

# Area Athletes Shining For No. 20 Tigers

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Dustin Livingston chose to play football at Dakota Wesleyan University because, as he points out right away, he preferred the small-school environment.

The Irene native had no serious visions of making an immediate impact on the field for the Tigers.

Little did he know, Livingston — and a number of other South Dakota products — would become a starter sooner than expected.

"I didn't expect it to be this soon," said the sophomore wide receiver for DWU. "I thought I'd have to redshirt and work my way up in my later years."

Livingston, who caught the game-winning touchdown in the Tigers' win last Saturday at Hastings, is not alone when it comes to in-state athletes making a difference for the No. 20-ranked Tigers.

Dakota Wesleyan's roster includes 10 players from the Press & Dakotan coverage area — Logan Van Winkle (Yankton), Brandon Kochmich (Avon), Kodi Larson (Bon Homme), Dakota Bodden (Bon Homme), Jared Van Winkle (Bon Homme), Sam Kiger (Irene-Wakonda), Scott Davis (Irene-Wakonda), Mitch Heisinger (Parkston) and Spencer Bloch (Scotland).

Larson is tied for the team lead with 13 receptions, while Livingston has nine catches for 66 yards. Jared

Van Winkle has made 23 tackles on defense with one interception and Kiger has recorded two sacks. Bloch is a starter on the offensive line.

And it's not just kids from the area making an impact in Mitchell. Ten of the 11 defensive starters hail from South Dakota, as do up to eight on offense.

"There's some good football in this state and you have a lot of 9-man guys that are making a big difference for us," third-year head coach Ross Cimprl said Wednesday, following a speech at Yankton Quarterback Club. "They're a great fit for what we're doing."

What the Tigers (3-1) are doing is climbing the ranks in the Great Plains

Athletic Conference.

A season ago, DWU won seven of its final eight games to finish 8-3, but narrowly missed out on the NAIA post-season. And yes, that ascent is a popular topic in recruiting pitches.

"Before, it was, 'Hey, this is where we want to go,'" said Cimprl, a Wagner native. Now it's, 'Hey, we're starting to establish some things, we want you to be part of a group that gets us over the hump.'

"Now we can validate what we're saying, it's not just lip service."

One of two NAIA schools in the state (Dakota State is the other), Dakota Wesleyan has a pretty simple

## Local Tigers

Several area student-athletes are playing key roles for the Dakota Wesleyan football team. The 20th-ranked Tigers, coached by Wagner native Ross Cimprl, are 3-1 on the season.

**Spencer Bloch, Sr., OL, Scotland:** Started 8 games as a sophomore, 4 as junior (injured)

**Jared Van Winkle, Jr., DB, Tyndall:** 23 tackles, 1 INT

**Sam Kiger, Jr., DE, Irene:** 13 tackles, 2 TFL, 2 sacks

**Kodi Larson, So., WR, Tyndall:** 13-165 receiving (leads team in both catches, receiving yards); 1 tackle

**Dustin Livingston, So., WR, Irene:** 9-66 receiving, 1 TD

**Scott Davis, So., DE, Irene:** 4 tackles

**Dakota Bodden, Fr., DB, Taber:** 2 tackles, 1-(-2) rushing

**Brandon Kochmich, RB, Avon:** Red-shirting this season

**Mitch Heisinger, LB, Parkston:** Red-shirting this season

**Logan Van Winkle, DL, Yankton:** Red-shirting this season

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## NFAA To Host Outdoor Target Championships Here Beginning On Saturday

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The National Field Archery Association is going back to its roots.

Founded in 1939, the Yankton-based organization is well known for its field and 3D tournaments, but is reaching back to the past when target archery was the popular discipline.

Past is about to meet the present this weekend.

The NFAA will host the inaugural Outdoor National Target Championships on Saturday and Sunday at Easton Field in Yankton.

"We've got a huge group of target archers that have been looking for a tournament like this," NFAA president Bruce Cull said.

The combination of increased interest in target archery — a stationary and therefore more spectator-friendly variety — and the available facilities in Yankton made for an obvious fit, according to Cull.

"It was a natural for our organization to look at this," he said.

Archers will shot an NFAA 900 round on Saturday, which consists of 90 arrows shot at three different distances — 30 at each distance.

Sunday's final round will be an NFAA 600 round, which includes 60 arrows shot at the three distances, but in reverse order and at a smaller paper target.

The variety is exactly what Danielle Herrlein was looking for.

