

Bucks Secondary To Be Tested In Pioneer Day Game

Aberdeen Central Comes To Yankton Tonight

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With one challenge comes another for the Yankton High School football

Last week, it was the aerial assault of Sioux Falls Washington, which produced 201 yards and four touchdowns. This week, it's Aberdeen Central and its own explosive passing

Is that good news for the Bucks? As far as facing another defensive test, yes, said head coach Arlin Likness, whose team hosts the Golden Eagles tonight (Friday) for a homecoming game at 7 p.m. at Crane-Youngworth Field.

"I think we need one, yes," Likness said. "We need to take care of that if we're going to go anywhere in the playoffs.

The more teams watch our tape,

the more they'll want to throw on us, I think.'

And what the Bucks have seen on film is an Aberdeen Central offense

that likes to throw. The Class 11AAA Golden Eagles (2-1) have done most of their damage this season through the air thanks to a senior quarterback – Gabe Swanson

- and a stable of targets. Swanson has completed 49-of-104 passes for 805 yards with seven touchdowns (two interceptions), but is coming off games of 401 yards and 316 yards the last two weeks – both

His top target has been senior Layne Tieszen (22 catches, 313 yards, 4 TD), but Swanson also has senior Thomas Krueger (8-113), senior Dylan Vincent (5-104) and junior Cannon Hannigan (5-89, 1 TD).

While the Golden Eagles will run, they haven't been nearly as effective

1.8 yards per carry. Put another way: The Bucks are keying on having to stop the pass.

Their receivers are very good, and their quarterback is a great manager of the game," Likness said. "He makes good reads, he runs when he needs to, and he's really steady.

"We need to disrupt that a little

As he evaluated his defense this week, Likness pointed to one play in particular from the Washington game where Yankton was simply out of position for a long completion. The Warriors' receivers were, though, able to out-jump the Bucks to many deep balls.

"We've got to adjust to that somehow," Likness said.

Forcing the Golden Eagles into third-and-long would certainly help,

'We've got to be ready to shut that down and become the aggressor,"

defense when you've got second and short, so we've got to make sure we don't give them big plays on first

Even if the Bucks tighten up on defense, they'll still need their offense to pick up the pace.

Yankton was able to rush for 159 yards last week, but 115 of those yards came from senior Sheldon Gant. And any progression from senior quarterback Rayden Terca could loom large for the Bucks, Likness said.

'He had a real good game in the wildcat (formation) against Mitchell, but has to see things slower," Likness said. "I think he was reacting too quickly to things he saw, and not letting it develop.

Yankton has also seen junior quarterback Nate Stephenson improve this season, Likness added. Stephenson rushed for 151 yards and passed

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YHS GAMEDAY

Aberdeen Cent. (2-1) at Yankton (2-1)

7 p.m., Crane-Youngworth Field

LAST MEETING: Aberdeen Central took a halftime lead over Yankton on Pioneer Day before lightning postponed the second half over two weeks. When the game resumed two weeks later in Aberdeen, Yankton took control for a 31-20 victory.

LAST WEEK: Yankton suffered its first setback since 2013, a 43-19 decision at the hands of Sioux Falls Washington. Aberdeen Central edged Rapid

NEXT UP: Yankton faces another tough ESD test at Pierre. Aberdeen Central heads to Sioux Falls to battle Lincoln.

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.

Gazelles Bucks Third In Home Finale

Topple Tanagers

Yankton Gazelles scored an 8-1 victory over Vermillion in girls' tennis action on Thursday.

Yankton's Anne Knoff scored a 6-0, 6-0 victory in singles play, then teamed with Brenna Becker for a 6-2, 6-1 victory. Mimi Garcia and Josie Krajewski each won in singles, then teamed for a 6-0, 6-2 decision in doubles. Adrienne Kusek and Olivia Tennant each won in singles, then teamed for a 6-1, 6-2 decision in doubles.

Vermillion's lone point came at flight three singles, where Alex Rosdail scored a 6-3, 6-3 decision.

