton Area def. Sisseton, 25-19,

Milbank Area def. Webster. 26-24.

Sioux Valley def. Hamlin, 20-25, 25-

Region 8A Semifinals

Lead-Deadwood def. Belle Fourche, 21-25, 25-13, 21-25, 25-21, 15-13

District 1B Semifinals

Defending Champ St. Mary's Downs Wynot

the second set after scoring

eight straight, but that was

when the Cardinals would

come back alive and score

the next five. Down 20-17 St.

Mary's would get a kill from

Tracy Chvala and a pair of

kills from Sibbel to tie the

game again. Logan Connot

would have two kills down

"It started to go down

hill, we were down six, and

we knew we had to come

together as a team and it

was our heart that pulled

In the third set, it would

be all St. Mary's after being

Sydney Hupp's turn to lead

and a big block that was a

momentum swinger, as the

Cardinals would only allow

blocking," Sibbel said. "It's

kind of what gets us going,

and we struggled with that

in the first set, then we really

ed the sweep 25=14.

five more points and complet-

"Our main thing has been

the team, notching four kills

tied at nine. This time it was

through," Sibbel said.

the stretch and St. Mary's

would take the set 25-22.

Wynot took a 12-6 lead in

Region 2A Semifinals
Redfield/Doland def. Clark/Willow
Lake, 25-11, 25-14, 25-16

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

20, 26-24, 25-10

25-19. 19-25, 25-22

23-25, 25-22, 25-13

12, 25-16, 25-17

29-31, 25-19

25-10, 25-18

Irene-Wakonda def. Alcester-Hudson. 7-25, 25-10, 16-25, 25-21, 15-12 Gayville-Volin def. Viborg-Hurley, Gayville-Volin def. Irene-Wakonda, 16-25, 25-15, 25-19, 19-25, 15-7

Herreid/Selby Area def. Eureka/ Bowdle, 25-18, 25-17, 25-19 Potter County def. Faulkton, 25-21. 25-14, 16-25, 25-27, 15-10 District 4B Semifinals
Hitchcock-Tulare def. HighmoreHarrold, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19, 25-20 Tripp-Delmont/Armour def. Corsica/ Stickney, 25-21, 25-18, 25-12 Sully Buttes def. Sunshine Bible

District 3B Semifinals

Kimball/White Lake def. Andes ademy, 25-10, 25-21, 25-13 Central/Dakota Christian, 25-22, 20-25, District 5B Championshi Arlington def. Castlewood, 25-16, 25-13, 25-20 Platte-Geddes def. Tripp-Delmont/ District 6B Semifinals Championship, Nov. 6
Platte-Geddes (23-7) vs. KimballWhite Lake (16-8), at neutral site, 7 p.m.
DISTRICT 12B

James Valley Christian def. Wolsey-ssington, 25-22, 25-15, 25-19 Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Wessington Springs, 25-21, 25-22,

District 7B Championship District 8B Semifinals Hanson def. Howard, 25-20, 25-19,

Colome def. Gregory, 25-14, 25-17, 25-19 Mitchell Christian def. Ethan, 25-18, Championship, Nov. 6
Colome (17-10) vs. Burke-South
Central (14-14), at neutral site, 7 p.m.
OTHER THURSDAY CONTESTS 25-14, 25-21
District 13B Championship Lyman def. Jones County, 25-19,

25-22, 25-23 District 14B Semifinals
Philip def. Oelrichs, 25-11, 25-13, Wall def. Rapid City Christian, 25-

District 15B Semifinals Lemmon def. Dupree, 25-20, 25-13, 25-12 District 16B Semifinals Bison def. Faith, 25-22, 22-25, 25-

Region 3A Semifinals Madison def. Baltic, 27-25, 25-20, Harding County def. Newell, 25-8, 25-8, 25-16 Sioux Falls Christian def. Dell Rap-NEB. POST-SEASON

