

SPORTS DIGEST

Class 11AA Finals Tickets Available

Tickets for the Class 11AA football finals, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the DakotaDome in Vermillion, will be on sale at the Yankton School District administration office, located at 2410 West City Limits Road in Yankton.

Both adult reserved and student general admission tickets will be available at the administration office, with sales from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. (The Yankton School District offices are closed on Wednesday in observance of Veterans Day.) Orders must be made in person and payment is due at the time the order is placed. No phone or credit card orders will be accepted. Checks must be made payable to the Yankton School District.

In addition, student tickets may be purchased at the YHS Activities Office from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Adult reserved tickets will not be available at the YHS Activities Office.

All advance sales are final. Any children wishing to sit with their parents in the reserved grandstand section of the DakotaDome must have a reserved section ticket. Student section tickets are valid for the student section only.

Handicap-accessible seating is available

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

S.D. POST-SEASON

DISTRICT 2AA

First Round, Nov. 2

S.F. Washington def. Yankton 25-23, 25-22, 25-19

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, 25-16, 25-16

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, 20-25, 25-22, 25-23

Dakota Valley def. Lennox, 25-17, 25-20, 25-10

Championship, Nov. 10 at Elk Point

Dakota Valley (25-14) vs. Beresford (17-13), 7 p.m.

REGION 5A

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, 25-16

Semifinals, Nov. 5

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. West Central, 25-15, 25-16, 25-15

Wagner def. McCook Central/Montrose, 22-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-23

Championship, Nov. 10

Wagner (28-5) at Mount Vernon-Plankinton (28-2), 7 p.m. at Plankinton

DISTRICT 9B

All games at Menno

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

Menno def. Freeman, 25-15, 25-18, 25-9

Scotland def. Marion, 25-19, 25-16, 25-21, 29-27

Semifinals, Nov. 5

Freeman Academy def. Menno, 25-19, 25-22, 23-25, 25-10

Parker def. Scotland, 25-14, 25-23, 25-12

Championship, Nov. 6

Parker (24-5) vs. Freeman Academy (24-2), 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 10B

All games at Gaville

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

Viborg-Hurley def. Centerville, 25-11, 25-6, 25-16

Semifinals, Nov. 3

Irene-Wakonda def. Alcester-Hudson, 7-25, 25-10, 18-25, 25-21, 15-12

Gaville-Volin def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17

Championship, Nov. 5

Gaville-Volin def. Irene-Wakonda, 16-25, 25-15, 25-19, 19-25, 15-7

DISTRICT 11B

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

Tripp-DeMont/Armour def. Corsical Stickney, 25-21, 25-18, 25-12

Semifinals, Nov. 5

Kimball/White Lake def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-22, 20-25, 25-23, 27-25

Platte-Geddes def. Tripp-DeMont/Armour, 25-14, 25-14, 25-16

Championship, Nov. 6

Platte-Geddes def. Kimball/White Lake, 22-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-20

DISTRICT 12B

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3

Gregory def. Marty Indian, 25-15,

by contacting the USD ticket office at 605-677-5959.

Doors will open for the Class 11AA final at 6 p.m.

Discover Hockey Event Saturday

The Yankton Area Ice Association will host a 'Discover Hockey' event on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Kiwanis 4-H Ice Arena, 901 Whiting Drive in Yankton. Registration is at 3:30 p.m.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 who are interested in checking out hockey. Coaches and current players will be on hand to answer questions. All registered participants will receive one free open skate pass to use during the 2015-16 season.

Equipment will be provided. No previous skating experience is necessary.

For more information, contact Nancy at 605-661-3983.

Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Skills Contest Sunday

The Yankton Morning Optimists Club will hold its annual Tri-Star Basketball Skills contest on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 2:30-3:15 p.m. at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena on the Mount Marty College campus. Registration will take place from 2-2:20 p.m.

The contest is open to boys and girls ages 6-11, which participants competing in one of three age categories: 6-7, 8-9 or 10-11. Each participant must have an entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian, which may be done during the registration period or will be available this week at the MMC athletic department.

The event is free of charge. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each division.

