

Bucks Face Explosive Kernels In Home Opener

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Even after a five-overtime victory to start the season, there are things the Yankton football team wants to see improved in week two.

A stronger presence on the ground would be high on that list, said head coach Arlin Likness, whose Bucks host Mitchell tonight (Friday) at 7 p.m.

In last week's marathon win in Brookings, Yankton rushed the ball 37 times for 101 yards – an average of 2.7 yards a carry. A little bit more production on the ground would certainly be a welcome sight for the Bucks.

"The thing I'm still worried about is our ability to run the ball," Likness said. "We're going to come up against decent size with Mitchell, and this is

a game where we need to be able to run the ball."

In Mitchell's case, the Kernels (0-1) – losers to Harrisburg, 30-7, last weekend – are looking to get anything going in their second game.

They accumulated 176 yards of total offense, but two key turnovers loomed large in the loss. The understandable key is progression, their coach said.

"The key for us to take the anticipated steps forward from game one to game two," coach Kent VanOver-schelde said.

Any steps forward for the Kernels will likely hinge on the production of senior quarterback Kanin Nelson. The South Dakota State commit passed for 38 yards (with an interception) and rushed for 38 yards last week, but the Bucks know he's certainly more dangerous than that.

And, as Yankton fans would remember, the last time Nelson took the field at Crane-Youngworth (in 2013), he guided the Kernels to a win.

"They've got a running quarterback that can throw, that's why he's going to SDSU," Likness said. "Their tailback (Spencer Neugebauer) is probably faster than anyone else's, and they've got another guy who's fast on the outside.

"We have to know where they're at at all times."

The same is true for the Mitchell defense.

Yankton possesses a number of offensive weapons: Quarterback Reid Sawatzke, back from injury, completed 20-of-40 passes for 181 yards and three touchdowns – eight of those completions went to Sheldon Gant. Newcomer Brendon Caskey ran for 61 yards, while Coleton James, Tan-

ner Frick and Blake Savey all caught three passes.

"We feel confident that we can stop those offensive plays," VanOver-schelde said. "The big thing is, we have to do it through communication and execution.

"We got a little bit surprised by the speed of Harrisburg, so we'll have to make sure we're ready to adjust."

A year ago, the Bucks rolled past Mitchell 30-2 on the way to an undefeated season. That game, though, is far from any kind of indication for tonight, Likness said.

"That game is great experience for them; they have most of those kids back," he said. "But not so much for us because most of those kids were seniors."

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YHS GAMEDAY

Mitchell (0-1) at Yankton (1-0)

7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field

LAST MEETING: Yankton opened the 2014 season with a 30-2 victory at Mitchell.

LAST WEEK: Yankton survived what could be the longest game in school history, a 5-overtime thriller against Brookings, 42-35. Mitchell lost at Harrisburg 30-7.

NEXT UP: Yankton makes its Presidents Bowl debut, facing Sioux Falls Washington on Sept. 12 at Howard Wood Field. Mitchell takes on Watertown in its home opener on Sept. 11.

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MMC Men Lead Home Invite

Lancers Score Individual, Team Records In First Round Of Season

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Robbie Neswick is the perfect example of what his coach calls a "golf junkie."

His summer job literally required him to be at a golf course. He could arrive to work early, squeeze in some time on the putting green or even shoot a quick nine holes.

"It got me more motivated for the game," said Neswick, a Sioux City, Iowa, resident and junior at Mount Marty College.

And as Thursday proved, it was time well spent.

Neswick set a new Mount Marty men's golf school record with a round of 70, and the Lancers established a new school record with a team score of 300 at Thursday's first day of the MMC Invite at Fox Run Golf Course.

Not only was Neswick's score four shots better than the previous record, Mount Marty's team score eclipsed the previous mark by 19 strokes.

All that time on the course this summer clearly paid off for Neswick, he joked later.

"If I was at a job somewhere else, it'd be harder to get out on the course," Neswick said. "But when I know I can work and play some golf, that's not a bad summer."

And for the Lancers, not a bad start to the fall season.

Four golfers carded scores in the 70s (which might be another program first), as Neswick was joined by Joe Brinkman (75), Dylan Brende (77) and Luke Loecker (78). Mount Marty's fifth golfer, Collin Matthews, shot an 82.

On any other day, that score of 82 would have been



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Luke Loecker of Mount Marty College putts on the No. 11 green during the MMC Invite on Thursday at Fox Run Golf Course. Led by Robbie Neswick's school-record 70, MMC shot a team record 300 to hold a one-stroke lead at the midway point. MMC's women rank second entering the final round, set for today (Friday) at Hillcrest.

Golf: Yankton Downs Lennox In Dual

LENNOX – The Yankton Bucks posted the four lowest scores of the dual, led by Michael Frick's 79, beat Lennox 323-364 in a boys' golf dual on Thursday at Lenkota Golf Course.

Mason Sundleaf shot 80, and Mat Jensen and Jimmie Cunningham each carded an 82 for the Bucks. Dalton Maibaum (88) and Chris Eilers (91) rounded out the varsity scoring.