NEB. DISTRICT FINALS C2-2 at Norfolk: Guardian Angels def. Hartington Cedar Catholic, 25-17, Region 7A First Round
Little Wound def. St. Francis Indian,
25-21, 21-25, 25-21, 18-25, 15-3 C2-5 at Norfolk: Crofton vs. Elgin Pine Ridge def. Bennett County, 25-Public-Pope John, 7 p.m. **D2-3 at Battle Creek:** St. Mary's def. Winner def. Todd County, 25-16,

7 p.m. Mitchell (7-3) at Pierre (8-2), 7 p.m. Championship, Nov. 13 Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. CLASS 11A Wynot 25-14 25-22 25-14 Other District Finals C1-1: Ashland-Greenwood def. Auburn, 25-16, 25-23, 25-22, 25-19 0), 7 p.m. Lennox (7-3) at West Central (9-1), C1-2: Columbus Scotus def. Lincoln Christian. 25-19, 25-19, 25-19

Waubay/Summit def. Waverly-South
Shore, 25-23, 19-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-9
District 2B Semifinals
Northwestern def. Langford, 25-2, 25-18, 25-20
C1-4: Ord def. Pierce, 25-22, 25C1-5: Kearney Catholic def. St.
C1-5: Kearney Catholic def. St.
Groton Area (8

lev-Litchfield, 25-18, 25-18, 25-15

D1-6: Dundy County-Stratton def. South Loup, 17-25, 25-19, 25-14, 19-

D2-1: Hampton def. Falls City Sa-

cred Heart, 25-15, 25-11, 25-13

D2-2: Humphrey St. Francis def.
Spalding Academy, 16-25, 25-23, 23-25,

D2-4: Giltner def. Elwood, 25-22,

D2-6: Potter-Dix def. Crawford, 25-

FOOTBALL

CLASS 11AAA

ington (9-1), 4 p.m. S.F. O'Gorman (8-2) at S.F. Roos-

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 11AA

Semifinals, Nov. 6 Harrisburg (6-4) at Yankton (7-3),

S.F. Christian (9-1) at Madison (10-

D2-5: Sandhills/Thedford def. Paxton, 25-11, 25-19, 25-20

12, 19-25, 25-20, 25-15

S.D. PLAYOFFS

Semifinals, Nov. 6

evelt (8-2), 7 p.m.

Semifinals, Nov. 6

St. Mary's finished the

game having five players re-

cord five or more blocks, an

attacking force that has been

a threat all year according to

"We had a lot of people

on your blocks, you've got to

telling us, 'you've got to be

be on your blocks,' and un-

less you see a team like that

all year long, it's pretty hard

to stop," Wieseler said. "We

they took advantage, they

were able to hit around."

probably had to block better,

For St. Mary's Hupp was

second to Sibbel in kills with

nine, Taylor Colman recorded

game-leading 37 assists, and

Emily Pongratz lead all play-

ers with 16 digs, while Sibbel

For Wynot, Cortney Ark-

feld led with 11 kill and Skylar

Arkfeld notched nine, while

they each tied for the team

lead in digs with 15 apiece.

Danielle Wieseler was the

team leader with 23 assists.

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mond_ on Twitter.

added 14.

picked it up.'

Coach Connot.

Championship, Nov. 14

25-23, 25-22, 25-17

Semifinal winners, 7:30 CLASS 11B Groton Area (8-2) at Winner (10-0). 6 p.m. Tri-Valley (6-4) at Sioux Valley (7-C1-6: Chadron def. Gothenburg, 25-20, 25-16, 25-14 C2-1: Freeman def. East Butler, 25-3), 6 p.m. Championship, Nov. 13

15, 26-24, 25-16 15, 26-24, 25-16

C2-3: Shelby/Rising City def. Stanton, 20-25, 14-25, 25-20, 25-23, 15-12

C2-4: Hastings St. Cecilia def. Sutton, 25-23, 25-19, 25-18

C2-6: Arcadia-Loup City def. Semifinal winners, 1:30 p.m. CLASS 9AA Semifinals, Nov. 7 Wolsey-Wessington (9-1) at Webster Area (10-0), 5 p.m. at Waubay Heminaford, 18-25, 18-25, 25-22, 25-

