

# YHS Opens Soccer Playoffs Today

## Bucks Hope For Rebirth In 'Second Season'

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Season one is over. Now it's time for season two for the Yankton High School boys' soccer team. Having lost their final four regular season games, the Bucks are still where they want to be: In the playoffs. Yankton, the No. 11 seed, travels to sixth-seeded Watertown for tonight's (Tuesday) 6 p.m. first round game of the S.D. Class AA Boys' Soccer Championships. No matter that the Bucks were once solidly in the playoff picture but survived those four losses in a row, it's a clean slate.

"It's definitely a sigh of relief," junior Treyson Slate said. "We were cutting it pretty close, but it's a new season. No matter what form we were in at the end, all that matters is this game." For Yankton (5-6-1), the showdown with Watertown (7-4-1) is a rematch of the season opener, which the Arrows won 2-1 in Yankton. A lot has understandably changed since that game. And although the Bucks aren't heading into the post-season with the momentum they'd like, their coach echoed Slate's thoughts. "It's like a restart," head coach Warren Brenner said.

"With your schedule as heavy as it is, you can afford, like we did, to win several and be OK." Come tournament time, however, the Bucks realize it's time to find another gear. "In the tournament season, you've got to step up," Brenner said. "You have to bring it the first game. All teams are going to be different than what you've seen or what you see in the stats, they'll all bring that next level." To that point, Yankton would like to see its offense find that next level. Junior Cole Lewno has

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## Gazelles Look To Peak In Post-Season

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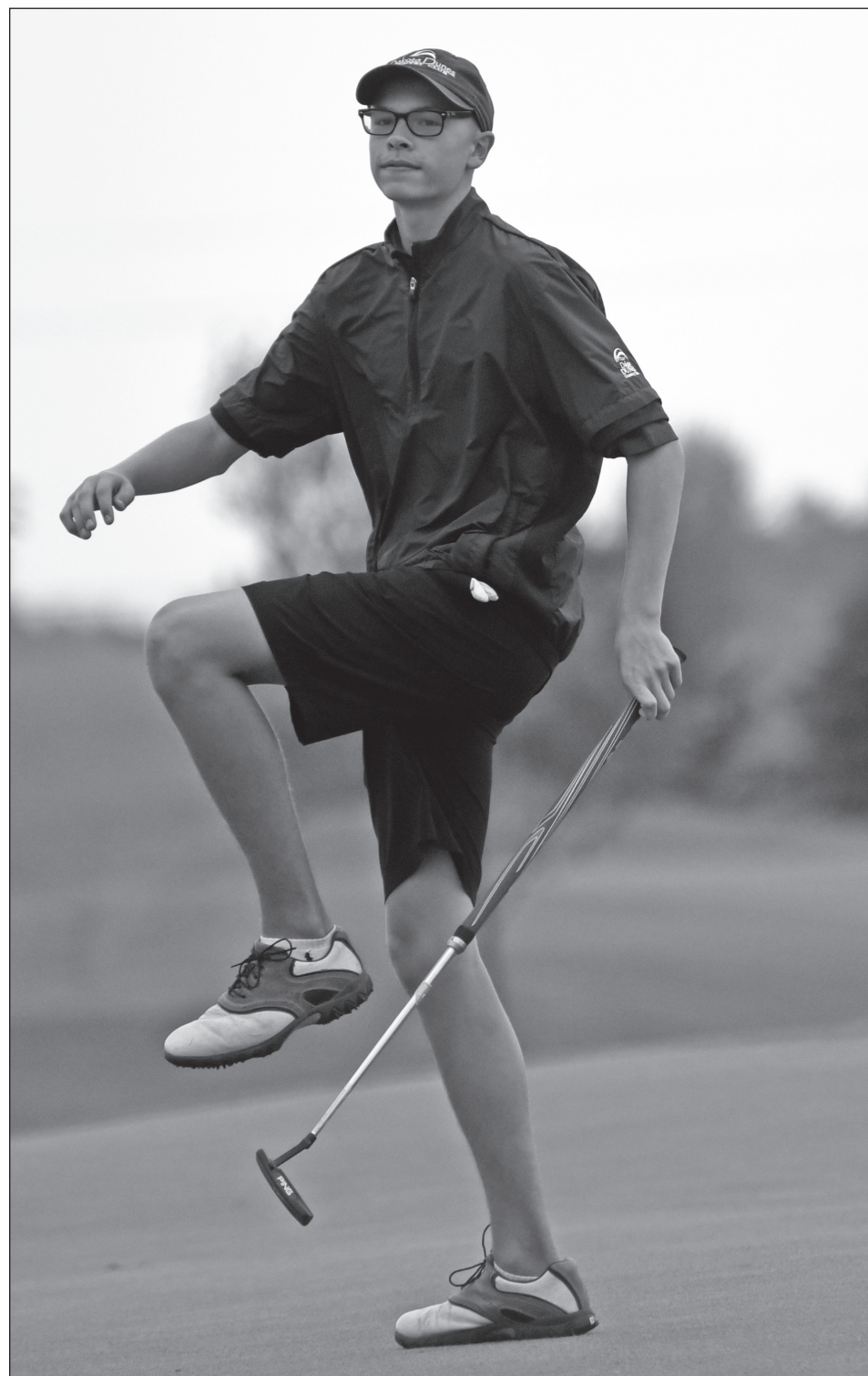
A year ago, the Yankton High School girls' soccer team fell just short of the playoffs. It was, in fact, the last team out of the post-season field. And now that the Gazelles have qualified for the playoffs this year, they don't necessarily feel like they've played their best soccer yet. "I don't believe we've peaked yet," senior forward Brianna Benjamin said before practice Monday. "But hopefully (today) we can see everything come together." The No. 10-seeded Gazelles (4-6-2) travel to

