

Press&Dakotan STAR CHART

A look at some of the top individual performances from our coverage area in the past week. To nominate an athlete, email us at sports@yankton.net

Cross Country

Dane Allison, Freeman Academy: Finished 24th (18:30.18) in the S.D. State Class B Boys' Meet, helping his team to a third place finish.
Haley Arens, Crofton: Finished 2nd (20:00.4) in the Neb. State Class D Girls' Meet, helping her team to a ninth straight state title.
Alec Atwood, Beresford: Finished 22nd (17:34.10) in the S.D. State Class A Boys' Meet.
Ashlyn Atwood, Beresford: Finished 17th (15:38.64) in the S.D. State Class A Girls' Meet, helping her team to a ninth place finish.
Jacia Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley: Finished 16th (16:28.28) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to an 8th place finish.
Elianna Clark, Gayville-Volin: Finished 20th (16:38.43) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third straight runner-

up finish.
Genevieve Clark, Gayville-Volin: Finished 12th (16:23.86) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third straight runner-up finish.
Rebecca Eberts, Freeman: Finished 25th (16:46.46) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third place finish.
Ashley Emmick, Gayville-Volin: Finished 18th (16:34.35) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third straight runner-up finish.
Aaron Haahr, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge: Finished 13th (17:37.9) in the Neb. State Class D Boys' Meet.
Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy: Finished 10th (18:03.69) in the S.D. State Class B Boys' Meet, helping his team to a third place finish.
Kendra Jensen, Alcester-Hudson: Finished 22nd (16:39.06) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet.
Clara Koerner, Freeman Academy: Finished 11th (15:54.01) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet.
Meety Kube, Crofton: Finished 15th (21:12.8) in the Neb. State Class D Girls' Meet, helping her team to a ninth straight state title.
Madisen Lavin, Vermillion: Finished 21st (15:47.78) in the S.D. State Class A Girls' Meet.
Lexy Leischner, Ethan-Parkston: Finished 6th (15:24.49) in the S.D. State Class A Girls' Meet, helping her team to a fifth place finish.
Madison McClure, Yankton: Placed 7th (15:12.06) in the S.D. State Class AA Girls' Meet, helping her team to a fourth place finish.
Laura Nelson, Gayville-Volin: Finished 2nd

(15:32.13) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third straight runner-up finish.
Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jefferson: Won the S.D. State Class A Boys' Race in 16:29.70, becoming the first EPJ runner to claim a state cross country title.
Cailey Roth, Freeman: Finished 4th (15:49.46) in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Meet, helping her team to a third place finish.
Brian Santiago, Hartington-Newcastle: Placed 13th (17:52.4) in the Neb. State Class C Boys' Meet.
Marisa Schulz, Dakota Valley: Finished 11th (15:29.05) in the S.D. State Class A Girls' Meet.
Cole Steffen, Crofton: Placed 11th (17:32.1) in the Neb. State Class D Boys' Meet, helping his team to a fourth place finish.
Sydney Wickersham, Ethan-Parkston: Finished 25th (15:58.73) in the S.D. State Class A Girls' Meet, helping her team to a fifth place finish.
Savannah Woods, Yankton: Finished 17th (15:38.34) in the S.D. State Class AA Girls' Meet, helping her team to a fourth place finish.
Quinn Wragge, Crofton: Finished 8th (20:30.2) in the Neb. State Class D Girls' Meet, helping her team to a ninth straight state title.

Football

Alec Barta, Gayville-Volin: Rushed for 103 yards and 2 scores in a 53-0 win over Marty Indian.
Ryan Becker, Hartington Cedar Catholic: Rushed for 199 yards and 2 TDs in a 48-0 win over Ainsworth.
Cody Beckmann, Bloomfield: Rushed for 176 yards and 2 TDs in a 72-0 win over Plainview.
Kordell Buyck, Parker: Rushed for 154 yards and a TD.
Wes Dvorak, Parkston: Passed for 3 TDs and rushed for 2 more in a 42-0 win over Bon Homme.
Leo Hopkins, Andes Central: Caught 7 passes for 127 yards and 2 TDs, and recorded 11 tackles in a 52-14 loss to Avon.
Grant Johnson, Alcester-Hudson: Passed for 123 yards and 3 TDs in a 62-14 win over Centerville.
Quinn O'Brien, Bloomfield: Rushed for 164 yards and 3 TDs in a 72-0 win over Plainview.
Cole Paulson, Freeman: Rushed for 322 yards and 5 TDs in a 79-52 loss to Howard.
Cody Roth, Freeman: Rushed for 123 yards in a 79-52 loss to Howard.
Devin Tolson, Avon: Rushed for 267 yards and 5 TDs, and returned two punts for TDs in a 52-14 win over Andes Central.