Yankton also went 5-1 in

Yankton travels to Mitchell for a triangular against the Kernels and Spearfish on Saturday. Vermillion also travels to Mitchell next, a dual on

Sept. 28. SINGLES: Anne Knoff Y def. Libby Sykes 6-0, 6-0; Mimi Garcia Y def. Brandi Styles 6-3, 6-1; Alex Rosdail V def. Brenna Becker 6-3, 6-3; Josie Krajewski Y def. Shinavne Whipple 6-1, 6-0; Adrienne Kusek Y de Jane Ni Struckman-Johnson 6-1, 6-3; Olivia Tennant

7 def. Katrina Heles 6-0, 6-0

DOUBLES: Knoff-Becker Y def. Sykes-Rosdail
6-2, 6-1; Garcia-Krajewski Y def. Styles-Whipple 6-0,
6-2; Tennant-Kusek Y def. StruckmanJohnson-Heles JV: Peyton Tramp Y def. Lauren Mandernauch 2 matches-0; Chloe Becker Y def. Emma Dulhoff 2 matches-0; Rebecca Tellus Y vs. Ashlynn Bickett V,

JEREMY HOECK/P&D Yankton's Chris Eilers tries to coax his putt on the No. 1 green during Thursday's boys' golf triangular with Sioux Falls

claimed team honors over Washington and Yankton in a boys' golf triangular at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course on Thursday. The event was Yankton's final home meet of the 2015 season.

Lincoln shot 313, eight strokes better than Washington. Yankton finished at 338.

Washington's Will Grevlos earned medalist honors with a 75, two strokes better than Lincoln's Ben Clark.

Yankton was led by Mason Sundleaf's 79. Jimmie Cunningham and Dalton Maibaum each shot 86, and Chris Eilers shot 87 for the Bucks.

Lincoln also took JV honors, 335 to 361 over Washington. Yankton finished at 375.

Lincoln's Bronson Vasa had low JV score with a 79. For Yankton, Michael Frick shot 89 and A.J. Fernandez shot 90 to lead the way. Mat Jensen carded a 91, Owen Feser shot 105, Austin Frick shot 106 and Chase Erickson shot 107 in the event.

Yankton heads to Mitchell for the Kernels' annual invitational today (Friday).
VARSITY: Lincoln 313, Washingto

INDIVIDUAL: Will Grevlos W 75, Ben Clarke L 77, Hank Eggebraaten W 78, Tyler Westra L 78, Mason Sundleaf Y 79, Luke Rezac L 79, George Mickelson L 79, Hunter Kearney W 83, Nathan Woodall W 85, ie Cunningham Y 86, Dalton Maibaum Y 86, Chris

Eilers Y 87

JV: Lincoln 335, Washington 361, Yankton 375

INDIVIDUAL: Bronson Vasa L 79, Ryan Neff L 85,
Adam Schrader L 85, Sam Torbert W 86, Max Honner L 86. Michael Frick Y 89. AJ Fernandez Y 90. Devin

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Beresford Girls Win Charger Inv.

SIOUX FALLS - The Beresford girls and West Central boys claimed top honors in the Charger Invitational cross country meet, held on Thursday at Yankton Trails Park.

Beresford sophomore Cait Savey won the girls' 5,000-meter race in 19:57.15 to help the Watchdogs to the team title, 20-37 over host Sioux Falls Christian. Canton was third at 61 points.

Tri-Valley's Riley Hallman (20:14.52) placed second, followed by Vermillion's Maddie Lavin (20:24.20) and Beresford's Ashlynn Atwood (20:26.34).

The West Central boys put three runners in the top seven to hold off the host squad 25-29. Madison was a distant third with 69 points.

West Central's Derick Peters finished the 5,000-meter course in 16:23.52, 29 seconds faster than Flandreau Indian's Ethan Young Bird (16:52.07). Madison's Hunter

Streff was third in 16:56.03.
GIRLS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Beresford 20, Sioux Falls
Christian 37, Canton 61, Madison 64, Dell Rapids
88, Vermillion 90, Western Christian 100

