

Bucks Golfers Take Home Invite



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Yankton's Jace Guthmiller tees off on the 10th hole during Friday's Yankton Boys' Golf Invitational at Fox Run Golf Course. Yankton won the team title by two strokes, with Guthmiller placing second individually.

Yankton Shoots 308 For Two-Stroke Victory; Bucks' Guthmiller Places 2nd

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As the results were starting to pile in, the smiles began to grow wider on the faces of the Yankton golfers huddled around the scoreboard.

Minutes later, it became official: The Bucks had won their own home tournament.

On a day marked by the wind, Yankton shot a team score of 308 to better 19 other teams at its own Yankton Boys' Golf Invitational at Fox Run Golf Course.

"I knew we could do it if we all had a good day," said Bucks sophomore Jace Guthmiller, who was second in the individual race at 73.

"We're definitely happy to win.

"Now we know for sure we can win big tournaments like this."

Defending Class 11AA Sioux

Falls O'Gorman put five golfers in the 70's, but finished two shots behind the Bucks — who saw eight golfers crack 86 or better.

"Deep down, I thought we could compete with everyone," Sime said. "Some things were going to have to go our way, and credit our kids, they got it done."

Also for Yankton, sophomore Mitch Schlingman finished sixth at 76, while junior Lane Sawatzke tied for 11th place (78), freshman Mason Sundleaf tied for 33rd (81) and junior Brandon Frick tied for 41st (82).

Brandon Valley finished third at 311, four shots in front of Aberdeen Central. Sioux Falls Lincoln had a golfer disqualified, sending the Patriots to fifth place at 320 — otherwise Lincoln would have

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USD Looks To Stuff Colgate Run Game

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VERMILLION — The week two to-do list for the University of South Dakota defense reads like this: Stop the run.

Coming off a 315-yard performance by the Montana ground game a week ago, the Coyotes put an extra emphasis on that area in preparation for today's (Saturday) 2 p.m. home opener against Colgate University.

The USD defense was gashed for 568 total yards at Montana, which had two runners eclipse 100 yards. Naturally, that didn't sit well with the guys in red and white, according to senior defensive end Jordan Eaton.

"We've worked on that a ton this week," Eaton said. "That's what we need to fix, stopping the run. If we can take away the run, it forces teams to pass."

Helping matters for the Coyotes (0-1) will be the return of senior defensive end David Giese from injury. He will likely start today alongside Eaton and redshirt freshman tackle Nick Jacobs in USD's 3-4 defensive scheme.

No matter who is at the line, however, the Coyotes are tasked with slowing down Colgate tailback Jordan McCord. The senior — named to one FCS pre-season watch list — rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown in last Saturday's season-opening loss at Albany.

Colgate also boasts a dual threat in junior quarterback Gavin McCaerney, who threw for 256 yards and a score last weekend. The offensive threat by the visiting Raiders is worth watching out for, Eaton said.

"They're not as good as Montana, but they run the ball pretty well," he said. "It actually looks like a lot of the same plays, so it'll be an easy transition."

"It helped us to work on those zone and gap plays again this week."

A program with a history of FCS playoff appearances, Colgate — a private school in upstate New York — was picked to finish third this fall in the Patriot League. The Raiders do not offer football scholarships, but were able to starting with the 2013 recruiting class, head coach Dick Biddle said.

Colgate, 5-6 a year ago, lost qualified for the FCS playoffs in 2008 when it lost in the first round. Road games this far west of its regional base are a rare occurrence, Biddle said.

"This is going to be a huge challenge for us, but we're looking forward to it," the 17th-year coach said this week.

The lack of scholarships does not mean, however, that Colgate is a team worth overlooking. USD sophomore quarterback Josh Vander Maten said.

"When we watched film, we could see that we'll have to be ready for four tough quarters, that's for sure," Vander Maten said after Wednesday's practice. "We're coming after them."

"We want that 'W' after last week."

In his first career start last week at Montana, Vander Maten eventually settled in after a rocky start. He was 12-of-19 passing for 172 yards and two touchdowns — both to Terrance Terry.

"As the game goes, the adrenaline kicks in and you feel comfortable," Vander Maten said. "I just want to keep making my reads quicker. If I can do that, it'll help smooth out the offense."

The quick rise of Terry, a 5-foot-9 sophomore, was no surprise to Vander Maten.

"He was here every day during the summer, so that (last Saturday) was a testament to how hard he works," the quarterback said. "Whenever I needed someone to work out with, he was there."