seventh-seeded Aberdeen Central for today's 4 p.m. first round game in the S.D. State Class AA Soccer Championships. Though it's essentially the start of a new season, Yankton wouldn't mind carrying over its regular season momentum – the Gazelles closed with a draw, a 3-2 loss and a 7-1 win. "We're really coming together," head coach Tyler Schuring said. "I think we're starting to peak at the right time. I really think we're playing the best soccer of the season." After all, Benjamin added, it's better to head into the

postseason with some momentum. "I'd definitely rather have it this way," she joked. It's been the leadership of Benjamin, along with seniors Amber Simek, Amanda Gravholt, Haley Schild, Erin Luken and Natalie Ferris, that has provided the Gazelles with a boost this season. After a handful of graduation losses after last season, it took Yankton a while to adjust to some new faces in new spots – the Gazelles lost three of their first four games. "Everything was changed, but I think it's better for

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# Dakota Valley's Bull Wins Region 2A Title



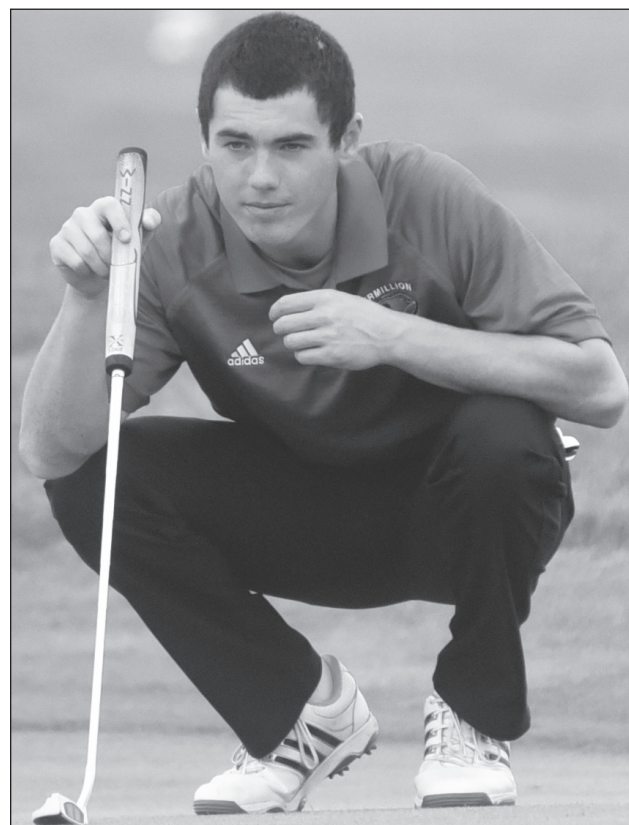
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Dakota Valley's Jameson Bull reacts to a putt during the Region 2A boys' golf tournament at Bakker Crossing Golf Course on Monday. Bull shot an even-par 71 to claim medalist honors.