TOP 20: 1, Cait Savey, Beresford 19:57.15; 2,

Riley Hallman, Tri-Valley 20:14.52; 3, Maddie Lavin, Vermillion 20:24.20; 4, Ashlynn Atwood, Beresford 20:26.34; 5, Halie McMains, Canton 20:31.93; 6, Micah Van Kalsbeek, S.F. Christian 20:39.73; 7, Caitlin Worth, Beresford 20:41.74; 8, Mia Schnabel, S.F. Christian 21:28.98; 9, Hailey Streff, Madison 21:35.88; 10, Jaden Wersal, Canton 21:51.27; 11, Grace Quartier, Beresford 21:56.29; 12, Madi Thurston, S.F. Christian 22:14.04; 13, Katie Knutson, Beresford 22:15.98; 14, Sabrina Swee, Beresford 22:17.36; 15, Lindsey Groen, S.F. Christian 22:19.98; 16, Kendra Schaap, Beresford 22:20.46; 17, Shaylee Hoff, Dell Rapids 22:21.15; 18, Kaity Klosterman, Madison 22:26.80; 19, Aspen Hansen, Dell Rapids 22:32.66; 20, Amanda Rowland, Madi-

BOYS' DIVISION TEAM SCORES: West Central 25, Sioux Falls

Christian 29, Madison 69, Beresford 79, Western Christian 88, Flandreau Indian 91, Dell Rapids 133, Vermillion 136, Canton 163

TOP 20: 1, Derick Peters, West Central 16:23.52; 2, Ethan Young Bird, Flandreau Indian 16:52.07; 3, Hunter Streff, Madison 16:56.03; 4, Caleb DeWeerd, S.F. Christian 16:56.49; 5, Ryan Titus, West Central 17:10.59; 6, Lance Van Zee, S.F. Christian 17:11.26; 7, Braden Peters, West Central 17:14.86; 8, Tristan Hulstein, Western Christian 17:16.00; 9, Connor Watley, S.F. Christian 17:24.95; 10, Cooper Hit, S.F. Christian 17:28.99; 11, Alec Atwood, Beresford 17:45.57; 12, Gabe Smith, West Central 17:46.34; 13, Connor Vander Haar, S.F. Christian 17:56.81; 14, Noah Abraham, S.F. Christian 17:59.23; 15, Tim Peterson, Beresford 18:03.08; 16, Ethan Hatch, Madison 18:10.01; 17, Taylor Otheim, West Central 18:11.77; 18, Benjamin Miles, West Central 18:18.28; 19, Cody Szarmach, Canton 18:19.18; 20, Justin Sorensen, Vermillion 18:21.29

Crofton Outlasts Pierce For 3-2 Win BY JEREMY HOECK jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

CROFTON, Neb. — Susie Johnson compares the early part of her team's volleyball season to putting together a puzzle.

Or perhaps a Rubik's cube, the Crofton volleyball coach joked.

'We've got new people finding new places," Johnson said. "We just have to find the perfect spot for everybody to play.

What she saw Thursday night may prove to be a critical moment in the season for the Lady Warriors, last year's Class C2 state runner-

Crofton, the defending Class C2 state runner-up, rallied to beat Pierce in a five-set, Mid-State Conference thriller at Crofton High

School. The Lady Warriors won by set scores of 25-23, 21-25, 18-25, 25-22, 15-13.

Lincoln and Sioux Falls Washington at Fox Run Golf Course.

In a position where they absolutely needed a rally, the Lady War-riors did exactly that in the fourth set. Crofton built a mid-set lead and captured a 25-22 victory, and then won an

exciting fifth set 15-13. For those on the court, it was eerily similar to a match earlier

this season. We learned from that first game against (Hartington) Cedar Catholic," Johnson said. "We went into the exact same situation and

came up short. "We decided that it wasn't going to happen again.'

In other way, Crofton certainly mind seeing a familiar sight. Having moved on

from a senior class that helped the Lady Warriors win state titles during the 2014-15 school year in cross country, basketball and track, Crofton may have enough leadership left

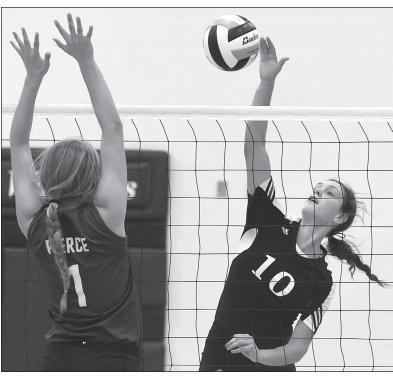
over to put together

another solid season. The volleyball team — now 6-3 this season — boasts seven seniors, many of whom saw action last season when Crofton reached the state championship

It's been the junior tandem of Monica Arens and Kelsey Sanger who have done the most damage at the net this season, while senior Katie Petersen gives Crofton another long player in front.

