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Yankton's Becky Frick serves the ball during Thursday night's ESD volleyball match against Huron at the Summit Center.

Huron Rallies Past Gazelles 3-2

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The Huron Tigers pulled together to win the last three sets over the Yankton Gazelles 18-25, 23-25, 25-19, 25-18, 15-11 finishing the match 3-2. Huron's young group of girls made 54 kills, 45 digs and 12 blocks. Yankton made 30 kills, 64 digs and seven blocks. "We're awfully inexperienced," Huron coach Shelly Buddenhagen said. "At one point on the floor I think we only had two people back from last year. So there are a lot of growing pains, and I think our kids got better as the night went on and we were able to make a couple of adjustments, put some new kids on the floor." In the win for Huron, Lexi Eckmann made 19 kills in the match with eight digs. Jacey Hupp had seven kills with 19 digs for the night and Sami Zell had nine aces with four block assists. "I thought Jacey Hupp had a good day overall. She may not have had a lot of kills, but she was very solid in the back row chasing down a lot of balls. We knew that Yankton is very scrappy and quick and she anchored down the back," Buddenhagen said. For Yankton, Hannah Bockholt led the team with 11 kills in the match. Haley Mines had two

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Bucks Take On Stevens In Home Opener

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Both Rapid City Stevens head coach Scott Hagen and Yankton's Arlin Likness would agree that this year's match-up won't be anything like last season's air raid. A year ago, the Bucks trailed the Raiders 16-0, but behind a school record 411 passing yards from Mason Strahl, Yankton was able to come back and win 52-36. "Last year, it became a shoot-out and we ended up winning it," Likness said. "Realistically, I don't want to put ourselves in that position again." Rapid City Stevens was defeated by O'Gorman last week, 32-7, in their season opener. "We ran the ball very well on O'Gorman," Hagen said. "I was very pleased with our rushing at

tack. It was one of the positive things we were able to take out of it." Grant Youngblood, Steven's running-back rushed for 164 yards on 17 carries. "Anytime (Grant) Youngblood has the ball, he has the home-run hitter mentality," Hagen said. "He can make sharp cuts and isn't afraid of some contact." Likness and the Bucks (1-0, 1-0 in ESD) will key on Youngblood, who ripped apart the Knight defense a week ago. "We have to take away the sweep, they were very effective with that," he said. "We need to know where he (Youngblood) and the ball is at." The Raiders (0-1) are making their first trip to Yankton since 2005 during the playoffs. Hagen knows a six hour bus trip isn't the best for his team, but keeping their legs on them will be key.

"The bus trip will have some effect, but sitting on a bus for six hours will not help," he said. "We will need to stretch it out and break up the trip. I've learned through my years of college and high-school football, you need to keep the legs fresh on the road." Stevens brings back talent from last year and will look to spread the ball around. "We're going to need to mix up the run and pass game to keep them honest," Hagen said. "We have some skilled guys who can make plays." The injury bug has hit the Raiders and they will need younger players, like junior quarterback Brandon Soucy, who has thrown for 84 yards, to step up. "We are starting a lot of younger kids, we're not at full

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R.C. Stevens (0-1) at Yankton (1-0)
7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field
LAST MEETING: Yankton's Mason Strahl threw for a school-record 411 yards, including eight for 209 yards to J.J. Hejna in a 52-36 rout of the Raiders. Stevens did lead 16-0 in the contest.
LAST WEEK: Yankton used a strong defensive effort to down Mitchell 30-2.
Stevens dropped a 34-7 decision to Sioux Falls O'Gorman.
NEXT UP: Yankton heads back on the road to face Eastern South Dakota Conference rival Brandon Valley. Stevens returns to O'Hara Field to face Sturgis.
FOLLOW THE GAME ONLINE: The Press & Dakotan will host a live blog during the game. Find it here: <http://www.yankton.net/yhsgameday>

Gazelles Upend Riders

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Add another first for the Yankton Gazelles soccer program. In the first sanctioned season in South Dakota high school history, the Gazelles beat three-time defending champion Sioux Falls Roosevelt 3-1 on Thursday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Yankton, now 3-1-1, scored the game's first two goals and added a late goal in the second half to pad its lead. Shortly after, the celebration began. "That was super exciting," said senior Elizabeth Rust, who celebrated her 18th birthday Thursday. "I still can't believe we won." Yankton also did the most offensive damage against the second-seeded Rough Riders that any other opponent has this season — Roosevelt allowed one goal in its first five games. "I'm really happy for these seniors, they've never beaten Roosevelt," Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring said. "You could tell, it didn't take long for them to see they could win this one." The Gazelles built a 2-0 lead late in the first half on a penalty kick goal by Brianna Benjamin and a breakthrough goal by Madason Tessier.