## Tea Area Surges To Team Honors

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SIOUX FALLS – Dakota Valley sophomore Jameson Bull took the Bakker Crossing course by horns, carding an even-par 71 to easily claim medalist honors in the Region 2A Boys' Golf Tournament on Monday. Bull shot a 37 on the front nine – the low score of the tournament – then shot a 1-under 34 on the back nine. For Bull, the round was a matter of staying out of trouble. "I just had a lot of pars," he said. "I had to scramble a few times, but there were no lost balls, no penalty strokes, no holes that were too high." The Panther standout said that the victory will help headed into state, Oct. 5-6 at Milbank. "It boosts my confidence a lot," he said. "It makes me think that, if I play the way I can, I have a chance to win it." Tea Area's Brock Murphy also shot 34 on the back, but finished at 75 overall. Tea Area's Cody Peterson and Sioux Falls Christian's Gunner Stugart and Jack Johnson each shot 76. Tea Area shot a season-best 315 to earn team honors. Sioux Falls Christian (326) and Canton (328) finished second and third to secure team berths. Vermillion finished fourth at 330, but will compete as a team at state thanks to qualifying all five golfers individually. "Our third and fourth golfers shot their career bests by a few shots," said Tea Area head coach Jason Sudenga. "We've had four kids that



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Vermillion's Paul Schwasinger stares down a putt during his round in the Region 2A boys' golf tournament on Monday at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

have been our kids all year. They really stepped up today and played very well." Vermillion was led by Paul Schwasinger's 79. Sam Craig shot 80, Ryne Whisler 85, Cooper Williams 86 and Cole Anderson 87 for the Tanagers. Dakota Valley finished fifth at 333. Besides Bull, the Panthers will send Keaton Hensley (85) and Jacob Wentz (87) to state. Beresford, which finished seventh at 347, will send Logan Busch (83) and Sam Nelson (84) to state. Elk Point-Jefferson, which finished eighth at 354, will send Michael Murphy (83) and Tyler Leif (84) to state.

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TEAM SCORES: Tea Area 315, SF Christian 326, Canton 328, Vermillion 330, Dakota Valley 333, West Central 340, Beresford 347, Elk Point-Jefferson 354, Lennox 367. STATE QUALIFIERS: Jameson Bull, Dakota Valley 71; Brock Murphy, Tea Area 75; Cody Peterson, Tea Area 76; Gunner Stugart, SF Christian 76; Jack Johnson, SF Christian 76; Jake Peterson, Canton 78; Devin Rue, West Central 78; Alex DeJong, Canton 78; Paul Schwasinger, Vermillion 79; Sam Craig, Vermillion 80; Brian Finn, Tea Area 82; Kolby Newborg, Tea Area 82; Logan Busch, Beresford 84; Adam Roskam, Canton 85; Ryan Whisler, Vermillion 85; Cory Smith, West Central 85; Keaton Hensley, Dakota Valley 85; Caden Jost, West Central 85; Cooper Williams, Vermillion 86; Zac Sullivan, SF Christian 86; Cole Anderson, Vermillion 87; Jacob Wentz, Dakota Valley 87; Devon Jorgeling, Lennox 87; Grant Nelson, Canton 87. OTHER FINISHERS: Dylan Van Ruler, SF Christian 88; Brady Krump, Lennox 89; Payton Borah, Beresford 89; Jack Furlong, Dakota Valley 90; Brandon Vande Griende, SF Christian 90; Easton Kaulck, Elk Point-Jefferson 91; Hunter Beeson, Beresford 91; Chris Dale, West Central 92; Preston Lauters, Lennox 93; Jack Bickett, Beresford 94; Trent Jensen, Dakota Valley 95; Hunter Goehring, Elk Point-Jefferson 96; Connor Henze, Elk Point-Jefferson 97; Cole Felter, Lennox 98; Augie Johnson, West Central 103; Marshal McLaren, Lennox 104; Zach Anderson, Canton 110; Zain Baus, Tea Area 112.

