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Gazelles Staying Strong on the Volleyball Court

BY TORY GROSS

The Yankton Gazelles could not have asked for a better start to their season. So far, they are undefeated at 5-0 in the ESD.

The Gazelles have faced Pierre, Huron, Brookings, Mitchell and, most recently, Watertown.

Except for traveling to Pierre for their first match, a quick 3-0 sweep, the Gazelles have remained on their home court.

"It's been really nice not having to travel, and the crowd and the Scat-men have really made a difference in the gym's atmosphere," senior Emily Fedders explains.

With the help of their cheering section, Yankton was able to take Huron in four games, Brookings in three, Mitchell in their tightest game yet, going five games, and Watertown in four last Friday.

Although undefeated, the team still has many things on which to improve.

"We definitely need to work on blocking, and better serving will be key for us in the future," Fedders admits.

Their work on these weaknesses started to show in the game against Watertown. They accounted for 29 positive touches and eight solo blocks.

Mindy Doering led Yankton's blockers with three solo blocks and two block assists.

Yankton also made serve receive very difficult for the Arrows, as each player had her share of aces and aggressive serves, taking Watertown out of their offense.

Yankton's own offense was extremely strong as juniors Mikala Hora led Yankton with



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Yankton senior, Sarah Ekeren, reaches to spike the ball.

21 kills and Kelsey Fitzgerald followed with 14.

Fedders finished with 41 set assists. Fedders recognizes the Gazelles' strengths. "Our team has really strong weapons in the front, and when you have a back row that you can count on to create the opportunities for those weapons, you can be unstoppable. It was like our game against Mitchell. We didn't play too good, but in the end we managed to come together and win it anyways."

Successful so far, Yankton is looking forward to the future.

Yankton travels to Brookings tomorrow night to face off with the Bobcats.

Fedders has every confidence in her team's abilities, "The key is to take the Pats out of their offense and get a block up on Radke. As for the future, staying undefeated will no doubt be tough with the teams on our schedule, but it's definitely a possibility."

Bucks Football Team Looking for an Undefeated Season

BY NICK ROBINSON

The Yankton Bucks have started their 2011 campaign with three impressive victories over ESD foes Pierre, Huron, and Watertown.

There are high expectations around Yankton for the Bucks this year due to a lot of returning players. Head Coach Arlin Likness said, "We're trying to be as good as we can. Hopefully, we will make the playoffs and make some noise in the playoffs."

Yankton adds two new coaches to a veteran coaching staff, on the offensive side Brady Muth, and on the defensive side Justin Olson. "A lot of things are going on right now; There is very good chemistry between the players and coaches," Likness added.

In the season opener against TF Riggs (Pierre), Yankton took an early lead and never looked back. The Bucks claimed a 43-20 victory. Senior Connor Fitzsimmons scored 5 touchdowns.

In the second home game Yankton looked sharp at times and showed they can score at any part of the field. Michael Rucker was on target with his receivers and threw for a new school record of 315 yards.

Rucker said, "Everything was going smoothly, we had a good connection with the receivers and they helped me out by running good routes and making plays."

Yankton, once again rolled against ESD rival, the Watertown Arrows with a 48-18 victory. The first quarter saw two fifty plus yard touchdowns; one by senior wide receiver Jackson Pasco (53 yards) and a run of fifty-six yards by Connor Fitzsimmons.

The Bucks had a shaky first half but responded to a twenty-eight point outburst in the third quarter. Senior Brady Knodel had two touchdown rushes, along with junior Evan Schroeder and senior Zach Sage.

Yankton is led by returning seniors. Three year starter Ty Soulek leads both the offensive



PHOTO BY MOLLY HENRICKSON

Yankton senior, Alex McNeil, checks the sidelines after a play.

and defensive lines. Kellen also added, "It's been awesome to play next to my brother (Ty) for two years. He helps me because he knows all the assignments and it's enjoyable. Great memories for the both of us."

If the Bucks can beat the inju-

ry bug that has plagued them the past few years they should be geared up for an ESD title and a state championship run. Their next test will be the big homecoming game this Friday against the Brookings Bobcats.

Our Idiot Brother Worth Seeing on the Big Screen

BY HUNTER KOCH

From the moment I laid my eyes upon the trailer for *Our Idiot Brother*, I knew I would pay my \$7.50 and see it in theaters. Unbeknownst to me, it would be one of the best movies I'd seen all summer.

Our Idiot Brother stars Paul Rudd as a down on his luck organic farmer and a new age hippie. After an arrest found him spending eight months in prison, Ned comes back to the real world, only to find that his ex-girlfriend won't let Ned see his dog.

While indefatigably trying to raise enough money to move into a goat house on a farm, Ned spends time with his three sisters Miranda (Elizabeth Banks), Natalie (Zooey Deschanel), and Liz (Emily Mortimer).

Throughout this bonding experience, Ned makes a mistake. But every action he does is done with the purest of intention.

Long seen as a ne'er-do-well, Ned tugs at the heartstrings of the audience as he teaches a lesson of compassion, caring, and understanding.

Slowly the sisters learn that Ned isn't such a goofball after all, he just loves and enjoys life.

It is unlike any movie I have seen. Luckily, the movie doesn't fall into the romantic comedy, or buddy comedy archetype as so many summer movies do. It is a movie as unique as the main characters.

One of the main messages I picked up was not to judge a book by its cover, although the film can be interpreted in many ways. It will make you laugh; it will make you cry; and, it will teach you life lessons. I would give this film an A-

It's not the greatest movie I've seen, but it is up there. The pace is fast and it keeps you interested the whole time. Now, the big question is the following: would I recommend it?

I will respond with a quote by Sarah Palin, "You Betcha!" this is worth the money to see in theaters; however, if you prefer not to spend that much money, you should at least rent it.



Editor's Note

Homecoming is my favorite part of the school year. I am always looking forward to planning the week and it is a way to really get my creative juices flowing.

As the week progresses, I will start to get pumped for the climax of week which is the football game. Before the big game, I am really looking forward to a great week and seeing all the students dress up in their Disney costumes and their glitter and camo apparel. On class colors day, each grade will wear their class color while the staff will wear tie dye as they work with all the different grades. My favorite day this year would have to be tomorrow which has a pirate theme. I encourage all of you to get involved and dress up!

Then on Thursday I will join the student body and the community as we wait to hear who will be crowned King and Queen during Coronation which stars at 7:30 p.m. After coronation I'm heading to the YHS rear parking lot to attend the notorious burning of the Y.

Finally, on Friday, I am excited to cheer on my fellow classmates at the gong show. This is where YHS students get to show their talents off to the school. That night I will be cheering with the rest of you as we beat the Brookings Bobcats!

Nathan Rausch

HOW TO: SURVIVE YHS HOMECOMING

BY MOLLY HENRICKSON

Homecoming week is one of the most exciting weeks at YHS. We celebrate this by dressing up and supporting our school. Here's some tips on how to survive:

- 1.) Dress up with friends.** Have fun with it!
- 2.) Borrow clothes.** See what your parents have to loan you or go to Goodwill!
- 3.) Have school spirit.** Be at the game to support your school!
- 4.) Dance the night away.** Go to the homecoming dance with your significant other or a group of friends!
- 5.) Be safe.** Stay out of trouble!

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