

Football: Bucks Face First Big Test

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For the second consecutive year the Yankton Bucks will put their perfect 5-0 record on the line against the Roosevelt Rough Riders. Last September the end result was not what the Bucks hoped for, as Roosevelt used superior speed and size on their way to a 41-0 thumping at Crane-Youngworth Field.

This year, it will be the Bucks traveling to the newly renovated Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls to challenge the 4-1 Rough Riders.

The two teams are currently tied for fourth in the Class 11AA South Dakota Sportswriters Association football poll for the second week in a row.

While Yankton has beat up on Eastern South Dakota Conference opponents for

all five of their wins, the Rough Riders have topped O'Gorman and Rapid City Stevens along with ESD teams Aberdeen Central and Watertown for their four victories. Their lone loss was an overtime defeat at the hands cross-town rival Lincoln, 36-35, back on September 8.

The Bucks realize the challenge that awaits them, as their last victory over a Sioux Falls school was a 10-7 playoff victory against Roosevelt back in 2007.

"We've got to come up another level," Bucks coach Arlin Likness said. "The biggest thing will be for our defense to try and rise up to the occasion."

The Bucks have had no troubles stopping opponents thus far, allowing their competition to score only 8.4 points per game. But they now face a Roosevelt team that is averaging 36.4 points per game.

The Rough Riders return Sophomore

Taryn Christian at quarterback this week after he missed last Friday's game with an injury, a 45-0 victory over Rapid City Stevens. Christian has passed for over 800 yards and six touchdowns in the four games that he has played in this season in Roosevelt coach Kim Nelson's spread offense.

The Rough Rider defense has also been outstanding, allowing only 7.3 points per game in their four wins, excluding the 36-35 loss to Lincoln.

"We feel like we still have a lot of improving to do," Nelson said. "I believe we have some special talent at certain positions and just need to keep working hard and getting better."

While Roosevelt is looking to improve, Yankton is looking to get healthy.

Kicker Lane Sawatzke suffered a cracked femur on the opening kickoff of

the game against Brookings last weekend and will be out until at least the playoffs according to Likness. The Bucks do have the luxury of filling in sophomore and reigning NFL Punt, Pass and Kick national champion Brady Hale at the kicker position until Sawatzke can return.

Hale missed all three of his field goal attempts last Friday, but Likness still has confidence in his young kicker.

"I feel real good with Brady," Likness said. "I think he will refocus; he's a very good kicker."

Yankton will see senior C.J. Warren return from injury tonight and Likness is hopeful that Evan Schroeder and Tanner Termansen will also be back in the starting lineup after missing time with injuries. A big key to Yankton's success thus far

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YHS GAMEDAY

**Yankton (5-0)
at Roosevelt (4-1)**

7 p.m., Howard Wood Field

LAST MEETING: Sioux Falls Roosevelt handed the Bucks the first loss of the 2011 campaign, a 41-0 decision on Sept. 30. The Rough Riders would go on to win the state title.

LAST WEEK: Yankton used a strong defensive effort to blank Brookings 19-0. Roosevelt rolled past Rapid City Stevens 45-0.

NEXT UP: Yankton returns home for a matchup with unbeaten and top-ranked Washington. Roosevelt has its third straight game at Howard Wood Field, taking on Sturgis.

FOLLOW THE GAME ONLINE: The Press & Dakotan will host a live chat during the game. Find it here: <http://www.yankton.net/nyhsgameday>

MMC To 'Rock The Castle' On Sunday Night

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With men's and women's teams that return plenty of talent, the Mount Marty College men's and women's basketball teams are going out of their way to get fans excited for the upcoming season.

MMC will host "Rock The Castle" on Sunday at 9 p.m. at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena, a "Midnight Madness" style event with fan contests, intrasquad scrimmages and other things to get fans excited about the upcoming seasons.

The idea of MMC hosting a pre-season kickoff like this has been bouncing around for years, according to Lancer men's basketball coach Jim Thorson.

"A lot of people have done it, but it's never seemed like we've had the opportune time to do it," he said. "This year we decided, 'Let's try something different.' Our players came in and asked if we could do this about the same time we were thinking about it."

The newest addition to Thorson's staff, former Lancer player and assistant coach Ted Quinn, came from a school that had a number of programs to get students active on campus. That experience has helped in planning this event, according to Thorson.

"Ted came from a school that tried to do a lot of student activities," he said. "Their thing was 'food, fire and music.' We're not going to do any fire, but we do have food and we've lined up a DJ."

The men's teams will participate in a scrimmage, as well as a 3-point shootout and a dunk contest. The women's team will also participate in the 3-point shootout. All the members of both the men's and women's teams will be introduced, beginning at around 9:15 p.m.

One of the goals of the event is to get students and local fans excited about the teams.

"We're looking for things to involve the students in activities on campus," Thorson said. "We wanted a rally point for some fun."

The high-energy event will have a DJ pumping up the crowd throughout, as well as KYNT's Scott Kooistra, the new radio voice of the Lancers, as emcee. The music will last even after the event, allowing those in attendance to dance for another hour after the basketball portion of the evening has ended.

