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# 9B Playoffs: Alcester-Hudson Powers Past Wall 30-8

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ALCESTER – Alcester-Hudson advanced into the quarter-finals of the Class 9B football playoffs after defeating Wall 30-8, on the back of quarterback Grant Johnson, in Alcester on Tuesday.

The first half of the game was the Johnson show for the Cubs. On their first drive, a running combination of Johnson and Mitch Johnson drove the Cubs down for a touchdown from Johnson of eight yards.

"If you can go and capitalize right away, it's always huge momentum-wise in the game," Johnson said. "We wanted the ball and we wanted to go score. That was the gameplan from the start."

Johnson added running touchdowns of 27 and eight yards to go into half up 22-0 as the Cubs only failed to score in the first half on a fumbled exchange between Johnson and Logan McConnell. Johnson finished the half with 142 yards rushing on 12 attempts.

"The line did a great job up front, so there was a lot of great

holes to run through," Haak said. Wall was unable to do anything on offense just gaining 86 yards while being shut out in the first half.

"That was a pretty good offensive group," Cubs coach Brian Haak said. "We knew they had some good athletes and we could contain them for the most part."

Alcester-Hudson's offense would slow down some in the second half and a fumbled pitch from Johnson to Johnson set up Wall in good field position on its second drive of the half. Wall scored its only touchdown of the game on a 37-yard pass from quarterback Carter Elshere to Cass Lytle immediately following the fumble to make the score 22-8.

The Cubs responded with a touchdown of their own on a two-yard run by Mitch Johnson and from there the score would remain 30-8 until the final whistle.

"The first one is always the toughest, you never know what to expect," Johnson said. "It's a team we've never played before and it feels good to win."

Johnson would rack up 179

rushing yards on 18 attempts and also intercepted a pass on defense.

"Grant is a good player, I have had the pleasure of coaching him for four years, so he never surprises me," Haak said. "You know he is going to be solid every night."

The Cubs will look to continue the success into the next round of the playoffs.

"Have to play as close to perfect as possible," Haak said. "That's what we've got to do."

Johnson would finish second on the team with 119 yards rushing on 23 attempts for the Cubs, while also leading the team in tackles with eight.

For Wall, Elshere would complete 5-of-12 passes for 62 yards and a touchdown, while adding 36 yards on the ground in 10 attempts. Kylee Schreiber led the team in rushing with 53 yards on 19 attempts.

Alcester-Hudson will play on Monday against a team to be determined.

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Alcester-Hudson's Grant Johnson (18) attempts to escape the clutches of Wall's Camden Sawvell (28) and Cass Lytle (10) in Class 9B South Dakota playoff action Tuesday night in Alcester.

# Scotland Escapes ACDC

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SCOTLAND — Survive and advance.

That was the message from Scotland coach Ryan Robb to his team after narrowly escaping what was an otherwise lackluster performance.

And yet, the Highlanders are the ones moving on in the Class 9A bracket. They held off a furious rally from Andes Central-Dakota Christian 28-18 on Tuesday night in Scotland.

"Our effort was really lacking," said Robb, whose team improves to 8-1 and awaits its quarterfinal opponent next Monday. "You can't underestimate teams in the playoffs."

"Those guys on the other side were ready."

Despite leading by a 28-6 margin with 9:08 to play in the fourth quarter, Scotland couldn't put the Thunder — in their first year of a co-op — away.

AC-DC got within 28-12 on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Hayden Medicine Horn to Tre'zen Doren with 2:29 to play. The Thunder, however, couldn't record the conversion, which was a struggle that loomed large all game.

The Thunder then converted an onside kick, and one play later scored on a 49-yard Medicine Horn pass to Daaron Tronvold. Again, the conversion failed, so too did the ensuing onside kick, and Scotland was able to hang on.

"We told the kids, 'Put yourself in a position to win,'" AC-DC head coach Rich Stephens said, "and they did that."

Fortunately for Scotland, it had enough big plays on offense to escape.

Junior running back Chase Mogck rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns, while senior quarterback Tanner Iwan rushed for the other touchdown.

The Highlanders, though, didn't play early like a team that was primed for a deep playoff run. While the offense struggled to develop much rhythm, the defense was the reason Scotland built a 6-0 lead at halftime.

Andes Central-Dakota Christian had a pair of drives stopped inside the Scotland 10-yard line — the first ended in an interception and the second on a turnover on downs at the 1-yard line.

Mogck, who had earlier recorded an interception on defense, scored on a 3-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter for the only points in the opening half.

It was Iwan's touchdown run at the 9:08 mark of the fourth quarter that gave Scotland a seemingly insurmountable 20-6 lead.

That only set the stage for the furious rally by the Thunder, who finish the season 3-6.

"What more could you ask for?" AC-DC coach Rich Stephens said. "We only have two seniors; one (Leo Hopkins) we think has a broken ankle."

"They (Scotland) are just older and more experienced than us."

Teams are reseeded after the first round, but Scotland is likely to get another home game for next Monday's quarterfinals.

For now, though, the Highlanders will spend the rest of this week mentally preparing



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Andes Central-Dakota Christian's Zach DeLange, right, hits Scotland quarterback Tanner Iwan during Tuesday night's Class 9A first round playoff game in Scotland.

