

Gazelles Split At Garretson

GARRETSON – The Yankton Gazelles dropped a 9-1 decision to Watertown and beat Garretson 15-8 in girls' softball action on Sunday in Garretson.

Yankton hosts Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Monday. Start time for the twinbill is set for 6 p.m. at Sertoma Park.

WATERTOWN 9, YANKTON 1: Watertown's Eldna Hoffman went 3-3 with a double, a triple and three RBI to lead the Arrows past Yankton 9-1.

Mirya Waldner went 2-2 with a home run and a triple, and Kylie Fritz went 2-3 for Watertown. Bailey Nirmann added a double in the victory.

Bailey Kortan doubled and singled, and Bridget Nolz had two hits for Yankton. Bailey Sejnoha also had a hit. Renee Bragg picked up the win, striking out 10. Sejnoha took the loss.

YANKTON 15, GARRETSON 8: Eight different Yankton players had at

least one hit as Yankton rolled past Garretson 15-8.

Bailey Kortan doubled and singled, and Bailey Sejnoha and Bridget Nolz had two hits each to lead Yankton. Lily Ryken doubled, and Bailey Peterka, Alix Peterka, Taylor Bauder and Dani Dvorak each had a hit in the victory.

Kyley Greenhoff doubled and singled, and Morgan Gloe homered for Garretson.

Lexie McCorkell picked up the win, striking out three in four innings. Michelle Fritz took the loss.

Middle School

GARRETSON 9, YANKTON 8: Lainie Keller had two doubles and two run scored, and Lucky Mason doubled for Yankton. Annika Gordon had two runs. Britta Pietila, Emma Sedlacek, Camryn Zoeller and Paige Hatch each scored a run in the effort.

LENNOX 11, YANKTON 9: Annika Gordon and Paige Hatch each had a hit and a run scored, and Lucky Mason had a hit for Yankton. Lainie Keller, Britta Pietila and Emma Sedlacek each scored twice. Addie Binder added a run scored for the Gazelles.

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block ended the set giving the Golden Eagles a 2-0 lead.

"The thing that keyed and sparked that thing was we got a key block," Northrup said. "We just loosened up and relaxed and played."

Aberdeen Central quickly went down 7-4 in the third set, but a pair of runs fueled the Golden Eagles to a 20-11 lead and they didn't look back. Gardner added four more kills in the final set as Aberdeen Central completed the sweep with a 25-15 win.

"We were playing well, I thought we played well sets one and two," Yankton coach Tiffany Beste said. "If we would have continued to do what we had been doing up until that point we would have won."

"It seems like we have been in those situations and we get timid, we don't want to make mistakes and let them win, but instead we let them win because we are scared and we are timid."

Northrup thought the Golden Eagles played better as in all aspects of the game, compared to the Friday loss.

"We all played together as a team," Northrup said. "We cleaned up our errors, [Friday] we had 30 hitting errors, so we were a lot better in that area, serve receive was better, and it's just the whole process."

For Aberdeen Central Gardner led the team with 12 kills, while Kusler was second with nine. Mia Bergen had a game-high 24 assists for the Golden Eagles. Aberdeen Central's leaders in digs were Haylee Mork with 19 and Kusler with 13.

Becky Frick led all players in kills with 13 and led Yankton with 14 digs and three blocks. Ellie Fedders finished with a team-high 11 assists to go



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Lindsey Hale passes the ball during the Gazelles' Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match with Aberdeen Central on Saturday at the Summit Center.

along with 13 digs.

Aberdeen Central will travel to play Brookings on Tuesday, while Yankton will remain home to take on Mitchell Thursday.

Aberdeen Central won the JV match 8-25, 25-20, 25-19. For Yankton, Kate Budig and Maddy Hochstein had five kills each. Cameron Specht had a team-high 11 assists, while Holly Mines was the leader in digs with 18.

