

Lincoln Blanks Bucks To Advance To 'AA' Title Match



Yankton's Chase Huber gets double-teamed by Lincoln's David Sundvold, 18, and Job Goodale during their Class AA boys' soccer semifinal match on Saturday at Yankton Trails Park in Sioux Falls. Also in on the play is Yankton's Cole Lewno, left.

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SIoux FALLS — For the final two seasons that both programs were involved in the club high school soccer system, the Yankton Bucks and Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots met in the state semifinals.

While both are now involved in the SDHSAA-sanctioned soccer league, the late-season battles between the Bucks and Patriots continued.

Teren Schuster scored a pair of first-half goals to lead the Patriots to a 3-0 victory over Yankton in the Class AA boys' semifinals on Saturday at Yankton Trails Park.

The Bucks finish the season with a 10-2-1 record, with their losses coming to the two teams that will play for the Class AA title on Oct. 11 in Mitchell: Lincoln and top-seeded Roosevelt. The Rough

Riders also beat Yankton by a 3-0 margin.

Yankton beat Lincoln in 2012 on the way to the AA boys' club title. Lincoln claimed the win in 2013, also on the way to a state title.

"This is the third year in a row we've played them in the semis. It's almost irritating," said Lincoln goalkeeper Erik Rossing. "It's not easy to shake them off."

Lincoln controlled play early, with Schuster scoring in the 10th and 20th minutes to put the Patriots in the lead.

"We played a lot of deep defense, and that's tough to do against a good offensive team like Lincoln," said Yankton head coach Warren Brenner.

Yankton had scoring chances led by Osmar Pacheco, who returned after missing several matches due to injury, and Alex Wieseler, but Lincoln kept them out of the net to take a 2-0 lead into the half.

In the second half, the Bucks aggressively pursued the offensive attack but the Patriots kept Yankton at bay. Daniel Patterson added a goal for Lincoln late, ending the scoring.

"If we would have brought that out in the first half, it might have been a different game," Brenner said. "When you're down you have to keep pushing forward. Whether it's 3-0, 1-0 or 2-0, you have to keep making the effort."

Rossing knew the Bucks would not give up the fight.

"We knew they would be tough," he said. "We expected a lot of high intensity, and they brought it the whole game."

Lincoln (12-1-1) now takes on Roosevelt (11-0-2), the only team to beat the Patriots this season. The Rough Riders won 2-0 on Sept. 18.

Rossing said the Patriots will

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Bucks Begin State 'AA' Golf Today

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Yankton seniors Jace Guthmiller and Mitch Schlingman have been through the ups and downs of the Bucks golf program, with a combined nine state tournament appearances between them. And even though they are the only two back from last year's state tournament team, the duo want to see the Bucks go out at or near the top.

Yankton begins play in the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament, today (Monday) and Tuesday at Cattail Crossing Golf Course in Watertown.

Guthmiller will make his sixth and final state tournament appearance, looking to add to a resume that includes four top-15 and three straight top-10 performances. Schlingman will make his fifth state appearance, looking to improve on a career-best 20th place finish from two years ago.

"It's going to be tough to see them go after this year," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime. "They both have had excellent careers. Hopefully they have one more great tournament in them."

Guthmiller, a Nebraska commit, will be in the first group with two-time defending champion Tommy Vining of Sioux Falls Lincoln, a Minnesota commit. Rapid City Stevens' Sam Musch and Sioux Falls Washington's Will Grevlos round out the foursome.

"There are a lot of good players at the top," Sime said. "Alex Hamer, a freshman from Brandon Valley, won the ESD hands down. O'Gorman's got some golfers up there."

"It will be a battle to see who is the individual champion. Jace has as good a chance as any of them."

Guthmiller, who won three invitationals — including the Yankton Invite — this season, would love to add a state title to his resume.

"I've always wanted to win state. The last couple of years I've been in the final group," he said. "If I put two good rounds together I have a chance."

Schlingman feels that he could be in the hunt as well.

"I've shot the scores that would be able to do it," he said. "I will need to stay focused throughout the tournament."

Seniors Jason Shindler and Evan Hoffman, and junior Matt Jensen will make their state tournament debuts today. Junior Mason Sundleaf will play his third state event after competing at state as an eighth grader and freshman.

"We don't have as much experience as we've had in recent years," Sime said. "Shindler is playing well. Sundleaf has had some good rounds. Matt Jensen has shown some good signs and is hopefully coming around. Evan Hoffman shot an 82 at Fox Run and an 85 in Sioux Falls, so he has the potential for some low scores."

Cattail Crossing is a unique course for state tournament play. The site is a 27-hole course, but only the yellow and red courses will be used for state.

"The front nine, the red course, is more like Fox Run. It's more open with a few more hazards," Sime said, comparing the course to Yankton's two golf courses. "The back, the yellow, is more like Hillcrest, amongst the trees. You have to hit it straight."

Between playing similar courses at home and playing Cattail Crossing over the years, the Bucks feel they know what they are in for.

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Archery | NFAA Outdoor Target Championships

Father-Daughter Duo Win Titles

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46 Titles Awarded In NFAA Outdoor Target Champ.

ABOVE: Jason Wesbrock, center, poses with NFAA president Bruce Cull, and runner-up Ashwin Ramesh during Sunday's awards ceremony of the inaugural NFAA Outdoor National Target Championships in Yankton.

LEFT: Rachel Wesbrock, right, poses with NFAA president Bruce Cull during Sunday's awards ceremony for the inaugural NFAA Outdoor National Target Championships in Yankton.

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Rachel Wesbrock ensured that her father's long-awaited championship wasn't wasted.