Vander Maten also pointed to

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Bucks Blank Arrows 44-0

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For the third game in a row the Yankton Bucks capitalized off of their opponents' early mistakes to build a sizable first-quarter lead and rolled over the Watertown Arrows by a score of 44-0 on Friday night at Crane-Youngworth Field.

Yankton, now 3-0 overall and in Eastern South Dakota Conference play, held a 37-0 halftime lead on their way to the rout. With the loss, Watertown falls to 1-2.

Yankton's varsity starters ensured that some of their younger teammates would get a chance to experience the bright lights of Friday night football on parent's night as they completely dominated the Arrows throughout the first half.

"It was really nice that it was parent's night and we were able to get a lot of kids into the ballgame," Bucks coach Arlin Likness said.

Things could not have started much worse for Watertown, as the Arrows went three and out on their first offensive possession and then botched the snap on the ensuing punt to send the ball through the back of their own end zone for a safety and give the Bucks a 2-0 lead only 90 seconds into the game.

After a Watertown free kick following the safety, Yankton used another one of their early-season staples, excellent field position, to put more points on the board.

Senior James Hisek broke free for a 21-yard touchdown run following a short Bucks drive less than two minutes after the safety to push the Yankton lead to 9-0 after a successful Lane Sawatzke PAT with 8:49 left in the first quarter.

"We came out and we thought that we wanted to try and play some power football," Likness said.

Yankton's defense had their way with Watertown throughout the game and forced the Arrows to punt deep in their own territory for excellent field position all game long.

On their second drive, the Bucks line and receivers showed off some dominate blocking and sprung Senior Evan Schroeder for a 33-yard sprint down the right sideline untouched. The extra point gave Yankton the 16-0 advantage less than seven minutes into play.

Schroeder showed off his defensive exploits just a minute later, as he picked off a Logan Gabriel pass keep in Watertown territory and returned it for the score. Eight minutes into the game and Yankton already held a 23-0 lead with no signs of slowing down, although they would be forced to play the majority of the game without their senior running back.

Schroeder injured his ankle and knee on a carry during the next Bucks possession and did not return to the game, although that decision was not left up to him.

"He (Schroeder) wanted to play



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Yankton's C.J. Warren pressures Watertown quarterback Logan Gabriel during the first quarter of their Eastern South Dakota Conference football game on Friday at Crane-Youngworth Field. Yankton rolled to a 44-0 victory.

YHS Squads Set For Cheer & Dance Invitational Today

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Despite a rough start to the season, the Yankton cheer team is excited to participate in the Yankton Cheer and Dance Invitational today (Saturday), from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center.

With more injuries occurring this season than usual, cheer members have had to work even harder to compete.

Yanton cheer coach Angie Lukens said the number of injuries added to the difficulty the team normally faces in the beginning of the season.

"When we first get started with practices, they're a little difficult for us because kids still have summer jobs and things going on," she said. "Getting everyone in here gets to be a little difficult, but once we did, we experienced a lot of injuries. We normally don't see more than one or two and this year we've experienced four or five."

"Heat has been a factor in our practices as well," she added. "The gym is very warm and we face the issue of fatigue and trying to keep

the girls hydrated, so some of our practices haven't been as long as we would like them to be. But that's all for safety precautions for the kids."

The Yankton dance team has also been gearing up for today's action. Coach Tiffany Mueller said after coming off with a win for their first competition in Watertown, the dancers are feeling confident and excited for the home meet.

"The Yankton Invite is a pretty large invite," she said. "There's going to be more competition here than there was at Watertown. The team is feeling good about it — they're feeling confident. They've put in tons of time and tons of hard work, and they should do great."

Senior dance member Frae Binder has been on the dance team all four years of high school, and said the preparation for this season and the Yankton Invite was different than past years.

"We've done more conditioning this year than we have in the past," she said. "(Mueller) had us running and doing workouts every Monday and Friday. We've just been drilling our technique in practices. It helped us a lot."

After winning the invite at Watertown, Binder said she is confident the team will do

well, but is also anxious to see the competitors who were not at Tuesday's competition.

"Our biggest competitor, Sioux Falls Washington, wasn't at Watertown," she said. "They will be at the home competition, so we're anxious to see how we compare next to them, because they're very strong. I think we'll do pretty well because every one of our members has something to bring to the floor."

Cheer coach Kerry Svatos said the Watertown meet also went well for the cheerleaders, especially considering a few girls were taken out of the competition because of their injuries.

