

# Press&Dakota

## DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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The Yankton Bucks football team is looking to disprove a theory regarding Class 11AA football — the one that says the four Sioux Falls programs are hands-down better than any other program in the state, and will be forever. The talk of an 11AAA football class is based primarily on that theory, one that has proven sound in recent years. Since 2004, only Yankton (2005) and Aberdeen Central (2009) have disrupted the all-Sioux Falls title trend, with Sioux Falls public schools winning five straight titles after not winning one from 1981-2005. No Eastern South Dakota Conference team has won the crown since the Bucks downed Washington in the 2002 final. This year's Bucks may have the best chance of ending — or at least delaying — that run, and in the next

### 'We Shouldn't Be Scared Of These Guys'

two weeks, they have the chance to prove it. Top-ranked and unbeaten Roosevelt comes to town Friday, with 3-2 and defending state champ Washington hosting the Bucks the following week. Yet, if you look at most of the media in the state, Friday's game will only serve as a reminder of the gap between Sioux Falls and the ESD. Roosevelt will be a tough test, featuring the "quickest defense I've seen in 32 years of football," Yankton head coach Arlin Likness said of the Riders. "We know we have a formidable opponent." But Likness, at the helm for the Bucks' last two titles and a few more at Hamlin, said that the Bucks must not go into the game believing they are beaten. "We shouldn't be scared of these guys," he said. "They are capable of being beaten, and we are capable of beating them." Friday we'll find out.

### Trap-Shooting Champs



The first place team in the 'A' division of Yankton's Isaak Walton trap shooting league consisted of Bob Modregger, Chad Madsen, Jim Barger, Larry Highland and Ron Block.



The first place team in the 'B' division of Yankton's Isaak Walton trap shooting league consisted of Marv Wilcox, Todd Broscha, Ray Lais, Mike Rockne and Don Hento.

### Lancer Softball Ranks 10th In NAIA GPA

The Mount Marty College softball team ranked tenth in the NAIA in team grade-point average in the 2010-11 season, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced Wednesday. MMC posted a team GPA of 3.445 for the 2010-11 school year. Central Methodist led NAIA with a 3.627, with Concordia (Neb.) ranking seventh at 3.484. NCAA Division III Northwestern (Minn.) led all collegiate softball programs with a 3.694 team GPA. Tennessee Tech led Division I with a 3.619. Illinois Central unseated the two-time, defending junior college winner Wallace St.-Hanceville with a 3.540 and Division II Central Missouri rounded out the collegiate divisional winners with a 3.533.

## SCOREBOARD

### FOOTBALL

#### AP NEBRASKA RANKINGS

Here are the Associated Press Nebraska high school football rankings in Classes A through D-2. Listings include name of school, season record, previous week's ranking, previous week's result and this week's opponent (NR, not ranked). The rankings are based on a formula that includes ratings from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star staff experts for each class. Class A: Dale Miller, Grand Island Independent. Class B: Brent Wasiunus, Fremont Tribune. Class C: Tom Behmer, Norfolk Daily News. Class C2: Vince Kuppi, Hastings Tribune. Class D1: Mark Obermeier, North Platte Telegraph. Class D2: Don Strecker, Columbus Telegram.

- Class A**
- Omaha Burke (5-0), 1, def. Papillion-La Vista 42-35, Omaha North.
  - Grand Island (5-0), 2, def. Columbus 24-6, at Lincoln Northeast.
  - Lincoln Southwest (4-1), 3, def. North Platte 67-9, at Fremont.
  - Papillion-La Vista (4-1), 4, lost to Omaha Burke 42-35, Omaha South.
  - Omaha Central (4-1), 6, def. Millard South 42-27, Papillion-La Vista South.
  - Millard West (4-1), 6, def. Omaha South 55-0, Bellevue East.
  - Lincoln Southeast (4-1), 7, def. Lincoln Northeast 42-7, at Lincoln East.
  - Millard North (3-2), 8, def. Bellevue West 35-13, at Omaha Benson.
  - Kearney (4-1), 9, def. Fremont 35-0, at Norfolk.
  - Papillion-La Vista South (3-2), NR, def. Omaha Bryan 37-7, at Omaha Central.

Others receiving votes: Columbus, Omaha Westside.

- Class B**
- Crele (5-0), 1, def. Norris 54-7, at Plattsmouth.
  - McCook (5-0), 2, def. Northwest 49-26, Sidney.
  - Gretna (5-0), 3, def. Beatrice 44-14, Blair.
  - Elkhorn (5-0), 4, def. Omaha Gross Catholic 15-10, at Nebraska City.
  - Blair (4-1), 7, def. Elkhorn South 15-6, at Gretna.
  - Ralston (4-1), 9, def. Lincoln Plus X 14-6, at South Sioux City.
  - Elkhorn South (3-2), 6, lost to Blair 15-6, Waverly.
  - Plattsmouth (3-1), 10, def. Bennington 40-14, Crele.
  - Aurora (3-2), 5, lost to Waverly 41-28, Gering.
  - Omaha Skutumpah Catholic (3-2), NR, def. Nebraska City 35-0, at Bennington.

Others receiving votes: Aurora, Omaha Gross Catholic.

- Class C1**
- Norfolk Catholic (4-0), 1, def. Wayne 62-28, Madison.
  - Pierce (4-0), 2, def. Madison 60-15, at Boone Central.
  - Ogallala (4-0), 3, def. Gordon-Rushville 28-22, Kimball.
  - Wahoo (4-0), 6, def. Douglas County West 46-8, Omaha Roncalli Catholic.
  - Bishop Neumann (4-0), 5, def. Ashland-Greenwood 40-33, Douglas County West.
  - Minden (4-0), 7, def. Centura 55-16, Sandy Creek.
  - Platteville (3-1), 8, def. Conestoga 69-0, at Syracuse.
  - Central City (4-0), 10, def. St. Paul 13-12, at O'Neill.
  - Columbus Lakeview (3-1), NR, def. North Bend Central 27-6, David City.
  - Valentine (3-1), NR, def. Gothenburg 25-7, Gordon-Rushville.

