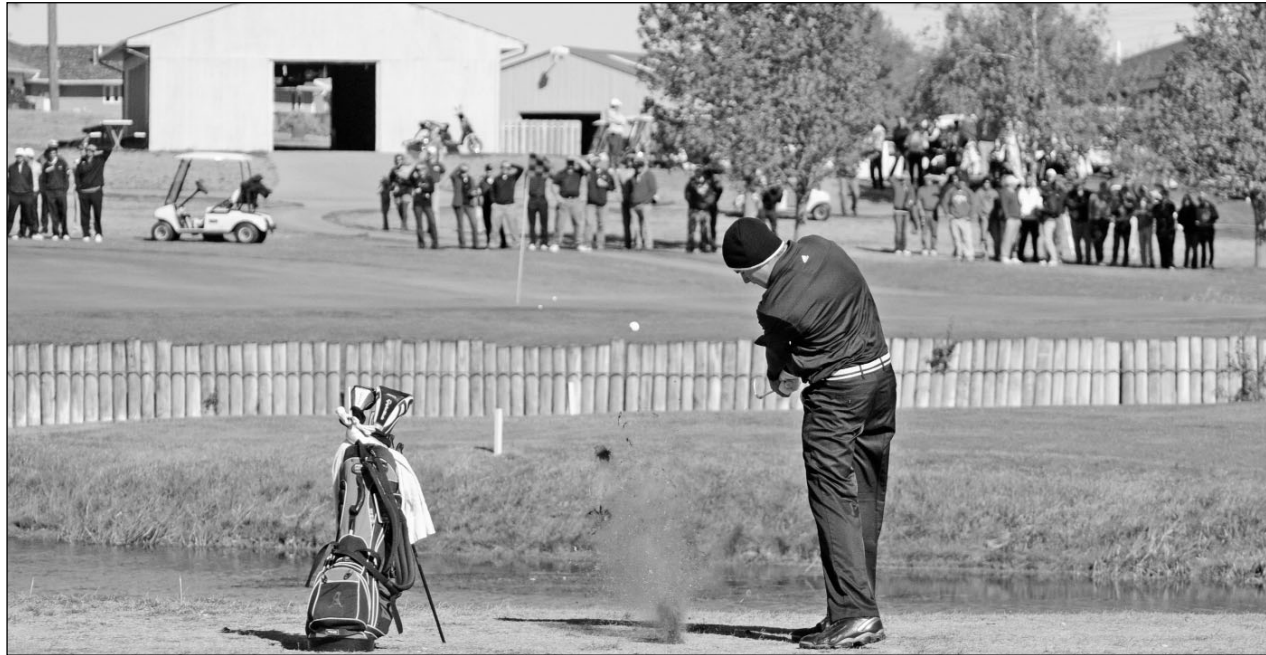


# Guthmiller Wins Title, Bucks Second At ESD Golf



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton's Jace Guthmiller aims for the pin on the No. 18 green during the Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' golf tournament on Saturday at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course. Guthmiller finished with a 2-under 70, earning ESD medalist honors and helping the Bucks to a runner-up finish.

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On the eve of hosting the Eastern South Dakota Conference Boys' Golf Championships, the Yankton Bucks found out that one of their better golfers was going to miss the tournament due to injury.

The Bucks, though, were not deterred and still finished within one stroke of the title.

Brandon Valley posted a team score of 309, one stroke better than the Bucks, to successfully defend its ESD title on Saturday at Fox Run Golf Course.

The Bucks did take home one title on the day, as sophomore Jace Guthmiller shot a 2-under 70 to run away with medalist honors.

Yankton's Lane Sawatzke, who also serves as kicker for the Bucks' football team, was hurt during Friday's football game at Brookings. The Bucks, though, still had a state-experienced golfer to fill in, junior Ben Jensen.

"I have to give our kids a lot of credit. I was hoping they wouldn't be discouraged, but we have got a lot of kids that can play," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime. "They didn't let the injury to Lane get to them."

Brandon Valley won the title by putting its top four golfers in the top-eight of the individual rankings, led by Tyler Anderson's runner-up finish of 76.

