SCOREBOARD

CROSS COUNTRY

WAYNE MS INV. Oct. 6 at Wayne, Neb. GIRLS' DIVISION

TOP 3 TEAMS: Yankton 15. Norfolk TOP 3 TEAMS: Yankton 15, Norfolk 17, Hartington-Newastle 27 TOP 10: 1, Jayla Bernecker, Hartington-Newcastle 12:35; 2, Annika Harthoom, Norfolk 13:09; 3, Lexi Rust, Yankton 13:15; 4, Kylie Bochman, Yankton 13:16; 5, Meghan Colton, Norfolk Catholic 13:17; 6, Maddie Beair, Wayne 13:23; 7, Makayla Clouse, Norfolk Catholic 13:31; 8, Sara Burbach, Hartington-Newcastle 13:31; 9, Elise Heiman, Yankton 13:37; 10, Courtney Flohr, Norfolk 13:38 OTHER AREA: 16, Grace Livingston, Yankton 14:36; 24, Adalia Quzi, Yankton 14:36; 24, Adalia Quzi, Yankton 14:48; 25, Mackenzie Havennek,

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Catholic 20, Vankton 27
TOP 10: 1, Bryson Callies, Norfolk
10:42; 2, Matthew Protzman, Norfolk
10:50; 3, Juan Balderas, South Sioux
City 11:03; 4, Alex Lammers, Norfolk
Catholic 11:05; 5, Seth Higginbotham,
Norfolk Catholic 11:0; 6, Caleb Roemhild, Norfolk Catholic 11:11; 7, Berkly
Brummond, Norfolk 11:12; 8, Jakob Harrell, Yankton 11:16; 9, Ben Hammond, Norfolk Catholic 11:16: 10. Mason Sin-

delar, Pierce 11:20
OTHER AREA: 15, Mason Welker,
Yankton 11:44; 18, Victor Duarte, Yankton 11:55; 20, Brayden Kathol, Hartington-Newcastle 11:59; 24, Tucker Bahm,
Yankton 12:28; 29, Tristan Redman,
Yankton 12:66; 36, Jared Culter, Yankton
13:19; 39, Kaleb Worm, Yankton 13:44;
43, Garrett Cutler, Yankton 13:49; 52,
Trey Hayes, Yankton 14:39; 63, Hudson
Rettig, Yankton 15:49; 70, Zach Neu,
Yankton 16:57

CHEER & DANCE BRANDON VALLEY INVITE

BRANDON VALLEY INVITE
Tuesday at Brandon
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Grand Champion — 1. Sioux Falls
Roosevelt, 248.5; 2. Watertown, 234.0;
3. Sioux Valley, 226.0; 4. Rapid City Stevens, 225.0; 5. Sioux Falls Victorians, 215.5; 6. Sioux Falls Victorians, 215.5; 7. Huron, 202.0; 8. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 192.0; 9. (Tie) Platte-Geddes and Brookings, 189.5; 11. Brandon Valley, 188.5; 12. Vankton, 180.0; 13. Arlington-Lake Presston, 175.0; 14. Mitchell, 170.5; 15. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 167.5; 16. Aberdeen Central, 163.5; 17. Pierre, 160.0.
COMPETITIVE DANCE
Grand Champion — 1. Sioux Falls
Washington, 247.33; 2. Brandon Valley, 234.5; 3. Vankton, 225.33; 4. Sioux Falls Roosavent, 219.17; 5. Sioux Falls
Lincoln, 218.5; 6. Watertown, 209.0; 7. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 203.5; 8. Huron,

