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Yankton's Tanner Frick, 20, knocks the pass out of the arms of Pierre's Joseph King, denying the Governors a two-point conversion in overtime and clinching a 21-20 victory for the Bucks in the Class 11AA football championship Friday night at the DakotaDome. Yankton won its second straight title, both clinched on broken-up pass plays on two-point conversions in overtime.

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hampions. Again. And in the exact same fashion.

In a situation that was a mirror image of a year ago, the Yankton Bucks won a state Class 11AA championship in an overtime thriller on a batteddown two-point conversion. This time it was Tanner Frick.

"I thought he had it at first," said a smiling Frick, who was named the game's MVP after rushing for 97 yards and one touchdown in the victory Friday night at the DakotaDome.

It was his defensive stop, though, that vaulted Frick into the same conversation as Matt Fitzgerald who made a similar stop — a year ago.

After Yankton had taken a 21-14 lead on a Sheldon Gant 1-yard touchdown run to start overtime, Pierre responded with a Brevin Kaiser 8-yard touchdown scamper up the middle.

Welcome Home For Bucks Set For Monday

Yankton High School will host a state championship celebration for the 2015 Class 11AA champion Bucks football team on Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center.

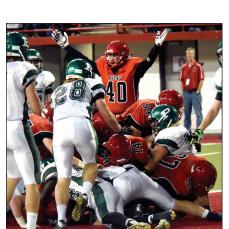
Like Brookings did last year, the Governors went for two, and the win. And just like Brookings a year go, a pass to the corner of the end zone — the same one, in fact — to receiver Joseph King was barely batted away.

It was déjà vu.

Just about everything about the final play was eerily reminiscent of 2014.

"That is really weird, yeah," said a smiling Colin Muth, a senior linebacker.

"I may sound cocky, but I'm surprised teams **BUCKS | PAGE 4B**



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Yankton's Syd Boots, 40, celebrates after teammate Nate Stephenson, 14, crosses the goal line for a touchdown just before halftime in the Class 11AA championship game against Pierre Friday night at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

Commentary

Stephenson Sparks Late-Season Surge



Yankton quarterback Nate Stephenson, 14, prepares to take the field during opening lineups for the Bucks' semifinal victory over Harrisburg on Nov. 6. Stephenson opened the season as the third quarterback on the depth chart, but has started for the second half of the season, helping the Bucks return to the Class 11AA finals.

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jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net There's a phrase in a once-popular song you've likely heard at a sporting event.

It goes, 'Two is not a winner and three no-

body remembers.' Trust me, high schoolaged students would know the song. Ask your kid. Or

Google it for yourself. Two is not a winner and three nobody remembers.' Nate Stephenson has

proven to be the counter-argument to that statement. People will remember his name.

The Yankton High School junior entered the 2015 football season with no serious qualms about

seeing time at quarterback in a varsity game.

Junior varsity, sure.
But varsity? For the defending state champion Bucks?

Not a chance. "I had no idea," a smiling Stephenson said when I asked him that last week. "There was a little bit of a learning curve, I guess you could

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