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Bucks Homecoming Football Game Interrupted By Stormy Weather



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The Bucks looked to keep their undefeated season alive during homecoming week against Aberdeen.

The Bucks started their season by beating Mitchell (30-2) on the road. Then they came home for their opener where they easily handled Rapid City Stevens (42-6). In their most recent road venture the Bucks battled against Brandon Valley coming out with an intense (27-24) win in overtime.

Even though the Bucks were off to a hot (3-0) start, Coach Arlin Likness said there was plenty of room to improve, "each week our goal is to get better. Along with getting better, we need to execute on all 3 phases of the game—offense, defense, and special teams."

The Bucks came into their homecoming game looking to avenge a loss up in Aberdeen on Aberdeen's homecoming last year.

"Knowing that Aberdeen is going to be a good team this year is something that we have been looking forward to since our matchup last year. They know it is our homecoming, so they're going to do everything they can to beat us" said Likness. "But one key for us this week is coming out and scoring first which is some-



PHOTO BY MIKAYLA SCHROEDER

The Yankton Bucks square off against the Aberdeen Eagles during the first half of play in a game that was ultimately interrupted by weather and postponed until Oct. 6.

thing we didn't do against Brandon Valley."

This season, the Bucks are relying heavily on the senior leadership such as quarterback Mason Strahl, full-back Jordan Lightner, and wide receiver Brady Hale to lead the Bucks offensively to round out homecoming.

With the Brandon Valley game coming down to a late offensive battle, Likness credits the heavy off-season conditioning practices as being the deciding factor in that contest.

Yankton's offense has been anything but ordinary thus far. With every series, Likness likes to keep the

defense on their toes and change formations. "I like to put pressure on the defense and see how they react. Then I try to read how they are adjusting and keep them on their toes and make them adjust some more," said coach Likness.

This strategy has been effective all year so far for Yankton, and they hope it will continue to be effective on Oct. 6 when they finish the Yankton homecoming game against the Eagles.

Due to lightning in the immediate area on Sept. 19, the grandstands were cleared and the game paused at halftime when

Aberdeen was up by three points, 20 to 17.

Over the next several days, Aberdeen and Yankton engaged in a conversation about when to continue play.

"It may be the longest homecoming game in history," Coach Likness said when the teams finally agreed upon Mon., Oct. 6 in Aberdeen at 4 p.m. Admission will not be charged to watch the teams resume play and finish out the half.

Results for Yankton's regularly scheduled game against O'Gorman on Friday were not available at press time.

Yankton High School Cross Country Team Relies On Senior Leaders For 2014 Season



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The YHS cross country team revolves around senior leaders for this 2014 season. Coach Dave Dannenbring explains, "We have a great group of seniors who all set a great example for the younger students."

The cross country team is led by Head Coach Dave Dannenbring and assistant coaches, Doug Haar and Luke Youmans. Dannenbring has been coaching the YHS team for 13 years. His favorite memory of coaching happened 4 years ago while it was raining at the Augustana meet. Coach Youmans was giving a pregame speech about who could do the robot the best as hairspray was dripping down his face. Annie Kruse was declared the winner of the robot contest, and she also won the meet.



Cross country has a two-and-a-half month season with the state tournament falling on Oct. 25th in Huron this year. The runners participate in 11 meets throughout the months of August through October. A typical practice includes running 5-8 miles.

As a reward, the team looks forward to ice cream cones from Dairy Dock on Tuesdays after running the horse trails.

Coach Dannenbring's goal for this season is the combined team championship at state, which is a combination of how the girls' and boys' teams finish. This title indicates which town has the #1 cross country program in the state for the year. Yankton has won this elite title seven out of the past 10 years.

The past has been successful, and the future also looks bright. According to Dannenbring, "We have some great younger kids who have to potential to be extremely successful."

One last thought Dannenbring had on the 2014 season is, "Kyle Bergeson will lead our team to the promise land."

Gazelle Tennis Team Is Strong



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The Gazelle Tennis Team is pictured (L to R Front): Maddie Binder, Josie Krajewski, Olivia Tennant, (Middle): Anne Knoff, Mimi Garcia, Sophie Kouri, Brenna Becker, (Back): Sarah Rockne, Maddie Logue, Kim Cap, Kaitlyn Frank, Adrienne Kusek, and Anna Kokesh.