## Parkston Rolls To Region 3A Crown

PIERRE – The Parkston Trojans shot a 298 to run away with team honors in the Region 3A boys' golf tournament, held on Monday in Pierre. Chamberlain finished 20 strokes back at 318. Moberge-Pollock (366) was the third team qualifier for the region. Parkston's Garret Hohn shot a 69 to beat out teammate Jacob Lee (74) for medalist honors. Chamberlain's Adam Hutmacher was third with a 75. TEAM SCORES: Parkston 298, Chamberlain 318, Moberge-Pollock 366, Redfield-Doland 398, St. Francis 407, Winner 450, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 454. STATE QUALIFIERS: Garret Hohn, Parkston 69; Jacob Lee, Parkston 74; Adam Hutmacher, Chamberlain 75; Jamie Smith, Parkston 76; Danny Szue, Chamberlain 77; Alex Scott, Parkston 79; Stone Jensen, Moberge-Pollock 80; Cameron Caldwell, Chamberlain 80; Nate Hohn, Parkston 80; Robert Jordan, St. Francis 84; Teigen Priebe, Chamberlain 86; Sam Hossie, Winner 86; Noah Fried, Moberge-Pollock 90; Dalton Jensen, Redfield-Doland 90; Dalton Feerich, Moberge-Pollock 92; Than Witt, St. Francis 93; Bryce Hammer, Todd County 96; Gabe Suchor, Redfield-Doland 96; Riggs Priebe, Chamberlain 96; Braden Ward, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 100. OTHER FINISHERS: Shane Witt, St. Francis 103; Braden Goehring, Moberge-Pollock 104; Bryce Stehens, Redfield-Doland 106; Jakob Thomas, Redfield-Doland 106; Darwin Thompson, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 109; Adam Hyke, Redfield-Doland 110; Luke Engel, Winner 113; Brock Fisher, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 117; Duncan English, Winner 121; Josh Iron Shell, St. Francis 127; Matt Hartley, Winner 128; Caleb Clairmont, Todd County 128; Jeffery Curry, St. Francis 131; Keaton Peterson, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 138.

## Men: Doane Inv.

LINCOLN, Neb. – The Mount Marty College men's golf team placed eighth out of 15 teams in the Doane College Invitational on Monday at Wilderness Ridge Golf Course in Lincoln, Neb. MMC shot 323, led by Robbie Neswick's 74. Joe Brinkman shot 77, Luke Loecker carded an 82, Dylan Brende shot 90 and Ty Kinneberg (Parkston) shot 91 for the Lancers. Competing individually for MMC, Austin Schweers (Ponca, Nebraska) shot 88. Host Doane, led by medalist Cale Benson's 70, shot a 291 to earn team honors. Midland, led by runner-up Parker Grass' 71, finished second at 298. MMC returns to Lincoln for the second round of the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships on Thursday. The Lancers are in 10th after the opening round.

## Softball: Gazelles Finish Regular Season With Split Against O'Gorman

The Yankton Gazelles finished the regular season with a doubleheader split of Sioux Falls O'Gorman in girls' softball action on Monday at Sertoma Park. The Gazelles open play in the state tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls. O'GORMAN 8, YANKTON 3: Izzy Mattechek went 2-4 with a double and three RBI, and Bailey Peterson and Alex Nelson had two hits each as O'Gorman downed Yankton 8-3 in the opener. For Yankton, Bailey Kortan doubled and singled, and Bailey Sejnoha had a triple and two RBI to lead the way. Nelson picked up the win, striking out eight. Lexie McCorkell took the loss, striking out three. YANKTON 8, O'GORMAN 5: Yankton scored four runs each in the third and fourth innings – just ahead of the rain – to rally past O'Gorman 8-5 in the nightcap. The game was called after four innings

due to rain. Bailey Peterka had a triple and four RBI, and Bailey Kortan doubled for Yankton. Alex Peterka had a hit and two RBI, and Taylor Bauder and Lexie McCorkell added a hit each in the victory. For O'Gorman, Bailey Peterson had a triple.

## Junior Varsity

Yankton 17-14, O'Gorman 8-0. The Yankton Gazelles JV team pounded out 31 runs to sweep a doubleheader with Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Monday at Sertoma Park. The games, originally scheduled as the season opener, were played after the state tournament due to rain. The JV Gazelles have concluded their season. YANKTON 17, O'GORMAN 8: Yankton's Brittany Davis went 3-4 with a home run, three RBI and three runs scored as the Gazelles rolled to a 17-8 victory in the opener. Elsie Marquardt doubled and singled, with two RBI and two runs scored, and Merlye Mason had two hits, a RBI and a run scored

for Yankton. Brooke Madson had a triple, a RBI and two runs scored. Bridget Nolz had a double, two RBI and a run scored. Payton Vellek had a hit and three runs scored. Chloe Kozletzky had a hit, a RBI and two runs scored. Rachel Hamburg had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Trinity Fitch had a RBI and a run scored, and Megan McCorkell scored in the victory. Nolz picked up the win, striking out six. Marquardt pitched in relief. YANKTON 14, O'GORMAN 0: Payton Vellek and Rachel Hamburg combined on a shutout as Yankton rolled to a 14-0 victory in the nightcap and season finale. Brittany Davis had a home run, four RBI and three runs scored, and Elsie Marquardt had two hits, three RBI and a run scored for Yankton. Brooke Madson had a triple, two RBI and three runs scored. Bridget Nolz had a double and two RBI. Hamburg had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Vellek and Chloe Kozletzky each had a RBI and a run scored. Lexi Madson scored twice, and Megan McCorkell and Trinity Fitch each scored a run in the victory. Vellek picked up the win, striking out one.

