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Mount Marty's Bailey Kuchta attacks the ball during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball match with Hastings on Sunday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

No. 21 Broncos **Edge Lancers**

BY BEN HEGGE sports@yankton.net

With six of the 12 teams in the Great Plains Athletic Conference nationally ranked, half of Mount Marty's games are against the top 25 teams in the nation. Sunday's match was one of those instances.

The 21st ranked Hastings Broncos (12-6, 2-2 GPAC) defeated the Lancers (5-9, 2-4 GPAC) 25-22, 25-13, 25-22 on Sunday afternoon at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

At times we showed life, and at times we were not mentally focused," said Lancer head coach Frank Hebenstreit. "Against a team of Hastings caliber we need to be at our best all the time.

The Broncos opened up the match with a nar-row 25-22 victory. They followed with a dominating performance, taking the second set by a score

of 25-13. "Hasting is a really good team," said Bailey Kuchta, a senior from Wynot, Nebraska. "They do a nice job of blocking, which makes attacking more difficult.

Hastings found themselves with an early 11-1 lead in the third set. But after a Lancer timeout, Mount Marty went on a 15-4 run to take a one point lead.

"We showed a lot of life at certain points in the match," Kuchta said. "We tried to take advantage of the momentum we created."

Hastings powered through to win the third and final set by a score of 25-22.

Kuchta led the Lancer attack with eight kills, while Sierra Kolth finished the match with seven kills

"Right now, we are in the process of changing our culture," Hebenstreit said. "I can see it in our girls, and we are slowly progressing toward where we want to be.

The Broncos were led by Sage Meyer, who totaled a game-high 11 kills. Logan Drueppel had nine kills, and Katie Placke totaled 20 assists.

The Lancers will be in action next on Wednesday, as they travel to Mitchell to take on rival

Dakota Wesleyan (9-8, 1-4 GPAC) On Saturday, the Lancers picked up their

second conference win of the season with a 25-21 25-19, 29-27 over College of Saint Mary.

Allison Cross helped lead Mount Marty, totaling 15 kills while attacking at a percentage of .519. "It was great to get a conference win on our

Kuchta said, "We were all communiome floor

Golden Eagles Hold Off Yankton 3-0

BY MICHAEL HAMMOND sports@yankton.net

The Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles defeated the Yankton Gazelles 25-20, 26-24, 25-15 in Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball action at Yankton's Summit Center on Saturday.

Aberdeen Central bounced back from its first loss of the season, against Brandon Valley on Friday, and brought the Golden Eagles record to 9-1. Yankton fell to 2-8 on the season. 'It's pretty big getting win after

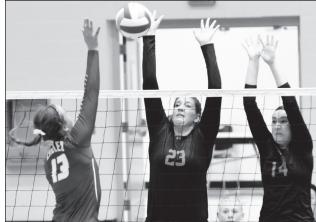
the loss," Aberdeen Central coach Dennis Northrup said. "The lucky thing about it is we got to play the next day, you don't have to dwell on it a lot.

The first set was played close the entire way until Aberdeen Central went on a small run scoring on four of five points to take a 24-19 lead.

Then Yankton coach Tiffany Beste called a timeout and the Gazelles were able to respond with a point. but Aberdeen's Brianna Kusler closed out the set with a kill on the next serve. Kusler finished the first set with four kills and one ace, only bested by Yankton's Becky Frick, who had four kills, an ace and one block in the set.

In the second set, Frick struck early, getting three kills and an ace within the Gazelles' first six points and giving them a 6-5 lead. Following a 9-9 tie, Yankton went on a 6-0 run, that included two kills from Frick and one from Sophie Drotzman. Aberdeen Central responded with a 5-0 run to tie the game at 22 thanks to a pair of Karli Ğardner kills. Points were traded back and forth until a Kusler kill and a Megan Kingsriter

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Yankton's Josie Sayler, center, and Hannah Bockholt go up for the block against Aberdeen Central's Brianna Kusler during their Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match on Saturday at the Summit Center.

Archery I NFAA Outdoor Target Championships Youth Embrace Challenges



JEREMY HOECK/P&D Hailey Johnson, center, of Yankton smiles as she totals up scores during Sunday afternoon's round at the NFAA National Outdoor Target Championships at Yankton's Easton Field.