Aberdeen Central won the sophomore match 24-26, 25-17, 25-13. For Yankton, Holly Mines had 16 digs and Anna Savey had eight assists.

Aberdeen Central won the freshman-A match 25-11, 25-17. Ashley Muller and Sydney Sedlacek each had six digs.

Aberdeen Central won the freshman-B match 25-18, 25-19. For Yankton, Noel Kusek had 12 digs and 11 assists.

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Football: Bears Earn First Win

LAUREL,Neb – Laurel-Concord-Coleridge won their first game of the season on Friday night, as they defeated Homer 22-12 in Laurel.

Dillan Wolfram totaled 149 yards passing and accounted for two of the Bears touchdowns. Garret Taylor ran for 28 yards and had a touchdown in the victory.

For Homer, junior Michael Johnson led the rushing attack with 72 yards and a rushing touchdown. Quarterback Jordan Sanford had the other rushing touchdown for Homer.

LCC will travel to Ponca next Friday, and Homerwill host Wisner-Pilger on Friday.
HOMER (1-4).....6 0 0 12
LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (1-4).....8 0 0 22

Bon Homme 40, Menno-Marion 20

MARION – Bon Homme outscored Menno-Marion 28-6 in the second half to rally to a 40-20 victory over the Razorbacks in nine-man football action on Friday.

Bryce Scieszinski threw for 182 yards and two scores, and rushed for 48 yards and a score to lead a balanced Bon Homme offense. Chase Kortan rushed for 62 yards and a score, caught three passes for 81 yards and two scores, and threw for 46 yards and a score. Alex Caba rushed for 66 yards and a score, and caught three passes for 81 yards and a score in the victory.

For Menno-Marion, Jackson Diede rushed for 105 yards and passed for 115 yards and two scores to lead the offense. Tyus Ryherd caught a 72-yard touchdown pass. Spencer Schultz rushed for a score and caught a touchdown pass for the Razorbacks.

Defensively, Sam Caba had 12 tackles (7 solo) and Kade Hellmann had 10 tackles (7 solo) to lead Bon Homme. Diede made 13 stops (9 solo), and Jacob Vath and Andrew Schaeffer each had 12 stops (7 solo) for Menno-Marion.

Bon Homme, 3-1, hosts Colman-Egan next. Menno-Marion travels to Hanson next.
BON HOMME (3-1).....0 12 14 14 – 40
MENNO-MARION (0-3).....8 6 0 6 – 20

Coyotes

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The Coyotes eventually lost to South Dakota State in the semifinals.

"I think that shows how good of a coach he is," Simpson said.

As for how good of a player he is, Simpson referred to himself as a "true point guard."

"I can score if I need to, and I'm a good passer with good vision," he said. "And I can only get better."

How can the USD staff help him get better?

During his visit to Vermillion, Simpson watched USD assistant coach Austin Hansen working with the Coyote guards, and to Simpson, some of those techniques reminded him of what he has been doing with a personal trainer back home.

"I saw some of the same things," Simpson said.

As for making his college decision, yes, it was certainly a relief, Simpson joked.

"It was a long process, and I'm relieved to have it over," he said. "But I know I picked the right school."

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Archery

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"I think everyone likes that kind of a challenge."

Shelbi Lindner would fall under that category. The 14-year-old from Gayville embraced the challenge.

Lindner has been shooting for 3-4 years, but this year marks her first shooting competitively – her first event was the First Dakota Classic (indoors) this spring.

"When I shoot, it's usually inside," Lindner said after her round Sunday. "But it's been fun."

For youth shooters like Lindner, an outdoor tournament like the Target Championships – or even this summer's World Archery Youth Championships – provides them with just the kind of experience they say they need to further their archery careers.

"Inside, it's controlled, but out here it's totally different," said 15-year-old Yankton shooter Danielle Herrlein. "Even holding the sight still in the wind is hard sometimes."

Herrlein, like Johnson and Lindner, is no stranger to outdoor tournaments, but added that she enjoys the challenges they present.

