

# Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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If only the Yankton Bucks had one more day out in Mountain time. If only the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament was three days, instead of two. If that were the case, we might be talking about Yankton — with no upperclassmen in its six-man group — as a possible title contender. Instead, a sixth-place finish for the Bucks at state isn't half bad, considering they were 10th after Monday's opening round in Spearfish. Yankton shaved 12 strokes off that start to finish sixth at 652. Sioux Falls O'Gorman won the Class AA

## Young Bucks Grow Up Quickly Out West

championship at 632, eight shots ahead of Sioux Falls Lincoln. But here's the scary thing about the Bucks: They return all six golfers who qualified for the trip to Spearfish, and will bring back a total of seven kids with state tournament experience next year. That group is led by freshman Jace Guthmiller, who tied for fourth place this year at 152 — just two shots off the winning mark. Yankton also returns another freshman (Mitch Schillingman), three sophomores (Lane Sawatzke, Brandon Frick and Logan Megard) and an eighth-grader (Mason Sundleaf). That doesn't even account for sophomore Ben Jensen, who just missed qualifying for state after competing at the highest level a year ago. Just wait until next fall. Then we might be talking about Yankton making a return to the state's top echelon.

# Backup QB Might Get Start When Coyotes Open Great West Play Saturday

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VERMILLION — Saturday's homecoming game showdown with defending Great West Conference champion Southern Utah may feature an unfortunate twist for the South Dakota football team.

The Coyotes (3-2) may be required to start backup quarterback Jace Vanders Maten.

Second-year starter Dante Warren left last Saturday's 30-0 win over Lindenwood with a right hand injury, and X-rays later showed no fracture. Still, the Coyotes

aren't so sure it's not something more serious, head coach Ed Meierkort said Monday.

"If he's ready to go, we'll obviously play him," Meierkort said during the GWC media teleconference. "But if not, Josh is the guy."

Warren suffered the injury after scoring on a short touchdown run in the first quarter, but the extent wasn't discovered until later.

"He was able to continue for two or three series, but it swelled up so big he couldn't feel the ball anymore," Meierkort said. "I was unaware he was that hurt; he

was hiding it. We took him out and got him X-rayed at halftime."

The results showed no signs of fracture, but the team has since gotten a second X-ray. And Warren was seen with a cast on the hand Monday night.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Warren's status for this Saturday is still uncertain.

So for now, the Coyotes turn to the red-shirt freshman Vander Maten, who completed 8-of-12 passes or 77 yards and a touchdown in two and a half quarters.

"He's coming along," Meierkort said. "He looked like he was in control. We kind of dummed down the offense a little bit

just to make sure."

Vander Maten has appeared in four games this season, has completed 71.4 percent of his passes and has thrown for almost as many touchdowns (3) as Warren (5) — in a fourth of the attempts.

"I'm more comfortable now than I was at the beginning of the year. The kid's a gamer," Meierkort said of his backup. "I've told him many times he's the worst practice quarterback I've ever had. But in the games, the light is on.

"I think we can be productive with him."

Asked Monday about gearing up for a

USD offense that may or may not include the dual-threat Warren, Southern Utah coach Ed Lamb made clear that it might just mean more work for his Thunderbirds (3-2).

"We don't know much about the second quarterback. We have to prepare for both," Lamb said. "It almost means that we have to do more preparation than if Dante was healthy.

"Overall, they don't rely on gimmicks or trickery, so it will be much of the same we've been seeing all season."

## SCOREBOARD

### GOLF

#### S.D. STATE CLASS A BOYS

Final Round, Tuesday at The Bluffs Golf Course, Vermillion

**Team Scores**  
Dell Rapids 315-314 — 629, Harrisburg 315-315 — 630, Aberdeen Roncalli 319-316 — 633, Sioux Falls Christian 324-321 — 645, Sisseton 330-317 — 647, Lead-Deadwood 334-337 — 671, West Central 349-324 — 673, Milbank 343-335 — 676, Dakota Valley 352-338 — 690, Winner 361-345 — 706, Parkston 360-355 — 715, Spearfish 361-355 — 716, Moberly-Pollock 376-362 — 738, Hot Springs 373-369 — 742, St. Thomas More 384-365 — 749, Sioux Valley 390-374 — 764, Chamberlain 391-365 — 776, Bon Homme 399-410 — 809

**Individual Scores**  
144 — Ryan Medhag, Sisseton (70-74)  
145 — Ryan Patton, Milbank (73-71)  
147 — Michael Schmidt, Dell Rapids (72-75)  
152 — Andrew Nelson, SF Christian (77-75)  
153 — Jordan Rolstad, Sisseton (81-72); Tyler Burr, Belle Fourche (75-78); Nick Skajevsk, Harrisburg (77-76)  
154 — Alex Steen, Harrisburg (78-76)  
156 — Ted LaCourseire, Dell Rapids (78-78)  
157 — Jon Van Hui, SF Christian (77-80)  
158 — Jayden Bruun, Winner (80-78); Dylan From, West Central (82-76)  
159 — Lane Shrover, Chamberlain (78-81); Eric Hurley, Roncalli (79-80)  
160 — Coleman Caldwell, Chamberlain (83-77); Riley Danielson, West Central (84-78); Peyton Sanders, Dakota Valley (81-79); Carter Anderson, Vermillion (78-82)  
161 — Matt Drake, Tea Area (87-74); Andrew Weik, Roncalli (83-78); Cade McLaughlin, Harrisburg (82-79)

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Final Round, Tuesday at Spearfish Canyon Country Club

**Team Scores**  
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman 632; 2. Sioux Falls Lincoln 640; 3. Rapid City Stevens 642; 4. Sioux Falls Roosevelt 645; 5. Brandon Valley 646; 6. Yankton 652; 7. Pierre 654; Aberdeen Central; 9. Rapid City Central 661; 10. Sioux Falls Washington 664; 11. Watertown 670; 12. Strongs 686; 13. Mitchell 689; 14. Huron 734; 15. Brookings 754; 16. Douglas 823.