Gazelles Split Triangular To Finish Regular Season

BROOKINGS – The Yankton Gazelles concluded the dual portion

of their girls' tennis season with a split in a triangular at Brookings on Saturday. In a 5-4 loss to

Milbank, the Gazelles got victories from Anne

ishes its regular season by hosting the Eastern South Dakota Confer-Knoff, Garcia, Josie Kraiewski and Brenna Becker. Knoff and Kouri,

JV: Maddie Binder Y def. Rhianna Can-tine 10-2; Halli Essington M def. Tramp 10-1; Binder-Tramp Y def. Cantine-Essington 10-8 YANKTON 7, BROOKINGS 2 ence Championships on SINGLES: Anne Knoff Y def. Emma Luc-chesi 10-3; Mimi Garcia Y def. Jane Ardry 10-6; Abby Enevoldsen B def. Sophie Kouri 10-5; Josie Krajewski Y def. Bridget Knudtson 10-Thursday. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. MILBANK 5, YANKTON 4 SINGLES: Anne Knoff Y def. Jodi DeKaal 10-0; Mimi Garcia Y def. Tatianaa Stemsrod 10-1; Paige Johnson M def. Sophie Kouri 10-2; Rebeka Tuchscherer M def. Josie Krajewski 1-3; Jamie DeKaal M def. Brenna 1. Brenna Becker Y def Dhnani Kharel 10-5.

Kia Witt B def. Olivia Tennant 10-8 DOUBLES: Knoff-Kouri Y def. Lucchesi-Ardry 10-7; Garcia-Krajewski Y def. Enevold-Krader 10-7; Garcia-Krajewski Y def. Enevold-Tenevo

Tennant 10-4

BY JEREMY HOECK

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At 12 years old, Hailey Johnson has already criss-crossed the country to shoot at various national archery tournaments.

And she can also provide a list of upcoming destinations: Kansas City, Iowa, Las Vegas and Kentucky.

Yet for the Yankton resident, there have already been a handful of times when she hasn't had to leave her home town to shoot at a prestigious tournament.

Johnson, who already boasts a world championship on her resume, was one of a handful of Yankton-area youth archers to compete at this weekend's second annual National Field Archery Association (NFAA) National Outdoor Target Championships at Easton Field.

She competed at last year's inaugural event, and in the 11 months since, Johnson has seen her career take off

"It helps me with focusing a lot more when you're next to top competition," Johnson said after her round Sunday evening.

With last year until now, I feel like I've learned so much."

While there were certainly a handful of professional and adult shooters at the weekend tournament, there were also nine cub, five young adult and seven youth divisions. In total, there were nearly 220 archers for this year's tournament - more than double that of last year, according to NFAA president Bruce Cull.

"It's a great change of pace for all the archers

Kouri teamed up for a doubles victory. In a 7-2 victory over Brookings, Yankton got singles victories from

cating well and playing together, which makes for a fun match.

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Knoff, Mimi Garcia and Olivia Tennant in singles play. Knoff and Sophie

enne Kusek all won in doubles play. Yankton (7-16) fin-

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Becker 10-3; Olivia Tennant Y def. Sarah Jarman 10-4 DOUBLES: Knoff-Kouri Y def. Jodi

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en-Knudtson 10-6: Adrienne Kusek "You're on a flat field and Y def. Marina Du-Witt 10-3 you're outside.

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Golf: Bucks Place Second At ESD USD Men Land PG From Lincoln North Star

BROOKINGS - The Yankton Bucks earned a runnerup finish in the Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' soccer tournament, shooting a 321 on Saturday at Brookings Country Club.

Pierre ran away with the team title with a 303. Aberdeen Central was third at 325.

Pierre's Austin Hoss beat teammate Andrew Van Gerpen in a one-hole playoff for medalist honors, each shooting a 72. Aberdeen

Central's Jonah Dohrer was third at 73.

Yankton had five golfers earn all-ESD honors with top-15 finishes, led by Mason Sundleaf, who tied for fourth with a 78. A.J. Fernandez tied for sixth, carding a 79. Jimmie Cunningham, Mat Jensen and Michael Frick were in a tie for 14th, each shooting 82.

Also for Yankton, Dalton Maibaum shot an 87. Yankton finishes the 2015 season at the South

Dakota State Class AA championships, Oct. 5-6 at Meadowbrook Golf Course

in Rapid City. TEAM SCORES: Pierre 303, Yankton 321, Aberdeen Central 325, Watertown 329, Brandon Valley 331, Mitchell 338, Huron 346, Brookings

349, Harrisburg 350 TOP 15: Austin Hoss, Pierre 72 (won in one-hole playoff): Andrew VanGerpen, Pierre 72; Jonah Dohrer, Aberdeen Central 73; Mason Sun-Jonan Donrer, Aberdeen Central 73, Mason Sun-deaf, Yankton 78, Sam Batta, Watertown 78, AJ Fernandez, Yankton 79; Cade Carpenter, Mitchell 79, Kade McTighe, Pierre 79; Coleman Varty, Pierre 80; Connor Preston, Aberdeen Central 80; Zane Swenson, Brandon Valley 80; Jackson Dziedzic, Brandon Valley 81; Nolan Wiegel, Hu-ron 81; Jayden Engels, Watertown 82; Jimmie Cunningham, Yankton 82; Mat Jensen, Yankton 82; Michael Frick, Yankton 82; Nick Mahowald, Watertown 82

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Midland Women Top MMC 3-0 **BY DYLAN HUGGINS**

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Mount Marty's Kristin Maguire heads the ball during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletics Conference matchup with Midland on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park

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The Mount Marty women's soccer team fought hard on Saturday, but came up short against Midland, 3-0 in Great Plains Athletic Conference action at the Lewis and Clark Soccer Field.