Stanley County (9-1) at Woonsock-et-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central (10-0), 3:30 p.m. at Wessington Springs D1-1: Diller-Odell def. Bruning-Davengot/Shickley, 25-21, 22-25, 25-Championship, Nov. 12 Semifinal winners, 1:30 p.m. **D1-2:** Howells/Dodge def. Cedar Bluffs, 25-16, 25-17, 25-16 CLASS 9A

Semifinals, Nov. 7 D1-3: Emerson-Hubbard def. North Central, 25-13, 25-12, 25-19 D1-4: Heartland Lutheran def. Ans-Waverly-South Shore (9-1) at Canistota (10-0), 7 p.m. Scotland (9-1) at Sully Buttes (9-1), D1-5: Bertrand def. Lawrence-Nel-Championship, Nov. 12 10:30 a.m

nship, Nov. 12

Semifinal winners, 10:3 CLASS 9B Semifinals, Nov. 7 Corsica-Stickney (9-1) at Langford Area (10-0), 7 p.m. Colome (9-1) at Harding County (9-1), 6:30 p.m. CT Championship, Nov. 13 Semifinal winners, 10:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS CLASS D1 Second Round, Nov. 4 Amherst 63, Ansley-Litchfield 44

Bruning-Davenport/Shickley Burwell 43, Blue Hill 40 Clearwater/Orchard 38, Perkins

County 36 Creighton 52, Clarkson/Leigh 12 Elgin Public/Pope John 34, Heming-

High Plains Community 66, East Butler 28 Quarterfinals Nov 10

Bruning-Davenport/Shickley (10-0) at Guardian Angels CC (10-0), 6 p.m. Creighton (10-0) at High Plains Community (8-2), 4 p.m. at Clarks Burwell (9-1) at Amherst (10-0), 5 Clearwater-Orchard (7-3) at Elgin Public-Pope John (8-2), 7 p.m.

Bertrand 18 Exeter/Milligan 48 Kenesaw 32 Falls City Sacred Heart 34, Ran-

CLASS D2

Anselmo-Merna 58, Mullen 24 Chambers-Wheeler Central

Second Round, Nov. 4

Garden County 50, Crawford 14 Humphrey St. Francis 52, Osceola Sandhills/Thedford 62, Maxwell 27 Wynot 38, Lawrence-Nelson 0

Quarterfinals, Nov. 10

Sandhills-Thedford (9-1) at Garden County (10-0), 3 p.m. CT at Oshkosh Falls City Sacred Heart (9-1) at Humphrey St. Francis (9-1), 3 p.m

Chambers-Wheeler Central (10-0) at Anselmo-Merna (9-1), 5 p.m. at

Wynot (9-1) at Exeter-Milligan (9-1),

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, November 6 BASKETBALL, WC WOMEN'S IC at Grace (5 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Semils — Class 11AA: Harrisburg at YHS (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM)

VOLLEYBALL WOMEN'S LIST Vestern Illinois (7 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Buttes (6 p.m.) SOCCER, WOMEN'S Summit Districts — 9B Championship at Menno: Semifinal winners (7 p.m.): ers (7 p.m.); 12B Champions Semifinal winners (7 p.m., site TBD) BASKETBALL. MEN'S MMC at

League Championship at Brookings: USD/NDSU winner vs. South Sunday, November 8 VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S South Dakota State at USD (2 p.m.)

3 p.m. at Milligan

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Thursday, Nov. 5

Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 Tennessee at New Orleans, noon St. Louis at Minnesota, noon Green Bay at Carolina, noon Washington at New England, noon Miami at Buffalo, noon Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon Oakland at Pittsburgh, noon Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m. Denver at Indianapolis, 3:25 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Arnsana, Baltimore, Detroit,
Houston, Kansas City, Seattle

Monday, Nov. 9 Chicago at San Diego, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Detroit at Green Bay, noon
Carolina at Tennessee, noon
Chicago at St. Louis, noon Dallas at Tampa Bay, noon New Orleans at Washington, noon Miami at Philadelphia, noon Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon Jacksonville at Baltimore, noon Minnesota at Oakland, 3:05 p.m. Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m New England at N.Y. Giants, 3:25

Arizona at Seattle, 7:30 p.m. Open: Atlanta, Indianapolis, San Diego, San Francisco

Guardian Angels CC Upends Cedar Catholic 3-0

BY ALISSA WOOCKMAN Brandon Valley (7-3) at S.F. Wash-

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West Point's Guardian Angela Central Catholic was on cloud nine Thursday night as they beat out Hartington Cedar Catholic in three sets at Nebraska's district championships in Norfolk.