**Individual Results**  
150 — Clay Koppin, Sturgis (won on first playoff hole); Sam Muehl, Rapid City Stevens  
151 — Tommy Vining, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
152 — Trevor Tobin, Brandon Valley, Jace Guthmiller, Yankton; Ian Rinken, Sioux Falls Washington  
154 — Max Donohue, Sioux Falls O'Gorman  
155 — Zach Smalley, Pierre; Austin Sitter, Sioux Falls Roosevelt  
156 — Nick Gottlieb, Watertown; Tate McVay, Sturgis  
158 — Cameron Huff, Aberdeen  
159 — Chris Gatter, Sioux Falls O'Gorman; Jake Rogers, Sioux Falls Pierre  
160 — Austin Simpson, Rapid City Stevens  
161 — Willie Welch, Pierre; Cole Kuhnt, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Noah Fenske, Rapid City Central  
162 — Jeremy Eich, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Ethan Metz, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Jace Prebie, Rapid City Central  
163 — Nate Peterson, Brandon Valley; Collin Hammer, Sioux Falls O'Gorman; Parker Kitzke, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Miles Brudigan, Sioux Falls Washington; Taylor Boss, Rapid City Stevens; Jared Smith, Huron  
164 — Tyler Anderson, Brandon Valley; Brandon Frick, Yankton  
165 — Tyson Duncanson, Brandon Valley; Hans Leung, Pierre; Jordan Tarason, Sioux Falls Roosevelt  
166 — Lane Sawatzke, Yankton; Phoenix Sigmund, Mitchell  
167 — Connor Farrar, Rapid City Stevens; John Ferris, Rapid City Stevens  
168 — Zach Gager, Aberdeen Central; Trevor Heib, Aberdeen Central  
169 — Thomas Hogg, Aberdeen Central; Andrew Sullivan, Rapid City Central  
170 — Kyle Richter, Watertown; Nick Bruhn, Sioux Falls O'Gorman; Mitch Scillingman, Yankton; Lee Radke, Sioux Falls Lincoln; Jeremy Betz, Rapid City Central  
171 — Riley Duncanson, Brandon Valley; Alex Kindopp, Watertown; Tyler Hyronimus, Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Jason Welch, Mitchell; Jake Steen, Brookings  
172 — Josh Beck, Sioux Falls Lincoln

### FOOTBALL

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA SCORES

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Alcester-Hudson def. Centerville, 25-18, 25-14, 25-19  
Avon def. South Central, 19-25, 27-6, 26-24, 25-19  
Bennett County def. Red Cloud, 25-18, 25-20, 28-26  
Bon Homme def. Dakota Christian, 25-16, 25-23, 25-19  
Brigdwater-Emerly def. Canistota, 25-16, 25-20, 25-18  
Chamberlain def. Kimball, 26-24, 25-20, 27-19  
Chester def. Gametson, 25-11, 25-10, 25-13

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## AREA CALENDAR

### Wednesday, October 5

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Tri-Valley Conf./Viborg Inv. at Glenridge GC (Alcester-Hudson, Avon, Centerville, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Menno, Scottard, Viborg-Hurley, 3 p.m.)  
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Northwestern (7:30 p.m.)  
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC at Northwestern (6 p.m.)

### Thursday, October 6

CHEER & DANCE, PREP Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, Dakota Valley, 5:30 p.m.)  
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Big East Conf. at Salem (Parker, 4 p.m.); Big 8 Conf. at Harrisburg (Vermillion, 4 p.m.); Elmer-Parkston Inv. at Parkston (Elmer-Parkston, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Wagner, 4 p.m.)  
FOOTBALL, PREP Mary Indian at Andes Central  
FOOTBALL, 9TH Brandon Valley at YHS (4:15 p.m.)  
GOLF, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conference #2 at Lochland GC, Hastings (MMC)  
SOCCER, BOYS' S.D. State Tour. at Mitchell

### Friday, October 7

SOCCER, GIRLS' S.D. State Tour. at Mitchell  
TENNIS, GIRLS' S.D. State Tour. at Sioux Falls (9 a.m.)  
VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Bancroft-Rosalie at Newcastle; Beresford at Alcester-Hudson (HC); Elgin Public-Pope John/Waasa vs. Clearwater-Orchard at Clearwater, Freeman at Bon Homme; Gayville-Volin/Menno vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Harrisburg at Dakota Valley; Hartington at Allen; Howard at Parkston; Madison at Vermillion; North Central/O'Neill St. Mary's/Stuart vs. Niobrara-Vergde at Niobrara; Parker at Scotland; Platte-Geddes at Gregory; Randolph at West Holt; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Plankinton; Viborg-Hurley at Baltic; Wayne at Crofton; Wynot at Winside

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