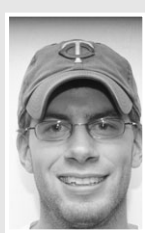


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You will have to forgive me for getting a little nostalgic, but tonight's contest between the Yankton Bucks and Washington Warriors brings back a flood of memories for this football enthusiast.

Almost exactly 10 years ago (October 11, 2002), I made my inaugural visit to Crane-Youngworth Field to watch my 6-0 Warriors get routed by the also undefeated 6-0 Bucks as a junior in high school.

I remember riding to the game with friends and being almost certain that we were about to watch the Warriors spread offense keep the Bucks on their toes.

Tonight's Matchup A Reminder Of First Trip To Crane-Youngworth Field

Instead, it was the Bucks who struck early and often and pitched a 27-0 shutout against the Warriors.

The Bucks would go 13-0 that season and defeat Washington once more in the Dakota Dome for the Class 11AA Championship, their most recent title to date.

Since that time, the two programs have had very different results, with Yankton returning to the Dome only once, in 2005, finishing runner-up to O'Gorman, and the Warriors winning titles in 2009 and 2010 as well as finishing second in 2007, 2008 and 2011.

While the Bucks were successful, if not dominant, against the Sioux Falls public schools through 2005, since then they are 1-9 versus Roosevelt and Washington (they have not faced Lincoln since a 2005 playoff victory).

In four games against the Warriors during the past six years, three of which being playoff games, Yankton is 0-4 including a 29-14 defeat at Howard Wood last season.

Obviously a lot has changed in the past decade. For one, I have been using neutral colors and sitting in the press box instead of donning orange and black and sitting in the overflowing visitor's grandstand.

Don't worry about this reporter though, as I have been out of high school for over eight years now and know more Yankton players and jersey numbers than Washington these days.

That same fall call that I experienced a decade ago in my first visit to Crane will once again be in the air as the games truly start to matter. Sports do not get any better than high school football in October.

Tonight's contest could be the final meaningful matchup for some time between the Warriors and Bucks as Washington moves to the new Class 11AAA in 2013. Come on out, support your team, and enjoy the game.

Cross Country: Parkston-Ethan Sweeps Home Invite

PARKSTON — Parkston-Ethan swept boys and girls team titles at their home invitational on Thursday afternoon in Parkston.

Wagner's Nick Dion and Parkston-Ethan's Tyler Hohn each ran 16:52 in the boys' race, tying for first place.

The winning duo were followed across the line by Parkston-Ethan teammates Kyle Hohn, Nick Zolnowsky and Ethan Murtha to give Parkston-Ethan four of the top five spots and a near-perfect score of 574. Wagner placed second with 14 points.

On the girls' side, Taya Heisinger (second), Hannah Wegenhaupt (fourth) and Katie Murtha (10th) scored for Parkston-Ethan to give them a 16-24 victory over Mount Vernon-Plankinton.

Mount Vernon-Plankinton's Savannah Schmidt covered the 4000 meter course in 15:11 to take the individual crown. Hanson's Emily Hanson finished third while Reganne Engerbreton of Platte-Geddes placed fifth.

BOYS DIVISION TEAM SCORES: Parkston-Ethan 8, Wagner 14, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 39, Mitchell Christian 42, Platte-Geddes 46 TOP 10: 1. Nick Dion, Wagner 16:52; 1. Tyler Hohn, Parkston-Ethan 16:52; 3. Kyle Hohn, Ethan Murtha, Parkston-Ethan 17:13; 4. Nick Zolnowsky, Parkston-Ethan 17:40; 5. Ethan Murtha, Parkston-Ethan 17:51; 6. Trevor Holiday, Wag-

Girls' Division

nelson; 7. Tyler Dion, Wagner 17:57; 8. Hunter Jackson, Parkston-Ethan 18:01; 9. Myles Bialas, Parker-Ethan 18:01; 10. Terry Persson, Hanson 19:30

TEAM SCORES: Parkston-Ethan 16, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 24, Scotland 26, Platte-Geddes 41, Hanson 43 TOP 10: 1. Savannah Schmidt, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 15:11; 2. Taya Heisinger, Parkston-Ethan 15:33; 3. Emily Hanson, Hanson 15:48; 4. Hannah Wegenhaupt, Parkston-Ethan 15:54; 5. Reganne Engerbreton, Platte-Geddes 15:56; 6. Kelley Barnett, Wagner 16:25; 7. Kehandra Farnley, Scotland 16:30; 8. Sidney Galt, Scotland 16:33; 9. Lucy Moore, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 16:39; 10. Katie Murtha, Parkston-Ethan 16:44

IWTRN-VALLEY CONF. IRENE — The Freeman Academy boys and Gayville-Volin girls each swept team titles at the dual Irene-Wakonda Invite and Tri-Valley Conference Invite, held Monday at Glenridge Golf Course near Irene.

In the boys' division, Freeman Academy was first in the overall team race with 10 points, ahead of McCrossan at 21. In the TVC standings, the Bobcats had six total points and Baltic was second at 17.

Viborg-Hurley's Seth Engen was first overall in a time of 18:34.96, followed by Irene-Wakonda's Jack Johnson (19:00.39) and Avon's Brant Blaha (19:04.72).

On the girls' side, Gayville-Volin edged Sioux Falls Christian 12-19 in the overall team race and beat Irene-Wakonda 6-16 for the TVC title. Genevieve Clark of Gayville-Volin was first overall in 15:36.40, ahead of the S.F. Christian duo of Justine Van

Zee (15:37.0) and Audrey Brooks (16:24.78).