192.67; 9. Brookings, 191.83; 10. Platte-Geddes, 180.0; 11. Aberdeen Central, 179.5; 12. Pierre, 172.5; 13. Mitchell, 172.33.
Hip Hop — 1. Lincoln, 218.0; 2. Rocesevelt, 204.0; 3. O'Gorman, 196.5; 4. Plattie-Geddes, 189.0; 5. Huron, 178.0; 6. Mitchell, 171.5; 7. Pierre, 149.5.
Kick — 1. Washington, 238.0; 2. Brandon Valley, 233.5; 3. Yankton, 229.5; 4. Waterfown, 208.5; 5. Pierre, 194.5; 6. O'Gorman, 194.0; 7. Brookings, 190.5; 8. Platte-Geddes, 168.5; 9. Aberdeen Central, 162.0.
Jazz — 1. Washington, 250.5; 2. Brandon Valley, 228.0; 3. Roosevelt, 221.5; 4. Lincoln, 219.0; 5. Yankton, 217.5; 6. Waterfown, 193.5; 7. Huron, 128.0; 8. Brookings, 186.5; 9. Aberdeen Central, 175.5; 10. Pierre, 173.5; 11. Mitchell, 162.0.
Pom — 1. Washington, 253.5; 2. Brandon Valley, 242.0; 3. Roosevelt, 232.0; 4. Yankton, 229.0; 5. Waterfown, 225.0; 6. O'Gorman, 220.0; 7. Lincoln, 218.5; 8. Huron, 212.0; 9. Aberdeen Central, 201.0; 10. Brookings, 198.5; 9. Mitchell, 183.5; 10. Platte-Geddes, 182.5.

FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Thursday, Oct. 8 Indianapolis at Houston, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Chicago at Kansas City, noon St. Louis at Green Bay, noon Buffalo at Tennessee, noon Seattle at Cincinnati, noon Washington at Atlanta, noon Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, noon New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon Cleveland at Baltimore, noon Arizona at Detroit, 3:05 p.m. Denver at Oakland, 3:25 p.m. New England at Dallas, 3:25 p.m. San Francisco at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 h.

Open: Carolina, Miami, Minnesota, N.Y. Jets Monday, Oct. 12 Pittsburgh at San Diego, 7:30 p.m.

BASEBALL MLB POST-SEASON

MLB POST-SEASON
WILD CARD
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Houston 3, New York Yankees 0
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 0
DIVISION SERIES
(Best-0f-5; x-if necessary)
Thursday, Oct. 8
Texas (Gallardo 13-11) at Toronto
(Price 18-5), 2:37 p.m. (FS1)
Houston (McHugh 19-7) at Kansas
City (Ventura 13-8), 6:37 p.m. (FS1)
Friday, Oct. 9
(Hamels 7-1) at Toronto (Stroman
4-0), 11-45 a.m. (MLBN)
Houston (Kazmir 7-11) at Kansas
City (Cueto 4-7), 2:45 p.m. (FS1)

AREA CALENDAR

FOOTBALL, 9TH Brandon Valley at YHS (4:15 p.m.)

TENNIS, GIRLS' State Tourn. at Brandon and Sioux Falls (YHS, Vermillion, 9 a.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP Andes Central-Dakota Christian vs. Wolsey-Wessington at Wolsey; Avon vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery, Beresford at Alcester-Hudson; Dell Rapids at Dakota Valley; Elk Point-Jefferson at Tri-Valley; Ethan at Manion, Freeman Academy at Centerville; Freeman at Bon Homme; Gayville-Volin/Irene-Wakonda at Menno (4:30 p.m.); Hartington-Newcastle at Allen; Kimball-White Lake at Parkston; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Bloomfield; North Central/O Neill St. Mary's vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Niobrara; Parker at Scotland; Platte-Geddes at Gregory; Ponca at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket; Vermillion at Madison; Viborg-Hurley at Baltic; Wayne at Crofton; Wynot at Winside VOLLEYBALL, MS YMS at S.F. O'Gorman (8th grade only, 4 p.m.)

grade only, 4 p.m.)

