

Bucks Shoot 299 To Take Yankton Invitational



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Yankton's Jace Guthmiller watches his tee shot on Hole No. 10 during his round in the Yankton Invitational boys' golf tournament on Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Guthmiller shot a 1-under 71 to finish third, helping the Bucks to a team score of 299 and the title. Defending state champion Lincoln was second at 301.

O'Gorman's Donohue Medals With A Score Of 69

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With Sioux Falls Lincoln and Yankton each returning all members of their state tournament teams of a year ago, and Sioux Falls O'Gorman also returning several top golfers, it wasn't hard to guess that it would take a low score to win the Yankton Invitational boys' golf tournament, held Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

What it took was a 299 — better than a 75 average — to win the team title and a 3-under 69 to win medalist honors.

Yankton edged out defending Class AA champion Lincoln by two strokes and O'Gorman by nine for team

honors on Friday. The score of 299 marked the third straight time and fifth in six events this season in which the Bucks broke the magical 300-mark.

"It was a big win for us," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime after the win. "Most of the top teams were here, so it was a great win going into some big tournaments."

The Bucks' had all four golfers at 77 or better on the day.

"We've done that all year, having four or five golfers below 80," Sime said. "We had a couple of golfers with a little trouble. If two of our golfers have an off day but the others play like they're capable, we'll still have a

good score."

O'Gorman's Max Donohue shot the 3-under 69. Lincoln's Ben Prisbe and Yankton's Jace Guthmiller also broke par, shooting 1-under 71s.

For Donohue, keeping the ball in the middle was more important than seeing how far he could hit it.

"I figured if I hit the fairways and do the simple stuff, I'd be able to shoot a good round," he said. "My wedge play was good. I was hitting it close all day. From 100 yards in, I was spot-on."

"My putting was good, too."

Guthmiller continued to shine for the Bucks, leading Yankton for the fifth time in six outings.

"He shot the second-best

score of the day," Sime said. "He's shot a lot of rounds under par, and he's getting better all the time. Hopefully he can keep it going, along with the rest of the team."

Mitch Schlingman (75), Logan Megard (76) and Brandon Frick (77) were the other Yankton counters. Lane Sawatzke shot 85 and Ben Jensen shot 88 for the Bucks.

Yankton is back on the course today (Saturday), traveling to Brookings for the Brookings Invitational.

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Austin Sumner, 6, and South Dakota State may be hosting Southeast Louisiana today (Saturday) at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, but all most Jackrabbit fans are looking at are next week's game at Nebraska and the following week at home against North Dakota State.

Nebraska, NDSU Looming Large

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The final two games of September are circle-worthy contests for the SDSU football team.

Sept. 21 at Nebraska. Sept. 28 at home against North Dakota State.

Just don't expect the Jackrabbits to do much looking ahead, though. They still have the matter of today's (Saturday) 6 p.m. Beef Bowl home game with Southeastern Louisiana.

"Coach always says, 'Play in the present,' and I think that hits home for our senior goals," said Chase Douglas, a senior defensive lineman for SDSU. "You have to focus on every play, thing string those together for the whole game."

"You can't get ahead of yourself."

And the Jackrabbits (2-0) don't plan to, either.

On that point, junior running back Zach Zenner said in his usual, soft-spoken way, "Two and oh, that's what we wanted to be."

Rather than uttering the word 'Nebraska,' the Jacks are actually finding it easy to stay tuned in to SE Louisiana.

"It's really easy for us to keep the focus, because that's who we're watching film on, who we're talking about in practices and in meetings," Zenner said. "We're not thinking about the next game."

And so looms SE Louisiana.

The Lions (1-1), of the Southland Conference, put a scare into nationally-ranked FBS Texas Christian last

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week — down by just three at half before losing 38-17.

"They're better than when we played them last," Zenner said. "I feel like when we played them, they were still rising."

In the second year of coach Ron Roberts' tenure, the Lions have benefited from eight FBS transfers, including one at quarterback — junior Bryan Bennett, who came to Hammond, La., from the University of Oregon.

Though just 5-6 last season, the Lions have impressed the Jacks with their continued climb.

"In my coaching career, they are a team that's made unbelievable strides in one year," SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier said this week. "Coach Roberts has done a phenomenal job down there with both athletes and discipline."

"Their offense is beyond diverse; unimaginable, to be honest with you. I'm glad they're coming here and we're not going there."

And that offense is keyed by Bennett, who already leads the Southland in rushing. He has passed and rushed for at least 100 yards in both games this season, led by 301 yards through

the air and 238 on the ground.

Outside of a team like USD, the Jacks don't expect to face many true run-first quarterbacks in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. But yes, they welcome that challenge, Douglas said — and for good reason, SDSU has allowed an average of 58.5 yards on the ground over two games.

"We're looking forward to that," Douglas said. "Their offense basically runs around him, so we need to shut him down."

The Lions are likely thinking the same thing about SDSU's offense with Zenner.

Zenner, a junior, has already rushed for 412 yards and five touchdowns through two games, and leads the FCS in yards per game (206).

