

Gazelles Begin State Tennis Tournament Action Today

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Originally, the Yankton Gazelles were scheduled to have six days of rest between the Eastern South Dakota Conference tennis tournament and the state tournament.

Bad weather in Pierre, however, pushed ESD from last Thursday to Monday, leaving Yankton two full days of reprieve.

And so, the Gazelles have to be ready for the S.D. State Girls' Tennis Tournament, which begins today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday in Sioux Falls.

"There's not a turnaround at all,"

head coach Matt Termansen said.

With the ESD tournament having been played on a Monday and the team leaving Wednesday for Sioux Falls, there hasn't been much time between for the Gazelles to rest.

"I think it can be good or bad," Termansen said. "Number one is the school work, that's what is stressing them out the most.

"Playing that much can keep you in shape, though. So we know they won't be rusty."

Yankton is coming off a fourth-place finish at Monday's ESD Tournament, a performance that should provide some kind of momentum heading to state, Termansen said.

"We're looking to build on that," he said. "Some of them beat girls they haven't this year. Being successful there can only help us at state."

A year ago, the Gazelles finished 11th at state — fifth out of the ESD teams. The goal this year, Termansen said, is to approach the top 10.

"All of the girls are looking for success," he said. "I don't think there's any reason that if a girl loses a match early, that we couldn't come through the losers bracket and be consolation champs."

Of Yankton's six players, three are juniors, one is a senior, one is a fresh-

man and one is an eighth-grader. And four of those six have a winning record in singles' action this season.

The best record for the Gazelles belongs to eighth-grader Anne Knoff, who is 20-9 at flight six. Termansen called her a "human backstop."

"She can sit there and rally all day long, and that frustrates other girls," Termansen said. "She wins a lot of points because the other girl makes a mistake.

"She won't hit a lot of winners, but she doesn't hurt herself."

Junior Alexa Bryan boasts the next best record for Yankton, 19-11 at flight four. She is joined in singles play by junior Sarah Rockne (flight

one, 14-15), senior Taylor Rothenberger (flight two, 18-11), junior Kaitlyn Frank (flight three, 16-12) and freshman Anna Kokesh (flight five, 9-17).

In doubles action, two of Yankton's three tandems have a winning record. Frank and Kokesh are 16-12 at flight three, while Rockne and Rothenberger are 15-14 at flight two. The duo of Bryan and Knoff are 12-16 at flight two.

Full tournament seedings were determined Wednesday evening.

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GPAC Soccer

Raiders Take Two From MMC

Women: Northwestern Wins 3-0

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The opening 30 minutes were rather solid for the Mount Marty College women's soccer team.

The next 60 weren't, though, and that proved to be the difference — as did the communication.

"Talking is a huge key," MMC freshman Carly Manahan said after Wednesday afternoon's 3-0 loss to Northwestern in Great Plains Athletic Conference action at Yankton's Easton Field.

"If we can, we can find success."

"We have it in practice; we always communicate," she added. "But it's almost like we freeze up in games."

Northwestern scored twice in a 15-minute span that overlapped the two halves, and later added another goal. And that was all the Red Raiders (5-6-2, 2-2-1) needed.

The visitors dominated the stat sheet with a 30-6 edge in shots, including 12-3 in shots on goal.

"After losing so many games, it's hard to go down like this," said Lancers sophomore Allison Erwin, who led MMC with three shots. "We need to keep everyone fired up."

Still, it were those first 30



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Mount Marty's Carly Manahan, back, sends a shot past the defense of Northwestern's Kari Hillbrands during the first half of their GPAC women's soccer game Wednesday at Easton Field.

minutes that proved MMC can — and probably should — compete in the conference, head coach Nathan Epp said.

"That was great soccer. We were building attacks and giving ourselves looks," Epp said. "We just need to toughen up a little bit.

"We have a tendency, when one thing or a couple things go wrong, to start watching instead of being aggressive."

Northwestern's first goal

came in the 37th minute on an unassisted shot by Megan Knutson that sailed through the legs of the MMC goal-keeper.

Both teams played even for the rest of the half, as the Raiders took a 1-0 lead into the break.

It was a costly first 30 minutes for Mount Marty, which saw Amy Hisek — a Yankton native — leave with a leg injury.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Mount Marty's Allison Erwin, right, heads the ball backward behind Northwestern defender Kim Korrer during Wednesday's GPAC women's soccer game at Easton Field.

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Mount Marty's Ludwin Arana, right, battles with Northwestern's Justin Lehman for possession during the first half of their Wednesday GPAC men's soccer game at Easton Field.

Men: Raiders Rout Lancers

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The good news for the Mount Marty College men's soccer team? It allowed zero goals in the second half.

The bad news? It gave up eight in the first half.

Four days after a 10-0 loss to Doane, the Lancers watched Northwestern jump out to an early lead and cruise to an 8-1 win in GPAC action Wednesday at Yankton's Easton Field.

"That was a completely different team at the start," Mount Marty sophomore Levi Gomez said later. "We can't have that. We can't be two different teams.

"Good teams are consistent."

The Lancers (4-9, 0-5) were far from that in the opening half, as Gomez pointed out.

Northwestern's cushion was 2-0 after 5:20 of action and 5-0 before 30 minutes had elapsed.

Mount Marty's Levi Gomez scored in the 31st minute, off an assist by Ludwin Arana, to cut the Northwestern lead to 5-1. Within the next 10

minutes, though, the Red Raiders added three more goals.

Not only did the Red Raiders score, but they were balanced. Six different guys had a goal in the first half.

It wasn't exactly the start Mount Marty wanted, according to head coach Nathan Epp.