Friday, October 9

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP L&C/Bloomfield Inv.
(Bloomfield-Wausa, Creighton, Hartington-Newcastle, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Randolph, 4 p.m.);

Piorce Inv. (Crofton, 4:30 p.m.) ce Inv. (Crofton, 4:30 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Huron (7 p.m., KVHT-

FM, KYNT-AM); Alcester-Hudson vs. Canistota; Allen at Wynot; Avon at Marty Indian (2 p.m.); Beresford at Sioux Valley; Bloomfield at Hartington-Newcastle; Bon Hormer vs. Wolsey-Wessington at Wolsey (7 p.m., KK93.com); Burk-South Central at Andes Central-Dakota Christian; Creighton at Howells-Dodge; Crofton at Ainsworth; Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan at Emery; Gayville-Volin at Scotland; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Lutheran High Northeast, Howard vs. Menno-Marion at Menno; Irene-Wakonda at Garretson; Lennox at Dakota Valley, Miller at Platte-Geddes; Niobrara-Verdigre at Elgin Public-Pope John; Oakland-Craig at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Parkston at Winner; Ponca at Wisner-Pige; Santee at St. Edward; Tripp-Delmont-Armour vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; Vermillion at Sioux Falls Christian (7 p.m., KYTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Baltic; Wagner at Groton Area; Wausa at Randolph

ndolph TENNIS, GIRLS' State Tourn. at Brandon and Jux Falls (YHS, Vermillion, 9 a.m.) VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC Classic (MMC Mayville State, 4:30 p.m.; Mayville State vs.

Grace, 8 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC Classic
(MMC vs. Mayville State, 3 p.m.; MMC vs. Grace,

0 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Santee at St. Edward
Saturday, October 10
CHEER & DANCE Mitchell Inv. (YHS, Gayville-Volin, Wagner, 10:30 a.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Brair Cliff Inv.
(MMC, 10 a.m.)

p.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Neb. Wesleyan at MMC
(2 p.m.)
SOCCER, BOYS' S.D. Finals at Mitchell
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TENNIS, GIRLS' State Tourn. at Brandon and
Sioux Falls (YHS, Vermillion, 8 a.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC Classic (MMC
vs. Grace, 10:30 a.m.; Grace vs. Presentation, 2
p.m.; MMC vs. Presentation, 5:30 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC Classic (MMC
vs. Grace, 9 a.m.; Presentation vs. Grace, 12:30
p.m.; MMC vs. Presentation, 4 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Akron-Westfield Tourn.
(Elk Point-Jefferson); Chester Classic (Alcester-Hudson, Irene-Wakonda, Parker, Wagner); Gayville-Volin
Tourn. (Gayville-Volin, Menno, Ponca, Scotland, 9
a.m.); Redfield Tourn. (Beresford); Wisner-Pilger
October Classic (Allen, Wynot, 9 a.m.); Bloomfield,
Randolph at Winside; Burke-South Central vs. TrippDelmont-Armour at Armour at Sunday, October 11
SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at North Dakota State
(3 p.m.) (3 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Oral Roberts at USD

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Eastern South Dakota

f. at Pierre (YHS, 11 a.m.)

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Western Illinois

(3 p.m., KVHT-FM) SOCCER, MEN'S Neb. Wesleyan at MMC (4:15

p.m.)
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Neb. Wesleyan at MMC

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis (Lackey 13-10), 5:45 p.m. (TBS) 8:45 p.m. (TBS) 8:45 p.m. (TBS) Saturday, Oct. 10

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 4:37 p.m. (TBS)

at Los Angeles Dodgers (Greinke 19-3), 8:07 p.m. (TBS)

Northwestern Downs Lancer Men

BY JAMES D. CIMBUREK

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Mount Marty College head coach Peter Shepherd feels that his Lancer men's soccer team is starting to improve defensively.

With a banged-up lineup against a nationally-recognized team on Wednesday at Easton Field, the outcome may not have reflected that.

Northwestern (9-3, 4-0 GPAC), which received votes in this week's NAIA poll, converted on half its 22 shots on goal for an 11-0 victory over the Lancers in Great Plains Athletic Conference action.