Marshall McLaren led Lennox with an 86.

In JV action, Yankton beat Lennox 388-424. Chase Erickson led the Bucks with a 93.

Next up for Yankton is VARSITY: Yankton 323, Lennox 364
INDIVIDUAL: Michael Frick Y 79, Mason Sundleaf Y 80, Mat Jensen Y 82, Jimmie Cunningham Y 82, Marshall McLaren L 86, Dalton Maibaum Y 88, Preston Lauters L 88, Chris Eilers Y 91, Brady Krump L 95, Eli Cinos L 95, Cole Feterli L 97, August Meyer L 100
JV: Yankton 388, Lennox 424
INDIVIDUAL: Chase Erickson Y 93, Owen Feser Y 95, AJ Fernandez Y 98, Devon Jongeling L 100, Austin Frick Y 102, Tyler Johnson L 107, Jayden Gayle L 108, Kyle Withrow Y 109, Trevor Day L 109, Simon Hacecky

Y 110, John Steever L 110, Koby Jackson L 113, Titan Vanderwerdt L 115, Jacob Rodriguez Y 118, Jerry Kosmatka Y 118

Girls: West Holt Inv.

ATKINSON, Neb. – Battle Creek put four golfers in the top 10 on the way to a team score of 418, winning the West Holt Invitational girls' golf tournament on Thursday.

Hartington Cedar Catholic finished second at 425, led by medalist Cassidy Ulrich's 98. Crofton-Hartington placed third at 441.

Individually, Valentine's Ashton

Bancroft and Battle Creek's Taylor Finke each shot 100 to place second and third. Battle Creek's Abby Westerman finished fourth at 102.

TEAM SCORES: Battle Creek 418, Hartington Cedar Catholic 425, Crofton-Hartington 441, Valentine 455, Boone Central 531
TOP 15: Cassidy Ulrich, Hartington Cedar Catholic 98; Ashton Bancroft, Valentine 100; Taylor Finke, Battle Creek 100; Abby Westerman, Battle Creek 102; Sherriann Bancroft, Valentine 104; Nicole Zavadil, Crofton-Hartington 106; Ireland Billoff, Hartington Cedar Catholic 107; Brandy Wiebelhaus, Hartington Cedar Catholic 107; Faith Lennox, Battle Creek 108; Danica Christman, Battle Creek 108; Emily Burk, West Holt 109; Tori Osterman, Valentine 109; Katelyn Fischer, Crofton-Hartington 110; Tory Tammen, Crofton-Hartington 110; Brea Hostert, West Holt 111; Megan Bilstein, West Holt 111

Lancers Open 2015 Volleyball Season Today

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The Mount Marty College volleyball team will kick off the 2015 season with an entirely new coaching staff.

Frank Hebenstreit was hired at the end of March to replace Candice Climer, who guided the Lancers to the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament last season. Shanna Iborolle-Koenig and Roxanne Ross will also be on the sidelines as Hebenstreit's assistant coaches.

Hebenstreit, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, has been coaching in the Norfolk area for the last 30 years. His title as an administrator meant that he was only a volunteer coach for a team he was previously in charge of.

"I retired from my job in December and thought I was done coaching," he said.

Hebenstreit was made aware of the job opening through a Mount Marty graduate whom he was mentoring and coaching with in Norfolk.

"My passion for coaching never went away, it's as strong as it's ever been," he said.

Hebenstreit submitted a resume and made his way through the interview process, which included a sit down with Mount Marty's three senior players; Bailey Kuchta, Samantha Bischoff, and BreAnne Thege

"The most important factor for me was whether or not the players and I made a positive connection," Hebenstreit said.

Along with a new coach, Mount Marty will have a new goal on the court, end with a winning season. The Lancers ended last season with an overall record of 13-21 and a conference record of 4-12.

"They haven't had a winning season in 22 years and we want to change that," Hebenstreit said.

With a difficult conference, the Lancers will face a serious challenge in achieving that goal. To achieve this goal, the Lancers have been working hard with three practices a day to work on their weaknesses and improve their strengths.

"Everything we are doing is focused on being as good as we can be," added Hebenstreit.

With a new coach, it can be hard to adapt and fulfill new goals, especially one that hasn't been accomplished in 22 years.

"The hardest thing is getting used to new drills, a new pace, and new expectations," Bischoff said. "It makes us all feel like freshmen again

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Volleyball: Brookings Sweeps Past Yankton 3-0

BROOKINGS – Two nights after earning their first win of the season, the Yankton High School volleyball team struggled to get much going Thursday night in a 3-0 loss at Brookings. The hometown Bobcats won by set scores of 25-15, 25-22, 25-16.

"It's become evident over these four matches that we struggle against strong serv-

ing," Yankton coach Tiffany Beste said. "We'll put a major focus on that in practice the next couple days."

"We have trouble not only receiving, but strong serving ourselves," she added. "We do a lot of things well when we put up a good pass, but we've got some work to do."