Others receiving votes: Boone Central, Fairbury.

- Class C2**
- Hastings St. Cecilia (4-0), 1, def. Ravenna 28-7, Doniphan-Trumbull.
  - Aquinas Catholic (4-0), 2, bye, Wisner-Pienger.
  - Kearney Catholic (3-1), 3, def. Southern Valley 41-0, Ravenna.
  - Crofton (4-0), 4, def. Lutheran High Northeast 35-7, West Holt.
  - Wilber-Clatonia (4-0), 5, def. Weeping Water 23-6, Lincoln Christian.
  - North Platte St. Patrick's (3-1), 7, def. Hershey 24-0, Sutherland.
  - Eimwood-Murdock (4-0), 6, def. Archbishop Bergan 21-19, Omaha Brownell-Talbot.
  - Cambridge (3-1), 8, def. Perkins County 33-7, at Oak County-Stratton.
  - Dundy County-Stratton.
  - Oakland-Craig (4-0), 9, def. Yutan 60-18, at Louisville.
  - Lincoln Christian (3-1), NR, def. Tri County 32-14, at Wilber-Clatonia.

Others receiving votes: None.

- Class D1**
- Alma (4-0), 1, def. Arapahoe 18-13, Elwood.
  - Elgin Public/Pope John (4-0), 2, def. West Boyd 60-0, Clearwater/Orchard.
  - South Loup (4-0), 3, def. Hemingford 54-0, at Maxwell.
  - Kenesaw (4-0), 4, def. Heartland 80-8, Shelton.
  - Guardian Angels Central Catholic (3-1), 5, bye, at Scribner-Snyder.
  - Pender (4-0), 6, def. Bancroft-Rosalie 40-34, at Emerson-Hubbard.

### CROSS COUNTRY

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### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	113	73
New England	2	1	0	.667	104	79
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	83	61
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	53	78

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	90	60
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	57	43
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	29	62
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	46	84

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	85	40
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	61	62
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	54	55
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	57	54

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	65	69
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	65	69
Denver	1	2	0	.333	58	62
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	27	109

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	69	67
Washington	2	1	0	.667	66	53
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	71	60
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	78	77

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	60	60
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	60	68
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	60	77

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Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	99	74
Detroit	3	0	0	1.000	101	46
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	60	69
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	60	74

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	70	52
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	30	67
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	59	56
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	36	96

#### Sunday, Oct. 2

Detroit at Dallas, noon  
Washington at St. Louis, noon  
Minnesota at Kansas City, noon  
Carolina at Chicago, noon  
Pittsburgh at Houston, noon  
New Orleans at Jacksonville, noon  
San Francisco at Philadelphia, noon  
Tennessee at Cleveland, noon  
Buffalo at Cincinnati, noon  
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.  
Atlanta at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.  
Miami at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.  
New England at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.  
Denver at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 3

Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, Oct. 9

Arizona at Minnesota, noon  
Oakland at Houston, noon  
Kansas City at Indianapolis, noon  
Philadelphia at Buffalo, noon  
New Orleans at Carolina, noon  
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, noon  
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, noon  
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, noon  
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Denver, 3:15 p.m.  
Green Bay at Atlanta, 3:15 p.m.  
Open: Baltimore, Cleveland, Dallas, Miami, St. Louis, Washington

#### Monday, Oct. 10

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

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### MOLEYBALL

#### NEBRASKA SCORES

Papillion-LaVista South def. Lincoln Northeast, 25-16, 25-7, 25-14

### BASEBALL

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	97	64	.602	—
Boston	90	71	.559	7
Tampa Bay	90	71	.559	7
Toronto	81	81	.500	16
Baltimore	68	93	.422	29

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	95	67	.586	—
Cleveland	80	82	.494	15
Chicago	79	83	.488	16
Kansas City	71	91	.438	24
Minnesota	63	99	.389	32

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Texas	96	66	.593	—
Los Angeles	86	76	.531	10
Oakland	73	88	.455	22
Seattle	67	94	.416	28

x-clinched division

#### Tuesday's Games

Boston 7, Cleveland 6  
Detroit 9, Baltimore 7  
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 2  
Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto 1  
Texas 10, L.A. Angels 3  
Oakland 7, Seattle 0

#### Wednesday's Games

Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2  
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4  
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 1  
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0  
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

#### End of Regular Season

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	101	60	.627	—
Atlanta	89	72	.553	12
Washington	80	81	.497	21
New York	77	85	.475	24
Florida	67	90	.444	29

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	96	66	.593	—
St. Louis	90	72	.556	6
Cincinnati	79	83	.488	17
Pittsburgh	72	90	.444	24
Chicago	71	91	.438	25
Houston	56	106	.346	40

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	94	67	.584	—
San Francisco	86	76	.531	8
Los Angeles	81	79	.506	12
Colorado	73	89	.451	21
San Diego	71	91	.438	23

x-clinched division

#### Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 13 innings  
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1  
Florida 3, Washington 2  
St. Louis 13, Houston 6  
Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 4  
Arizona 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 10 innings  
Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 2  
San Francisco 7, Colorado 0

#### FOOTBALL

NFL—Finest Cleveland DT Phil Taylor

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 0  
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3  
Philadelphia 3, Florida 1  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis 8, Houston 0  
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 3  
San Diego 9, Chicago Cubs 2  
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

### END OF REGULAR SEASON

#### NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Aug. 27 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. (Brad Kesel