Angels were coming in from a loss to Hartington in five sets at the Mid-State Conference Tournament championship match.

GACC head coach Kate Hagemann felt like the team really improved from their last match up with Cedar.

"I thought if we played to potential, we had that capability," she said. "They took us in five last week and we talked about a couple of things that if we played them better, we had a chance to play really well. I thought we played very consistent tonight, which was good to see.

Hartington has not been to state since 2012 but the team may be able to get to Lincoln with a wild card.

This will be GACC's sixth consecutive year going to state for which they placed in the top four the last four years.

Team captain Katie Steuter saw the improvement in her team from the get go compaired to last week's game against Cedar.

"We definitely passed better," she said. "Last time, their number nine (Jada Cattau) killed us, but this time

we blocked better. We just came out on top, whereas last week we just weren't quite as ready to play."

GACC presented a strong opener as junior Madddie Knobbe completed kill after kill in the first set of the game.

"We worked on blocking. that is always important in the conference championship," Knobbe said. "Staying calm and getting out passes there I think really paid off."

Cedar attempted to fight back from Angel hitters. The first set was won by the angels on a missed serve from HCC at 25-17.

The energy was high in the second set as Cedar stood their ground against GACC's powerful hitters. Things were looking up for Cedar when they broke ahead in the second set after

HCC stayed ahead through four more ties, but were finally passed by the angel's blockers Morgan Bracht and Breanne Kerikemeier.

A far out shot by HCC caused Angels to break ahead. After a missed slam on game point, GACC broke away with another set win at

Angels led in the third set start with Breanne Kerikemeier making multiple serves. As Cedar fights for a winning set to keep the game rolling, Angels stayed consistently ahead as they break the 24 mark with HČC behind by 18.

HCC got the ball back to

keep the game interesting at 24-20 but a kill by Knobbe ended Cedar's dreams of another set with Angels taking the match at 25-20.

'We learned from it (the loss to Cedar last week), we came back from it and it was huge for us to win it," Knobbe said. "Yesterday we watched film and it was a bunch of things to stay consistent.

Hagemann feels great about getting another opportunity at state, and being able to go into it with a win in three sets, feels even better.

"We wanted to go in on a win," she said. "People had been telling us this week that we were going no matter what, but there is just something special about going in on a district championship. It gives us a little momentum and confidence as we head into next week.'

GACC got runner up in state in 2011 but have never walked away with a state title. Hagemann knows that a win at state is what they will be shooting for.

"They play for each other," she said. That is the coolest part of my job, to watch them and how hard they play for each other. We knew from last week Hartington is a good team that is capable of beating us. I know the girls feel great to be taking care of business.'

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"We knew they were going to be quick coming in," Wynot coach Tammy Wieseler said.

Crotton

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able as the match went on," said Crofton's Monica Arens. "Once we got rid of our nerves we started playing

Arens came up big for the Warriors down the stretch. Of the Lady Warriors 15 points in the final set, five came way of a Monica Arens kill.

Summit

be come tournament time."

move on to Saturday's noon

championship game against

to battle back in the second

half and we did a really good

job of it," NDSU coach Mark

Cook said. "There was no

they put us under the rope

all night. We're fortunate to

prowess was a key reason

ment, scored with 3:54 to

Coyotes a 3-2 lead on the

why USD was in the tourna-

play in regulation to give the

Strang, whose offensive

quit in this group.

defending champion South

But yet, it's the Bison who

"The first time we've had

"Hats off to South Dakota,

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Dakota State.

