

Veteran Bucks Open State Golf Tourney Today

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The Yankton Bucks may have more varsity experience than any other team taking the course at this year's S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament, which begins today (Monday) at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course.

After a third place finish a year ago, the Bucks are hoping that experience pays off in the team's first state title since 2006.

"It's been a while since we've had experience like we have now," said Yankton head golf coach Brett Sime. "You might have to go back to when (junior) Jace (Guthmiller) was a seventh grader. We had five seniors and Jace that year."

"It's been nice to be able to work with these guys."

Only defending state champion Sioux Falls Lincoln returns as much experience as the Bucks, with all six

golfers back and 14 state tournament appearances under their belts. O'Gorman players have a combined 11 state tournament appearances coming into this season, but 10 of those are owned by two golfers.

"There are a number of teams that can complete, starting with Lincoln and O'Gorman," Sime said. "Lincoln is the defending champion. O'Gorman has played well. Stevens has played well. Brandon Valley will play well on their home course. Aberdeen Central is a good team that finished second in the (Eastern South Dakota) Conference. Even Wattertown could come out and play well."

Sime noted that the lack of difficulty in the Brandon course could open the team race up a bit.

"When you play a harder course, the better teams separate themselves," he said. "I think it will be an entertaining state tournament. A lot of teams have a chance."

Yankton senior Brandon Frick echoed that statement.

"If you get a bogey, you feel like you're falling behind the competition," he said. "You feel like you have to shoot 10-under (par)."

The Bucks averaged team scores of 295 when they opened the season there in August. The 293 Yankton shot there in the season-opening Brandon Valley Invitational is a season low.

Knowing low numbers will be on the board means players must stay more focused on their own games, according to Yankton senior Ben Jensen.

"If you get caught up in what everyone else is doing, you're going to try to do things you shouldn't be trying," he said. "You have to go out and play your own game, and know that you can play well enough to contend."

Guthmiller, Yankton's leader with a 72.6 scoring average, will be play-

ing in his fifth state tournament. Only four golfers competing this week have more state tournament experience: O'Gorman's Max Donohue (third in 2012) and Chris Gaher (tied for fifth), Brookings' Jake Steen and Sturgis' Tate McVay. Three others will be playing in their fifth tournament this week, Lincoln's Cole Peterson (tied for eighth), Aberdeen Central's Cameron Huff and Rapid City Central's Sam Musch.

Sophomore Mitch Schlingman will be playing his fourth state tournament for the Bucks. Jensen, Frick and fellow senior Logan Megard will be playing their third state tournaments. Senior Lane Sawatzke played state as a sophomore, and was on track to make the state tournament roster last season before a broken leg sidelined him right before conference.

Sophomore Mason Sundleaf, who did not make this year's state tournament roster, has also played in two

state tournaments. The seniors said that the in-house competition of having seven experienced golfers playing for six spots made everyone better.

"It gives us a look at tournament-level competition," Sawatzke said. "You get that tournament feel each practice."

Now that four of this year's Bucks are in their final high school tournament, they don't want to settle for a lower finish.

"This is our last chance to make a name for ourselves," Jensen said. "We got the ESD title, but we think we can do one better. We'd like to end up with a state championship and put a stamp on this season."

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'D' Breaking Through

Defensive Turn-Around Leads The Way As USD Celebrates First MVFC Win

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VERMILLION — Nearly halfway through its 2013 season, the USD football team is already way ahead of last year's defensive pace.

A year ago, the Coyotes ranked last in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in total defense, allowing 387 yards and 31.5 points per game.

This year? Those rankings have jumped to second in total defense (299.6 yards) and third in scoring defense (19.6).

"We're considerably better than we were a year ago," head coach Joe Glenn said after his team won its first-ever Missouri Valley game, 17-14 over Missouri State on Saturday afternoon.

"Don't get me wrong, there's still room for improvement, but we're playing hard."

USD (2-3, 1-1) is also playing faster.

Opposing quarterbacks are completing only 48 percent of their passes and have struggled through the air, as the Coyotes lead the FCS in pass defense at 109.6 yards allowed per game.

