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Yankton's Elizabeth Rust throws the ball in during Thursday's girls' soccer game against Harrisburg at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

YHS Plays Harrisburg To 2-2 Draw

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All things considered, the Yankton Gazelles weren't entirely upset with a tie.

Despite an injury to a defender, Yankton was able to record a 2-2 draw with Harrisburg in girls' soccer action Thursday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

"Things don't always go your way, but a tie is certainly better than a loss," said Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring, whose team now stands 3-1-3.

The game-tying goal came from Yankton junior Amanda Gravholt on a free kick in the second half — it went high and deflected off the goalkeeper's hands.

From there, it was a defensive battle.

"We definitely out-played them. I thought, but we just couldn't get the ball in enough," said sophomore Madason Tessier, who scored Yankton's first goal.

"They had a couple lucky breakaways that they capitalized on."

Gazelles senior defender Janae Osborne went down with an injury in the first half, and the home team had to respond by eventually moving junior goalkeeper Haley Schild to the field — putting senior Raquel Cole on goal.

"It depletes our depth a little bit," Schuring said, "but they really responded admirably."

The program's off-season conditioning played a role in the Gazelles remaining strong, even when players stayed on the field longer.

"That really paid off for us," Schuring said.

Harrisburg took the early lead on a goal by Hannah Loos with one minute remaining before halftime.

Tessier's goal in the second half tied the game at 1-1, but Harrisburg's Jordan Beiswanger gave the Tigers a 2-1 lead. Gravholt's free kick goal then tied the game.

Schild and Cole both recorded three saves in goal for the Gazelles, who out-shot the Tigers 19-6.

Though there wasn't a win involved, it was a better effort than Tuesday's 2-2 draw in Brookings on Tuesday, Schuring said.

"Overall, it was a better day for us, compared to Brookings," he said. "We probably should've pulled out the victory."

Despite the tie, there was a key improvement for Yankton from the game two days earlier, Tessier said.

"We definitely connected more of our passes," she said.

The Gazelles now have the weekend off before visiting Brandon Valley next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

In junior varsity action, Yankton beat Harrisburg 2-1 in a game that lasted one 40-minute half. Jaiden Boomsma and Morgan Strahl scored for the Gazelles, while Sadie Fedders made two saves in goal and Madison Schroeder had two saves.

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Bucks Face Big Test At Brandon Valley

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The Yankton Bucks football team will look to defeat the Brandon Valley Lynx for the first time since a 2010 playoff victory.

Yankton came off an impressive (42-6) victory over Rapid City Stevens.

"We played solid in all phases of the football game last week," Yankton head coach Arlin Likness said. "Now, we need to take it to another level and rise up to the challenge. They have a lot of good athletes on the other side."

Their opponent tonight, Brandon Valley (1-1, 1-0 in ESD) were defeated by Sioux Falls Roosevelt 42-24 in week won and stamped past Huron 44-0 last week.

"Against Roosevelt, we were a little sluggish coming out," Bran-

don Valley head coach Chad Garrow said. "We felt really good about our adjustments and shutting them down in the second half was very huge. We looked really good last week. We challenged our defense to get better. We know now, that we need to get better on special teams."

Garrow has relied on his seniors this year, and so far, they have lived up to his expectations.

"We have very good senior leadership this fall," he said. "They went to offseason camps and put in the time training. We are very excited to be able to tell the seniors what we're doing, and so far, they have stepped up to the challenge."

The Lynx offense runs through senior quarterback Jake Comeaux. He has 554 passing yards on 44 completions, with five touchdowns.

"This is his second year starting for us and he can really throw the ball and run," Garrow said. "We have challenged him to cut down on the turnovers this season."

Other playmakers for Brandon Valley are running back Riley Franzen and receiver Alex Wilde. Franzen has rushed for 197 yards and four touchdowns, while Wilde has 22 catches for 394 yards and five scores.

"These guys will make plays and really stretch the field," Garrow said. "We always like to credit the offensive line. They've been one of the better units we have had the past couple years."

