

Chargers Blank Mount Marty Women 2-0

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For nearly 60 minutes, the Mount Marty College women's soccer team played toe to toe with a highly-touted Briar Cliff squad. But the Chargers broke through in the 58th minute and iced it 30 minutes later in a 2-0 decision over the Lancers in Great Plains Athletic Conference action on Friday at Easton Field.

Briar Cliff (8-2-2, 2-1-2 GPAC) outshot the Lancers 21-3, but only put five shots on goal in the match.

"I thought our positioning was better. Even though they got a lot of shots, there weren't a lot of quality shots," said Yankton head coach Nathan Epp. "I don't think we played with a lot of aggression and, when we can't win 50-50 balls, it cost us at the end.

Neither team found the back of the net in the first 45 minutes, but Mount Marty was able to generate three shots compared to the Chargers' six. One of the changes MMC made up front was using Yankton native Amy Hisek, a defender for much of her career, in a forward position due to her speed.

"We tried it at the beginning of the year, but then we had an injury so I went back. Now I'm back up," she said. "It's still hard to understand some of the runs I'm supposed to make. I'm used to defending them."

Briar Cliff stepped up the pressure in the second half, resulting in a Makenna Taylor goal at the 57:50 mark. In the closing minutes, Dani Intfen fed Brooke Romer for a goal to ice the match.

While the Lancer women have a 2-10-1 record (0-6 GPAC), they have been close.



Mount Marty's Amy Hisek, left, tries to break away from Briar Cliff's Shelley Erickson during their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer match on Friday at Easton Field.

Eight of their 10 setbacks have been by two goals or less, including three 2-1 double-overtime setbacks.

"It's more frustrating than anything," Hisek said. "We know we can do it. We just need to play a full 90 minutes. We know we can win if we play a full 90."

Mount Marty makes its final step outside of confer-

ence play on Sunday, hosting Johnson & Wales (Colorado). Like the Lancers, Johnson & Wales boasts a goalkeeper that has had to make a lot of saves this season, Breggie Coffey, who ranks 15th nationally in saves per match. MMC's Courtney True ranks 11th with 8.17 saves per match.

"It will be nice," Hisek said

of playing a non-conference match. "Hopefully we can build some confidence, then come out strong when we return to conference play." Start time is set for noon.

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Aberdeen Central Ends Pregame Coach-Led Prayers

ABERDEEN (AP) — Aberdeen Central High School has ended coach-led prayers before football games after a complaint was filed with a Wisconsin-based nonprofit that represents atheists and agnostics.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation sent a letter to the school saying the prayers violated the U.S. Constitution and asked for the practice to end, attorney Patrick Elliot told KSFY-TV.

Players are still being allowed to pray before games, but coaches are not being allowed to join them.

"At no time were students ever forced to participate," Superintendent Becky Guffin said. "We have made the necessary changes, and we have moved forward."

Local pastor Bob Myers said he thinks the rights of coaches are now being violated.



Briar Cliff goalkeeper Dan Snider leaps to grab the ball as Mount Marty's Ludwin Arana crashes in during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's soccer match on Friday at Easton Field.

Lancers

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league appearance on Sunday, facing Johnson & Wales (Colorado).

"It's a new program, but they have a great recruiting base," Epp said. "We need to

come out and regroup. It's still an opportunity to play together, as well as an opportunity to play some guys who hadn't played as much lately."

Start time is set for 2 p.m. at Easton Field.

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Hartington-Newcastle Outlasts Allen 3-1

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington-Newcastle outlasted Allen 25-15, 25-16, 21-25, 25-16 in Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball action on Thursday.

Sam Huss had 10 kills and six blocks (four solo) to lead Hartington-Newcastle. Savannah Scoville had nine kills and 27 digs. Abby Lammers had 29 assists and 14 digs. Camie Stratman had four ace serves and a team-best 33 digs. Ryley Eickhoff had three solo blocks and 12 digs, Ria Pedersen had six kills and 10 digs, and Sophie Noecker had 19 digs in the win.

For Allen, Gabby Sullivan had 20 kills, 14 digs and

seven blocks (five solo) to lead the way. Rachel Kneifl finished with 15 kills. Lexi Oswald finished with 30 assists. Bri Hingst and Brooke Hingst had 12 digs each. Kay Stapleton added 11 digs for the Eagles.

Hartington-Newcastle, now 12-5, hosts Randolph on Monday. Allen

ALLEN (7-13).....15 16 25 16

HARTINGTON (12-5).....25 25 21 25

Crofton 3, Wayne 0

WAYNE, Neb. — The Crofton Lady Warriors swept past Wayne 25-16, 25-18, 25-16 in Mid-State Conference volleyball action on Thursday.