Missouri State, for example, completed only 7-of-22 passes for 72 yards on Saturday. The Coyotes intercepted two of those throws, one that went for a touchdown by line-backer Kyle Guziec in the first quarter.



D-Lightful D-Days

ABOVE: South Dakota's Steve Tellefsen flies over the top of Missouri State's Dorian Buford, 15, to break up the pass during their Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup on Saturday at the DakotaDome. Also in on the play is USD's Keyen Lage, right.

LEFT: South Dakota's Kyle Guziec, right, celebrates after scoring a defensive touchdown for the Coyotes in their 17-14 victory over Missouri State on Saturday at the DakotaDome.

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Jacks Fall To SIU

BROOKINGS (AP) — Kory Faulkner rushed for two touchdowns, passed for another and Thomas Kinney hit a pair of field goals to lift Southern Illinois to a 27-24 Missouri Valley Conference win over South Dakota State on Saturday.

The game, South Dakota State's 100th Hobo Day, was tight throughout with three ties and two lead changes. The Jackrabbits (3-3, 0-2) ended the first half ahead 17-10 after a Zach Zenner rushing TD, Justin Syrovatka field goal and Charles Elmore's 89-yard return of a Faulkner interception.

The Salukis (3-3, 1-1) responded two minutes after intermission when Faulkner hit John Lantz for a 59-yard scoring pass to tie. Faulkner ran in from the 3 in the final quarter. Kinney added field goals of 35 and 42 yards.

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FB: Bulldogs Bounce Bees

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Jacob Morrill rushed for 170 yards and three touchdowns, and seven other Bulldogs found the endzone as Creighton beat previously-unbeaten Bloomfield 80-0 in 8-man football action on Friday.

Seth Wilmes scored twice, and Beau Schindler, Reid Lisa, Justin Wilmes, Brook Baller, Cole Condon and Zach Hazen each scored touchdowns in the win.

Defensively, Justin and Seth Wilmes each had seven tackles for Creighton.

Quinn O'Brien rushed for 31 yards and passed for 56 yards to lead the Bloomfield offense. Trent Johnson, Conner Wilson and Cody Beckmann each had nine stops for the Bloomfield defense.

Creighton, 5-0, hosts Plainview, and Bloomfield, 4-1, draws Elgin Public-Pope John next.

CREIGHTON.....22 22 30 6 — 80
BLOOMFIELD.....0 0 0 0 — 0

Wynot 44, Stuart 22

WYNOT, Neb. — Jackson Sudbeck threw for four touchdowns and rushed for another as Wynot downed Stuart 44-22 in 8-man football action on Friday.

Sudbeck was 20-33 passing for 329 yards and rushed for a team-high 76 yards in the victory. Cody Stratman caught seven passes for a team-best 192 yards and two scores. Davis Wieseler caught eight passes for 101 yards and a score. Brady Stratman caught a touchdown pass and rushed for a score in the win.

For Stuart, Alex Kunz was 14-29 passing for 196 yards and three scores, including five for 105 yards and two scores to Mitchell Dvorak. Kunz and Mason Dexter each had 10 tackles for the Broncos defense.

Wynot, 5-0, travels to Winless Winside next. Stuart, 4-1, looks to bounce back at home against Wausa.

STUART (4-1).....0 8 8 6 — 22
WYNOT (5-0).....14 8 8 14 — 44

Softball: Gazelles Fall To O'Gorman, Finish Seventh In State Tournament

SIoux FALLS — The Yankton Gazelles were eliminated from the S.D. Class A Varsity softball tournament with a 7-5 setback against Sioux Falls O'Gorman late Friday evening.

The Gazelles finished seventh in the tournament after entering the event as the 10th seed.

McKynze Hansen doubled and singled with a RBI and a run scored for O'Gorman. Gabi Holbert and Lily Koob

each went 2-4 with a RBI, with Holbert scoring twice in the win.

Alisa Ruzicka went 2-4 with two RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Madison Dangler doubled and singled, scoring twice. Jennifer Feilmeier also had two hits, scoring once. Abby Schulte doubled. Andi Sprakel and Brynn Alberts each had a hit and a RBI. Kalyin Peterka and Bailey Kortan added hits. Koob picked up the win. Jaclyn

Arens took the loss.