"It was good in the fact that we got out, got the first meet under our belt, got the jitters out and got the new girls out on the floor," she said. "We have 21 girls overall, and two being out with injuries changes so much of our routine. We had a totally changed routine just for that competition. It wasn't what we wanted to show. It was what we were capable of showing."

Svatos said the Watertown meet provided a learning experience for the girls. Yankton placed third in their division at Watertown, and

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Crofton defensive end Jake Guenther, left, leg-tackles Ponca running back Sam Burki during their game Friday night in Crofton, Neb.

Viborg-Hurley Powers Past Pheasants

PARKER — Tyler Gerdes rushed for 166 yards and two scores and Jack Huether passed for 153 yards as Viborg-Hurley survived a scare 28-16 at Parker in high school football action Friday night.

The hometown Pheasants (2-1) led 16-12 after the first quarter but didn't score again, as the Cougars (3-0) got rolling.

Gerdes had scoring runs of 46 and 37 yards, while Huether had touchdown passes to Gerdes and Trevor Jacobsen. Huether led the defense with 11 tackles.

Parker got 108 rushing yards and a touchdown from Seth Dykstra, who also completed 8-of-14 passes for 84 yards and a score. His five interceptions helped key the Cougars' defense.

Next week, Viborg-Hurley hosts Alcester-Hudson in Viborg and Parker hosts Howard.

VIBORG-HURLEY (3-0).....12 8 8 0 — 28
PARKER (2-1).....16 0 0 0 — 16

Crofton 38, Ponca 12

CROFTON, Neb. — Justin Janssen rushed for 80 yards and one touchdown Friday night to lead Crofton in the win against Ponca 38-12 in Crofton.

Adam Spady rushed for 30 yards and two touchdowns and also had 10 tackles for the night. Alex Janssen passed for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

Ponca rushed for a total of 88 yards and passed for a total of six yards. No other stats were reported for Ponca.

Ponca will travel to Cedar to play Cedar Catholic next week and Crofton will host Stanton.

PONCA (0-2).....0 0 6 6 — 12
CROFTON (2-0).....12 14 6 6 — 38

Hartington 20, Wynot 0

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Alec Fuelberth and Nick Miller both rushed for over 100 yards as the Hartington Wildcats blanked Wynot 20-0 on Friday night at Russ Hochstein Field.

Fuelberth rushed for 119 yards and scored on runs of 9 and 15 yards. He also returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown.

Nick Miller ran for 114 yards for the Wildcats (3-0). Defensively, Fuelberth made 15 tackles and Reece Pedersen added 11.

No stats were reported for Wynot (0-2).
Hartington is off next week and Wynot hosts Bancroft-Rosalie.

WYNOT (0-2).....0 0 0 0 — 0
HARTINGTON (3-0).....6 0 14 0 — 20

Dakota Valley 21, Canton 13

CANTON — Dakota Valley remained unbeaten after squeaking past winless Canton 21-13 on Friday night in Canton.

Leading Dakota Valley (3-0) was Aaron Likness who posted 195 through the air, with one touchdown. Brody VanJinkle caught one touchdown and had 95 receiving yards. Tanner Lambert had two rushing touchdowns and 10 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

Cody Majeres had the two lone touchdowns for Canton (0-3). Majeres had an 80 yard kickoff return that he took the distance, along with a 42 yards touchdown run.

Next up for Dakota Valley is an away game against Vermillion next Friday. Canton is also on the road, going to Tea next Friday as well.

DAKOTA VALLEY (3-0).....7 7 0 7 — 21
CANTON (0-3).....7 6 0 0 — 13

Centerville 36, Gayville-Vollin 14

CENTERVILLE — The Centerville Tornados defeated the Gayville-Vollin Raiders 36-14 on Friday night in Centerville.

Leading the attack for Centerville (2-1) was Shamus O'Malley who had 119 yards passing with one touchdown to Josh DeRaad for 80 yards. Logan Hunter posted 92 yards rushing with two touchdowns. Luke Abbas had 23 tackles for the Tornados.

Leading the Raiders was Alec Barta who had 179 yards rushing on 29 attempts with a touchdown. John Guy posted 12.5 tackles for Gayville-Vollin.

Centerville will head to Menno next Friday. Gayville-Vollin will travel on Marion next Friday at home.

Irene-Wakonda 44, Alcester-Hud. 8

IRENE — Dustin Livingston led Irene-Wakonda in the win

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