Herrlein, a 14-year-old archer from Yankton, said she jumped at the opportunity to try something she's not all that familiar with.

"This is the last chance I'll get to shoot distances this year," Herrlein said. "We see these same targets every day, so it's nice to have distances at three different ones."

In all, the NFAA expects just over 100 archers present, according to Cull.

"Whatever we got was going to be one hundred percent more than we've ever had," he added with a smile.

"It's nothing like the Vegas shoot or some of the other national tournaments, but it's a great start," he said. "And it's something our members want."

Even if the tournament is only two days in length, Herrlein said. She competed in a national and international field tournament that were

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# MMC Ends GPAC Skid



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Mount Marty's Benjamin Crandall, 19, goes up to head the ball as he is defended by Morningside's Jared Jochum during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's soccer match on Wednesday at Easton Field. MMC won 2-1, ending a 33-match GPAC losing streak.

## Morningside Downs MMC

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The rematch of Mount Marty College's first-ever Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer playoff match did not go as well as last season's post-season debut.

Morningside jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead and coasted to a 5-1 victory over the Lancers in GPAC action on Wednesday at Easton Field.

The victory was the first of the conference season for Morningside (3-7-1, 1-2 GPAC), the conference regular season champs a year ago. MMC dropped to 2-7-1 overall, 0-3 in league play.

"We are struggling right now," said MMC coach Nathan Epp. "We aren't playing well, and it's affecting us mentally."

Morningside got on the board just 4:37 into the match, when Kensly Schuelke connected with Amy Samuel-

son for a score. Ten minutes later, Breanna Van Bochove found Amy Grause on a run for a 2-0 Mustang lead.

The Lancers settled down after that and kept the margin at two at the half.

Mount Marty came out with a strong start in the second half, just missing one scoring chance before Annabelle Martin stole the ball in front of the goal and pounded it home.

But the excitement was short-lived, as Samuelson put away a Kristina Sorenson pass to answer that goal in just 69 seconds. Sorenson and Mattie Rabon added goals late to ice the victory. Marti Hitz and Hope Forman assisted on the final two Mustang goals.

Morningside finished with a 24-5 edge in shots, including a 13-3 margin in shots on goal.

"As a team we need to find our aggressiveness," Epp said. "We need to be confident and play with that confidence when games come."

Epp admitted that back-to-back double-overtime losses could still be affecting the team.

"We'd come so close in the early part of the season," he said. "What we need to understand is that, no matter the situation, we have to play hard. Right now we aren't."

The Lancers host another team looking for its first GPAC win, Doane (2-6-1, 0-2-1 GPAC), on Saturday. The match will be played at 4 p.m. at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park, as Easton Field will be hosting an archery tournament.

"Doane is always solid," Epp said. "They've got a couple of strong offensive-minded players. Our defense has struggled the last couple of games, and they need to decide that they're going to come out and shut someone down."

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## Lancer Men Down Mustangs 2-1 To End 33-Match League Slide

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The Mount Marty College men's soccer team was excited after their Great Plains Athletic Conference victory over Morningside on Wednesday at Easton Field.

It was understandable: None of them had experienced a GPAC win before.

Genaro Bustillos scored both goals as MMC beat Morningside 2-1, ending a 33-match GPAC losing streak for the Lancer program. The Lancers had last won a league match Oct. 27, 2010, also with a 2-1 victory over Morningside.

"That was one of the best 90s from the boys this year," said Mount Marty College soccer coach Nathan Epp, referring to a full match. "They've played better at times, but this was the most complete match."

Mount Marty held a 19-16 edge in shots, including a 9-5 edge in shots on goal. Humberto Estrada needed to make three saves for the Lancer win. Eduardo Pinheiro made seven saves for the Mustangs.

A more aggressive approach was key for the Lancers, according to junior midfielder Ludwin Arana, who finished with five shots, two on goal.

"The last couple of games

we've had less intensity in the first half. We'd give up easy goals," he said. "Today we talked to each other to push more. We came with the mentality to play hard and win."

Bustillos got loose for the first goal of the match at the 14:09 mark, but Morningside answered just 42 seconds later. Forrest Maxon headed in a pass from Julius Carsten Ramcke off a corner kick for the tying goal.

"We've struggled at times with big moments, given up some bad goals at times," Epp said. "We scored a goal, then came out and played flat for the next two minutes."

The match did not stay tied for long, as Juan Magano found Bustillos for what would be the game-winner at the 19:38 mark of the match.