Junior Madison Johnson and senior Brittany Guenther have

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Crofton's Kelsey Sanger, 10, goes up for a kill over Pierce's Ellexis Dunn during their match Thursday night in Crofton, Neb.

Volleyball: Parkston Outlasts Lennox 3-2

PARKSTON - The Parkston Dakota Valley 3, Trojans narrowly defeated the Lennox Orioles 19-25, 25-22, 17-25, 25-18, 15-11 on

Tuesday night in Parkston. The Trojans were led by Halli Heisinger, who totaled 20 kills and 18 digs in the victory. Nicky Weber recorded 15 digs and seven kills, while Sydney Weber had 24 assists

and 19 digs. For the Orioles, Courtney Weeldryer had eight kills and three ace serves. Callie Luke also finished the match with eight kills and three aces, and Taylor Weeldryer had 21 digs.

Next action for Parkston will be this Saturday in the Cavalier Clash. Lennox will play host to West Central next Thursday. LENNOX (3-6) PARKSTON (3-6)

Canton 0

CANTON – The Dakota Valley Panthers downed the Canton C-Hawks 25-11, 25-5, and 25-7 on Tuesday night in Canton.

Elizabeth Lammers posted seven kills in the Panthers victory. Hanna Cummings added 25 assists and five ace kills for Dakota Valley.

For Canton, Mary Kate Beachler finished the match with a team-high four kills. Rachel Ball had 26 digs for the C-Hawks.

Dakota Valley will play in the Cavalier Clash in Tyndall on Saturday. Canton will take on West Central in Hartford next Tuesday.
DAKOTA VALLEY (12-1)
CANTON (0-7).....

Parker 3,

Alcester-Hudson 0 PARKER - The Parker Pheasants ousted Alcester-

Hudson 25-18, 25-19, 25-6 on

Tuesday in Parker. Two Pheasants recorded double-digit kills in the threeset victory. Rylie Christensen had 12 kills, while Contessa Harold finished with 11 kills. Makenzie Dean added 36

assists and nine digs, and

Gabby Herlyn had seven kills in the victory. For the Alcester-Hudson Cubs, Kassidy Walth finished with seven kills and 14 digs. Cassie Schiefer finished the

match with 11 assists. Next action for both teams will be this Saturday in the Cavalier Clash in Tyndall. ALSCESTER-HUDSON (1-4) ..

Elgin/Pope John 3, Creighton 0

ELGIN,Neb – The Elgin/ Pope John Wolfpack defeated the Creighton Bulldogs 25-16, 25-19, 25-11 on Tuesday night in Elgin, Nebraska.

Liz Seltig led the way for the Wolfpack, totaling a game-high 16 kills. Jenna Parks added eight kills, while Terri Seier had nine kills.

For the Bulldogs, Jeanette Krueger finished the match with eight kills. Both, Sydney Walton and Bailey Zimmerer had two ace serves for

Elgin/Pope John will host Riverside next Thursday, while Creighton will play in the Creighton Round Robin this Saturday. CREIGHTON (2-4) ELGIN/POPE JOHN (7-2).....

Hanson 3, Avon 0 ALEXANDRIA – Kynedi

Cheeseman recorded 23 kills to help lead the Hanson Beavers to a 25-16, 25-12, 25-22 victory over the Avon Pirates on Tuesday night in Hanson.

Cheeseman also had 14 digs in the victory. Ashley Moe finished with 11 kills for the Beavers, while Hannah Marquardt totaled 22 digs.

Avon was led by Cheylee Nagel, who totaled nine kills and eight blocks. Karissa Markel had 12 digs for the Pirates.

Hanson won the JV game 25-17, 25-21, and they also defeated Avon in the 'C' game 25-6,25-14.

Hanson will be playing in the Bridgewater-Emery Tournament this Saturday, while Avon will be participating in

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