Maria Wortmann had 16 kills, three blocks (one solo)

and 15 digs as Crofton extended its string of sweeps to 10 straight. Kelsey Sanger posted 13 kills and 11 digs. Allison Tramp had 11 digs and 21 assists. Brittany Guenther had 19 assists, Bre Allen had two ace serves and Monica Arens (one solo) and Samantha Stewart had three blocks each in the win.

For Wayne, Madison Frevert had 13 kills and Lexi Sokol had 10 kills to lead the way. Emma Evetovich recorded 24 assists. Tarah Stegemann added 14 digs.

Crofton, 17-0, travels to Creighton on Tuesday. Wayne, 15-8, travels to Battle Creek on Oct. 16.

CROFTON (17-0).....25 25 25

WAYNE (15-8).....16 18 16

SCW 3, TDA 0

ARMOUR — Myah Selland recorded 16 kills, four blocks and 11 digs to lead Sanborn Central-Woonsocket past Tripp-Delmont-Armour 25-23, 25-8, 25-17 on Thursday in Armour.

Maddie Vermeulen and Morgan Selland both added seven kills for SCW (12-5), while Bailey Moody had 26 set assists.

For the Nighthawks (4-13), Jessica Sandau had eight kills, Becca Brown had five kills, Payton Schaefer contributed four blocks and Hannah Just recorded 19 set assists.

TDA visits Scotland next Thursday.

SANBORN CENTRAL-WOON. (12-5).....25 25 25

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (4-13).....23 8 17

Bucks

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for a team-best 67 yards and caught four passes for 23 yards for the Bucks.

Sheldon Gant, Greeneway and Colton Diefenderfer each had six tackles for the Yankton defense. Tim Cross and Lightner combined on a sack. Cross also recovered a fumble in the win.

Isaiah Watson led Pierre with 59 yards rushing.

Layne Hohn had 13 tackles to lead the Pierre defenses. Jace Jerome made nine stops.

Yankton overcame a penalty on a scoring play, as

Strahl hit Evan Greeneway for a 23-yard score on the next play. Jordan Lightner and Sheldon Gant scored short touchdowns in the second quarter as the Bucks took a 20-0 lead into the half.

The Bucks took advantage of a Pierre miscue to start the third quarter. After having to punt, Yankton recovered a muffed punt to set up a 23-yard field goal by Brady Hale. Yankton ended the period with the second touchdown pass by Strahl, a 32-yarder to Lightner.

Yankton's second-team offense finished the scoring, as Coleton James rushed for a 7-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The victory gives Yankton

its longest win streak since starting the 2005 season with a 12-0 record.

The Bucks now turn their attentions to a Harrisburg team that claimed a 26-18 victory over Yankton in the 2013 regular season finale, the only meeting between the schools.

YANKTON (7-0).....7 13 10 7 — 37

PIERRE (3-3).....0 0 0 0 — 0

First Quarter

Y — Evan Greeneway, 23-yard pass from Mason Strahl (Brady Hale kick), 1:45

Second Quarter

Y — Jordan Lightner, 5-yard run (run no good), 9:17

Y — Sheldon Gant, 4-yard run (Hale kick), 0:30

Third Quarter

Y — Hale, 23-yard field goal, 4:20

Y — Lightner, 32-yard pass from Strahl (Hale kick), 0:39

Fourth Quarter

Y — Coleton James, 7-yard run (Hale kick), 8:07

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First Downs 24 11

Rushing-Yards 48-252 29-98

Passing 12-19-0 5-16-0

Passing Yards	209	46
Total Offense	67-461	47-134
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	7-50	4-44
Punts-Avg	3-33.7	6-29.8
Sacks by-Yards	1-3	1-14
RUSHING: Y — Kuchta 4-67, Lightner 12-50, Gant 10-36, Abd Al Kream 3-24, Terca 2-23, Stewart 5-16, James 3-15, Frick 1-13, Strahl 6-14, Huntley 1-2, Team 1-(-1), P — Watson 10-59, Adam 3-13, Jerome 6-12, Ryan 2-8, Kaiser 5-1, Hohn 1-0, Team 2-(-5)		
PASSING: Y — Strahl 11-17, 186 yards, Terca 1-2, 23 yards, P — Kaiser 5-18, 46 yards		
RECEIVING: Y — Greeneway 4-91, Kuchta 4-23, Hale 2-40, Lightner 1-32, Abd Al Kream 1-23, P — Severyn 2-21, Hohn 1-10, Shoop 1-8, Gusso 1-7		

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