"We have depth, and that helped us against Yankton," said Brandon Valley head coach Scott Carroll. "Our number three golfer didn't play great, but our number five did."

The Lynx's Riley Duncanson tied for third at 77, and Greg Koehn and Trevor Tobin tied for fifth at 78 to finish the Brandon Valley team score.

Guthmiller shot par on the front nine, then shot 2-under on the back nine to earn his first major high school title. The sophomore said the run started as soon as he hit the back nine.

"On No. 10 an eagle helped me out," he said. "I putted well. I missed two putts, but I had some other birdies on the back."

The 2011 South Dakota Golf Association Junior Golfer of the Year has averaged an even-par 72 on the season, but did not win his first invitational until Saturday.

"Jace has really played well all year," Sime said. "I've really been impressed with the way he's been able to play. He picked a great time to break out and earn his first win, at the conference championships."

Yankton's 70 from Guthmiller helped put them in contention. Mitch Schlingman was in the group at 78, Brandon Frick shot 80, and Jensen

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# Lancers Down St. Mary's

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The Mount Marty Lancers won their third game of the season Sunday afternoon in women's soccer action against the St. Mary Spires 3-1 at Easton Field in Yankton.

After a scoreless first half, Yankton's Jennifer Granflaten, assisted by Molly Buche would score the first goal of the game 1:20 minutes into the half. St. Mary's Nicole Davis took the next point, assisted by Bobbi Lynn Hinkle 1:12 minutes later.

With 41 minutes left in the game, Mount Marty's Allison Erwin scored the next goal from a penalty kick. Hannah Miller would take the last point of the game, unassisted with 26 minutes left.

Granflaten said if felt great to get the first goal, especially since the team has been working to score the whole season.

"Today we actually looked like a team," she said. "It feels good to look like that and it feel good to get a win. I'm so proud of everyone. I couldn't be happier with the way they played today. Sometimes you just have to get on each other to get that push."

Head coach Nathan Epp said after a tough loss the day before, he saw the team play aggressively, without backing down.

"Our defense was really fantastic. They kept us in that game when we weren't passing well and we weren't playing well. Our defense sent a message today on the field, and that was great to see," he said.

"The girls were communicating better today, and a lot of it was toughness. We were just tough. We played two teams in the last two days that were bigger than us and more physical, and we matched



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty's Paige Anderson, 16, beats a University of St. Mary player to the ball during their women's soccer match on Sunday at Easton Field. MMC claimed a 3-1 victory.

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## Men's Soccer: Spires Rally Past MMC 3-2

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Mount Marty Lancers faced the St. Mary Spires in a tight match Sunday afternoon in Yankton.

After taking the lead during the second half, the Lancers fell to the Spires 3-2 at Easton Field.

Mount Marty would take the first goal, 2:55 minutes into the second half by Josh Koch and assisted by Ricardo Marroquin. The Spires fired back by taking the second goal less than three minutes later from Patrick Rutherford.

Yankton's Levi Gomez would take the next goal with the assist of Ludwin Arana, giving MMC the lead, but the Spires made the last two. Adam Newbanks was as-

sisted by Christian Smith with 19 minutes left in the game, followed by Jake McCurry (assisted by Patrick Barden) nine minutes later.

Head coach Nathan Epp said the game was frustrating because the Lancers played a better game up until the end.

"In the second half, for the most part, we actually played really well," he said. We played OK in the first half too, but we were just a little more tentative — we weren't trying to attack them as much as we could have.

In the second half, we were possessing and we were actually doing something with the possession — moving forward. We got two goals out of it, but then at

that point, we stopped trying to possess and we kind of stood back. Those are things that good teams just don't do. We have to be smarter than that. We tend to lose our heads when we're under pressure."

Senior forward Koch had three out of the Lancer's 20 shots, and said the team fell apart after they took they lead.

"We got lazy," he said. "The ball didn't find the foot, we were playing over the top, no one would hustle back. It's just frustrating because we have the talent to beat teams, we just can't finish it."



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty College goalkeeper Oscar Martinez-Mojica grabs a loose ball before St. Mary's Patrick Rutherford, 8, can get a shot off during the first half of their men's soccer match on Sunday at Easton Field.