"I like the idea that it's outside," Herrlein said. "It's a test of virtually everything."

Archers over the weekend shot at three different distances – cubs 30-20-10 yards, youth 50-40-30 and adult 60-50-40 – each day with two different sized targets. Wind, particularly on Sunday, was also something archers had to battle.

And for those younger shooters, there was also the understandably pressure of shooting in the same line as some of the top professionals in the country.

For Gabby Keiser, a 15-year-old from Yankton, that didn't necessarily lead to pressure as much as did an opportunity to gauge her own performance.

"You get to see how they shoot and then see your potential," Keiser said.

That opportunity is one of the many benefits to archery, according to Herrlein,



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Emily Ricke takes aim during Sunday afternoon's round at the NFAA National Outdoor Target Championships at Yankton's Easton Field.

who said the sport has "changed my life forever."

"We're really trying to get the vibe of archery out to more people," she said. "Parents are trying to push their kids into doing something, and this is a great thing to do."

Even for being relatively new to the sport (four years), Herrlein said she has now seen the younger ranks pick up a bow. She proudly shared the story of teaching a 6-year-old girl how to shoot a bow at the Ted Nugent kids camp last weekend.

"That was so much fun," said Herrlein, who added that she sees herself as a coach one day. "I would love to do that more; to help more kids like that."

It's part of the cycle: Archers receive instruction at an early age and eventually become the ones teaching someone else. That's part of the allure of the sport, according to Johnson, that archery requires self-discipline.

"It's a lot of activity and focus," Johnson said. "You have to be really dedicated to it if you want to keep moving forward. "It takes a lot of practice and a lot of time."

And much like golf, archery is a sport where the athlete is personally responsible for their progression.

"I like it because you don't have to depend on anyone else," Lindner said. "Every other sport, you're on a team. But here, it's all on you to get better."

According to the NFAA calendar, the Outdoor Target Championships will return to Yankton for a third year next September, which was welcome news to Keiser.

Are such target tournaments here to stay?

"I think so, yeah," Keiser said. "Hopefully in Yankton, too."

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On TUESDAY, September 29

Last November Yankton County elected new commissioners to lead us forward. After years of insufficient road funding and maintenance in Yankton County, they have acted to use a new tool recently provided by Governor Dugaard and the state legislature to meet severe shortfalls in road maintenance funding. Other SD counties and townships have taken similar action to help themselves. We should support our commission's sound efforts and responsible action.

- These are our roads that our children, grandchildren, and neighbors travel. We need to raise adequate funds to ensure they are safe. We need to act responsibly and maintain them rather than continue to defer maintenance.
- Maintenance and replacement costs increase every year. The problem isn't going away. The longer we wait to catch up on all the deferred maintenance, the more expensive it will be.
- Our state and federal governments provide funding to assist with road and bridge repair and replacement, on a matched funding basis. Having more of our own funds will help us maximize those additional funding sources.
- Our area's economy is dependent on the agricultural community. We need a good transportation infrastructure to support commerce into our communities. More commerce means more investment, development, real estate taxes and sales taxes. We need to grow our base of revenue sources to support all of our public assets and services.
- The commission is not using this new funding to build new roads. The funds will be used simply to maintain and repair the roads and bridges we already have.

Our commissioners have studied our needs and our funding problem and taken action to solve it. They created a 20-page handout detailing the situation and provided it at the public hearing prior to taking this action. In the past month, they have attended a community forum and hosted six "town halls" around the county to provide information, answer questions, and obtain feedback from those they represent. They realize nobody wants higher taxes, but they have acted as leaders and made a tough decision to act responsibly and move Yankton County forward.

The easy thing to do is to ignore this issue and not bother to vote. But without your vote on September 29th, this problem will only worsen, as the solution our commission has provided will fail. We need to invest in Yankton County's future and take care of our roads and bridges. Please do your part to help!

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