O'Gorman led 3-0 after two innings, but Yankton tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the fourth and 5-5 in the top of the fifth before O'Gorman scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to ice the victory.

Middle School

SIoux FALLS — Flandreau needed extra innings to eliminate the Yankton Red squad 6-5 in the state middle school softball tournament on Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton Red finished the tournament in fourth place.

Elsie Marquardt doubled and scored, and Trinity Fitch and Brooke Madsen each had a hit and a run scored to lead Yankton. Chloe Koletzky also had a hit. Payton Vellek and Megan McCorkell scored in the effort.

Tori Herboldt took the loss, striking out 12 batters.

YANKTON RED 4, MADISON 2: Tori Herboldt struck out 15 batters as Yankton Red stayed alive with a win over Madison.

Brooke Madsen had a hit and two runs scored, and Larkyn Mason had a hit and a run scored for Yankton. Elsie Marquardt had a hit and Megan McCorkell scored in the win.

Coyotes Win Ninth Straight In Summit League Volleyball Play

Cubs Beat Cougars For TVC Title

BROOKINGS — South Dakota volleyball had three players reach double-digit kills as the Coyotes topped in-state rival South Dakota State 22-25, 25-15, 25-20, 25-18 on Saturday night in Frost Arena. The Coyotes (13-6, 4-0) have now won nine straight Summit League matches dating back to last season.

Kendall Kritenbrink recorded 21 kills to lead the Coyote effort, while Sydney Dimke had 13 kills and Kelsey Biltfoft notched 11 kills. Defensively, Kaitlyn Hastings led USD in digs with 14 while Kritenbrink recorded 12 digs for her eighth double-double of the season. Tori Kroll tallied 51 assists.

The Coyotes recorded an 18-6 run in the second set, a 16-5 run in the third set and a 13-2 run in the fourth set. South Dakota also had more kills than SDSU (2-14, 0-3) in every set and ended the match with a 62-45 advantage in that stat.

Tiara Gibson led South

Dakota State with 10 kills while Lexi Fowler recorded 12 digs and 37 assists. Yankton native Mikala Hora had six kills and three blocks (1 solo) for the Jackrabbits.

The Coyotes will return to the DakotaDome for a match on Friday against Denver at 5 p.m. South Dakota and Denver (10-7, 4-0) are the only teams left with undefeated league records.

SDSU travels to Western Illinois on Friday.

High School

Tri-Valley Conference
ALCESTER — Alcester-Hudson edged Viborg-Hurley 21-25, 25-14, 25-16, 23-25, 17-15 for the championship of the Tri-Valley Conference volleyball tournament on Saturday in Alcester.

Cassidy Walth recorded 12 kills, 12 digs and six ace serves, and Courtney McKee had 11 kills and 30 assists to lead Alcester-Hudson. Sierra McConnell also had 12 kills. Jamie Jansen posted 10 kills and eight blocks, Lindsey Terpstra had 12 digs and Sheria Doering added 11 digs in the victory.

For Viborg-Hurley, Abby Hora led the way with 14 kills, 19 digs and seven ace serves. Katelyn Graber posted 17 kills and 20 digs. Megan Knock had 35 assists. Hannah Jorgensen posted 11 kills, Angeliqee Lee had 10 kills and Kayla Anderson added 26 digs for the Cougars.

Alcester-Hudson, 19-1 and winners of 16 straight, travel to Centerville on Tuesday in TVC action. Viborg-Hurley, 12-8, travels to Hanson today (Monday).

THIRD — PONCA DEF. BALTIC 25-18, 25-

16, 25-23: Brook McCluskey had nine kills and 21 digs and Ponca beat Baltic for third place.

Hannah Albrecht had seven blocks and Melissa Schram posted 20 assists for Ponca. Kianna Kramper had 16 digs, MacKenzie Boyle had 15 digs and Madison Carlson had 10 digs in the win.

For Baltic, Allie Walter had six kills, Molly Stig had 13 assists and Brooke Wilson had six digs.