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Yankton's Taylor Ruter, front, races Sioux Falls Roosevelt defender Erika Weeks to the ball during their Thursday girls' soccer game at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Volleyball: Gayville-Volin Battles Past Alcester-Hudson

GAYVILLE—Despite losing games three and four, Gayville-Volin defeated Alcester-Hudson in five sets in Tri-Valley Conference volleyball action on Thursday. Genevieve Clark led Gayville-Volin (2-0) with 27 digs, 17 kills, and four aces. Kelia Barta added 16 kills and 16 digs. Grace Dangell posted 20 assists, while Adison Bertrand had 13. Sierra McConnell led Alcester-Hudson (1-1) with 25 aces, 18 digs, and 12 kills. Rashena Osterkamp added 25 aces and nine digs in the loss. Gayville-Volin will travel to Centerville to take on Centerville-Scotland on Tuesday. Alcester-Hudson will host Akron-Westfield on Thursday.

WYNOT INV.
WYNOT, Neb. — The Crofton Lady Warriors opened their season with a 27-25, 25-17 victory over Wynot at the Wynot Invitational on Thursday. No stats were reported for Crofton. Jena Heine had four kills and five set assists for the Blue Devils, while Kristie Bruening had three kills and four blocks. Danielle Wieseler led the defense with eight digs, while Courtney Arkfeld contributed two kills, two blocks and four ace serves. **CROFTON**.....27 25
WYNOT.....25 17

WYNOT 2, Bloomfield 0
WYNOT, Neb. — Bruening posted five kills to lead the Wynot Blue Devils past Bloomfield 25-20, 25-8 at the Wynot Invitational on Thursday. Heine added two kills, six set assists and five digs for Wynot, while Wieseler had 12 digs. Hannah Lauer chipped in with four set assists and six digs. For the Queen Bees, Kristin Thompson had three kills, Amanda Goeden had two kills and seven set assists, and Karly Jensen recorded two kills and two set assists. **BLOOMFIELD**.....20 8
WYNOT.....25 25

Hartington 2, Bloomfield 0
WYNOT, Neb. — The Hartington Wildcats beat the Bloomfield Queen Bees 25-20, 25-14 on Thursday at the Wynot Invitational. No stats were reported for Hartington. For the Queen Bees, Thompson had three kills and 14 digs. Brittany Kerbel had 20 digs and two ace serves, and Leah Poppe recorded 21 digs. **HARTINGTON**.....25 25
BLOOMFIELD.....20 14

Other Matches

Avon 3, Andes Central 2
LAKE ANDES — Avon clawed past Andes Central in five games to earn their first victory of the season. Amanda Reiff led Avon (1-2) with 26 digs and three aces. Sami DeLong added 26 digs and eight kills, while Hannah Powers added 15 assists and 13 digs. Cybil Chytka led Andes Central (1-4) with 16 digs and nine kills. Brooke Devimier added 17 digs in the loss. Avon will travel to Wagner on Tuesday, while Andes Central will go to Parkston. **AVON (1-2)**.....23 13 26 25 15
ANDES CENTRAL (1-4).....25 25 24 15 7

Dakota Valley 3, Elk Point-Jefferson 0
NORTH SIOUX CITY — Dakota Valley had five different players record five kills or more in a 25-13, 25-13, 26-24 victory over Elk Point-Jefferson in Dakota XII Conference volleyball action on Thursday. Emma Tuttle had eight kills and Shayla Johnson had seven kills and three blocks to lead the balanced DV attack. Elizabeth Lammers finished with six kills and six ace serves. Merideth Lammers and Lindsey Smith each had five kills, with Lammers also recording seven digs. Smith added 30 assists and six ace serves. Jordyn Younger added 10 digs in the victory. For EPJ, Miranda Stabe led the way with six kills. Drew Keuck had nine digs. Dakota Valley heads south to face Wayne, Nebraska on Tuesday. EPJ is off until a Dakota XII

matchup with Canton on Sept. 11. Dakota Valley won the JV match 25-9, 25-21; and the C-match 16-25, 25-12, 15-13. **ELK POINT-JEFFERSON**.....13 13 24
DAKOTA VALLEY.....25 25 26