Several prizes will be given out throughout the evening, many from drawings based on tickets that will be handed out at the door. The top prize of the evening for students will be a set of Beats by Dr. Dre headphones, considered some of the top headphones on the market today.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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POINT TAKEN



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The Wagner student section signals game point for the Red Raiders as Wagner's Nicole Weber, 5, serves the ball during the opening game of their volleyball match with Winner on Thursday in Wagner. Wagner won the match 25-11, 25-20, 25-12.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Skylore Curry, right, of Elk Point-Jefferson reaches up for a kill past the defense of Sioux Falls Christian's Stacy Smidt during their Class A volleyball showdown Thursday night in Elk Point.

Top-Ranked Wagner Earns 16th Win

WAGNER — A trio of Wagner hitters combined for 28 kills as the Red Raiders topped Winner 25-11, 25-20, 25-15 in prep volleyball action on Thursday.

Gina Soukup led the balanced attack with 10 kills. Kim Koupal and Nicole Weber had nine kills apiece. Jessa Doom fed the trio, finishing with 33 assists as well as two ace serves. Sydney Breen had 19 digs and Delanyie Dickerson added 17 digs for the Red Raider defense.

For Winner, Cassidy Hanson led the net attack with 12 kills and two blocks. Sara Husker had seven assists, with Kristin Hennebold recording five. Lindsey Calhoon had 10 digs and Tessa Lester added nine digs for the Warriors.

Wagner, 16-1, travels to Harrisburg on Saturday. Winner, 11-6, heads to Gregory on Tuesday.

Wagner won the JV match 2-0.

WINNER (11-6)	11	20	15
WAGNER (16-1)	25	25	25

Tri-Valley Conf. Tourn.

ALCESTER AND FREEMAN — Alcester-Hudson and Ponca, Neb. advanced to the championship match of the Tri-Valley Conference after going 2-0 in Thursday night's opening round action in Alcester and Freeman, respectively.

The championship round shifts to Centerville on Saturday. Baltic and Gayville will play for the third place game. Viborg-Hurley and Irene-Wakonda will play for the fifth place game. Freeman Academy and Centerville round out the play with the seventh place game. All games will be played in Centerville.

ALCESTER-HUDSON DEF. VIBORG-HURLEY 25-19, 28-26, 25-13: Sierra McConnell led Alcester-Hudson with 10 kills. Courtney McKee

led the team in assists with 18.

Katelyn Graber led Viborg-Hurley with 11 kills on the night. Leacadia Christensen recorded 16 assists.

BALTIC DEF. CENTERVILLE 25-17, 25-15, 25-11: Allie Walter led with eight kills. Abby Weinzelte also had seven assists on the night.

For Centerville, Brittany Austin posted nine assists. Both Logan Wieseler and Kristine Van-Herede had four kills.

VIBORG-HURLEY DEF. CENTERVILLE 25-12, 19-25, 25-23, 25-19: Leacadia Christensen and Megan Knock each had eight assists on the night to Viborg-Hurley. Katelyn Graber led the team in kills with six.

Brittany Austin recorded 13 assists in the loss for Centerville. Logan Wieseler had eight kills.

ALCESTER-HUDSON DEF. BALTIC 25-16, 25-15, 25-20: Courtney McKee led Alcester-Hudson with 20 assists on then night. Seirra McConnell also had nine kills.

For Baltic, Allie Walter had 13 kills. Abby Weinzelte posted eight assists on the night.

Sioux Falls Christian 3, Elk Point-Jefferson 0

ELK POINT — Number two Sioux Falls Christian defeated Elk Point-Jefferson in three sets by the scores of 25-14, 25-19, 25-16.

SFC was led by Kristin Stern who had 14 kills. Kiara VanderPol added 11 kills, nine digs and three aces. Stacy Smidt tallied 10 kills and six blocks. Hayley McCarron boasted 40 assists on the night.

EPJ was led by Keely Bertram with eight kills and seven digs. Amy Zeller had nine digs and seven kills. Kelsey Abbey rounded out EPJ's night with 18 digs.

SFC moves to 15-4 (3-0 in Big Sioux Conference play) will host Canton on Tuesday.

EPJ will move to 10-7 and 5-2 in Big Sioux Conference play. They will host Harrisburg on Tuesday.

SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN (15-4)	25	25	25
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (10-7)	14	19	16

Vermillion 3, W. Central 0

VERMILLION — The Tanagers swept West Central 25-20, 25-23, 25-23 in Class A volleyball action on Thursday night in Vermillion.

Senior Mariah Larson tallied 26 assists while Katie Herrera added nine kills in the win, which improves Vermillion to 4-8 on the year.

West Central, falling to 5-11, got 16 assists from Miranda Vance and 15 digs from MaKenna Macdonald.

Vermillion plays at Madison on Thursday while West Central travels to Parkston on Monday.