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# Briar Cliff Sweeps Past Mount Marty

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The Briar Cliff Chargers swept Mount Marty College 25-21, 25-21, 25-13 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match-up on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

"Briar Cliff controlled the tempo at the net all game," said Mount Marty College head coach Frank Henenstreit. "At times we struggled to pass the ball accurately, which makes it difficult to be successful offensively."

Tuesday night was Breast Cancer Awareness night. Prior to the match with Briar Cliff (14-10, 6-7 GPAC), each Mount Marty (7-20, 2-11 GPAC) Lancer honored someone who is currently or has battled cancer.

"We all know someone who

has been affected," said Lancer sophomore Laura Cattle. "It was awesome we got the opportunity to play in honor of those people."

After winning the first two sets, both by a score of 25-21, Briar Cliff dominated the third set 25-13 to seal the victory. The Briar Cliff attack took advantage of size up front, as they totaled 45 kills compared to just 25 Mount Marty kills.

"As far as size goes, we were outmatched" said Henenstreit. "We did have a little quicker offense at some stages in the game, but they just had too strong of a presence at the net."

Katelin Langel totaled a team-high 13 kills for Briar Cliff, while Toni Beck and Me-

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Mount Marty's Rachel Reiff, 16, and Sierra Kloth go up to block Briar Cliff's Tracietaylor Turner during their Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena on Tuesday.

# Huron Rallies Past Yankton 3-1

HURON – The Huron Tigers rallied from a slow start to beat Yankton 17-25, 25-11, 25-20, 25-20 in Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball action on Tuesday at the Huron Arena.

"Set one reminded me of what we looked like last night," Yankton head coach Tiffany Beste said, referring to the Gazelles' 3-2 win over Sioux Falls Washington on Monday. "In set two, Huron served very aggressively and didn't adjust. In sets three and four we battled, but Huron put everything together."

For Huron, Karissa Schroder led the way, recording 16 kills with just two errors. She also had three assisted blocks.

"She's good, and she's only a junior," Beste said of Schroder. "She's a tremendous athlete and very strong."

Also for Huron, Sarah

Carr had 10 kills and four ace serves. Jayda Shillingstad posted 36 assists. Lexi Glanzer had three ace serves and three blocks (one solo). Havyn Heinz added 12 digs in the victory.

For Yankton, Becky Frick had 10 kills and 15 digs, and Cameryn Specht had 10 assists, three ace serves and 13 digs to lead the way. Ellie Fedders had 16 assists, Hannah Bockholt had eight kills and Sophie Drotzmann posted four blocks to spark the net game. Danielle Salvatori posted 20 digs and Lindsey Hale had 17 digs to lead the floor defense.

Huron finished the regular season at 10-13, 6-10 in the ESD. Yankton, 4-16 and 2-14, will play in the District 2AA play-in match on Monday, Nov. 2.

"Our girls at times looked

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Yankton's Erin Luken, 10, earned first-team all-state honors in Class AA girls' soccer. Teammate Brianna Benjamin was a second team selection.

# Yankton's Luken, Vermillion's Samudzi Named First-Team All-State

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After a season away from high school soccer, Yankton's Erin Luken came back in a big way, earning first-team All-State honors, as announced by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association.

Also honored from the Gazelles was senior Brianna Benjamin, who earned second-team honors.

Luken missed the entire 2014 season due to a knee injury. When she returned, she moved from an offensive position to center back, a key position in the defense.

"I am very honored, very excited," Luken said of earning the honor. "Coming in, I didn't know what would happen. It shows that the hard work really does pay off."

Luken helped anchor a Gazelle defense that survived a goalkeeper change due to

injury midway through the season. After a 1-4-1 start, the Gazelles went 3-2-1 to finish the regular season, allowing no more than three goals in any of those matches after opponents surpassed that mark in three of the first six games.

"It was a benefit to have her back there," said Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring. "Her talent, her leadership and her ability to control the defensive line were key."

Luken credits her recovery from a knee injury to the medical personnel she worked with. In fact, their work has inspired her to pursue a degree in physical therapy in college.

"The physical therapists I worked with really inspired me to look into physical therapy," she said. "I am looking at a couple of colleges, possibly USD (South Dakota) or UNL (Nebraska). I want to get a doctorate in physical therapy."

Luken also said that her

teammates helped her in her return to the field.

"My teammates were pushing me, being there for me," she said. "They drove me to want to do better."

Benjamin was the Gazelles' leading scorer for a second straight season, finishing with 12 goals as a senior.

"Sparkplug" is probably the best word you can find for her," Schuring said of Benjamin. "She's the player you want fighting for the ball, because you know a 50-50 ball is 70-30 in her favor."

The senior was not only an offensive weapon, but would drop back and help the defense when needed.

"She put in a lot of work over the summer," Schuring said. "She wanted to improve her skills so that she was not just a scorer."

The Gazelles were eliminated in the first round of the Class AA playoffs. Besides

Luken and Benjamin, the Gazelles will graduate four other seniors: Amber Simek, Amanda Gravholt, Haley Schild and Natalie Ferris.

## Class A

Vermillion's Natasha Samudzi was one of the biggest scoring threats in Class A, recording 19 regular season goals and two more in post-season play. The senior striker's explosiveness was rewarded with a first-team all-state selection.

"Natasha definitely earned first-team honors," said Vermillion head coach Shannon Fitzsimmons. "Every time she gets the ball, the other team is concerned that she's about to score. It has been wonderful coaching her the past two seasons."

One of the Tanagers' other co-captains, Autumn Barnett,

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