Marion 3, Irene-Wakonda 0
WAKONDA — Devin Nelson had a big night with 10 kills and nine digs to lead the Marion Bears past Irene-Wakonda 25-11, 25-13, 25-10 in prep volleyball action Thursday night in Wakonda. Michele Schonewald added nine kills and seven digs for Marion (2-2), while Renae Kayser had 19 set assists, four kills, two blocks and five digs. Irene-Wakonda visits Parker next Monday and Marion hosts Canisota next Tuesday. **MARION (2-2)**.....25 25 25
IRENE-WAKONDA (1-2).....11 13 10

Randolph 3, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 2
LAUREL, Neb. — The Randolph Cardinals rallied from a 2-1 deficit to beat Laurel-Concord-Coleridge in five sets on Thursday night in Laurel. Set scores were 16-25, 25-18, 24-26, 25-21, 15-12. No stats were reported for Randolph, in its season opener. For the Bears (0-1), Audra Corbit had 11 kills, three blocks, three ace serves and eight digs, while Ellie Arduser had seven kills and nine digs. Candice Rastede chipped in with 22 set assists and three aces.

LCC hosts Homer next Tuesday in Laurel. **RANDOLPH (1-0)**.....16 25 24 25 15
LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (0-1).....25 18 26 21 12

South Sioux City 3, Vermillion 1
VERMILLION — South Sioux City came across the board to hand Vermillion a 25-21, 22-25, 25-14, 25-13 loss on Thursday night at Vermillion High School. No stats were reported for the Cardinals, making their season debut. For the Tanagers (1-1), Rachel Finnegan had nine kills, while Sydney Peters had four kills and five digs, and Chloe Nielsen had three kills, three digs and two ace serves. Kayla Stammer recorded 19 set assists and 10 digs, and Melanie LeCates chipped in with 11 digs. Vermillion will compete at Luverne, Minnesota tournament on Saturday. **SOUTH SIOUX CITY (1-0)**.....25 22 25 25
VERMILLION (1-1).....21 25 14 13

Wagner 3, Chamberlain 0
WAGNER — Wagner was able to dominate Chamberlain in three sets on Thursday evening. Emily Bruning led Wagner (3-3) with 10 kills, while Karlie Schroeder added six kills and five aces. All Kuza contributed 13 kills in the victory. Madison Harmon led Chamberlain (0-2) with four kills and two blocks. Allison Swenson added eight assists in the loss. Wagner will host Avon on Tuesday, while Chamberlain will host Moberidge. **WAGNER (3-3)**.....25 25 25
CHAMBERLAIN (0-2).....14 8 16

Niobrara-Verdigre Tri. Creighton 2, Niobrara-Verdigre 0
VERDIGRE, Neb. — The Creighton Lady Bulldogs defeated the hometown Cougars 25-19, 25-18 in the first match of Thursday's triangular in Verdigre. No stats were reported for Creighton. For Niobrara-Verdigre, Reagan Larsen had four kills and three ace serves, Hannah Stark had 13 set assists and four ace serves, and Brittany Eisenhauer added 12 set assists. **CREIGHTON**.....25 25
NIORBARA-VERDIGRE.....19 18

Niobrara-Verdigre 2, Osmond 0
VERDIGRE, Neb. — Larsen had nine kills and six ace serves to lead Niobrara-Verdigre past Osmond 25-15, 25-11 at a home triangular on Thursday. Stark contributed seven set assists and four ace serves, while Eisenhauer added six set assists and four ace serves. No stats were reported for Osmond. **OSMOND**.....15 11
NIORBARA-VERDIGRE.....25 25

Wausa Tri.
WAUSA, Neb. — The Winside Wildcats won both of their matches Thursday at a volleyball triangular with Wausa and Elkhorn Valley.