Tyler Limmer scored four goals and had an assist to lead Northwestern. Patrick Power scored a pair of goals. Wesley Lockwood had a goal and two assists. Isaac Wong had a goal and an assist. Connor Tupper, Jacob Garcia-Nieto and Alex Schussman each scored a goal. Hartrick Tarr, Daniel Zapata and Breno Fabbri each had an assist.

Ludwin Arana had three of MMC's five shots, with Renner Mickelson and

Melvin Gabel recording the other two.

MMC started the contest with just two reserves, and lost one starter for the game just three minutes in. Not long after, a second injury for the Lancers left them without a reserve. Early in the second half the Lancers played short-handed after yet another

"Northwestern is a tactically sound team. They knew what to do against us," Shepherd said. "Two injuries right off the bat didn't help, but we had to play through it." MMC (0-10, 0-4 GPAC) hosts

Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday, a 4:15 p.m. start. With the season now past the midway point, the Lancers are showing signs of improvement, Shepherd said.

We are starting to see defensive improvements with some players. Our communication is improved,' he said. "But we let up too much. We have to make sure, whether we are up big or down big, we have to play consistently."

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Mount Marty's Renner Mickelson goes up to head the ball during the Lancers' **Great Plains Athletic Confer**ence against Northwestern on Wednesday at Easton Field.

Disc Golf

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new 18-hole courses, but possibly \$5,000 to upgrade signing and build additional concrete tee pads at the Gavin's course.

Whether it is through such a grant, or fundraising, or donations, any money raised could further Bailey's goal, he said.

"But I think getting that kind of help will help us in the long run," Bailey said. "If we get it going now, we could be hosting a national tournament in five years.'

There are some parallels to archery that could be made with disc golf, according to Bailey. Yankton was, though, able to land the National Field Archery Association headquarters nearly a decade ago and has annually attracted

some of the top tournaments.
"A lot of people were

New York Mets (Syndergaard 9-7)

shocked that we brought in that many people for archery," he said. "I don't think we'd get that many countries here, but we'd get that many people, I

Instead of one big tournament each year, disc golf could potentially hold 10 events, Bailey added. "It has the potential

to bring in that much money," he said. Whether or not Yankton lands any national

tournaments, the sport figures to continue growing, Bailey added. "The main thing about it, it's just fun," he said.

"It's not all about competition. The more we can spread that, the more I think people will want to join.

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Only two returning champi-

ons remains at the same flight

.ancers

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The Lancers kept Northwestern off the board the rest of the way.

"I am proud of how well we played, how hard we worked," Shepherd said.

In the 52nd minute, Max broke the Lancers' scoring drought to pull MMC within one. The Lancers had not scored since the second match of the season, against Presentation on Sept. 2.

"It was a nice shot off a poor clearance," Shepherd said. "She (Max) has a good shot. She just hasn't

gotten up (front) much. "Hopefully this helps her confidence."

Shepherd said that the Lancers' more aggressive offensive approach is in part to take pressure off their defense, and in part because they can rely on their defense.

"In previous games our attacks have only been with a few players," he said. "In soccer, everyone has to be just as much a defensive player as offensive, and vice versa. In practice we've been focusing on building our offense.

"Our defense has it under control with Courtney (True), Megs (Megan Roth) and Belle (Annabelle Martin).

MMC, now 1-8 overall and 0-5 in the GPAC, will look to earn its first league victory of the season when it hosts Nebraska Weslevan on Saturday. Start time is set for 2 p.m. at Easton Field.

Northwestern improved to 4-4-3, 1-1-2 in the

State

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said. "We think we've learned from what happened at ESD, and we're going to use it to excel at state.

The entire season has been a learning experience for the Gazelles, who started the 2015 campaign having to fill holes from five graduating seniors.

"We've grown a lot. We've gotten more aggressive," Kusek said. "You could see improvement from the first time we saw a team to the second. I think

we're peaking at the right time." What has helped the Gazelles improve throughout the season is their willingness to have a "rough" practice, accord-

ing to Velk. They know their weaknesses, and they're focused on working on them," she said.