Wesbrock, a youth archer from northern Illinois, followed up her father, Jason's, national title with one of her own Sunday during the final round of the inaugural National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Outdoor National Target Championships in Yankton.

And so, they were both able to hoist silver bowl trophies during Sunday's awards ceremony.

"I've been wanting to win one of these bowls for 22 years, and to finally do it and have my daughter do it with me is amazing," said Jason, who won the Adult Male Traditional division.

The two-day tournament featured 100 archers from across the country in divisions ranging from cub on up to the professional ranks.

And though Rachel was the only archer in her division (Young Adult Female Bowhunter Freestyle), she deflected praise, instead expressing pride in her father ending his long title drought.

"I was really proud of him," Rachel said. "He put in a lot of work to do this, and I know how much he wanted to win."

Championship bowl trophies were awarded in 46 divisions, as well as medals for second and third place.

Yet, it was the opportunity to shoot in such an outdoor target tournament that attracted the Wesbrock family, Jason said.

"I'm very glad they had it," he said. "The NFAA has always showed they're willing to support shooters with new events like this."

That new event, though, featured consistently windy conditions which understandably challenged the archers.

"It's a great experience for me," Rachel said. "The weather gave me a different condition to shoot in."

Lancer Women Suffer Another Double-OT Setback

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Consistency is something Mount Marty Lancers women's soccer head coach Nathan Epp has been preaching to his team this season.

"We have really struggled our last couple of games," Epp said. "Tonight, I was very pleased with our play. As a team we did what we needed to do. That is what we have to do if we want to win games."

The Lancers (2-6-1) were shocked 2-1 in double-overtime to Great Plains Athletic Conference rival Doane College.

The contest started off with little to no action. The Lancers were playing fluent soccer, however.

Right before the half, Yankton native Paige Anderson netted a goal assisted from

Carly Manahan. Mount Marty went into the half with a secure 1-0 lead.

In the second half, the Tigers used a more aggressive push. 79 minutes in, Kayli King scored a goal assisted from Meghan Voigt.

"We went back to the way we have been playing," Epp said. "It's tough, because we weren't able to build an attack. It really put pressure on our defense."

The contest was forced into overtime. In the first overtime, Mount Marty committed a foul, which caused a goal kick for Doane.

Goalkeeper Courtney True, who had 12 saves in the contest, made yet another crucial save to keep the game going.

"She (True) is someone we have back there that we can take some chances with and rely on," Epp said. "We know

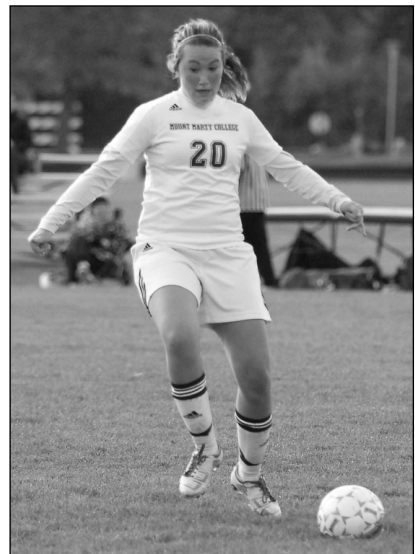
she will be solid." After a crucial error in the midfield, Doane forward Sara Cushing dribbled the distance and scored to win the contest for the Tigers.

"We ended up coming out in overtime and got back to our good soccer," Epp said. "We had one bad turnover which costed us the game."

The Lancers will continue their GPAC soccer with a trip to Orange City, Iowa to take on Northwestern College.

"It's the same thing," Epp said. "We need to not worry about the other teams, we need to figure it out ourselves and find a way to get something going."

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Mount Marty's Breanne Kuehler controls the ball during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference match with Doane on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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Soccer: USD Blanks Fort Wayne For Fourth Straight Shutout

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Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — They have been a team known for having one of the higher scoring offenses in the nation, but there is one well-kept secret about the University of South Dakota women's soccer team too:

These ladies know how to play some defense.

Behind a fourth straight clean sheet and a late Corey Strang goal the Coyotes earned their

first Summit League win of the season with a 1-0 victory over visiting Fort Wayne Sunday at the USD Soccer Complex.

The Coyotes (8-4-1, 1-0-1) bossed the action offensively outshooting the Mastodons 14-2 and had 10 shots on goal.

Yet it was the defense that came up big for USD as possession was relatively equal, but it was the Coyote backline that found ways to keep Fort Wayne from pulling the trigger offensively thus holding them to only

a shot per half.

"We have really been focused on a no shot mentality and we are working on the shutout squad," senior midfielder Shannon Keller said. "We are trying not to allow any goals against us and that helps our mentality."

"Our goals come from building from the back to our midfield and our forwards make those perfect runs. That's how we get our good goals."

Fort Wayne (2-9, 0-1) could have conceded more shots hav-

ing turned the ball over on multiple occasions on its half of the field. Thankfully, goalkeeper Sam Pavlika's 10 saves kept them in the match.

"It is obviously great to get a win, but we should have won 4, 5-0 this game with the chances we created and being point blank against the goalkeeper," USD head coach Mandy Green said. "I think we had one conference win total each of the last three years

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Tigers Blank Lancers 1-0

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The Mount Marty men's soccer team is close to breaking the surface.

The Lancers suffered another close 1-0 defeat to Doane College on Saturday evening at Lewis and Clark Soccer Complex in Yankton.

"The energy and effort was there today, but we were just off," head coach Nathan Epp said. "We still created opportunities and we need to finish those opportunities because it's so tough to get them in the GPAC."

The first half was very physical, which had a combined 16 fouls from both teams.

In the second half, Doane used a more aggressive push to earn the win.

In the 74th minute, Isaac Beber netted a goal, which proved to be the end for the Lancers chances.

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