Ponca (3-10) is not a member of the TVC, but was invited to participate in the tournament to give the event a full eight-team field. The Indians shift from playing South Dakota opponents to an Iowa opponent on Tuesday, hosting Sergeant Bluff-Luton.

Baltic (7-8) travels to Salem to face McCook Central-Montrose today (Monday).

FIFTH — GAYVILLE-VOLIN DEF. IRENE-WAKONDA 25-16, 25-21, 25-22: Kella Barta posted 11 kills and 12 digs, and Genevieve Clark had nine kills and nine digs to lead Gayville-Volin to a 3-0 victory over Irene-Wakonda in the consolation final.

Rachel Haas had eight kills and nine digs, Vanessa Ryken posted 25 assists and Viola Ishmael had three ace serves in the victory.

Dana Schenk and Nikki Rudd had 10 kills each for Irene-Wakonda. Bailey Hinseth posted 17 assists, Maria Van Driel had nine digs and Taylor Lee added four ace serves for the Eagles.

Gayville-Volin, 10-3, and Irene-Wakonda, 3-9, face off again on Tuesday in Gayville.

SEVENTH — FREEMAN ACADEMY DEF. CENTERVILLE 25-16, 25-15, 25-17: Freeman Academy ended a nine-match losing streak with a 3-0 victory over Centerville in the seventh place match.

Hannah Yoder posted nine kills and Bethany Wollman had eight kills for Freeman Academy.

Abby Ostrem had 14 digs and Kristina Laska had 12 digs for Centerville.

Freeman Academy, 3-8, travels to Marion today (Monday). Centerville, 0-15, hosts Alcester-Hudson on Tuesday.

Marion Turn.

MARION — Mount Vernon-Plankinton beat host Marion 28-26, 25-17 for the championship of the Marion volleyball tournament on Saturday.

Dani Stoltz had eight kills and Jordan Achterberg had four blocks and two ace serves to lead MVP. Mikayla Weiss had 19 assists and Kaitlyn Prangley had 17 digs in the win.

For Marion, Erica Schoenwald posted 13 kills and 12 digs, and Renae Kayser had 16 assists to lead the way.

MVP, 14-2 and winners of 12 straight, travels to Chamberlain on Thursday. Marion hosts Freeman Academy today.

Wagner 3, Tri-Valley 0

COLTON — Kayla Deurmeier had 15 digs and 14 assists to lead Wagner to a 30-28, 25-19, 25-19 victory over Tri-Valley in prep volleyball action on Saturday.

Kim Koupal and Emily Brunings each had eight kills. Krista Dvorak recorded 13 assists and three ace serves. Brooklyn Tolliver had a team-high 20 digs. Kathleen Juller and Emily Brunings each had two blocks (1 solo) in the win.

Emma Johnson had seven kills and eight blocks (3 solo) to lead Tri-Valley. Mariah Swier had 12 assists and three assisted blocks. Brooklyn King had 19 digs and Olivia Minaert added 10 assists for the Mustangs.

Wagner, 13-4, travels to Armour today (Monday) to face Tripp-Delmont-Armour.

Tri-Valley, 10-6, travels to Garretson today.

WAGNER (13-4).....30 25 25
TRI-VALLEY (10-6).....28 19 19

Parker 3, Beresford 0

PARKER — McKenzie Cole had nine kills and Allison Sanner had eight kills, 11 digs and seven ace serves to lead Parker to a 25-8, 25-13, 25-12 victory over Beresford in prep volleyball action on Saturday.

Conlessa Harold and Rylie Christensen each had four kills for Parker, with Christensen also recording two blocks. Jenny Smith had 24 assists in the win.

For Beresford, Jennifer Swanson had five kills and Hannah Hepler had four kills.

Parker, 18-4, travels to Lennox on Tuesday. Beresford, 3-9, travels to West Central on Tuesday.

PARKER (18-4).....8 13 12
BERESFORD (3-9).....25 25 25



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South Dakota's Kendall Kritenbrink blocks a spike attempt by South Dakota State's Courtney Roberts during the fourth set of the Coyotes' 3-1 Summit League win over the Jackrabbits on Saturday at Frost Arena in Brookings.