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CLASS 9A	CLASS 9AA	CLASS 11A	CLASS 9B	CLASS 11B	CLASS 11AA	CLASS 11AAA
Canistota (11-0) Sully Buttes (10-1) THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.	W-WS-SC (11-0) Wolsley-Wessington (10-1) THURSDAY, 1:30 P.M.	Madison (11-0) West Central (10-1) THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M.	Langford (11-0) Harding County (10-1) FRIDAY, 10:30 A.M.	Winner (11-0) Tri-Valley (7-4) FRIDAY, 1:30 P.M.	Yankton (8-3) Pierre (9-2) FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.	S.F. Washington (10-1) S.F. O'Gorman (9-2) SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

## Dakota XII Rivals Madison, West Central Face Off In 11A Final



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Madison's Brodie Frederiksen, middle, runs through the Dell Rapids defense for a long gain during the 2014 Class 11A championship game at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Madison makes its third straight 11A finals appearance, drawing Dakota XII Conference rival West Central in the 7:30 p.m. contest tonight.

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Madison may have beaten West Central on Sept. 11, but the Bulldogs are still looking for something the Trojans have more of than anyone. Championship banners.

The Dakota XII Conference teams will face off in the Class 11A championship football game today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. West Central is making its 15th state finals appearance, which ties 11AAA finalist O'Gorman for the most in South Dakota football history, and will be looking to add to their state record with a 13th championship.

Madison comes in undefeated (11-0), including a 28-7 victory over the Trojans (10-1) earlier this season.

"Madison is the most athletic team in 11A. Their skill kids are ridiculous," said West Central head coach Kent Mueller. "They have talent on top of talent. Max

(Hodgen) and his staff have done a great job over the last three years."

The Bulldogs, who have lost the last two 11A championship games, have been led offensively by the 1-2 punch of quarterback Mitch Hansen and running back Brodie Frederiksen. Hansen has thrown for 2,073 yards and 22 touchdowns, and rushed for 537 yards and six scores. Frederiksen has rushed for 1,401 yards and 31 touchdowns, and caught 14 passes for 206 yards and a score.

Mason Leighton (25-593 yards, 7 TD), Brady Balogh (22-397 yards, 3 TD) and Jaxon Janke (18-456 yards, 8 TD) have been primary targets in the passing game.

"We have a good balance. We have all year," Hodgen said. "It makes us hard to defend."

The Bulldogs defense has also posed challenges, especially to opposing quarterbacks. Leighton and Janke each have five interceptions,

with Janke returning three of those five for touchdowns. Overall, the Bulldogs have picked off 20 passes, returning five for touchdowns.

Marcus Vanden Bosch has a team-best 109 tackles, including 13 for loss and six sacks. Nate Guthmiller (93 tackles, 16.5 TFL, 8 sacks) and Jaden Janke (81 tackles, 12 TFL, 2 sacks) have applied pressure in the backfield.

The Bulldog defense will be charged with containing a West Central running game that features Jonah Rechtenbaugh (197-1,117 yards, 19 TD rushing; 7-86 receiving). The explosive senior was Class A runner-up in both the 200- and 400-meter dashes this past spring, as well as helping the Trojans to the state title in the 800 relay.

But the Trojans have developed more than just a one-man show, with three different players scoring rushing touchdowns in each of the past seven games.

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### Basketball: USD Men Sign Three, Women Sign Five

VERMILLION — South Dakota men's basketball head coach Craig Smith is pleased to announce the signing of Brandon Armstrong, Tyler Peterson, and Triston Simpson to National Letters of Intent.

"We are thrilled to announce the signing of Tyler, Triston, and Brandon to the Coyote family," said Smith. "These three exemplify great character, determination, and selflessness on and off the court. They will complement one another well as they are very different players. They will fit our culture at USD and make a positive impact on our university, athletic department, and basketball team."

Hailing from San Antonio, Texas, Armstrong is ranked as a top-40 prospect in the state. The 6-foot-5 guard shot 52 percent from the field and 80 percent from the line for Converse Judson High School as a junior. He was named first-team all-district 6A UIL for his efforts. Armstrong has transferred to Holy Cross of San Antonio for his senior season. He plans to major in history at USD.

"Brandon is a long wing whose versatility will allow him to play multiple positions for USD," said Smith. "His size will make him a tough match-up on the perimeter as he has the ability to score in a variety of ways. He excels shooting the basketball and getting fouled. His best basketball is definitely ahead of him."

A 6-foot-4 guard from Lino Lakes, Minn., Peterson eclipsed Centennial High School's program record for scoring during his junior season with 1,195 career points. Peterson is a two-time all-North West Suburban conference honoree. He averaged 24 points, six assists, and six rebounds per game during his junior year. Peterson plans to major in business at South Dakota.

"Tyler is a versatile player who has a great feel for the game," said Smith. "Tyler has great vision, understands how to move without the ball, and can score in many different ways. Tyler's one of those guys that seems to be in the right place all the time. He's tough, physical, and has a nose for the ball."

A 2015 second-team Super State honoree from Lincoln, Neb., Simpson averaged 17.9 points, 4.7 assists, 4.0 rebounds, and 2.0 steals per game last season at Lincoln North Star. The 6-foot-1 point guard also earned a spot on the all-city first team as a junior. Simpson holds the

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### College | Signing Day Roundup

## Augie Loads Up On Area Recruits



### Headed To Augustana

Student-athletes from three area schools have committed to NCAA Division II Augustana College for athletics.

ABOVE: Yankton's Blake Savey will compete in track and field for the Vikings.

RIGHT: Bon Homme's Morgan Rothschadl, left, will compete in track and field for the Vikings.

BELOW: Viborg-Hurley's Abby Hora will compete in women's basketball for the Vikings.

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### Savey, Hora, Rothschadl Among Recruits For Vikings

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Injuries haven't derailed Blake Savey's dream to be a college athlete.

The Yankton High School senior has come back from not one, but two knee injuries and has still done enough to catch the attention of Division II Augustana University.

Savey, who is a football, basketball and track athlete at YHS, signed Wednesday to run track at Augustana in Sioux Falls.

A sprinter and two-time Class AA state qualifier in the 1600-meter relay, Savey tore the ACL in his right knee early last fall during football. He then missed all basketball season and returned to help lead the Yankton boys' track team to third in the 1600-meter relay at the state meet.

"I came back and ran track, but I wasn't really running to the level I was at the year before," Savey said. "At the very end of the season, I started to see my times getting back up there."

He then, however, suffered an injury to the PCL in his right knee early during this football season, but has returned and will be on the field when Yankton plays Pierre in Friday night's Class 11AA state championship game.

Augustana entered the picture early in Savey's junior year and he has stayed in contact with the coaching staff ever since.

"I've been around Augie my whole life," said Savey, whose mother, aunt and three uncles once attended the school.

When Savey experienced the campus for himself on an overnight visit this fall, it put him over the top, he said.

"They have a lot of good guys and they've got a really good mid-distance group that's going to challenge me," he said. "It's a small campus; probably double the size of Yankton High School, and even though it's in Sioux Falls, has a small-campus feel."

News that Augustana plans to break ground next spring on a fieldhouse with an indoor track also played a role in Savey's decision, he said.

"Blake and I spent much of last year discussing the possibility of joining the Viking family and I think we both feel that it was worth

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Theme Night:  
Camouflage



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