He has, though, already averaged 26.5 carries per game. When asked this week if there are limitations to how much the coaching staff wants Zenner to carry the ball, Stiegelmeier said yes, but wasn't sure what that number would be.

Zenner, meanwhile, says he doesn't care how much he touches the ball.

"Whatever the coaches call, whether it's that many runs or that

many passes, it doesn't matter to me," he said.

That's about the response one would expect from Zenner, said Douglas, who joked that the SDSU defense has to face him every day in practice.

"He's very humble, and that's what makes him a great guy," Douglas said. "It's good to have guys like him, because they bring everyone else to a whole new level."

"He's one of the best backs in the country, so it makes us defensive guys focus on the little things."

Does Zenner ever stop to take time to look at his numbers? Not so much, he joked.

"Even last week, I was really surprised it was that many," he said. "I don't look at it. Last year I said maybe at the end of the season I'd reflect, but I really didn't."

As part of his 2012 season, Zenner rushed for 278 yards and a touchdown in SDSU's 31-14 win at Southeastern Louisiana, in the second game of the season.

Much has changed since that meeting, leading Douglas to say that he believes the Lions will have a different look.

"They'll throw a lot of formations at us, so we have to take it slow and make sure we're on the same page," Douglas said. "It'll be a fun, challenging game."

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Cubs Off To 3-0 Start After Win Over Hanson

ALCESTER — The Alcester-Hudson Cubs stayed unbeaten after a 16-6 win over traditional power Hanson in high school football action Friday night in Alcester.

The Cubs totaled 242 rushing yards led by Colin Walth who had 10 rushes for a total of 129 yards. Grant Johnson had eight passes totaling 124 yards.

In the loss for the Beavers, Jacob Paradeis led in rushing with 17 rushes for 112 yards.

Paradeis ran for three yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Alester-Hudson scored in the third with a run by Eric Barnes for a 34-yard touchdown. In the fourth quarter the Cubs scored with a run from Colin Walth for 94 yards for a touchdown.

HANSON	0	6	0	0	—6
ALCESTER-HUDSON	0	0	8	8	—16

Bloomfield 60, Pender 46

PENDER, Neb. — Bloomfield defeated Pender 60-40 in Friday night football action in Pender.

Cody Beckman scored Bloomfield's first touchdown on a 53 yard run, with Adam Haigh putting up the second touchdown on a 42 yard interception run. Quinn O'Brien also passed for 47 yards to Adam Haigh in the second quarter.

Pender's first touchdown came from Benny Oliver on a one yard run. Oliver also had a touchdown pass to Devan Kaup for 36 yards in the second quarter.

Bloomfield, now 1-1, hosts St. Mary's next, while Pender (0-2) hosts Creighton.

Gayville-Volin 46, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 32

ARMOUR — Gayville-Volin picked up its first victory of the season with a 46-32 barn-burning defeat of Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Friday night.

Zach Anderson led Gayville-Volin (1-1) with 182 yards on the ground. Anderson also picked up 14 tackles and an interception. Grant Rice passed the ball for 174 yards, 100 of whom went to Brandon Van Osdel.

Shane Koster led TDA (0-2) with 131 yards on the ground, along with 28 through-the-air. Cody

Brandon Valley Surges Past Yankton 42-25

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Despite trailing big early, the Yankton Bucks nearly finished off a frenzied comeback but couldn't quite get it done.

Brandon Valley saw a 22-point lead get trimmed down to 10 but ultimately defeated Yankton 42-25 in a cross-class showdown Friday night at Crane-Youngworth Field.

"We played hard; we didn't quit, and I love that about our team," said Yankton head coach Arlin Likness, whose team drops to 1-2. "We just have to correct those little things."

Among those areas: Fumble on the first drive, penalties (Yankton had nine), Brandon Valley returning a kick for a touchdown and what Likness called being

"mentally alert" on every play.

In the end, it was touchdowns on three consecutive drives — 3:40 apart — that gave the visiting Lynx an early 21-0 lead and plenty of momentum.

At least for a time.

Yankton, at one time down 35-13 with 4:54 left in the third quarter, scored on consecutive drives in the fourth quarter to get within 35-25.

A successful onside kick recovery was wasted, as Brandon Valley sacked quarterback Brady Hale on fourth down. The Lynx capped the scoring with a late touchdown and came away with the victory.

"We still had chances, but I don't think we believed well enough that we could win," Likness said.

After three drives that produced nothing to start the game, the Lynx marched 90 yards — mostly through the air — to score.

Cam Holmes punched the ball in from one yard out at the 8:26 mark of the first quarter, putting Brandon Valley in front 7-0.

And that's when the momentum started.

After the Bucks were forced to punt (and it was a short one), the Lynx needed just three plays to score again. Comeaux hit Drew Reinschmidt for a 6-yard pass play at the 6:00 mark.

Yankton punted again and the Lynx needed one play to reach the end zone, a 52-yard completion to Denton Bose.

The Bucks re-discovered



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Yankton's Parker Kuchta is surrounded by Brandon Valley defenders after making a catch during the second quarter of their Eastern South Dakota Conference football game on Friday at Yankton's Crane-Youngworth Field.