"They are requesting drills to work on them. They're willing to have those gut-wrenching practices that make them want to hit their heads against the

Sophomore Anne Knoff (16-9) enters flight one singles as the 10th seed. Sophomore Mimi Garcia (11-16) ranks 14th at flight two singles. Junior Sophie Kouri (8-17) ranks 16th at flight three singles. Eighth grader Josie Krajewski (6-19) ranks 15th at flight four singles. Kusek (5-17) ranks 16th at flight five singles. Eighth grader Olivia Tennant (8-17) ranks 17th at flight six singles.

Knoff and Kouri (9-15) rank 15th at flight one doubles. Garcia and Krajewski (8-17) rank 18th at flight two doubles. Kusek and Tennant (5-12) rank 17th at flight three doubles.

With a young team - most of which is making its state tournament debut - Velk is hoping to see the girls put together

everything they've learned throughout the season and keep it together.

"I'm hoping to see that consistency," she said. "We've started to see glimpses of what they can do, but I want to see the whole package, not just one or two games out of a set.

"My desire for them is for each to push to what she can do and to be able to walk away proud of her performance."

Kusek, who has experienced state competition in other sports but not tennis, is hoping to finish her career on a positive note.

"I'm going to play the best tennis I can," she said. "I'm just going to play tennis how know how, and try to keep a positive attitude throughout the weekend."

Vermillion will compete iunior Libby Sykes (2-11, 21st seed) at flight one, sophomore Brandi Styles (2-12, 17th seed) at flight two, sophomore Alex

flight three, sophomore Shinayne Whipple (1-13, 20th seed) at flight four, freshman Jane Ni Struckman Johnson (1-13, 19th seed) and eighth grader Katrina Heles (1-13, 20th seed) in singles. Sykes and Rosdail (0-12) will

Rosdail (2-11, 21st seed) at

compete at flight one doubles. Styles and Whipple (0-13) will compete at flight two doubles. Struckman-Johnson and Heles (0-12) will compete at flight three doubles. The Tanagers are seeded 21st at flights one and two, and 19th at flight three.

Tournament play will be held at McKennan Park and Washington High School in Sioux Falls, and Brandon Valley High School in Brandon. Competition begins at 8 a.m. each day.

Championships will be played at McKennan Park, with singles consolation and championship finals, followed by doubles consolation and championship finals.

as a season ago, both from St. Thomas More, Junior Grace Goble and senior Madison Fenske return to defend their title at flight one doubles. Junior Grace Wittenburg returns to defend her title at flight four singles. O'Gorman junior Samantha Czarnecki, a three-time cham-

pion and flight three champion each of the past two seasons. moves up to flight two singles this season. A member of the flight two doubles championship team in 2011, 2013 and 2014, Czarnecki will team with freshman Danielle Sebata at flight one doubles this season.

Rapid City Stevens sophomores Jaden Elliott and Ingrid Anderson enter the flight three doubles tournament undefeated on the season.

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Football, in particular, is

Hawk

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one point. Still revered by Yankton football fans and former players, Hawk joked during the start of our conversation that he realizes I was probably only there because his wins record

is about to fall. Sioux Falls O'Gorman coach Steve Kueter – who spoke at Hawk's retirement party in 1994 - tied Hawk's record with 284 wins after a 35-0 victorylast Friday night in Yankton, of all places. Kueter will go for the record on Friday night when his Knights play at Rapid

City Stevens. When it came time for me to ask him about that, Hawk gave his by-now standard answer: "Records are made to

be broken.' He's also quick to point out - mostly joking – that he hasn't won a game in 21 years, yet his record still stood for all these years. He also proudly points out that he will still have the record for public-school

Taking The Reins
This fall marks 50 years since Hawk - a native of Wessington Springs and native of Northern State University – took over the Yankton football program.

Though, as he will tell you. he once said no to a coaching position in Yankton.

