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#### **Bucks Face Washington In Presidents Bowl YHS GAMEDAY**

#### Yankton (2-0) at Washington (1-1)

3:30 p.m., Howard Wood Field

LAST MEETING: Washington scored its seventh consecutive victory over Yankton with a 52-8 decision in the 2012 season Washington went on to win the title that season.

LAST WEEK: Rayden Terca rushed for two touchdowns and connected with Blake Savey on a 61-yard strike as Yankton held off Mitchell 21-14.

NEXT UP: Yankton returns home to celebrate Pioneer Day against Aberdeen Central Washington hosts in-town rival O'Gorman, the team's fourth straight game at Howard Wood

FOLLOW THE GAME: Jeremy Hoeck (@jhoeck) and James D. Cimburek (@jcimburek) will follow the Bucks all season. Follow them on Twitter to keep up with the action.

**BY JEREMY HOECK** jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

#### So far. the Yankton football team has passed both of its tests. The first was a five-overtime thriller and the second was a one-score win. Now comes a significantly

stiffer test.

The Bucks will step up into the Class 11AAA ranks to play Sioux Falls Washington today (Saturday) at 3:30 p.m. as part of the Presidents Bowl at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls.

Circumstances aside from joining the typically all-Sioux Falls event, Yankton (2-0) realizes exactly what this game means: It's a barometer.

"We'll find out where we're at," head coach Arlin Likness said this week during a media luncheon in Sioux Falls.

"This is a great measuring stick for us, playing a good team like Washington.

And it's a game that won't hurt Yankton's 11AA prospects, but one that if goes well for the Bucks, could propel them forward.

"It's a great test, as far as a confidence-booster and so forth," Likness said. "Hopefully we come out and get some things done." And when the Bucks have

the ball, at least, they'll look for more big plays.

Quarterback Reid Sawatzke suffered a season-ending knee injury in last week's win over Mitchell, which means senior Rayden Terca will again lead the offense. He came in early a week ago and had a hand in all three Bucks touchdowns - two on the ground and one through

the air.

Terca, and whoever else carries the ball for Yankton (Tanner Frick and Brendon Caskey have also ran for scores this season), will have to adjust to a significantly faster defense this week.

"We have to take that challenge and run pretty much north and south against them," Likness said of Washington. "If we run sideways, they'll catch us before we get too far.

"We'll need a complete team effort to beat them." Although the Warriors (1-1) realize they face a challenge themselves with Yankton, they're more con-

cerned about getting better,

according to head coach

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Chad Stadem. Washington Yankton quarterback Rayden Terca finds some running room during the Bucks' victory over Mitchell on Sept. 4.

# **Knights Win Yankton Invite**

Golf: Bucks Place Sixth In 14-Team Event **BY JEREMY HOECK** jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

The Yankton boys' golf team was hoping for two specific goals at its home tournament: To be in the top half of the 14-team field and to card a score of 340 or better.

Check and check. The Bucks recorded a 337 to finish sixth at Friday's Yankton Invitational at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. It was a score that they view as a possible spring-board for the last half of the season.

'There's still lots of room for improvement," head coach Brett Sime said. "The kids felt pretty good about how they performed, but they were still a little disappointed.

"And that's a good thing." Sioux Falls O'Gorman – with five of six golfers in the 70s - won the team title with a 302, followed in the top five by Sioux Falls Lincoln (315), Watertown (320), Sioux Falls

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Yankton's Mason Sundleaf watches his tee shot on Hole No. 9 during his round in the Yankton Invitational boys' golf tournament on Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

## SDSU Set For Final Home Opener At Coughlin-Alumni

fast at home, and with a good truccrowd we should dominate (Southern Utah).' Butler recorded six esting tackles against KU and the vline of defense played well early on against the up-tempo Kansas offense. This week, SDSU will be hunting for a complete in mogame against the Thundertion a fourbirds. "It was a great first half (against Kansas), but our defense was spent after the first half," said SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier. "It's not conditioning, cause our guys work tremendously hard. It's all about your performance at this level. Not winning or losing, it's about your performance and how you

#### Calif. Trip A **Return Home** For USD's Shufford, Lilly **BY JEREMY HOECK** jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

VERMILLION – When Eric Shufford and Mike Lilly left their home state. they knew there was a pretty good chance mom and dad and other family members would never to get see them play.

