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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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When preparing to cover tonight's Yankton at Sioux Falls O'Gorman playoff football game, I noticed what could be considered a disturbing trend. Since losing to O'Gorman in the 2005 state championship game, Yankton has just one victory in a dozen worth of tries against teams from Sioux Falls. The last eight meetings have gone the way of the future Metro Leaguers, with a 2007 victory over Roosevelt (10-7) being the only decision in the Bucks' favor during that period.

It's not hard to see why. Sioux Falls football has seen a surge that it hadn't seen in the history of high school

Bucks Look To End A Trend Tonight

football. For the first 25 years of the playoff era, Sioux Falls football — at least with the public schools — was but an afterthought. From 1981 to 2001, a lone loss by Washington in 1987 represented the Sioux Falls Public Schools championship game history. Title losses by Washington (to Yankton) in 2002 and by Roosevelt in 2004 preceded the current string of five straight SFPS victories. The run — and the regular season dominance that has gone with it — has many around the state demanding a change in the classification structure. They'd like to see the Sioux Falls schools and some of the other bigger schools — which would include Yankton — off in their own little class to restore "competitive balance." But wins, like Yankton over O'Gorman or Mitchell over Washington (which would be the Kernels' second win over a Sioux Falls public this year), could quiet some of that talk. Would one or more of those wins signal a turn in the tide as well? Only time will tell.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

SOUTH DAKOTA PLAYOFFS

CLASS 11AA

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
Brookings (6-4) at Lincoln (7-2), 2 p.m.
Brandon Valley (7-3) at Roosevelt (8-1), 5 p.m.
Yankton (7-3) at O'Gorman (7-2), 6:30 p.m.
Mitchell (8-2) at Washington (7-2), 8 p.m.

CLASS 11A

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Chamberlain (2-7) at No. 1 Dell Rapids (8-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Tea Area (6-3) at No. 4 Belle Fourche (6-3), 7 p.m.
No. 7 Spearfish (6-4) at No. 2 Todd County (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 11A

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 6 Dakota Valley (6-3) at No. 3 West Central (8-1), 7 p.m.
CLASS 11B
Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Mobridge-Pollock (5-4) at No. 1 Tri-Valley (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Custer (8-1) at No. 4 St. Thomas More (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 9AA

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Howard (5-4) at No. 1 Bridgewater-Ethan (8-1), 7 p.m.
No. 5 Miller (7-2) at No. 4 Leola-Fredrick (8-1), 7 p.m.
No. 7 Gettysburg-Hoven (6-3) at No. 2 Kimball-White Lake (7-2), 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 White River (7-2) at No. 3 Deoburok Area (7-2), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 9A

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Herried-Selby Area (6-3) at No. 1 Canistota (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Hanson (6-3) at No. 4 Wilmont (8-1), 7 p.m.
No. 7 Irene-Wakonda (8-1) at No. 2 Wail (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 Warner (7-2) at No. 3 Corsica-Stickney (9-0), 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 9B

Quaterfinals, Oct. 31
No. 8 Hitchcock-Tulare (4-5) at No. 1 Waverly-South Shore (9-0), 7 p.m.
No. 5 Langford Area (8-1) at No. 4 Viborg-Hurley (7-2), 7 p.m.
No. 7 Dupree (7-2) at No. 2 Harding County (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 29. Total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1	LSU	47	8-0	1,439
2	Alabama	10	8-0	1,401
3	Oklahoma State	4	8-0	1,305
4	Stanford	8-0	1,278	4
5	Boise State	11	7-0	1,241
6	Oregon	7-1	1,148	7
7	Oklahoma	7-1	1,096	11
8	Arkansas	7-1	1,035	8
9	Nebraska	7-1	976	13
10	South Carolina	7-1	861	14
11	Clemson	8-1	851	6
12	Michigan	8-1	755	15
13	Virginia Tech	7-1	718	17
14	Houston	8-0	611	18
15	Michigan St.	6-2	586	9
16	Penn St.	8-1	553	21
17	Kansas St.	7-1	536	10
18	Georgia	6-2	446	22
19	Wisconsin	6-2	429	12
20	Arizona	6-2	384	23
21	Southern Cal	6-2	323	20
22	Georgia Tech	7-2	230	NR
23	Cincinnati	6-1	128	24
24	West Virginia	6-2	111	25
25	Auburn	6-3	107	NR

AREA CALENDAR

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Lancers

From Page 10

"These guys worked hard every day in games and practices," Epp said. "Our whole team got along very well, and I attribute that to this group of seniors. They made sure everyone was included and everyone got along."