## JV State Tourney

SIOUX FALLS – The Yankton Gazelles went 0-3 in the State JV Softball Tournament, held on Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls.

## RAPID CITY STEVENS SILVER 8, YANKTON 2; Elsie Marquardt had a hit and two RBI, and Megan McCorkell had a hit and a run scored to lead Yankton. Bridget Nolz and Chloe Kozletzky each had a hit. Brittany Davis scored a run for the Gazelles.

Payton Vellek took the loss. BRANDON VALLEY 10, YANKTON 9: Brandon Valley rallied from a 9-4 deficit in the final two innings to claim the victory. Brooke Madson tripled and singled, driving in three runs and scoring another, and Rachel Hamburg had a triple, a single and two runs scored for Yankton. Bridget Nolz had two hits, two RBI and a run scored. Chloe Kozletzky had a double and a RBI. Merlye Mason had a double and a run scored. Elsie Marquardt had a hit, Brittany Davis had a RBI and a run scored, and Payton Vellek scored a run for the Gazelles. Ciara Kulhavy took the loss, striking out one. ROOSEVELT 7, YANKTON 3: Bridget Nolz tripled and singled, driving in two, to lead Yankton. Elsie Marquardt had a hit, a RBI and a run scored, and Brittany Davis had a hit and a run scored for Yankton. Megan McCorkell, Chloe Kozletzky and Ciara Kulhavy each had a hit. Payton Vellek added a run. Kulhavy took the loss.

# Sergeant Bluff-Luton Opens Dakota Valley

NORTH SIOUX CITY – Sergeant Bluff-Luton outlasted Dakota Valley 25-20, 25-20, 17-25, 25-11 in prep volleyball action on Monday. The victors from Iowa were led by a 16-kill performance from Brittini Olson. Sydney Scholz had 11 kills. Anna Jochum had eight kills and 20 digs. Morgan Skinner finished with 32 assists, Merrin Van Velzen had 22 digs and Kylee Christensen had eight kills in the victory. For Dakota Valley, Shayla Johnson, Elizabeth Lammers and Meredith Lammers each had 13 kills, with Johnson also recording 11 digs. Hanna Cummins had 37

assists and Alyssa Johnson had 17 digs for the Panthers. SB-L, 17-6, is off until the Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson Tournament on Saturday. Dakota Valley, now 16-3, travels to Bon Homme today (Tuesday). Dakota Valley won the JV match 21-25, 25-22, 15-13. SB-L won the C-match 26-24, 25-18. SERGEANT BLUFF-LUTON (17-9)..... 25 25 17 25 DAKOTA VALLEY (16-3)..... 20 20 25 11

## Menno 3, Marion 1

MARION – The Menno Wolves held off Marion 25-23, 25-14, 17-25, 25-21 in Cornbelt Conference volleyball action on Monday.

Paige Heckenlaible had eight kills and seven blocks, and Hailey Fergen had 10 assists and 10 digs to lead a balanced Menno attack. Ashton Vaith had 25 digs. Marissa Buechler posted 20 digs and three ace serves. Courtnee Edelman posted 18 digs and four ace serves. Tara Spencer added six kills, three blocks and 15 digs in the victory. For Marion, Renae Kayser had 15 kills and three ace serves to lead the way. Menno, 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the Cornbelt, travels to Tyndall to face Bon Homme on Thursday. Marion travels to Emery to face

Bridgewater-Emery on Oct. 6. Menno won the JV match 20-25, 25-23, 15-10. MENNO (5-4)..... 25 25 17 25 MARION (1-10)..... 23 14 25 21

## Beresford 3, Lennox 1

BERESFORD – The Beresford Watchdogs downed Lennox 25-22, 25-23, 23-25, 25-22 in Dakota XII Conference volleyball action on Monday. Katelyn Wilson had seven kills and three blocks, and Emma Williams had six blocks and three ace serves to lead Beresford. Becca

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