It was part of the sacrifice of leaving a junior college for the Division I waters at the University of South Dakota.

"I've grown up and matured enough to know that my family won't be able to come to every game, even if I play professionally," said Shufford, a native of Rialto, California who came to Vermillion a year ago after playing at San Bernardino Valley College.

"The games they do get to come to, I just have to enjoy." Both Shufford – a wide

receiver - and Lilly - a cornerback - will finally get that opportunity to play a D-I football game in front of family, as the Coyotes play at UC Davis tonight (Saturday) at 8 p.m. Central.

It is not, however, as if Shufford and Lilly are flying back to their home towns and playing just down the road (Davis is about 5-6 hours away for each of them), but when it means their families can easily make the drive. they'll take it.

"It'll be fun to play in your home state," said Lilly, a native of Santa Ana who previously played at Santa Ana Community College. "It's not really that close for me. but it's close enough." Shufford's mother, father and grandfather were able to make the trip to Montana when the Coyotes played out there last season, but he'll have a larger contingent of family at tonight's game. The same is true for Lilly, who estimated he will have 10 family members in the stands. Two of their teammates will also be returning to their home state: Mason Ruiz (Tulare) and Kyle Staples (Fresno).

#### BROOKINGS - South Dakota State's Jackrabbits will take a page out of the Beatles' playbook in their home opener on Saturday, saying goodbye to an old stadium and hello to a new one.

This year marks the 54th and final season for Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. It's being replaced by the \$65 million Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium, and fans will get a look at the completed first phase of that project Saturday. Gleaming new grandstands will greet them on the east and south sides. Throw in the largest scoreboard in FCS football and it should make for a memorable day in Brookings.

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game home stretch for SDSU and the opportunity for the Jacks to start the season on a prolonged hot streak. Senior defensive back Je Ryan Butler thinks the team played well at Kansas last week, where they defeated the FCS-member Jayhawks 41-38, but there is always room to improve.

"(I'm) looking forward to starting off our home stretch 576 yards against Kansas. Most of those yards came in the second half after some mid-game adjustments by KU to try to dissect SDSU with short, quick passes.

(Kansas) was probably the fastest offense in terms of speed since I've played here,' the Jacks senior linebacker T.J. Lally said. "After the second touchdown, we had to wake up; we could lose this game if we keep playing like this... I was really proud of the way the defense responded.

The Jacks defenders will face a Southern Utah team that managed only 163 yards in a 12-9 loss against Utah State last Thursday. They

The Thunderbirds' strength is their defense, which allowed only 250 total yards against Utah State. James Cowser, a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award in 2014 when he registered 29 tackles for loss, including 11.5 sacks, anchors their defensive line. Last week Cowser chalked up seven tackles.

Thunderbirds coach Ed Lamb said he knows his team will have to play better than last week if they want to win on the road.

"If we can go on the road in that environment and compete well and earn a victory, then that's a tremendous step

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## **Cedar Catholic Clips Ponca 19-14**

## Football: GV **Pulls Past** Pirates 35-0

HARTINGTON, Neb. – Grant Leise ran for 170 yards as Hartington Cedar Catholic defeated Ponca 19-14 on Friday night in Hartington. Cedar

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Keiser

passed for 32 yards

and a touch-

down, with that scoring

quarterback Tanner

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pass going to Easton Joachimsen for six yards. Jackson Eickhoff added a rushing touchdown and Sean Kathol ran a kickoff back 90 yards for a score.

Cedar Catholic, now 2-1, visits Homer next week, while Ponca, now 0-3, hosts Battle Creek. .....14 0 0 0 – 14 .....12 7 0 0 – 19 CEDAR CATHOLIC (2-1).....

### Gayville-Volin 35,

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AVON – Gayville-Volin's Grant Rice threw for four touchdowns to help lead the Raiders to a 35-0 victory over



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D Gayville-Volin's Colbey Rickford leaps for a touchdown catch during the Raiders' football game at Avon on Friday.

Avon on Friday night. Colbev Rickford caught

three of Rice's four touchdown passes, while compiling 65

vards. Zach Anderson led the Raiders ground attack with 81

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