

## Lucky Number 13



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The Yankton students, who moved to the endzone bleachers at halftime, celebrate as the Bucks' Rayden Terca, 24, finds the endzone on an interception return during their Class 11AA semifinal football game on Friday at Yankton's Crane-Youngworth Field. Yankton won 19-7 to return to the 11AA championship game. It is Yankton's first back-to-back finals appearance since 1994-96.

## YHS Makes State Finals For 13th Time In Program History

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**M**oments after he handed a microphone back to a TV station following a post-game interview, Rayden Terca ran right over to his mother, Marissa.

They embraced for a good 15 seconds, both crying tears of joy.

Rayden, a senior for the Yankton football team, has experienced his share of highs and lows this season for a Bucks squad that is headed back to the DakotaDome.

Was it an emotional win?  
"Oh, you have no idea," Terca said, minutes after Yankton dominated Harrisburg 19-7 in Friday night's Class 11AA semifinal showdown at Crane-Youngworth Field.

Terca, who has shifted between quarterback, wide receiver and running back on offense, is one of a handful of Yankton players who was thrust into

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## Yankton's Mitchell Adds To Long List Of Accomplishments

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For many athletic programs, assistant coaches are behind the scenes and receive little to no recognition.

But then again, Yankton's Dan Mitchell is not most assistant coaches.

The longtime Bucks teacher recently added to his long list of accolades, recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as the state's first-ever High School Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year. The state award also means that Mitch-



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ell is nominated for the national honor.

In his congratulatory letter, sent to Yankton Activities Director Ryan Mors, Scott Sahli, the North Central regional coordinator for NSCA credited Mitchell for not only his role at YHS, but with the state NSCA advisory board as well.

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## Bucks' Slate Named To All-State Soccer Squad

Two Others  
Earn Second-  
Team Nods

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The calming presence on the Yankton back line was recognized this week, as junior defender Treyson Slate was selected as first-team all-state for Class AA boys' soccer. The selections were made by the South Dakota High School Coaches As-

sociation and released by the South Dakota High School Activities Association on Friday.

Yankton also had two second-team selections, senior Chase Huber and junior Gabe Wenzlaff.

Slate is a three-year starter and four-year varsity player for the Bucks, starting at center back this season.

"Treyson has been pretty solid in the defense," said Yankton head coach Warren Brenner. "He is one of the few that started playing for me as an eighth grader, and that

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