Likness knows if his Bucks (2-0, 1-0 in ESD) have a chance tonight, they will need to get

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Yankton (2-0, 1-0 ESD)
at Br. Valley (1-1, 1-0 ESD)
7 p.m., Brandon (Homecoming)

LAST MEETING: Brandon Valley downed Yankton 42-25 in the 2013 season despite a combined 456 yards passing from Mason Strahl and Brady Hale.

LAST WEEK: Yankton improved to 2-0 on the season with a 42-7 victory over Stevens. Brandon Valley routed Huron 44-0 for its first victory over the season.

NEXT UP: Yankton hosts Aberdeen Central for Pioneer Day. Brandon Valley travels to Brookings.

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

Cheer & Dance | Yankton Invitational

SFW, Riders Win Titles

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The Yankton Gazelles dance and cheer teams hosted the 2014 Yankton Invitational on Thursday evening at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton.

Sioux Falls Washington won the overall crown for dance with 253 points. Brandon Valley earned second place with 247.17 and Roosevelt got third with 219.33. The Gazelles earned fourth place, with 214.67 overall points.

Yankton scored 224 in jazz, 223 in kick and 197 in pom.

In the cheer portion, Sioux Falls Roosevelt won with 227.5 points. O'Gorman earned second place with 221 points, with Watertown coming in third place. Yankton placed eighth place in the invitational.

Yankton dance head coach Tiffany Mueller thought her team did a great job dealing with the obstacles they went through this week.

"We had a really rough week this week," she said. "We had a girl out on Tuesday and a different one Wednesday with injuries. So the girls had to change stuff all week. I think, they actually did awesome with as rough of a week as they did."

Even though they didn't place as high as they wanted,

the dance team was able to pull together.

"They pulled together as a team," Mueller said. "Obviously, we didn't place where we wanted to, but we pulled together as a team and got what we could do."

Yankton had to chance their game plan coming into the invitational.

"They really pulled together as a team," Mueller said. "We had to change counts and formations and made it look like it was supposed to. I was really impressed with that."

Mueller was happy for her team to perform in front of the home crowd.

"I think they are always excited when friends and family are able to watch," she said. "It's a good time for them."

Yankton will go back to the drawing board to look how to get rid of some of their deductions they had.

"We had a couple of deductions in pom," Mueller said. "We need to get those fixed, so we don't get any more deductions."

Looking forward, having a full week of practice and team will help the dance squad.

"I think having a week with new changes from this week, will definitely help our team out a lot," Mueller said.

Yankton cheer head coach

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's cheer squad competes during the Yankton Invitational cheer and dance competition on Thursday at the Summit Center.

Volleyball: Tornadoes Outlast Avon 3-2; Parker Makes Big East Final

AVON — Kristina Laska and Adrienn Peterson both reached double figures in kills as the Centerville Tornadoes rallied past Avon in a high school volleyball 5-set thriller Thursday night in Avon.

Set scores were 26-24, 14-25, 25-12, 15-13.

Laska recorded 10 kills and six digs, while Peterson had 10 kills and three blocks. Also for Centerville, Emily Snyder had 10 set assists, Val Sunderland posted six digs and two ace serves, and Rebecca Hybertson chipped in with seven set assists.

In the loss for the Pirates (2-3), Sami DeJong had 11 kills, Kacie Mudder had nine kills, and Hanna Powers recorded 21 set assists and nine digs. Avon also got a team-high 16 digs from Amanda Reiff.

Both teams return to the court next Tuesday, with Centerville at Baltic and Avon at Wagner.

Big East Tourn.

Parker 3, Sioux Valley 0

VOLGA — Allison Sanner had 15 kills and Gabby Herlyn added 12 kills to lead Parker past Sioux Valley

25-13, 25-15, 25-13 in the second round Thursday of the Big East Conference Tournament in Volga.