Rachel Dion, Wagner: Had 26 digs in a 3-1 win over Winner on Tuesday.
Rebecca Eggerling, Creighton: Had 13 kills in a 2-0 win over Bloomfield on Monday.
Becky Frick, Yankton: Had 21 kills, 3 ace serves, 3 blocks and 16 digs in a 3-2 loss to Brandon Valley on Tuesday. Had 13 kills, 20 digs and 2 ace serves in a 3-1 loss to Aberdeen Central on Saturday.
Renae Kayser, Marion: Had 16 kills, 28 assists and 21 digs in a 3-1 win over Alcester-Hudson on Monday.
Melanie LeCates, Vermillion: Had 16 digs in a 3-0 loss to Dakota Valley on Friday.
Sierra McConnell, Alcester-Hudson: Had 20 kills and 28 digs in a 3-2 win over Lennox on Tuesday.
Devin Nelson, Marion: Had 17 kills, 38 digs and 3 blocks in a 3-1 win over Alcester-Hudson on Monday. Had 13 kills and 18 digs in a 3-0 loss to McCook Central-Montrose on Friday.
Amanda Reiff, Avon: Had 24 digs in a 3-2 win over Menno on Friday.
Allison Sanner, Parker: Had 13 kills and 14 digs in a 3-0 win over Flareau on Tuesday.
Michele Schoenwald, Marion: Had 15 kills and 22 digs in a 3-1 win over Alcester-Hudson on Monday.
Lindsey Smith, Dakota Valley: Had 33 assists in a 3-0 win over Vermillion on Friday.
Kassidy Walth, Alcester-Hudson: Had 14 kills and 19 digs in a 3-0 win over Canton on Friday.
Whitney Weber, Parkston: Had 33 assists and 11 digs in a 3-1 win over Bon Homme on Tuesday.

COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

TODAY	WB: at S.F. Washington, 7 p.m.	W-SOC: vs. Oral Roberts at Omaha, noon
October 28		
WEDNESDAY		
October 29		
THURSDAY	FB: 11AA Quarterfinals vs. Huron, 7 p.m.	WBB: at Grace, 6 p.m.
October 30		
FRIDAY		
October 31		
SATURDAY		
November 1		
SUNDAY		
November 2		
MONDAY		
November 3		

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

SDSWA POLL

Rank	Team	Points
1	Lincoln (9)	8-0 45 1
2	Roosevelt	7-1 36 2
3	Brandon Valley	6-2 27 3
4	O'Gorman	5-3 18 4
5	Aberdeen Central	4-4 9 5

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1	Mississippi St.	7-0 1,486 1
2	Florida St.	7-0 1,453 2
3	Alabama	7-1 1,290 3
4	Auburn	6-1 1,267 4
5	Oregon	7-1 1,199 5
6	Notre Dame	6-1 1,161 6
7	Mississippi	7-1 1,095 3
8	Michigan St.	7-1 1,086 8
9	Georgia	6-1 1,074 9
10	TCU	6-1 1,030 10
11	Kansas St.	6-1 930 11
12	Baylor	6-1 839 12
13	Ohio St.	6-1 676 13
14	Arizona	6-1 669 15
15	Arizona St.	6-1 667 14
16	LSU	7-2 574 24
17	Nebraska	7-1 535 16
18	Utah	6-1 524 19
19	Oklahoma	5-2 430 17
20	West Virginia	5-2 279 22
21	East Carolina	6-1 366 18
22	Clemson	6-2 265 21
23	Marshall	6-0 184 23
24	Duke	6-1 121 NR
25	UCLA	6-2 106 25

