

## Golf: Bucks Place 11th In 'AA'; Parkston Second, Vermillion Ties For 10th In 'A'

RAPID CITY – The Yankton Bucks placed 11th in the South Dakota State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament, held at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City.

Yankton improved by 20 strokes on the final day to shoot a two-day score of 685. Mason Sundleaf just missed the awards stand, tying for 26th with a two-day score of 164. He shot an 80 on the final day.

Also for Yankton, Michael Frick finished at 173, Jimmie Cunningham shot 179, A.J. Fernandez shot 181, Mat Jensen shot 183 and Dalton Maibaum shot 195.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman led off Sioux Falls Lincoln on the final day to earn the team title, 611 to 624. Rapid City Stevens and Washington tied for third, each at 642. Watertown and

Pierre tied for fifth, each at 649. Roosevelt's Jack Lundin shot an even-par 72 on the final day to earn medalist honors at 146, four strokes better than Lincoln's Luke Rezac. First-round leader Jacob Otta of O'Gorman finished third at 171. Stevens' Lane Jensen and Taylor Schulz, and O'Gorman's Brenden Bassing tied for fourth at 152.

Sundleaf, Jensen and Christopher Eilers were the lone seniors on the Yankton roster. Among the Bucks' state tournament golfers were a junior, two freshmen and a seventh grader.

### S.D. Class A Boys

MILBANK – Aberdeen Roncalli pulled away on the final day to claim

the South Dakota Class A Boys' Golf Tournament, held at Pine Hills Golf Course in Milbank.

Roncalli finished with a two-day score of 660, 10 strokes better than Parkston. Sisseton was a distant third at 683, followed by Dell Rapids (684) and Madison (687). Vermillion tied for 10th at 710.

Individually, Roncalli's Gabe Heller held off Parkston's Jacob Lee for a three-stroke victory, shooting a final-round 72 to finish at 152. Dell Rapids' Ty Hognlund and West Central's Devlin Rue tied for third at 160.

Also for Parkston, Garret Hohn (168) tied for 13th and Jamie Smith (170) tied for 19th to finish on the awards stand. Alex Scott shot 177 and Nate Hohn finished at 189 on the weekend.

Vermillion was led by Paul Schwasinger, who tied for 19th at 170. Cooper Williams just missed the awards stand, tying for 26th at 174. Cole Anderson shot 178, Ryne Whisler shot 188 and Sam Craig shot 190 for the Tanagers.

Dakota Valley's Jameson Bull finished at 174. Also for the Panthers, Jacob Went shot 189 and Keaton Hensley shot 198. For Elk Point-Jefferson, Michael Murphy shot 181 and Tyler Leif shot 191. For Beresford, Sam Nelson shot 185 and Logan Busch shot 203.

### Neb. District C-3 Girls

WAYNE, Neb. – Three area golfers qualified for state with their finishes in the District C-3 Girls' Golf Tournament, held on Tuesday at Wayne

Country Club.

West Point-Beemer won the event with a 382, 14 strokes better than Norfolk Catholic. Battle Creek (407) beat out Hartington Cedar Catholic (416) for the final team spot. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge was sixth (424) and Crofton was seventh (451) in the 12-team event.

West Point-Beemer's Lacie Fox easily earned medalist honors with an 80, 12 strokes better than Paige Peters of TC (Pender/Bancroft-Rosalie). Hartington Cedar Catholic sophomore Cassidy Uldrich was third at 94.

Besides Uldrich, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge's senior Emily Klooz (4th, 94) and sophomore Brooke Young (9th, 98) qualified for state.

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# Eagles Upend Raiders 3-2

## Harrisburg Holds Off Yankton 3-1

GAYVILLE – Taylor Lee and Caitlin Hinseth combined for 45 kills and eight blocks as Irene-Wakonda edged Gayville-Volin in a Tri-Valley Conference volleyball five-set thriller on Tuesday night in Gayville. Irene-Wakonda won by set scores of 19-25, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 15-9.

Lee recorded 25 kills, two blocks and seven digs in the win, while Hinseth posted 20 kills, six blocks, 21 digs and three ace serves.

The visiting Eagles (7-7) also got 51 set assists and 10 digs from Hannah Anderson, while Adriana McDonald had eight kills and Maddie Mohr had six kills.

In the loss for Gayville-Volin (8-5), Genevieve Clark recorded 19 kills and 23 digs, while Viola Ishmael had 20 digs and Grace Dangel posted 30 set assists.

Both teams will be in Menno on Thursday for a triangular.

IRENE-WAKONDA (7-7).....19 25 23 25 15  
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (8-5).....25 20 25 22 9

### Menno 3, Canistota 2

CANISTOTA – Menno picked up a 25-14 22-25, 25-18, 21-25, 15-11 road victory over Canistota on Tuesday night in Canistota.

Tara Spencer led the way for Menno, totaling 18 kills and eight blocks. Paige Heckenlaible added 11 kills and eight blocks. Ashton Vaith led the Menno defensive with 27 digs, and Marissa Buechler added 21 digs and 19 assists.

For Canistota, Kalli Ortman had 18 kills and seven digs, and Kenzy Kirby added nine kills. Cassidy Engbrecht finished the match with 37 assists, and Jessi Teiszen totaled 14 digs.

Menno will host Irene-Wakonda and Gayville-Volin on Thursday night in Menno. Canistota will travel to Howard on Thursday.

MENNO (6-5).....25 22 25 21 15  
CANISTOTA (3-15).....14 25 18 25 11

### Marion 3,

### Bridgewater-Emery 2

EMERY – In a five set match, Marion defeated Bridgewater-Emery 13-25, 25-20, 25-21, 15-25, 15-13 on Tuesday night in Emery.