All of the seniors expressed the same feeling of having being somewhat disappointed in their win-loss record at Mount Marty, but each of them did not regret choosing to play at the school.

Epp looked forward to the future of the Lancer soccer program.

"We will begin working towards next season right away," Epp said. "Some areas that we need to focus on are becoming much stronger, and we need to improve our speed."

The seniors also spoke about the future of the Lancers.

"Mount Marty will be a true competitor in the next couple years," Hansen said. "They are on their way up, and Coach Epp will help them develop into a great soccer program."

"The guys are still on that climb towards becoming a winning team, and I hope that Coach Epp can bring in some talented guys and continue that progress."

In the match Saenz led the Lancers with his four shots. Goalkeeper Jeremiah Kiehn had 14 saves.

Midland was led by Kinning and Cox's two goals each, and Jared Wilmert had two assists. Goalkeeper Lewis Wilcox had eight saves.

Midland ends the regular season at 9-8-1 overall and 6-4 in the GPAC. They will host Concordia in the first round of the first round of the GPAC tournament.

Playoffs

From Page 10

Sam Steff hasn't played a lot of linebacker yet this season but still has 30 tackles.

"They've been trying to keep him healthy, so he hasn't been playing a lot of defense," Likness said. "Now that it's go time, he's going to be back in there."

With Knodel and Soulek back in the Yankton lineup and battle-tested players behind them, the Bucks will be ready for a physical game and hoping to play the winner of the Sioux Falls Roosevelt/Brandon Valley quarterfinal game.

"Our matchup is pretty good if we're ready mentally," Likness said. "The last time we played

them, they killed us, so we've got to come out and show we can play with them."

College

From Page 10

After going to the sideline for one play, Burkhead was back on the field running a wheel route and catching the 27-yard touchdown pass from Taylor Martinez that sealed No. 13 Nebraska's 24-3 victory over the ninth-ranked Spartans on Saturday.

"Unless he's on crutches, he's going to be out there," Pelini said. "The guy is a warrior. You can't ask for more than he gives this football team."

What Burkhead gave Nebraska was 130 hard-earned yards rushing and three touchdowns in only Nebraska's second win in 17 games against a top-10 opponent.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 27, NORTHERN IOWA 19: FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Brock Jensen completed a career-high 22 of 25 passes for 204 yards and a touchdown Saturday as North Dakota State took sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 27-19 victory over Northern Iowa.

D.J. McNorton scored on a 6-yard run and an 8-yard pass for the Bison (8-0, 5-0), who are one of two undefeated teams in the FCS, along with Sam Houston State (8-0). North Dakota State also scored on a 3-yard fumble recovery by Kyle Emanuel.

Northern Iowa (6-2, 5-1), which was averaging 202 yards rushing per game, was held to 53. David Johnson had 16 yards on 10 carries, but caught 10 passes for 114 yards and a TD.

Trell Rennie was 20 of 30 for 224 yards, but threw

his first interception of the season — snapping a school-record streak of 171 passes without an interception dating back to last season.

NORTH DAKOTA 27, NORTHERN COLORADO 25: GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Zeb Miller kicked a career best 54-yard field goal with 1:52 left, lifting North Dakota to a 27-25 victory over struggling Northern Colorado on Saturday.

Brent Goska completed 18 of 30 passes for 206 yards and a touchdown and ran for a second for North Dakota (5-3).

Miller also had a 41-yard field goal. Ross Brennan recovered two fumbles for the Fighting Sioux, who evened the all-time series at 12-12.

Patrick Walker caught 10 passes, two for touchdowns, and a school and Big Sky record 315 yards for the Bears (9-9).

DRAKE 23, MARIST 13: POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — Mike Piatkowski threw for two touchdowns, and Drake's defense held off Marist 23-13 on Saturday.

Piatkowski started the scoring on a 21-yard pass to Drew Blackmon, and then added a 22-yarder to Joey Orlando for a 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

The Bulldogs (7-2, 5-1 Pioneer League) went up 17-0 after a 32-yard field goal by Billy Janssen. Drake's defense did the rest, holding the Red Foxes (3-6, 2-4) to 255 yards of total offense.

The Bulldogs continued their dominance of the running game, holding Marist to 34 yards on the