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1	ND State (26)	8-0 650 1
2	Coastal Carolina	8-0 617 2
3	Villanova	7-1 594 4
4	New Hampshire	6-1 569 5
5	Jacksonville State	6-1 541 7
6	Illinois State	7-0 501 9
7	Eastern Washington	7-2 495 2
8	McNeese State	5-2 460 10
9	Montana State	6-2 437 11
10	Fort Ham	7-1 384 12
11	Montana	5-3 354 6
12	Chattanooga	5-3 344 14
13	Youngstown State	6-2 343 16
14	Richmond	6-2 324 17
15	Southeastern La.	6-3 313 8
16	Eastern Kentucky	7-1 234 18
17	William & Mary	5-3 225 20
18	Harvard	6-0 197 21
19	SD State	5-3 162 16
20	Bethune-Cookman	6-2 149 13
21	Indiana State	5-3 162 16
22	Northern Iowa	4-4 98 23
23	Stephen F. Austin	6-2 71 NR
24	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	8-0 487 14
25	Southern Illinois	5-4 42 19

Rank	Team	Points
1	MSU-Mankato	8-0 762 1
2	Minn-Duluth	2-0 740 2
3	North Alabama	2-0 714 3
4	Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	8-0 660 5
5	Ferris St. (Mich.)	1-1 654 6
6	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	8-0 596 8
7	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	7-1 553 9
8	NWMissouri St.	7-1 545 10
9	Colorado St.-Pueblo	7-1 495 12
10	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	8-0 487 14
11	Winston-Salem St.	7-1 384 15
12	Ohio Dominican	6-1 369 16
13	Quachita Baptist	7-0 368 18
14	Henderson St. (Ark.)	7-1 317 4
15	Concord (N.Va.)	8-0 311 19
16	Carolina-Newman	6-1 306 17
17	Harding (Kan.)	6-1 279 23
18	Dorado Mines	7-1 272 11
19	Delaware St. (Miss.)	6-1 243 20
20	West Chester (Pa.)	7-1 238 7
21	Michigan Tech	6-1 188 13
22	Shepherd (W.Va.)	6-1 162 21
23	Ashland (Ohio)	7-1 135 24
24	Azusa Pacific	1-1 104 25
25	California (Pa.)	7-1 45 NR

OTHER EVENTS

Football
NEB. PLAYOFFS: Thursday, First Round: Class D1 — Twin Loup at Creighton (6 p.m.); Clarkson-Leigh at Hartington-Newcastle (6 p.m.); Scribner-Snyder at Bloomfield (5:30 p.m.); Class D2 — Bancroft-Rosalie at Randolph (7 p.m.); Wynot at Chambers-Wheeler Central (6 p.m.); **Friday**, First Round: Class C2 — Hartington Cedar Catholic at Sutton (7 p.m., KVTK-FM); Class 11A — Vermillion at Tea Area (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); Dakota Valley at Lennox (7 p.m.); Class 11B — Lead-Deadwood at Parkston (6 p.m.); Bon Homme at Winner (7 p.m.); Class 9A — Menno-Marion at Elkton-Lake Benton (7 p.m.); Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian at Woosocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central (7 p.m.); Class 9A — Viborg-Hurley at Howard (7 p.m.); Gayville-Volin at Alcester-Hudson (7 p.m.); Class 9B — Scotland at Canisota (7 p.m.); Burke-South Central at Avon (7 p.m.); **Thursday**, Quarterfinals: Class 11A — Huron at Yankton (7 p.m.); **Monday**, Quarterfinals for 11A, 11B, 9AA, 9A and 9B

Volleyball
NEB. PLAYOFFS: Monday, Sub-Districts: C2-7 at Laurel (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Hartington-Newcastle, Ponca); C2-8 at O'Neill (Niobrara-Vergde); D1-5 at Wayne (Allen); D1-6 at Hartington (Bloomfield, Creighton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Randolph); D2-3 at Randolph (Wausa, Wynot); D2-4 at Creighton (Santee)
S.D. PLAYOFFS: Monday, District 2AA Play-in