For more information, contact Chuck Iverson at 605-668-1529 or Cassie McClellans at 605-661-3982.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 7	Buttes (6 p.m., KVHT-FM)
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Bethany (5 p.m., KYNT-AM)	SOCCER, WOMEN'S Summit League Championship at Brookings: North Dakota State vs. South Dakota State (noon)
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE GPAC Championships at Crete, Neb. (MMC, 10:30 a.m.)	Sunday, November 8
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE Southern Illinois at USD (1 p.m., KVHT-FM)	VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S South Dakota State at USD (2 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Semifinals — Class 9A: Scotland at Sully	Monday, November 9
	No activities scheduled

tota (10-0), 7 p.m.

Scotland (9-1) at Sully Buttes (9-1), 6 p.m.

Championship, Nov. 12

Semifinal winners, 10:30 a.m.

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

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 Clark

Burwell (9-1) at Amherst (10-0), 5 p.m.

Clearwater-Orchard (7-3) at Elgin Public-Pope John (8-2), 7 p.m.

CLASS D2

Quarterfinals, Nov. 10

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

Sandhills-Theford (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.

Wynot (9-1) at Exeter-Milligan (9-1), 3 p.m. at Milligan

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Class A Quarterfinals

Bellevue West 40, Norfolk 7

Millard North 37, Omaha Central 0

Millard West 35, Papillion-LaVista 7

South 0

Omaha North 37, Omaha West-side 0

Class B Quarterfinals

Aurora 15, Gretha 13

Elkhorn South 10, York 7

McCook 26, Plattsmouth 13

Omaha Skutt Catholic 17, Lincoln Plus X 0

Class C-1 Quarterfinals

Boys Town 34, Holdrege 20

Columbus Scotus 36, Ashland-Greenwood 7

Norfolk Catholic 42, Bishop Neumann 21

Wilber-Clatonia 41, Central City 34

Class C-2 Quarterfinals

Aquinas 55, Sutton 16

Battle Creek 49, Doniphan-Trumbull 7

Hastings St. Cecilia 27, Yutan 12

Oakland-Craig 27, Gibbon 7

Six-Man Semifinals

Riverside 62, Silver Lake 21

St. Edward 45, Haymow 20

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

New England 7 0 0 1,000 249 133

N.Y. Jets 4 3 0 571 172 139

Buffalo 3 4 0 429 176 173

Miami 3 4 0 429 154 173

South

Indianapolis 3 5 0 375 173 203

Houston 3 5 0 375 174 205

Lancer Women Roll In Season Opener

OMAHA, Neb. — Alex Kneeland scored a game-high 26 points to lead Mount Marty to a 73-43 victory over Grace University in the women's basketball season opener for MMC.

Kneeland was 8-12 from the field, including 5-8 from three-point range. Raquel Sutera netted 12 points and Cassidy Gebhart had 10

points in the victory.

Dani Jo Kuney led Grace with 15 points. Myeshia Ward had 10 points and Kayla Bloodworth had 10 rebounds for the Royals.

MMC plays Presentation on Tuesday, a game to be played in Watertown. The game is considered a home game for the Lancers.

Bucks

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leadership positions after last year's title run.

And as the celebration ensued at Crane-Youngworth Field, Terca and those other players who had played critical roles all season figured prominently in the victory.

"Last year, I was mostly on special teams, but I had some great guys to learn from," said Terca, whose interception return for a touchdown got the Bucks going in the third quarter. "I knew I had some big shoes to fill.

"I put in a lot of work over the off-season. I wanted to help the team."

And that they have.

The Bucks, who will face Pierre in next Friday night's state championship game in Vermillion, got progressively better down the stretch of the regular season and rolled into the playoffs with significant momentum.

That surge — particularly on defense — continued Friday.

Yankton unofficially held Harrisburg to 59 yards rushing and 24 yards passing, and the only touchdown the Tigers scored was on a short field after a Bucks turnover.

"This is really rewarding for these seniors to go through what they've gone through this year," Yankton head coach Arlin Likness said.

"And again, our defense won us a game. They've got some pretty big momentum going right now."

Over its last four games, Yankton's defense has allowed three touchdowns. It's been a drastic change for a unit that started with season with a 42-35 five overtime win in Brookings.

"They've been solid in pass coverage the last half of the season," Likness said. "Early in the year, we were a sieve, but we've communicated better and those guys believe in each other."

Friday's game played out a lot like Yankton's season: The offense did just enough and the defense (which unofficially held Harrisburg to 59 yards rushing) took care of the rest.

The only points Yankton's offense scored Friday was on a Nate Stephenson 35-yard touchdown run with 1:40 remaining in the fourth quarter. And even Stephenson's progression at the quarterback position has been a highlight this season for the Bucks.