Parker advances to Saturday's championship in Montrose to face Chester Area. Sioux Valley will face McCook Central-Montrose for third place Saturday.

Jenny Smith had 35 set assists and Brittany Olson led the defense with seven digs for the Pheasants.

For Sioux Valley, Mariah Vander Wal had eight kills and Carley Peterson had five kills. Lauren Buisker led the offense with 33 set assists and Kaylee Granum added 30 set assists.

Howard 3, Baltic 2

VOLGA — The Howard Tigers moved to the fifth-place match of the Big East Conference Tournament with a 25-20, 19-25, 25-18, 26-28, 21-19 second round victory Thursday night.

No stats were reported for Howard.

In the loss for Baltic, Molly Stittig had 23 set assists, Maddie Polzin recorded 17 kills and two blocks, and Taylor Reiniller had two ace serves.

Parker 3, Howard 0

VOLGA — Tessa Harold and Alli Sanner each had 13 kills to lead Parker past Howard 25-12, 25-11, 25-16 in the first round of the Big East Conference Tournament on Thursday.

Jenny Smith added 26 set assists and 18 digs for the Pheasants, while Alli Sanner had four ace serves.

No stats were reported for Howard.

Sioux Valley 3, Baltic 0

VOLGA — Mariah Vander Wal had 11 kills to lead Sioux Valley past Baltic 25-19, 25-20, 25-22 in first round action Thursday at the Big East Conference Tournament in Volga.

Tiffany Bjorklund added seven kills and seven digs for the Cossacks.

In the loss for Baltic, Maddie Polzin had 15 kills and Molly Stittig had 23 set assists.

Other Matches

Gayville-Volin 3, Freeman 0

GAYVILLE — Kella Barta and Genevieve Clark had 12 kills each as Gayville-Volin swept Freeman 25-14, 25-12, 25-18 in prep volleyball action on Thursday.

Clark also had 10 ace serves and eight digs for the Raiders, who improved to 5-0 on the season. Barta had four ace serves, Adisson Bertrand had 16 assists and Grace Dangel added 13 assists in the victory.

Shelby Jensen had four kills, five ace serves and seven digs for Freeman. Karli Maske had six set assists. Vanessa Dowden added three ace serves.

Gayville-Volin travels to Hurley to face Viborg-Hurley on Tuesday. Freeman hosts Bridgewater-Emery on Tuesday.

Crofton 3, O'Neill 0

CROFTON, Neb. — Another balanced attack kept the Crofton Warriors undefeated on the season.

Crofton swept O'Neill 25-7, 25-10, 25-13 in prep volleyball action Thursday night at Crofton High School.

Maria Wortmann recorded 12 kills, three blocks and seven digs for the Warriors (4-0), while Allison Arens added 15 kills, 10 digs and two ace serves.

Brittany Guenther and Madison Johnson keyed the offense with 18 and 13 set assists, respectively, while Kelsey Sanger had 10 digs and three ace serves, and Bre Allen posted four ace serves.

No stats were reported for O'Neill.

Crofton will play Wayne on Saturday at a Boone Central tournament in Albion.

The Warriors won the JV match 25-20, 25-19, while O'Neill won the 'C' match 25-20, 25-24.

Tri-Valley 3, Vermillion 1

VERMILLION — Tri-Valley as able to uphold Vermillion on Thursday night in four sets.

Sammy Kasolowski led Tri-Valley (4-2) with 12 kills and eight blocks. Morgan Haga added 16 digs in the victory.

Melanie LeCates led Vermillion (1-3) with 30 digs and an ace.

Tri-Valley will host Beresford next Tuesday, while Vermillion will travel to Madison on Monday.

Wynot 3, Viborg-Hurley 0

WYNOT, Neb. — Hannah Lauer had 13 kills and 14 assists to lead Wynot to a 25-13, 25-17, 25-14 victory over Viborg-Hurley in an inter-state volleyball battle on Thursday.