"We came out flat, with absolutely no intensity," he said. "We were going through the motions."

What was different in the scoreless second half?

"We opened up more, checked more to each other," Gomez said. "They (Northwestern) were really fast, so we had to make the field bigger. That's when we're the best, when we play outside."

After dominating the stat in the first half, Northwestern gave up the shots advantage to MMC in the second half but still managed to outshoot the Lancers 24-10 for the game.

It may have been a situation where mistakes started to add up for the Lancers, Epp said.

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Smelker Earns GPAC Cross Country Honor

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Mount Marty College senior Katie Smelker was named the GPAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week, announced Wednesday by the league.

Smelker, a native of Stratton, Colo., ran a school-best 18:57 in finishing 29th at last week's SDSU Classic in Brookings. She was competing alongside runners from all divisions — NAIA on up to NCAA Division I.

Mount Marty finished ninth overall out of 13 schools.

The Lancers will next compete in the Briar Cliff Invite on Saturday in Sioux City, Iowa, starting at 10 a.m.



Smelker

Cross Country: Nelson Keys GV To Titles In Irene Invite, TVC

IRENE — In a dual cross country meet held concurrently Wednesday at Glenridge Golf Course in Irene, Laura Nelson of Gayville-Volin led the Raiders to a pair of team titles.

Nelson won the girls' division in a time of 14:59, ahead of teammate Genny Clark (16:07), as Gayville-Volin won both the Irene Invitational and the Tri-Valley Conference meet.

McCrossan Boys Ranch won the boys' title at the Irene Invitational, while Freeman Academy was the top boys' team in the TVC.

Orson Running Enemy of McCrossan was the top boys' finisher in 18:20, followed by Nick Wixon of Centerville (18:27), who was then first in the TVC meet because McCrossan does not compete in the TVC.

Rebecca Eberts of Freeman was third (16:15) in the Irene Invitational girls' division, while Clara Koerner of Freeman Academy took third

(17:14) in the girls' TVC race.

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BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES (no scores listed): McCrossan Boys Ranch, Freeman Academy, Viborg-Hurley, Marty Indian, Baltic, Irene-Wakonda

TOP 10: 1, Orson Running Enemy, McCrossan 18:20; 2, Nick Wixon, Centerville 18:27; 3, Edward Soto, McCrossan 18:39; 4, Cole Hofer, Freeman Academy 18:43; 5, Layne Meyers, Viborg-Hurley 18:44; 6, Jim Cox, McCrossan 18:58; 7, Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 19:12; 8, Cody Rah, Freeman 19:18; 9, Teagan Schroeder, Freeman Academy 19:24; 10, Taylor Steineke, McCrossan 19:36

GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: (no scores listed): Gayville-Volin, Freeman, Viborg-Hurley, Avon
TOP 10: 1, Laura Nelson, Gayville-Volin 14:59; 2, Genny Clark, Gayville-Volin 16:07; 3, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 16:15; 4, Apollenia Zepher, Marty Indian 17:00; 5, Clara Koerner, Freeman Academy 17:14; 6, Dayna Roth, Freeman 17:30; 7, Megan Hirsch, Gayville-Volin 17:38; 8, Kirsten Paelow, Viborg-Hurley 17:44; 9, Brianna Davis, Marion 18:02; 10, Katie Homandberg, Alcester-Hudson 18:05

TRI-VALLEY CONFERENCE

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Freeman Academy, Viborg-Hurley
TOP 10: 1, Nick Wixon, Centerville 18:27; 2, Cole Hofer, Freeman Academy 18:43; 3, Layne Meyers, Viborg-Hurley 18:44; 4, Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 19:12; 5, Teagan Schroeder, Freeman Academy 19:24; 6, Logan Hanson, Viborg-Hurley 20:12; 7, Dane Allison, Freeman Academy 20:22; 8, Logan Stack, Viborg-Hurley 20:34; 9, Brennan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 20:35; 10, Tanner Deloy, Baltic 20:51

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Wolters Returning To South Dakota As Pro

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Nate Wolters isn't used to coming off the bench.

He routinely played every minute starring at South Dakota State, after all. Now he's a rookie fighting for playing time with the Milwaukee Bucks, coming back to South Dakota for the first time as a pro for an NBA preseason game against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Thursday.

Wolters said he's ready to jump in and contribute when given the chance.

"I've never really not started my whole life, but that's an adjustment I'll have to make," said Wolters, a St. Cloud, Minn., high school standout. "Whenever I get the opportunity to play, I'll have to come in and bring energy right away."

Wolters, 22, was drafted 38th overall in June by the Washington Wizards before being traded to the Philadelphia 76ers and eventually the Bucks. He should have been selected far higher, South Dakota State coach Scott Nagy said.

Nagy said he's heard people underestimate the 6-foot-4, 190-pound guard's athleticism, and some have questioned whether Wolters will be able to defend against quick guards. But Wolters dedicates time to improving his game more than anybody, Nagy said, and the coach thinks his former player will do just fine at the next level.

"Nate's instincts are great because he's played so many games," Nagy said.

Wolters ended his career with the Jackrabbits as the school's all-time leader in points (2,363) and assists (669). He averaged nearly 23 points per game for SDSU last season, when he was a third-team All-American.

He got his first taste of higher competition during five NBA Summer League games in Las Vegas, averaging 9.4 points and shooting 41 percent. He ended the July session on a high note, scoring 20 points and grabbing



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Former South Dakota State point guard Nate Wolters, right, is guarded by Michigan's Trey Burke during their NCAA Tournament matchup in March. Wolters, now with the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA, will return to South Dakota for a preseason game tonight (Thursday) in Sioux Falls.

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