Becky Frick led the Gazelles (1-3) with 14 kills, while Cam-

eryn Specht had 10 set assists, eight digs and two ace serves. Ellie Fedders posted 11 set assists and Lindsey Hale had 14 digs.

Yankton returns home and has the weekend off before hosting Harrisburg next Tuesday.

"Being at home will hopefully help," Beste said. "We played well there the other

night (Tuesday, vs. Sioux Falls Lincoln), so hopefully that will happen again next Tuesday."

In the JV match, Yankton claimed a 25-17, 28-26 victory.

Josie Saylor had six kills and three solo blocks, and Cameryn Specht had 13 assists to lead Yankton. Jennica Delvaux posted 11 digs and Holly Mines had 10 digs in the victory.

Brookings won the sophomore match 25-17, 25-21. For Yankton, Emily Oswald had seven kills and Anna Savey had 11 assists.

Brookings also swept the freshmen matches, taking the 'A' match 25-11, 25-22; and the 'B' match 25-5, 25-22. No statistics were reported.

Clark Powers Gayville-Volin Past Alcester-Hudson



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Hartington-Newcastle's Abby Lammers, 8, attacks against the defense of Crofton's Lauren Steffen during their opening round match in the Wynot Invitational volleyball tournament on Thursday.

ALCESTER – Genevieve Clark had a huge night with 23 kills, 13 digs and four ace serves to lead Gayville-Volin past Alcester-Hudson in a five-set thriller Thursday night in Alcester. Set scores were 25-10, 21-25, 17-25, 25-18, 15-6.

Megan Hirsch had 11 kills and six blocks for Gayville-Volin (2-0), while Grace Dangel had 36 set assists and 10 digs.

In the loss for the hometown Cubs (0-2), Cassidy Walth posted 10 kills and 10 digs, while Cassie Schiefen had two kills, five blocks, 21 set assists and 10 digs.

Both teams return to action next Tuesday, with Gayville-Volin in Scotland for a triangular with Centerville, and Alcester-Hudson hosts Marion.

GAUVILLE-VOLIN (2-0).....25 21 17 25 15
ALCESTER-HUDSON (0-2).....10 25 25 18 6

Dakota Valley 3, Elk Point-Jefferson 1

ELK POINT – Meredith Lammers pounded home 12 kills and Taylor Hauger added nine kills as Dakota Valley defeated Elk Point-Jefferson 25-14, 25-8, 20-25, 25-12 on Thursday night in Elk Point.

Elizabeth Lammers added eight kills, while Hanna Cummins had 29 set assists and Anne McCabe posted seven kills for Dakota Valley (4-0).

For EPJ (1-2), Katelyn Richards, Payton Donnelly and Karlee Shatswell all had five kills, while Jessica Riley had five blocks.

EPJ visits Canton next Tuesday and Dakota Valley hosts Beresford next Thursday.

DAKOTA VALLEY (4-0).....25 25 20 25
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (1-2).....14 8 25 12

25-23, and 5-15.

Mackenzie Dean led the Pheasants with 46 assists, seven digs, and two ace serves. Hannah Carlson had 36 digs, two ace serves, and two kills. Ryle Christensen also recorded 16 kills and six digs.

In the loss for the Fighting Cougars, Nicole Bies had 30 assists, 14 digs, and two ace serves. Morgan Sechser had 16 digs, and Danielle Hansen recorded 12 digs.

Parker's next match will be against Garretson in the BEC Tourney in Parker on September 10. McCook Central Montrose's next game will be against Sioux Valley in McCook Central Montrose on September 8.

MCCOOK CENTRAL MONT. (2-5).....16 13 25 25 5
PARKER (3-0).....25 25 20 23 15

Freeman Academy 3, Menno 0

MENNO – Chelsey Heeg had 10 kills as the Freeman Academy Bobcats swept Menno 25-17, 25-9, 25-14 on Thursday night in Menno.

Hannah Yoder added seven kills and four ace serves for the unbeaten Bobcats (4-0), who also got eight kills

and three aces from Bethany Wollman.

In the loss for Menno (1-1), Easley Saylor had three kills, Courtney Edelman had 12 digs and Hailey Fergen added five set assists.

Both teams are in action next Tuesday, with Menno at home against Bridgewater-Emery and Freeman Academy at home against Dell Rapids St. Mary.

FREEMAN ACADEMY (4-0).....25 25 25 25
MENNO (1-1).....17 9 14

Viborg-Hur. 3, Scotland 0

VIBORG – Abby Hora's 10 kills, three blocks and 10 digs guided Viborg-Hurley past Scotland 25-18, 27-25, 25-21 on Thursday night in Viborg.

Duana Lee added five kills and five digs for Viborg-Hurley (5-1), while Shelby Simonsen had 24 set assists and Ally Osterloo posted three ace serves.

In the loss for Scotland (0-2), Elyssa Walloch had seven kills and seven digs, while Taylor Gall and Kayla Rokusek both added six kills. Shannon Fanning led the defense with 24 digs.

Scotland hosts a triangular with

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