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The YHS girls tennis program is full of young players with much potential.

Head Coach Matt Termansen is looking forward to the three freshman and three seventh graders contributing to a bright future for the program.

He also feels that the seniors this year are great leaders for the younger girls.

Even though the tennis team will be graduating four seniors, Termansen is very optimistic about the upcoming seasons.

Girls tennis is led by Termansen and assistant coaches, Max Hunhoff and Luke Rockne. Team leaders are the senior captains: Sarah Rockne, Madeline Logue, Kaitlyn Frank, and Kim Cap.

Girls tennis has a two-and-a-half month season that takes place in the fall. The season ends with the state tournament which takes

place in Rapid City Oct. 11, 12 and 13. Throughout August and October, the athletes participate in 15 meets.

For the athletes, tennis is about balancing their school work with the many meets and practices. They have become accustomed to working hard to make up tests and homework.

Senior Kaitlyn Frank says, "It's difficult to balance tennis with an AP class, because I have to miss a lot; but, it is worth it."

The team is used to strenuous practices. A typical practice consists of conditioning and working on situations that may arise in a match.

For this season, Termansen rates his team's overall performance as, "So far good, but we are looking to improve and play our best at the end of the year."

For the varsity squad, playing their best is about being competitive, and for JV, playing their best is about gaining experience.

Soccer Off To A Phenomenal Start As A Sanctioned Sport



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The Yankton Bucks and Gazelle's first official soccer season as a sanctioned high school sport is off to a phenomenal start.

Boasting a solid 8-1-1 record, the Bucks are currently ranked 5th in the state. The Gazelles are 5-2-3 and ranked 7th.

But being sanctioned hasn't come without its differences for the teams.

"Being sanctioned is a lot different for us this year.

One of the things about being sanctioned that we love is being able to go on bus rides to the game and bond, as well as celebrate our wins and grieve our losses together. On a more serious note, now there way more teams in our division so we are not able to play every team which can really affect our power points and rankings. Basically it means that every game counts a lot more than it used to," says Bucks senior John Dannenbring.

Gazelle's junior varsity head coach, Mrs. Deb Lillie, echoes that sentiment, "The players like travelling together. It allows them to become more of a team. And we're playing schools we have not played, because they didn't have club soccer—like Huron and Mitchell."



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The Gazelle junior varsity soccer players go to work during the last home match.

With bringing in more teams, the level of competition raises immensely across the state for all teams. Adding the challenge of facing new teams is something that the Bucks and Gazelles haven't seen in the past few years.

"There's more competition now," Gazelle senior, Taylor Ruter says, "There's a lot more on the line."

"Every game matters especially nearing the back stretch of our schedule," says Dannenbring.

In order to make the push deep in the playoffs, the Bucks are going to have to improve all aspects of the game.

"We need to start being more efficient with the ball. That doesn't mean we have to storm the ball down the

field, it just means that we need to pass it to player who passes it to another player and work on making connections and not just booting the ball up the field," Dannenbring goes on to state.

As for the Gazelles and the teams they will potentially face in the playoffs, "We're all really evenly matched," says Gazelle senior Kendall Lillie. "It's going to be hard—if you win, you move on. If you lose, you're done."

As they move into the playoffs, both teams are looking toward the Veteran leadership on the team.

"The teams have seven senior girls and nine senior boys," says Coach Lillie.

Many of the players on this year's Bucks soccer

team were also a part of the 2012 state championship.

In any sport, experience is key.

"Having that late season and late game experience is going to be crucial for us as we move forward. Winning state for us was priceless. It taught us what we need to do and how hard we are going to have to work if we want to bring home the trophy again," Dannenbring says.

Ruter feels anything could happen in the girls' competition. "So many upsets have happened this season."

Results from Friday's matches against Pierre—the last in regular season play—were not available at press time.

SPORT CALENDAR

- State Boys Golf Oct. 6, 10 a.m. Watertown
- ESD Girls Tennis Oct. 2, 9 a.m. Watertown
- Cheer and Dance Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. SF O'Gorman
- Football vs. Watertown Sept. 30, 7 p.m. Home
- Cross Country Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m. South Sioux
- Volleyball Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Pierre



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