RADIO & TELEVISION

Today	7 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Vermillion at Tea Area	KVTK-AM
	7 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Bon Homme at Winner <td>KKYA-FM</td>	KKYA-FM
	7 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Viborg-Hurley at Howard <td>KVHT-FM</td>	KVHT-FM
Thursday	7 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Huron at Yankton	KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM
Friday	7 p.m. HS FOOTBALL: Cedar Catholic at Sutton	KKYA-FM
Saturday	1 p.m. COLL. FOOTBALL: USD at Youngstown State	KVHT-FM
	4 p.m. MEN'S B-BALL: MMC at Grace	KYNT-AM
Sunday	6 p.m. WOMEN'S B-BALL: Dakota State at MMC	KYNT-AM
Monday	TBD HS Football Playoffs	TBA

SPORTS DIGEST

USD's Firtko Earns Third Defensive Honor Of Season
ELMHURST, Ill — Senior middle blocker Melissa Firtko was named the Summit League Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season on Monday in a league release. It's the fourth time she has earned the honor in her career. Coyote players have received the weekly honor for four straight weeks and in five of the last six weeks. Firtko averaged 1.5 blocks per set this past week in matches against Oral Roberts and Omaha. She recorded seven total blocks in Sunday's sweep of Omaha, which is tied for the most by a Coyote in a three set match since the 2000 season. She also recorded six digs in that match. During Friday's match against Oral Roberts, Firtko recorded five total blocks, four digs, seven kills and three service aces. Overall for the week, she had 12 total blocks, 10 digs, and 10 kills. Firtko is tied with USD teammate Riley

Haug for the most Summit League Player of the Week awards with this season with three each. Samantha Fournier of Western Illinois earned Offensive Player of the Week honors. Fournier earns her second career Offensive Player of the Week honor and first of the season. The senior recorded her first career triple-double in the 3-1 win over Fort Wayne, marking the Leathernecks' series sweep over the Mastodons. She dished out 39 assists, averaging 9.75 per set, along with 10 digs and 10 kills. The Coal Valley, Ill., native had just one error hitting at the net in 12 attempts for a .750 hitting percentage, while adding a block. **Henriksen at QB Club**
The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday at noon at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th Street, Yankton. This week's speaker is radio host Mike Henriksen. He is the host of the Sportsmax weekly radio show, which airs on Saturdays across the state, as well as

the co-host of Calling All Sports, which airs weekdays across the state. He is also working with South Dakota Public Broadcasting as part of their South Dakota high school championships coverage. The public is invited to attend.

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SOCCER, WOMEN'S

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2	New Hampshire	6-1 3616 3
3	Coastal Carolina	8-0 3582 4
4	Villanova	7-1 3156 5
5	Jacksonville State	6-1 3254 6
6	Eastern Washington	7-2 2996 2
7	Illinois State	7-0 2824 9
8	Montana State	6-2 2708 10
9	McNeese State	5-2 2534 11
10	Fort Ham	7-1 2433 12
11	Youngstown State	6-2 2058 17
12	Montana	5-3 2025 7
13	Richmond	6-2 1986 16
14	Chattanooga	5-3 1848 15
15	SE Louisiana	6-3 1758 8
16	Eastern Kentucky	7-1 1472 19
17	William & Mary	5-3 1453 18
18	SD State	5-3 1160 13
19	Indiana State	5-3 1044 22
20	Harvard	6-0 887 21
21	Bethune-Cookman	6-2 738 14
22	Northern Iowa	4-4 504 23

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1	Morningside (15)	7-0 340 1
2	Carroll (Mont.)	6-1 327 3
3	Grand View (Iowa)	7-1 313 4
4	Faulkner (Ala.)	7-1 291 5
5	Southwestern	7-1 283 7
6	Georgetown (Ky.)	6-1 283 6
7	Baker (Kan.)	7-1 259 2
8	Northwestern	6-1 249 8
9	Saint Xavier (Ill.)	5-2 244 9
10	Missouri Valley	5-2 218 10
11	Lindsley Wilson	6-2 208 14
12	Cumberland (Tenn.)	6-2 196 15
13	Marian (Ind.)	5-2 184 16
14	Mid-Am. Nazarene	6-1 162 20
15	Ottawa (Kan.)	6-2 158 11
16	William Penn	5-3 134 17
17	Valley City State	7-1 133 19
18	Robert Morris (Ill.)	6-2 120 12
19	Dakota Wesleyan	6-2 109 21
20	Friens (Kan.)	6-2 101 22
21	Rocky Mountain	5-3 89 13
22	Benedictine (Kan.)	5-3 64 24

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