"We knew we could do it," said Arens. "We have a lot of experience in tough situations, so we played confident.

Elgin Public/Pope John finishes the season with a record of 25-7, while Crofton advances to the C-2 State Volleyball Championships.

It will be the Warriors third consecutive trip to Lincoln, as they look to avenge last year's state runner-up finish.

"It was great to see how

well we responded to adversity, and I think that will help our confidence in Lincoln," said Johnson. "Our girls look forward to another opportunity to prove themselves."

It took Arens only one word to describe her thoughts on returning to the state tournament, "excited." Crofton will play their first

round game next Thursday at Lincoln Southwest.

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Volleyball

Thursday in Kimball. Kimball-White Lake will face Platte-Geddes in the championship today (Friday) at Dakota Christian School.

Whitney Hinker had 23 digs and two ace serves, Dachy Deffenbaugh had 17 digs and Cassie Natvig had 20 assists for KWL.

For AC-DC, Kennedy Mucky had 19 kills and three ace serves, and Shaylin Stotz had nine kills and 17 digs to lead the way. Lydia Hansum had 36 assists. Megan Mudder had three ace serves and 15 digs, Abbi Ban Hofman had four blocks and Maddie Gray had 14 digs for the Thunder.

KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE......25 20 25 27

ANDES CENTRAL-DC22 25 23 25

District 12B

Avon 0

BURKE - Burke-South Central swept Avon 25-20, 26-24, 25-10 in the semifinals of the District 12B volleyball tournament on Thursday.

Burke-South Cent. 3,

Taylee Indahl had 11 kills and 14 digs, and Alison Sebern had 10 kills and eight blocks to lead Burke-South Central. Santanya Matucha had 24 digs and three ace serves. Madison Wischmann had 24 assists and two ace serves in the victory.

For Avon, Kacie Mudder

in this position is a credit to

had seven kills, four blocks and two ace serves, and Cheylee Nagel had six kills, four ace serves and 13 digs to lead the way. Hanna Powers had 16 assists. Karisa Markel had 11 digs for the Lady Burke-South Central, 14-

14, advances to the District 12B title match tonight (Fri-

Region 4A

Dakota Valley 3, Lennox 0

NORTH SIOUX CITY -Second-ranked Dakota Valley swept Lennox 25-17, 25-20, 25-10 in the semifinals of the Region 4A Volleyball Tournament, held on Thursday at Dakota Valley High School.

Meredith Lammers had 15 kills, 16 digs and two ace serves, and Elizabeth Lammers had nine kills to lead Dakota Valley (25-4), which will face Beresford in the finals on Tuesday in Elk Point. Hanna Cummins had 36 assists, Katie Soukup had 13 digs and Alyssa Johnson had 10 digs in the victory.

For Henley Hagedorn had seven assists, Jordan Kruse had five blocks and Emma Mechels had 16 digs for Lennox. Tatum Musser added three ace serves. DAKOTA VALLEY (25-4)

Beresford 3, Tea 1 NORTH SIOUX CITY – The

let out a loud applause when

the Harrisburg/Brookings

Beresford Watchdogs advanced to the championship of the Region 4A volleyball tournament with a 25-17, 20-25, 25-22, 25-23 victory over Tea Area on Thursday at Dakota Valley High School.

The Watchdogs (17-13) will face Dakota Valley in the championship on Tuesday in Elk Point.

Katelyn Wilson had 10 kills and Emily Stimes had nine kills and six blocks to lead Beresford. Becca Nelson had 18 assists and Bailey Twite had 22 digs in the vic-

For Tea Area, Ally Kacmarynski had 15 kills, two blocks and 12 digs to lead the way. Sydney Clayberg posted 36 assists and 11 digs. Jordan Foos posted 13 digs. Amanda Carlson had eight kills, nine digs and five ace serves. Cari Hanson had 19 digs and Hannah Johnson had 11 digs for

Region 7A

Winner 3, Todd County 0 WINNER – The Winner Warriors rode a 20-kill, 14-dig effort from Sydney Fritz to a 25-16, 25-10, 25-18 victory over Todd County in the opening round of the Region 7A Volleyball Tournament

on Thursday. Kylie Horstman had eight kills and Madyson Frazier had 16 assists and 11 digs for Wagner. Bailey Volmer had 15 assists, 11 digs and five ace serves in the victory.