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Soccer: Roosevelt Blanks Bucks 3-0

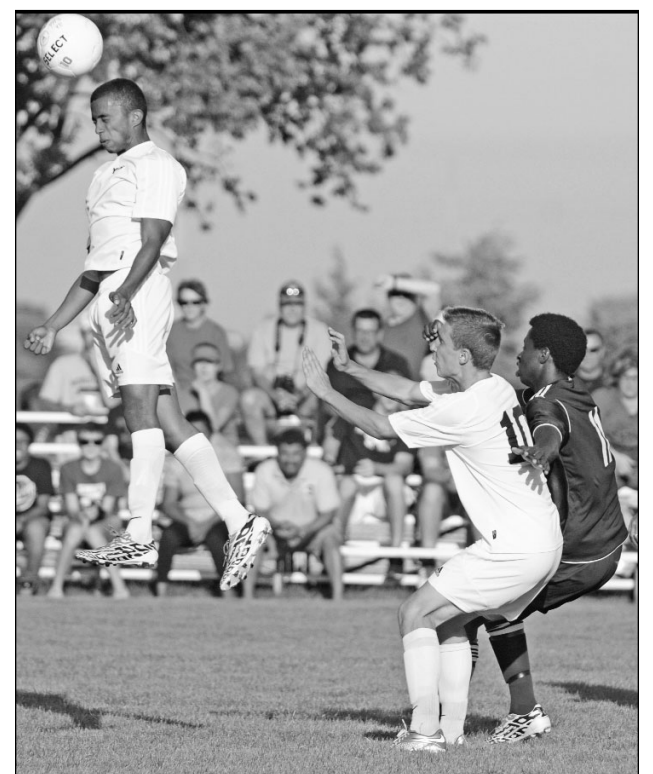
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The Yankton Bucks soccer team hung with the number one seed, Sioux Falls Roosevelt Rough Riders for the first 65 minutes of their high school match. The last 15 minutes proved to be too much for the Bucks, as the Rough Riders were able to deflate Yankton 3-0 at Lewis and Clark Soccer Complex on Thursday evening in Yankton. "I thought overall we played and hustle hard," Yankton head coach Warren Brenner said. "We made every effort to make the big play, but in the end, what really happened was we weren't very efficient. Once we get better with our touches on and off the ball, I think things will start turning around." The match was very intense, in the 13th minute

Roosevelt midfielder Isiah Bowar was called for a yellow card. "When you play good teams like that, they bring a whole different dynamic to the game," Brenner said. "Roosevelt has always been very physical and good with the ball. We had to match-up with the same style and tempo." Yankton senior midfielder John Dannenbring said that the game was going back-and-forth, and that these squads have a history with each other. "It was very chippy," he said. "That is a team we have had history with for as long as I can remember. We get to the point where you grow up playing against the same guys year in and year out. It was very competitive." Going into the half, the game was knotted at zero a piece. The Bucks went toe-to-toe

with the Riders, until late in the match when senior Osmar Pacheco went down with a knee injury. "I would say, losing a player like him, obviously hurts but the difference was that we needed to stay focused and needed to stay mentally prepared," Brenner said. "We can't let one player hurt or affect what we are trying to do." Yankton didn't look like the same team after that. In four minutes, Davis Irakoze and Colby Scott netted two goals. Scott's goal was assisted by Ibrahim Diomande. In the 78th minute, Diomande scored another goal assisted by Irakoze, which was able to push the Riders to a three to zero victory. "I think it was closer than the score indicated," Dannenbring said. "The last 10 minutes, we played like we were down three to zero. I thought

we were playing even with them the first three-fourths of the game." Dannenbring knows this loss hurts the Bucks, but understands they have to put it past them. "It was probably the biggest game so far of the year," he said. "With the new playoff system, you have to show up every game. We were undefeated and still in seventh, every game is crucial." Yankton travels to Brookings on Tuesday. Game-time is set for 6 p.m. "That should be interesting. They (Brookings) are getting a little better and hungry for a win. It's going to be a challenge for us, we need to come off the loss ready to go." Dannenbring noted, during the 2012 season, when



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Yankton's Osmar Pacheco, left, skies for a header while teammate Chase Huber, center, and a Sioux Falls Roosevelt defender watch during Thursday's boys' soccer game at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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