"We have struggled for a long time putting the ball in the back of the net, and tonight was no exception. We could have had a couple more," Epp said. "It was good for our forwards and wings to see the ball hit the back of the net."

Morningside turned up the pressure in the closing minutes of the match, but MMC kept the Mustangs at bay.

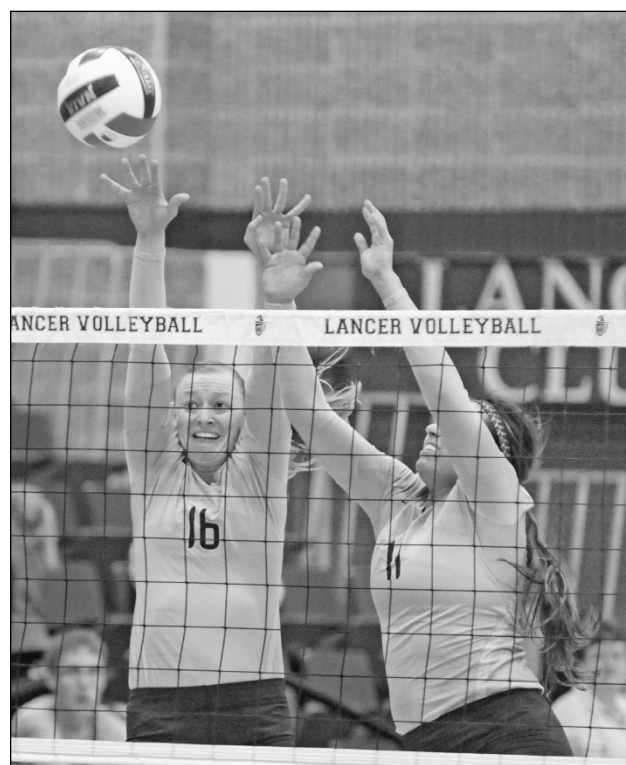
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Mount Marty goalkeeper Courtney True, 1, makes a leaping save during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer match with Morningside on Wednesday at Easton Field.



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The Mount Marty College double block of Jena Peters, left and Laura Groseth team up for a deflection during Wednesday night's GPAC match against Dordt at Cimprl Arena.

## Dordt Sweeps MMC In GPAC Action

No. 16 Defenders Score 25-17, 25-18, 25-22 Decision

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A familiar struggle prevented the Mount Marty College volleyball team from hanging to early leads and picking up its first league win of the season.

That is sure to come soon, though, according to team members.

Needing late surges each set, No. 16-ranked Dordt College swept the Lancers 3-0 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22) in Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball action Wednesday night at Cimprl Arena.

Close, but still a little short for the Lancers, who fall to 7-11 and 0-5.

"They just kept coming back at us," said sophomore Allison Cross, who had 10 kills and six blocks.

"Those were huge momentum shifts; it took the momentum away from us."

Closing a 4-match homestand, Mount Marty had early leads in all three sets,

but again found out that top-25 teams can quickly reel off 6-7 straight points.

"We're starting off great, but it's one rotation that's getting to us," MMC head coach Candice Climer said. "That's something we have to stop doing."

Set one was even until the midway point, when the Defenders (11-7, 5-2) surged ahead and took control.

The Lancers dominated early in set two, jumping out to a 10-3 cushion as Dordt called a timeout. From that point, though, the Defenders out-scored MMC 22-8 to win.

In the third set, Dordt reeled off an 11-1 run to jump in front and survived a late MMC surge to hang on.

"We gave them something, so I'm still pretty pleased," Climer said.

The Lancers, who own the league's best defense by digs, recorded seven team blocks and did enough to force the Defenders to change course, Climer added.

"I could see moments where they (Dordt) weren't sure what to do," she said.

The Defenders still had three players record double-digit kills, while MMC's

next highest output was Bailey Kuchta and Kristen Boyle with five apiece — behind Cross (10).

Courtney Miller and BreAnne Thege led the MMC defense with nine digs apiece, while Sierra Kloth had three blocks. Amber Dythse had 15 set assists and Caitlyn Illg added 10 assists.

Following the long homestand, the Lancers hit the road for a Saturday GPAC match at Hastings.

In time, the wins will come for MMC, according to Climer.

"I just want them to see that potential," she said. "It's one of those things where you have to say, 'That's how you played against them, not let's go get some wins.'"

The Lancers are, at least, competitive in their matches, according to Cross.

"We can tell people don't look over us anymore," she said. "We're putting up better fights."

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