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## Glenn Disappointed In USD's 38-7 Loss To Northwestern

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EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — South Dakota coach Joe Glenn couldn't hold back. So he fired away.

Glenn spared no one after the Coyotes' 38-7 loss to Northwestern on Saturday afternoon, using words such as "pathetic" to describe a performance that he insisted sickened him.

"I understand getting beat by Northwestern, but I don't understand beating ourselves," he said.

South Dakota couldn't stop Venric Mark, who ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns, but the problems went beyond that. Center Tim Ross botched several snaps on a day when the offense never got going and the defense was over-matched.

It all added up to this: A game that appeared to be a breather for Northwestern coming in, turning

out to be just that. The Wildcats (4-0) barely broke a sweat against a FCS opponent after tight victories over Syracuse, Vanderbilt and Boston College, building a 28-0 half-time lead with Mark going off for 97 yards and doing all his scoring.

The only real scare in this one came when Kain Colter took a hard hit from South Dakota's Chris Frieron at the end of a 10-yard run rather than slide. He landed on his left wrist, which has been bothering him since the opener against Syracuse, and spent most of the first quarter on the sideline. But Colter came back and finished with 46 yards passing and 38 rushing.

Running back Mike Trumpy, meanwhile, sat out the first half and ran for just 10 yards, after going for 106 and a touchdown the previous week against Boston College in a game that coach Pat Fitzgerald said left him "a little banged up."

# Volleyball: Golden Eagles Sweep Yankton

### Yankton's Hora Hits 1,000-Kill Career Mark In Effort

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The second-ranked Aberdeen Cenral Golden Eagles took a victory in Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) volleyball action on Saturday afternoon against the Yankton Gazelles.

The Eagles won in three sets by the scores of 25-13, 25-17, 25-21.

Part of the action included Yankton senior Mikala Hora becoming the first Gazelle to record 1,000 career kills.

"No one has done that in our program," Yankton coach Leasa Woodward stated. "She (Hora) is a great asset to our program. It has been fun to watch her grow as a player throughout the years."

Hora has been a four-year starter for the Gazelles and says that she wasn't keeping track to how close she was to the milestone.

"It's awesome, and I'm super excited about it," Hora said. "I saw that it was in reach for the season and that it was a goal of mine."

Aberdeen Central used a new offense in the



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton's Mikala Hora, 11, celebrates a kill during the Gazelles' home match with Aberdeen Central on Saturday at the Summit Center. Hora passed the 1,000-kill mark for her career in the match, but Aberdeen Central claimed a 3-0 victory.



JILANNE DOOMP&D  
University of South Dakota defensive specialist Katie Bunkers, front, bends down for a dig during Sunday afternoon's Summit League volleyball match against Oakland at the DakotaDome.

## Oakland Tops USD 3-1 In Summit League Play

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VERMILLION — Two rather efficient sets. Two mistake-filled sets.

The result was a frustrating loss Sunday afternoon, as Oakland beat South Dakota 25-23, 23-25, 25-12, 25-21 in Summit League volleyball action at the DakotaDome.

More than anything else, the stat that stood out most was 30 attack errors by the Coyotes (8-8, 1-3) — playing their second game at their new upper-level "den."

"This is going to take some evaluation of film," coach Matt Houk said. "I didn't even think we executed early when we looked good — we weren't hitting the ball out of bounds at least."

"I'm just not really sure what happened to us."

Both squads had an attack percentage over .300 in the first set, won by the visiting Golden Grizzlies. Neither side cracked .100 in the second set, though the Coyotes did just enough to win 25-23.

From there, the wheels fell off for the hosts.

The combination of unforced errors — mostly in the form of spikes going wide, long or into the net — doomed the Coyotes in set three. USD's attack percentage was negative (-.032) thanks to nine errors, while Oakland torched the floor for 14 kills and one error.

An early spark for USD in set four quickly evaporated as Oakland reeled off seven straight points and won 25-21.

"I feel like we're right there, but just can't get over that hump," USD junior setter Tori Kroll said. "Until then, we just have to keep working on communication."

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