Mount Marty's Olivia Wright said that despite being down in the game her team fought until the end.

'We don't give up, but in the past years we have," she said. "We have a different mentality this year."

Wright said that the team struggled with its passing.

I thought we played a lot of kickball and we need to pass with feet," she said.

The Lancers were down 2-0 at halftime and gave up just one goal in the second half.

MMC head coach Peter Shepherd said that he was glad to see his team bounce back after allowing early goals.

"I was happy to see that they regrouped and got fired up and then we started playing the soccer that were capable of playing," he said. "We have to build on our attacks because we're a little too direct and impatient."

In goal for the Lancers, Courtney True had eight saves

In the win for Midland, Kaitlyn D'Arcangeli, Allison Buehring, and Rachel Smith each scored a goal. Mount Marty dropped to 1-5. MMC travels to Morningside on Tuesday.

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BY JEREMY HOECK jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

> The University of South Dakota men's basketball program won a major recruiting battle in landing the commitment of point guard Triston Simpson.

> Simpson, a 6-foot senior at Lincoln (Nebraska) North Star High School, announced Sunday evening that he has committed to USD - choosing the Coyotes over offers from three other Summit League schools.

I felt comfortable up there," Simpson said shortly after his announcement. "The coaches believe in me, and I believe in the coaches.

In the end, that was the overriding factor for the services of Simpson.

Really, the most important thing in recruiting was the coaching staff and the players," he said. "I really got to know the coaching staff, got to hang out with the guys, and I really liked the coaching staff.'

Jamie DeKaal-Jarman M def. Peyton Tramp

Simpson, who made an official visit to USD last weekend and was on-hand for the football game against Drake, averaged 17.9 points, 4.7 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game as a junior last season at North Star.

It was the production, combined later with his AAU play over the summer with the OSA Crusaders that made Simpson a popular target for D-I schools. Simpson said he had offers from South Dakota State, North Dakota State and Omaha within the Summit League.

More than USD's upcoming 6,000-seat basketball arena (which will open during his freshman season), Simpson said he was impressed by USD's Business school – he wants to pursue a business degree.

And yes, the arena was a factor.

"The new arena is going to be phenomenal," he said. "But really the people, everyone up there, are genuine. It's really a nice, small college town.'

But again, Simpson went back to the relationship he developed with Smith and the rest of the USD coaching staff.

"I think he's really going to turn this program around," Simp-son said of Smith. "The last few years haven't been the greatest; they haven't been to the NCAA Tournament, but I think he'll help get them there.'

Simpson pointed to last season – Smith's first at USD – as proof that the Coyotes might just be trending upward.

USD was picked to finish eighth out of nine teams in the Summit League last season, but won nine conference games and won a game in the post-season tournament for the first time.

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Men's Soccer: Warriors Power Past Mount Marty

BY DYLAN HUGGINS sports@yankton.net

Midland University made quick work of Mount Marty, taking a 9-0 halftime lead on the way to a 13-0 victory over the Lancers on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. It was the Great Plains Athletic Conference men's soccer opener for both squads.

MMC head coach Peter Shepherd said the men's soccer team wasn't alert to start the game.

"I think the issue with the men is we came out a sleep. We had a couple of goals score on us and opposite of the girls we gave in," Shepherd said.

The Lancers gave up nine goals in the first half, but just four in the second.

'The boys have to work on their attitude and some of the guys put in effort but sometimes it doesn't seem like we have a collected group," Shepherd said.

MMC's Joseph Finn said the Lancers allowed early goals, the second half was an improvement.

"Second half was a lot better because we got some rest and we



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Mount Marty's Danny Barrillas, center, tries to split the Midland defense during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's soccer match on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

got our heads straight." Finn said. "We just have to come back

strong this week and get better," In goal for Mount Marty, Kier Currier had six saves.

Connor McFadden, Christian Bosmediano, and Jonathon Clark each scored two goals for Mid-

land in the game. Ali Sodal had three goals

Mount Marty dropped to 0-7 on the season. The Lancers' next match is against Morningside on September 29.

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