

## Bucks

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right away again.

"They really never us saw us full-bore. Now we have a whole different team," he said. "We had a couple guys out for that game, but now we have everybody coming back."

Though they have scored

22 goals this season, the Bucks have been keyed by their defense, Brenner said. Yankton boasts five defenders that it can move around in different formations.

On the offensive end, Yankton is led by Osmar Pacheco, as well as Ryan Olson, John Dannenbring, Dylan Becker and Derek Brenner, among others.

The Bucks should be able to see a few more scoring opportunities out of the back-

field, too, coach Brenner said.

"If you turn our guys loose, like Derek or Connor (Chambers), most teams won't know how to handle that," the coach said.

The winner of the Yankton-Pierre game will face either Lincoln or Brandon Valley on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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## Gazelles

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the Gazelles 8-1 on Sept. 14 in Sioux Falls.

Considering the Rough Riders lead the state in goals scored (43) and fewest goals allowed (3), Yankton would like to keep things low-scoring and defensive-minded, LaCombe said.

"We have to put all 110 percent effort into this one game, play a more defensive

game against them," he said. "If we can do that, we have a chance to either tie or get the game into overtime."

On a Yankton team that has doubled its scoring output from last year, LaCombe said, seven players have recorded a goal this season, led by 10 from Brianna Benjamin.

The Gazelles are also led by wings Erin Luken, Elizabeth Rust and Madason Tessier, as well as midfielders Kendall Lillie, Taylor Rust and Morgan Tessier.

Yankton's defense is keyed by Danielle Beckmann,

Amanda Gravholt, Janae Osborne, Rose Ruffinott, Haley Schild, Amber Simek, as well as goalkeeper Raquel Cole.

"People don't really realize that we're still rather young," LaCombe said. "We lost six seniors last year, and that's half of your starting lineup. But the girls this year are getting a lot of great experience and are really improving."

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## Vikings Turn To Freeman At QB

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Josh Freeman will be the starting quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings on Monday night against the New York Giants.

Vikings coach Leslie Frazier made the announcement after practice on Wednesday. Frazier also said that Christian Ponder will be the backup, not Matt Cassel, assuming Freeman makes it through the week without problems.

"I like the things he's done in his career, along with what he's done since he arrived here with our football team, the time he put in, how well he's adapted to our system," Frazier said. "He's done enough for us to say we want to give him this opportunity, which is something we had in mind when we acquired him. I think now is the time. Our coaching staff is going to do a great job in preparing him, making sure we have a game plan that will allow him to be suc-

cessful and allow our team to be successful."

Freeman will be the third starter in the last four games for the Vikings (1-4). He was cut by Tampa Bay on Oct. 3 and signed by Minnesota to a one year contract five days later. Freeman started 59 games over four-plus seasons with the Buccaneers. The 25-year-old former first-round draft pick threw for 25 touchdowns and just six interceptions in 2010, his first full season as a starter, but has been up and down since.

Frazier said he was impressed by Freeman's first practice with the team. "The way he functioned that day, it was far different than what I expected, than what any of our coaches expected," Frazier said. "But he had worked hard once he arrived. From the moment he stepped in the building, he wanted to learn. And the way he handled himself in that practice, it changed my mindset about the possibili-

ties. We had a timeframe in mind originally but watching what he did from the day he arrived, that cemented it for me that sooner was a possibility."

Frazier said he hasn't considered a scenario in which Ponder wouldn't still be on the roster for the rest of the season. Ponder said he wasn't sure about his future here.

"I have to figure out what's best for me and everything and for this team. I don't know if that's staying here and going somewhere else," Ponder said.

Running back Adrian Peterson was missing from practice because of a personal matter. Frazier said he expected him back on Thursday. The coach declined to answer whether his absence was related to the situation in South Dakota regarding his 2-year-old son, who died last week by alleged abuse.



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## Varsity Boys



**Back row:** Coach Wes Chambers, Connor Chambers, Dylan Becker, Ryan Olson, Landon Breen, Chipper Granflaten, Derek Brenner, Casey Skillingstad, Tully Taggart, Richard Culver, Coach Warren Brenner

**Front row:** John Dannenbring, Patrick Weinandt, Alex Wieseler, Treyson Slate, Cole Lewno, Jared Rafferty, Gabe Wenzlaff, Chase Huber, Spencer Schade, Osmar Pacheco, Trevor Rehurek

## Varsity Girls

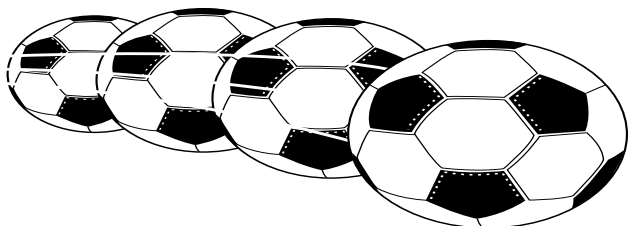


**Back row:** Coach Dave LaCombe, Amber Simek, Danielle Beckmann, Taylor Ruter, Kendall Lillie, Brianna Benjamin, Assistant Coach Tyler Schuring and Assistant Coach Courtney True

**Middle row:** Haleigh Diede, Janae Osborne, Morgan Tessier, Raquel Cole, Haley Schild, Sophie Bisgard, Natalie Ferris

**Front row:** Britney Bradwisch, Elizabeth Rust, Rebecca Moser, Amanda Gravholt, Erin Luken, Madison Tessier, Rose Ruffinott

**Not pictured:** Assistant Coach Kennedy Winterringer



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