For Todd County, Stevie Lone Dog

had nine kills and nine digs, and Raven Patton had eight kills, 11 assists and 12 digs to lead the way.

Yankton has used the three-headed running attack of senior Sheldon Gant (431 yards, 3 TD), senior Brendon Caskey (429 yards, 3 TD) and senior Tanner Frick (348 yards, 8 TD). And even a handful of the offense's nine passing touchdowns have been on short passes where one of the backs breaks

"We've gotten the right kids working together, and seemingly in hand. "The girls were ready to

for each other, and they did that," Green said. North Dakota State's Lauren Miller, a first-team allleague selection, got the goal

back with 1:35 to play, tying the game at 3-3. The Coyotes then controlled the opening overtime session, putting together 3-4 great looks out front, but couldn't capitalize. It was then Monteon's cross 27 seconds into the second

tory for NDSU. breaking loss, the Coyotes still realized that getting to the tournament can't be a one-time thing, according to Meyer — one of seven seniors on the roster. Senior

Bison — the potential upset play their best game and play

Meyer said. "I hope we've left a legacy.'

overtime that sealed the vic-

Emotional after the heart-Taylor Nivala scored USD's

first goal, in the 19th minute. "I expect to see them at this tournament every year now, and I think they'll do it,"

> Having won two conference games last season, the Coyotes vaulted to a 5-3 record this season, and coupled with their performance Thursday — not to mention the new soccer complex which opens next

garnered some extra attention across the league. "We can do it," Ğreen said. "The girls know we can do it, and I hope we opened some eves that we're striving to be here every year.

fall in Vermillion — may have

'It was just really hard to lose this one, because we had a chance.

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For the Tigers to even be

Senior quarterback Kain Kittelson was knocked out in that loss to Yankton and was replaced by sophomore Hunter Headlee, who helped guide Harrisburg to last

"They very easily could have taken that game off and said, 'Hey, let's pack it in, our quarterback's out.', but they didn't," White said.

ings between the Bucks and Brookings have gone a combined six overtimes. Getting another home game, no matter the op-

ponent, was critical for the Bucks, Likness said. 'They know they have a tough task in front of them, but it's an opportunity for another game at Crane," said

And perhaps more than any other program in the

state, the historic advantage Yankton has on its home field could give the Bucks the edge. At least with confidence, Likness said.

ings, the familiarity and them growing up wanting to play at Crane," Likness said.

championship.

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Bucks

they're obviously doing that,"

Likness said.

"And they're playing with

more confidence. That boost in confidence was evident down the stretch of the regular season, when Yankton won three consecutive lopsided games - including a 28-0 shutout at Harrisburg. Harrisburg (5-4) surren-

dered three long plays in

particular that night against Yankton, and its offense could never really get going against an improving Bucks defensive front. "We wish we could get that game back with Yankton,

we just missed way too many

tackles," Harrisburg head coach Brandon White said. 'We just weren't ready mentally and our kids didn't play. "They're excited for this

game."

The sense of déjà vu is evident for tonight's semifinal game. Not only is it the fourth meeting between Harrisburg and Yankton in two seasons, it's a rematch of last year's 11AA semifinals at Crane-Youngworth. 'I remember (lineman)

Ethan Roth saying to the guys

"And here we are, in the same

last year, 'Expect to be back

here next year," White said.

their own determination, according to White.

> week's first round playoff win over Brookings.

During last week's Yankton/Huron first round game, the fans at Crane-Youngworth

final was announced – likely because the last two meet-

Likness, whose program has won 13 of its last 14 home games.

"It's just the surround-

And for the second year in a row, that home field advantage could be crucial for Yankton in a bid for a state

We've got to make sure we're focused, because they'll come at you and play hard," Likness said.

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