Kristi Bruening finished with nine kills and four blocks for Wynot. Jenna Heine had 17 digs. Olivia Wieseler finished with four ace serves. Danielle Wieseler had 14 digs and Carissa Kuchta had 11 digs in the victory.

No statistics were available for Viborg-Hurley at press time.

Wynot, 3-1, travels to Hartington-Newcastle on Tuesday. Viborg-Hurley, 5-2, hosts Gayville-Volin on Tuesday in Hurley.

Wagner 3, Gregory 0

GREGORY — Ali Kuca had a big night as the Wagner Red Raiders swept Gregory 25-15, 25-23, 25-19 on Thursday night in Gregory.

Kuca recorded nine kills, three blocks, 15 digs and four ace serves for Wagner (4-3), while Brooklyn Toltiver had 18 digs. Emily Brunising added nine kills, and

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Tennis: Gazelles Down Vermillion 8-1



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Kim Cap slams a ball at the net as teammate Anna Kokesh backs her up during their flight two doubles match with Vermillion on Thursday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

The Yankton Gazelles improved to 6-3 on the season with an 8-1 victory over Vermillion in girls' tennis action on Thursday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

Kaitlyn Frank, Anne Knoff and Anna Kokesh each earned 6-0, 6-0 victories in singles action for Yankton. Yankton's Sarah Rockne won 6-0, 6-1 over Vermillion's Abby Weiss, while the Gazelles' Mimi Garcia won 6-0, 6-1 over Vermillion's Brandi Styles.

Rockne and Frank, Kim Cap and Kokesh, and Knoff and Garcia all scored victories in doubles play for Yankton.

Vermillion's win came at flight two singles, as Libby Sykes scored a 6-1, 7-6, (10-5) victory over Yankton's Maddie Logue.

Both teams travel to the Brandon Valley Tournament today (Friday).

Yankton also went 5-0 in JV action on the day.

YANKTON 8, VERMILLION 1

SINGLES: Sarah Rockne Y def. Abby Weiss 6-0, 6-1; Libby Sykes V def. Maddie Logue 6-1, 6-7, (10-5); Kaitlyn Frank Y def. Alex Rosdall 6-0, 6-0; Mimi Garcia Y def. Brandi Styles 6-0, 6-1; Anne Knoff Y def. Shinyayne Whipple 6-0, 6-0; Anna Kokesh Y def. Jane Struckman Johnson 6-0, 6-0

DOUBLES: Rockne-Frank Y def. Weiss-Sykes 7-5, 6-0; Kim Cap-Kokesh Y def. Rosdall-Styles 6-1, 6-3; Knoff-Garcia Y def. Whipple-Struckman Johnson 6-1, 6-0

JV: Olivia Tennant-Josie Krajewski def. Dawson Daniels-Katrina Heles 6-0, 6-1; Brenna Becker def. Ashlynn Beckert 6-1, 6-1; Maddie Binder-Adrienne Kusek Y def. Kaufmann-Johnson 6-2; Binder Y def. Heles 6-1; Kusek Y def. Daniels 6-0

Lewno Powers Bucks Past Harrisburg

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When his team needed a spark, Cole Lewno was there to deliver.

And not just one time. Or twice. But three times.

The sophomore striker recorded a hat trick to lead the Yankton Bucks past Harrisburg 4-2 in a boys' soccer showdown Thursday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Following one goal in the first half, Lewno scored twice in the second half for the Bucks (5-1-1) — both times in response to a Harrisburg goal.

"We needed another one, so I thought, 'I might as well just put one more in,'" Lewno said later with a smile.

And the idea of recording a hat trick?

"I can't brag," he added, with another smile.

His head coach, Warren Brenner, had no such qualms about bragging up his star. "Cole was on fire," Bren-



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Yankton's Chase Huber, left, stays with Harrisburg's Jon Orvarsson during their boys' soccer game Thursday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

ner said. "Not many strikers get to do what he did."

"This should really help build his confidence. He's incredibly talented, but he just

needs to keep getting experience."

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