Put another way: Stephenson began the season as the third quarterback on the



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton running back Sheldon Gant, 34, tries to fight through a host of Harrisburg defenders during their Class 11AA semifinal football game on Friday at Crane-Youngworth Field.

HOME SWEET DOME	
Yankton is one of 5 programs in S.D. with 10 or more state football finals appearances. The Bucks earned their 13th with a victory over Harrisburg on Friday.	
FINALS APPEARANCES	
O'Gorman *	15
West Central *	15
Yankton *	13
Winner #	12
Gregory	10
Brandon Valley	9
Harrisburg	9
Hamlin	9
# - Plays In Semifinals Today	
* - Advanced To 2015 Finals	

depth chart. Did he expect to be starting?

"I had no idea," Stephenson said, smiling. "There was a little bit of a learning curve, I guess you could say."

"But it's nice to have a bunch of guys around you who can make plays."

Moving the ball wasn't the problem in the first half for the Bucks. They rushed for over 100 yards. The issue was, as has been the problem at times this season, turnovers.

A Brendon Caskey fumble late in the second quarter gave the ball to the Tigers, who got down to the 1-yard line on a running back pass from Dylan Tams to Matt Pohlmann.

Hunter Headlee then scored on a 1-yard run, and Harrisburg took a 7-0 lead into halftime — with Yankton looking for any kind of offensive spark.

As it turns out, the best offense for the Bucks was their defense.

Terca intercepted a deflected pass from Headlee early in the third quarter and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. On Yankton's next drive, Jared Rafferty drilled a 40-yard field goal, given the Bucks a 10-7 lead.

Yankton then recorded a safety after a Harrisburg snap went out of the end zone. And following a Harrisburg

MOUNT MARTY (1-9)
Alex Kneeland 8-12 5-6 26, Cassidy Gebhart 4-8 0-0 10, Logan Wagner 2-8 0-2 5, Erica Dreckman 2-6 0-0 5, Denae Veldkamp 0-3 0-0 0, Kellie Winkler 2-2 1-2 5, Raquel Sutera 4-11 2-2 12, Ashley Green 0-1 1-2 1, Sam Blake 3-3 1-2 7. TOTALS: 26-59 10-16 73.
GRACE (1-3)
R.J. Repe 0-7 0-0 0, Danielle Evans 1-2 0-0, Kalina Hughes 0-1 2-2 2, Gabby Worley 2-6 0-0 4, Alyssa Strickland 0-3 1-2 3, Kayla Bloodworth 4-8 0-0 9, Myeshia Ward 4-7 2-4 10, Dani Jo Kuney 7-17 0-2 15. TOTALS: 18-51 5-10 43.

At the half: MMC 39, GU 21. Rebounds: MMC 38 (Blake 7), GU 33 (Bloodworth 10). Personal Fouls: GU 16, MMC 15. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: GU 21, MMC 13. Blocked Shots: GU 4 (Bloodworth 3), MMC 0. Steals: MMC 13 (Gebhart 3), GU 5 (Worley 4).

punt, the Bucks put the icing on the cake with Stephenson's 35-yard touchdown run — after he disappeared into a pile but came out with the ball.

"What a great confidence boost for him," Likness said. "I joked with him that I didn't realize he was a running back too."

Unofficially, Stephenson rushed eight times for 82 yards for Yankton, which ran for 221 total yards. Caskey and senior Tanner Frick both added 48 yards, and senior Sheldon Gant tacked on 38 more.

The trio of Caskey, Frick and Gant have helped stabilize a Yankton offense that went through a transition early in the season when Reid Sawatzke went down with a knee injury. Terca was then elevated to the starter, and was later replaced by Stephenson.

"In the middle of the season, we had to flip a switch," Stephenson said. "When we lost Reid, we knew we couldn't just stop."

"We had to keep going."

And now, for the second year in a row, Yankton's season keeps going, to the DakotaDome for the 13th time in program history.

What does it mean for the Bucks?

"Words can't describe it," Terca said. "This is a dream I've had ever since we were on the (dome) field after the game last year."

"I know Yankton's got a lot of great tradition and history, and it's just great to be part of it."

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HARRISBURG (6-5).....0 7 0 0—7

YANKTON (8-3).....0 0 10 9—19

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

H — Hunter Headlee, 1-yard run (Jackson White kick), 0:51

Third Quarter

Y — Rayden Terca, 30-yard interception return (Cameron Krejci kick), 11:00