Michele Schoenwald led Marion with 17 kills and 17 digs, while Renae Kaiser totaled 11 kills and 11 assists. Sarah Ptak had eight kills, and Amy Ptak finished with seven kills.

For Bridgewater-Emery, Autumn Hilton totaled a game-high 22 kills and six blocks. Kadra Kayser added 10 kills and 11 digs, and Hannah Harbets had 28 assists.

Marion will host Ethan on Thursday, and Bridgewater-Emery will host Avon in Emery on Thursday.

MARION (2-11).....13 25 25 15 25  
BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (6-12).....25 20 21 25 13

### Boyd County Tri.

### Bloomfield 2, Boyd Co. 0

SPENCER, Neb. - Despite both matches being close, Bloomfield was able to come out on top 2-0 against Boyd county. Bloomfield won the first match 25-18, 25-19.

In the win for Bloomfield, Kristin Thompson had 17 digs and 10 attacks. Leah Poppe had 13 attacks and 13 digs. No stats were provided for Boyd

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Gayville-Volin's Genny Clark, 2, tries to place the ball around the defense of Irene-Wakonda's Caitlin Hinseth during Tuesday night's Tri-Valley Conference match in Gayville.

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## Hillier: USD Defense 'Really Never Satisfied'

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VERMILLION – Ryan Hillier was a key fixture on a University of South Dakota defense that ranked among the national leaders in areas you'd want to lead a nation in: Sacks, pass defense, turnovers and interceptions.

Hillier, a linebacker from Lee's Summit, Missouri, played in all 12 games that season.

He was also a fixture in a Coyote defense that took significant steps back last season, as USD struggled to another winless record in Missouri Valley Football Conference play.

Through four games this season, Hillier and his defensive teammates are back causing problems for opposing offenses.

USD ranks No. 16 nationally in total defense, with an average of 303.5 yards allowed per game. The only problem is, that ranks third in the Missouri Valley Football Conference – Youngstown State is first and North Dakota State is fourth.

The Coyotes are already ahead of last year's pace with eight sacks (five by Andrew Van Ginkel) and seven interceptions, which led head coach Joe Glenn to say Tuesday, "We're doing a lot of things on defense we didn't do a year ago."

By looking at some of the scores, one could get the impression that USD isn't exactly lighting the world on fire on defense – the Coyotes allowed 34 points to Kansas State and 31 last week to Youngstown State. On closer examination, though, Kansas State scored a touchdown on a kickoff return, and Youngstown State

took advantage of three USD turnovers to score on short fields (there were drives of 4 plays, 4 plays, 1 play and 2 plays).

Hillier answered a couple questions from the *Press & Dakotan* after Tuesday's practice at the DakotaDome.

**It just seems like the defense has taken a step forward this year. What could you point to where the defense has gotten better?**

I think we've come together a lot better, and we're starting to understand the system more. Just the older guys, with the preparation, we're seeing what teams like to do and we've been through it before to know what to look for.

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# GPAC: Morningside Avenges Loss To Mount Marty

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Morningside College rallied to defeat Mount Marty College 23-25, 25-18, 12-25, 25-22, 15-7 in Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball at Cimpr Arena in Yankton on Tuesday.

It was the younger players for the visiting Mustangs that got the job done, according to head coach Beth Donnelly.

"We went through four different lineups in four sets and ended up finishing with what we played for JV members," Donnelly said. "I've really got to give credit to the young ones, by the fifth set we had three freshmen and two sophomores."

In the first set, Mount Marty was able to build a 7-3 lead before dropping seven straight points on the back of pair of kills by Gabi French and a pair of blocks from Aneisha Ford for Morningside. Later in the set the Lancers were down two before a pair of Sierra Kloth aces tied the set at 20 and sparked Mount Marty for the rest of the set. A kill from Laura

Cattle ended the set in a 25-23 win for Mount Marty. The Lancers finished the first set with five aces.

The following set, Mount Marty again built an early lead before letting Morningside to go another seven point run. From there it was all Morningside and they took the set to tie the match 25-18. Ford, London Bockenstedt, and Morgan Whitehead each recorded three kills, while Ford had a block and combined for another with Bockenstedt.

The third set was all Mount Marty as this time they built an early lead that they would not give up. Kloth finished the set with five kills, an ace, and two blocks as the Lancers took the set 25-12 and with it a 2-1 lead.

"It was in doubt after this set," Donnelly said. "It's been a habit of ours when we get down by that much we can't pull ourselves back out."

Morningside would again tie the game in the fourth set with a 25-22, but it didn't come easy as Mount Marty was down and went on a six point run to get within one at 21-20 before

Morningside called timeout. Following the timeout, the Mustangs added three points straight, which would be too much for Mount Marty.

The Mustangs would get the early lead in the fifth set starting out with a 6-1 lead and didn't look back winning 15-7 and taking the match 3-2.

"We needed to attack more and get them out of their offense," Mount Marty coach Frank Hebenstreit said. "It was a kind of game both teams made a lot of mistakes, and we made too many to win."

For the Mustangs, Bockenstedt finished with a team-high 13 kills, one more than Morgan Whitehead. Morgan O'Malley led Morningside with 24 assists, while Torie Sykes added 19. Gabi French led all players with 19 digs.

For the Lancers, Kloth was the player of the game with 22 kills and five aces.

"Sierra played great," Hebenstreit said. "At one point we told our setter to get the ball to her as much as we could." That setter was Amber Dythse.

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Mount Marty's Sierra Kloth, right, attacks against Morningside's Jennifer Buyert during their Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

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