After a successful eight-year stint at Scotland High School (where he won 52 games), Hawk wanted something more He wanted to move up the ladder, to a larger school. He reached out to a number of schools across South Dakota and was later interviewed for a varsity assistant position in Yankton.

That wasn't exactly what he had in mind, Hawk said.

I didn't want to be an assistant, I had been a head coach, he said. "I thanked them for thinking of me.

A month later, the Yankton job – previously held by Jack Richardson – opened up, and Hawk was asked to come to Yankton for an interview. He

was offered the position and accepted. His legacy was about to

begin.
"When I came here, I thought it was the best high school football job in South Dakota," Hawk said. "They had a good reputation. They backed

their athletic teams real well.'

Little did Hawk realize,

he would vault the Yankton football program to the ranks of perennial title contender during the next 30 years. He still jokes, however, that the culture - administration

support, fan support, etc. was such that just about anyone could have led the Bucks. "Anyone with any sense could have come in here and

made them a winner," Hawk said, smiling. Instead, Hawk took the reins and for all but one season over the next 30 years, he guided the Yankton Bucks to a winning

His teams, known for the punishing Wing-T offense, pummeled teams across the Eastern South Dakota Conference and Hawk's teams would go on to win 10 state titles including those years where final rankings determined a "mythical" champion. He was also named the National High School Coaches Association

coach of the year in 1986. When South Dakota, through a lawsuit (with the assistance of guys like Hawk, Bob Burns, Jerry Miller and Dale McElhaney), finally adopted a playoff system for football, Hawk's teams won state championships at the DakotaDome in Vermillion in 1982, 1984 and

1994 (his final season) Well ahead of that final season, however, fans knew Hawk would done after 1994. He had made the announcement two years earlier, partly because - as he jokes now – it would have made it harder for him to change his mind.

to back out, but I thought that would help," Hawk said, smiling.

"I didn't necessarily want

Handing Over The Reins One of Hawk's new assistant coaches during that final

season in 1994 wasn't exactly a rookie.

The newcomer had directed

Hamlin to three consecutive state titles (1989-91), but became a mouse in the corner

down in Yankton. His name was Arlin Likness. Likness had spent the previous 15 seasons at Hamlin and came to Yankton with the understandable idea that he was approaching veteran status in the coaching world. He then arrived in Yankton to find names like Hawk (37 years by that point). Jim Miner (30+ years) and Ray Kooistra (30+

"Áll of a sudden, I look around and think, 'These guys have a hundred years of experience, and I've got 15. There's a lot that can be learned here,'

Likness said this week. "My biggest contribution was learning and motivating

There were also some play-

calling duties for Likness. He remembers one time in particular that first season where he called a quarterback keeper to the far side of the field (the opposite of what became the Hawk staple). The play went for a long gain, but as Likness says smiling,

Hawk wasn't exactly the most thrilled. That 1994 season would conclude in dramatic fashion, as the Bucks beat Rapid City Stevens in a double-overtime thriller in the state championship – one still referred to as perhaps the best title game in South Dakota history.

And just like, Hawk's legendary career was over. He was leaving as a champion.

Partly because he never left Yankton and partly because - as he still displays to this day - he still knows the game so well, Hawk was in time understandably faced with the following question: Would he have ever wanted to return to the sideline?

He has an easy answer. 'No," Hawk said. He does joke, though, that

with the bulk of that 1994 talent coming back for another year or two, he could have probably tacked on 25 more wins to his resume – Yankton, next coached by Miner, went on to go 12-0 and win the state

Likness eventually took over for Miner in 1999, and promptly led the Bucks to a 12-1 record and another state

championship. As Hawk sat at his kitchen table this week and ran through anecdote after anecdote, he said he proud of the fact that his legacy survived. In a period of six years, three different Yankton coaches -Hawk (1994), Miner (1995) and

Likness (1999) – all won a state championship. Put into perspective in today's age where head coaches are getting younger and younger, that fact still stands as one of the most impressive

out of the Hawk tenure. 'That's pretty unusual for a school our size," he said. "I always said, we're a small school in a big-school league. We played all the big schools."