OVERALL TEAM SCORES: Freeman Academy 10, McCrossan 21, Sioux Falls Christian 28, Avon 36, Baltic 50, Marion 73, Menno 75, Gayville-Volin 78

TVC TEAM SCORES: Freeman Academy 6, Baltic 17, Gayville-Volin 27, OVERALL TOP 10: 1. Seth Engen, Viborg-Hurley 18:34.96; 2. Jack Johnson, Irene-Wakonda 19:00.39; 3. Brant Blaha, Avon 19:04.72; 4. Cole Hofer, Freeman Academy 19:30.79; 5. Ben Brockmeuler, Freeman Academy 19:35.17; 6. Cletus Williams, McCrossan 19:30.77; 7. Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 19:43.38; 8. Jacob Schweitzer, Bridgewater-Emery 19:45.13; 9. Lance Van Zee, SF Christian 19:46.71; 10. Elyas Roberts, McCrossan 19:49.95

GIRLS DIVISION OVERALL TEAM SCORES: Gayville-Volin 12, Sioux Falls Christian 19, Irene-Wakonda 29, Canistota 35, Marion 51, Centerville 67, Menno 80, Avon 82

TVC TEAM SCORES: Gayville-Volin 6, Irene-Wakonda 16, Centerville 33, OVERALL TOP 10: 1. Genny Clark, Gayville-Volin 15:36.40; 2. Justine Van Zee, SF Christian 15:37.00; 3. Audrey Brooks, SF Christian 16:24.78; 4. Laura Nelson, Gayville-Volin 16:37.79; 5. Caley Roth, Freeman 17:11.17; 6. Jaca Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley 17:26.21; 7. Rebecca Ebert, Freeman 17:29.87; 8. Clara Koerner, Freeman Academy 17:41.93; 9. Levy Sandman, Canistota 17:46.46; 10. Briana Davis, Marion 17:59.43

MMC Men 14th At BC Inv.

SIoux CITY, Iowa — The Mount Marty Lancers men's golf team placed 14th in the Briar Cliff Invitational in Sioux City on Thursday. Jason Schmidt tied for 26th with an 18-hole score of 81 to lead the way for the Lancers. Yankton-native Chris

Hoffman shot an 88 to tie for 58th while Weston Swanson tied for 60th with an 89.

Rounding out the top five for Mount Marty was Brett Korth, tying for 70th with a 95 and Dylan Bales shooting a 97 to tie for 75th.

The Lancers finished with a team score of 353. North-western shot a 300 to win the team title. Midland University was runner-up with a 306.

The Lancers wrap up all fall portion of their season with the second GPAC qualifier on October 10 in Sioux City.

Yankton Frosh Top Lynx

BRANDON — The Yankton Bucks defeated the Brandon Valley Lynx 7-6 in a defensive showdown on Thursday night. Sheldon Gant scored the long touchdown for Yankton in the first quarter.

Gant led the rushing attack for the Bucks, with 54 yards on 17 carries. Tanner Frick and Spencer Huber combined to rush for 22 yards on the night. Quarterback Reid Sawatzkie was four of seven passing with 33 yards and an interception. Keenan LaCroix caught one ball for 15 yards.

The Buck defense made the Lynx commit five interceptions. Blake Savey led Yankton with two interceptions. Sawatzkie, Gant, and Frick each had an interception. Colin Muth led the defense with six tackles. Brady Sorenson

recorded four tackles. Sam Stewart and Landon Binder each had fumble recoveries for the Bucks.

Yankton moves to 4-2 and their next game will be against the Norfolk Panthers on Oct. 11, at Crane Youngworth Field at 4:15 p.m.

Twins Fire Three Coaches, Head Trainer In Shakeup

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have fired three coaches and their head athletic trainer in the wake of a second straight last-place finish in the AL Central.

The Twins announced the moves on Thursday. Longtime bullpen coach Rick Stelmazsek, third base coach Steve Liddle, first base coach Jerry White and head athletic trainer Rick McVane did not have their contracts renewed for 2013. The team also says bench coach Scott Uliger and hitting coach Joe Vavra have been reassigned. Uliger will work with the outfielders and Vavra the infielders.

Earlier this week, coach Ron Gardenhire said he would prefer to have his staff back next season. Four of the five coaches have been with Gardenhire since 2002. Vavra joined the team in 2006.

Stelmazsek has been with the organization since 1978.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL MONDAY NIGHT MIXED HIGH TEAM GAME: RTBN 490 HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: RTBN 1373 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Todd Moody 236, Kelly Memm 222, Annabelle Moody 211 (er. rolls), Romain Lecker 179, Cindy Somer 173, Elaine List 157

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES: Todd Moody 649, Kelly Memm 577, Annabelle Moody 574, Hal Somer 533, Sharon Scissons 449, Elaine List 446

STANDINGS: RTBN 124, Bob's Hobby Supply 10-6, TCB 9-7, Century Pumps 8-8, RLD Lockers 7-9, Missis 6-10, Ten 6-10, Aleyk Kals 6-10

HIGHLIGHTS: Elmer Meser 2-7, Elaine List 3-10, Bob List 2-7-8, Lonnie Remington 4-5-7, Hal Somer 3-10, 3-10, Romain Lecker 3-10, 2-7

SPARETIME LADIES HIGH TEAM GAME: Glass Cutters 963 HIGH TEAM SERIES: Glass Cutters 2550 HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Stacy Barta 224, Mindy Huehner 214, Candy Olson 200

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