WEST CENTRAL (5-11)	20	23	23
VERMILLION (4-8)	25	25	25

Parker 3, Garretson 0

PARKER — Parker, the number two ranked team in the state defeated Garretson in three sets Thursday night. The scores were 25-16, 25-4, 25-7. With the win, Parker moves to 21-0 on the season.

Leading scorer for Parker was Amber Dysthe with 22 assists, 12 digs, four aces and two kills. Micalanne Hatlen posted eight kills, seven digs, six aces and an assist. Allison Sanner led the team in kills with 14. Sanner also recorded an assist, a dig and an ace. Jessica McKenny helped in the victory with four kills, three assists and two aces.

Garretson was led by Chayce Brinkman, who had eight assists, six digs and a kill. Jennie Hegge had nine digs. Telia Carnicle totaled six digs, two kills, two aces and a block.

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South Dakota State's Kool Named Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

DALLAS — South Dakota State wide receiver Tyrel Kool was named on Thursday as one of 147 candidates for the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Awards, as well as a semifinalist for the 2012 William V. Campbell Trophy.

Kool, a senior from Yankton, has team-bests of 11 catches for 110 yards on the season, including eight catches for 76 yards against Kansas on Sept. 1. For his career, he has 102 receptions for 1,139 yards and four touchdowns, as well as 632 rushing yards with four touchdowns.

The NFF Awards Committee will select up to 16 recipients, and the results will be announced via a national press release on Thursday, October 25. Each recipient will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship, and they will vie as finalists for the 2012 William V.

Campbell Trophy. Each member of the 2012 National Scholar-Athlete Class will also travel to New York City to be honored December 4 during the 55th NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports. One member of the class will also be announced live at the event as the winner of the Campbell Trophy.

Named in honor of Bill Campbell, the chairman of Intuit, former player and head coach at Columbia University and the 2004 recipient of the NFF's Gold Medal, the award comes with a 25-pound bronze trophy and increases the amount of the recipient's grant by \$7,000 for a total post-graduate scholarship of \$25,000.

Gazelles Sweep Top Spots At South Sioux City

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — A 1-2 sweep in the girls' varsity race for the Gazelles highlighted the afternoon for Yankton at the Marsha Koebnick Cross Country Invitational at the South Ridge Golf Course in South Sioux City on Thursday.

Freshman Savannah Woods claimed the individual varsity title in 14:40 while junior Sarah Hicks was 46th. The Gazelles placed third as a team in the Class A division, behind Sioux Falls Lincoln and Bishop Heelan.

In girls' Class B, Crofton won the team title over Norfolk Catholic by a score of 13-29. Danielle Riesberg ran 15:29 to win the individual crown and lead the Lady Warriors to victory. Kendy Kube was second in 15:59. Tiffany Tramp (fourth), Quinn

Wragge (sixth), Vanessa McFarland (seventh), and Keeley Hagge (ninth) also placed in the top-10 for Crofton.

For the Bucks, junior Ryan Olson and senior Jacob Bies paced the varsity runners placing 20th and 21st. Evan Bergeson (28th), Justin Grode (31st), and Andrew Struck (32nd) also competed for Yankton in the 53-man field.

The Bucks varsity squad placed fifth as a team. Sioux Falls Lincoln won the boys' varsity title.

In JV action, the Gazelles defeated Heelan by a margin of 20-42 to take the team title.

Tristan Roy (second), Holly Hicks (fourth), Tessa Folkers (fifth), Madison McClure (ninth), and Kristen Rezac (12th) led the way in the victory.

Senior Abby Braun placed third for Crofton in the JV girls race with a time of 16:40 over

4000 meters.

The Bucks also took JV team honors, defeating Sioux Falls Lincoln 21-26.

Paul Fanta placed third to lead Yankton while Austin Hill, Ethan Klimisch, and Ryan Schaefer placed sixth, Seventh and eighth respectively. Morgan Hill (10th) and Dusty Dvorak (12th) also had top-15 performances.

Finally, in the boys' 9th-10th grade race, Yankton finished runner-up to Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Sam Gusso (sixth), Andrew Peitz (seventh), Alan Schild (eighth) and Lincoln Megard (15th) scored for the Bucks.

Crofton seventh-grader Haley Arens won the girls' 2000 meter race with a clocking of 8:43, 39 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor.

The Buck and Gazelle harriers are next in action in Brookings on Thursday at the Eastern South Dakota Conference meet.

Rubio On Track But Won't Rush Return

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ricky Rubio says he hopes to return to the Minnesota Timberwolves sometime in December but insists he's "not going to rush it" to be sure he's ready.

Rubio's rehabilitation from reconstructive left knee surgery is on schedule. He spoke to reporters Thursday about his progress.

Rubio was hurt at the end of Minnesota's game against the Los Angeles Lakers last March 9, when he tried to plant his leg while defending Kobe Bryant. With one awkward bend of the point guard's most important joint, Rubio's impressive rookie season was over.

And so was that realistic chance the Timberwolves had of making the playoffs for the first time since 2004. They went 5-20 after Rubio was hurt.