Influence Lives On Although many high school football teams pass more times in one season than Hawk's teams did throughout his ca-

reer, his legacy remains strong.

Twenty-one years later,

many of the Hawk principles live on through his former assistants and players. Brady Muth is living proof. Muth, a 1996 YHS graduate, was a junior during Hawk's

final season and later followed

in his mentor's footsteps into the coaching world. "He's always in the back of my mind as far as what is best for the program," said Muth, now an assistant coach on Lik-

ness' staff. Muth went on and played college football for three seasons at Southwest Minnesota State, then went on to coach at Irene-Wakonda (three years), Bon Homme (five years) and then to Yankton. Even in today's age with the

prevalence of spread offenses - which Yankton uses – Hawk's Wing-T offensive style remains the standard, according to Muth. The Bucks during Likness' tenure have been known for their misdirection plays, in the run game and on special teams. "More times than not, I

fullback dive before you can do anything else." The performance of last year's Yankton squad harkened

think to myself, 'Keep it simple like coach Hawk did,'" Muth

said. "Make sure you can run a

back to the days of Hawk. Yankton beat all the 'big boy' teams and rode a dominant defense all the way to the DakotaDome, where the Bucks edged Brookings in an overtime thriller for

the championship. It was almost like 1994 all

over again. And it was perfect synchronicity. What's old was new again for the Bucks.

"As a program, we are all accountable to what coach Hawk has done before us,' Muth said. "And as a guy that played for him and now coaches in that program, there is not a practice or game that goes by that I don't think to myself, 'How would coach Hawk do this or handle this?'

Legacy Remains The next time you're at a

Yankton home football game, do yourself a favor: Wait outside the Bucks locker room during halftime.

You'll see a group of youngsters lining up outside the door, waiting for their heroes to slap their hands. That's part of the Hawk tradition, as I've come to understand it. Taking the field at historic, 90-year-old Crane-Youngworth Field became something every voung Yankton football player

waited for. A successful program certainly sparked that interest, but what Hawk's teams represented was more the story.

As Hawk began attending the National High School Coaches Association national conventions every year (next year will be his 50th consecutive), he would consistently be asked about his program's success. The comment usually involved something like, it either speaks awfully good of Hawk's players, awfully good of his program, or awfully good of the coaching staff.

'I always argued, it was all three," Hawk says from his kitchen table.

Twenty-years after his retirement, Hawk remains in Yankton. He and his wife spend the winters at their home outside Phoenix, Arizona, but he is still active on the Yankton athletic scene – whether at home football games, at the weekly Quarterback Club, or out on the golf course.

very much still a large part of As his wins record has been threatened this season by O'Gorman's Kueter, Hawk has been back in the news. He says he understands that, but has tended not to make a big

deal out of his record over the vears. There's also a good chance that within a couple years, Hawk could fall to No. 3 on the all-time wins list. Sioux Falls Roosevelt coach Kim Nelson currently stands third at 260 victories, while Likness is

fourth with 248 wins. The fact that it took 21 ears for someone to catch Hawk speaks highly of the former coach, according to

Likness. "He has a great winning percentage and he was pretty consistent for all those years. the Bucks coach said. "Hats off to Max, he did a lot of things

Hearing that reminded me

of what Hawk said: "Anyone with any sense could have come in here and made them a winner. While that may have been true for a short period of time, it's doubtful that any one

three-decades long impact that Hawk had in Yankton. That basement full of plaques and memorabilia tells me he made quite an impression in Yankton.

coach would have had the

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Bureau (Steph Moser) 8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm) 8:45 am USD Athletics (Joe Tuente)

Friday, October 9 7:40 am SD Magazine (Bernie Hunhoff) 8:20 am YHS Band Boosters (Dan Raferty) 8:45 am National Honor

Society (YHS Students)

Thursday, October 8 7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis