



**Sioux Falls Weather**



**Tonight:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 Thundershowers.  
 Low 61°.  
**Wednesday:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 High 76°.

**Today:**  
 Mostly cloudy.  
 Scattered showers.  
 High 81°.

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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • SIOUX FALLS, SD

**Happening Now**

- Girls Tennis:** vs. Brandon Valley 4 p.m.—varsity and JV at WHS, freshmen in Brandon
- Cross Country:** Mac Butler City Meet 4 p.m. at Kuehn Park
- Boys Golf:** City Meets 4 p.m.—varsity second round at Minnehaha, freshmen first round at Elmwood
- Soccer:** In Watertown—JV 4 p.m., girls varsity 6 p.m., boys varsity 8 p.m.
- Football:** 4:15 p.m.—Sophomores vs. Yankton at WHS, JV in Yankton, freshmen at Lincoln
- Softball:** vs. Roosevelt 6 p.m. at Sherman Park Complex

**Lunch Time at WHS**

- Today's lunch:** Barbecue beef
- A la carte lines:** Spaghetti, taco hot pocket, corn dog, chef salad

**Group Meetings**

- Book Club:** Will meet during lunch periods Friday in the library. Sign up this week in the library.

**Other Reminders**

- Whopper Night:** To support the senior class party will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the WHS vs. Roosevelt football game. Tickets will be sold in the commons during lunch periods Wednesday-Friday for \$5 each and includes a Whopper Jr, chips, drink and cookie.

**Warriors defeat Patriots 49-21 in Presidents' Bowl**

**Near full-house crowd of 15,000 in attendance**

By Ann Marie Messerschmidt and Kari Heck

It was one of the biggest games of the year Saturday as the Presidents' Bowl, the Warriors' biggest rival and a rematch of last year's 11AA title game all came together at Howard Wood Field.

The Warrior faithful, many of whom were at Howard Wood tailgating since 5:30 a.m., were not disappointed as the Warriors won 49-21.

The Warriors got off to a rough start with Lincoln scoring first in the game, but WHS retaliated soon after with a touchdown by junior Brandon Mohr.

Mohr said the Warriors will need to continue to work hard this week to prepare for Friday's game with Roosevelt.

"We thought we played well, but there were a lot of mental mistakes made that we need to improve on by this weekend," Mohr said.

Mohr ended up with two touchdowns on the night. Junior Matt Hermanson ended up with four touchdowns for the Warriors, two of which were over 50 yard runs. Hermanson rushed for 180 yards overall.

Junior Cole Halgerson also contributed a touchdown by catching a 17 yard pass from junior Serkaut Aware.



Photo by Hannah Jensen  
**CARRY ON—Junior quarterback Matt Hermanson (12) hands off to junior running back Brandon Mohr (13) in Saturday's game.**

Senior Alex Cutler had four extra point kicks and senior Zach Schmith had three.

Lincoln quarterback Alex Schultz was taken out of the game with an injury in the third.

Coach Brian Hermanson thought Lincoln played a good game.

"The Patriots did what we expected, but they still had a lot of success," Hermanson said. "They're a good team."

The Warriors will host the Rough Riders Friday at 7 p.m. at Howard Wood Field.

**87th Orange Letter Days royalty candidates named at assembly of seniors in auditorium**



Photo by Sam Mayasich  
**A ROYAL GROUP—WHS homecoming royalty candidates, announced this morning, include (front, from left) Kourtney Kuyper, Shanna Burns, Whitney Walker, Murphy Dods and Kelly McKnight, (back) Travis Schafer, Sam Hoskins, Trevor Gebhart, Adam Weber, Doug Cordell and Mitchell Tramp. Maggie Bryant is not pictured. OLD homecoming week is set for Sept. 20-25.**

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# Girls tennis team plays two games in 24 hours

## Team splits, falling to Roosevelt 5-4, defeating Madison 9-0

By Jena Horne and Trevor Snyders

The varsity girls tennis team kicked off the long weekend with two matches within 24 hours beginning Thursday.

On Thursday, the team suffered a tough loss at the hands of the Roosevelt Rough Riders at Kuehn Park, with a final score of 5-4.

The squad was then in action

again on Friday morning, playing in Madison as the girls came out with a 9-0 win over the Bulldogs, their first undefeated win of the season.

The varsity team's record is 2-5 so far this season.

Sophomore Christina Eriksen thinks the team played well overall this weekend.

"I thought that the match against Roosevelt was a really good, close

match," Eriksen said. "But overall, we preformed our best in Madison and came out on top in the end."

The Warrior girls will be in action again today, hosting Brandon Valley, with varsity matches starting at 4 p.m. and JV matches to follow. The freshmen will also be in action beginning at 4 p.m. in Brandon.

The team will also travel to Mitchell on Thursday.

# Heitkamp leads all runners as boys take fourth at BV Invitational Meet

By Alex Kuyper, Conor Grevlos and Austin Kost

The varsity boys cross country team took fourth place out of seven teams and the girls fifth out of six at the Brandon Valley invitational Thursday at McHardy Park in Brandon.

For the boys, senior Josh Heitkamp came in first place

overall with a time of 16:21. Sophomore Alex Waddell took seventh. For the girls, junior Sami Smith led the Warriors with a time of 15:52 seconds, good enough for seventh place.

The boys JV team took first, while girls JV team took sixth.

# Warrior volleyball team falls to Roosevelt in five games Thursday

By Jenna Jares, Sara Wiederrich and Erin Willadsen

The varsity volleyball team fell to the No. 1 rated Roosevelt Rough Riders in five games Thursday at Roosevelt.

The Warriors put up a hard fight as Roosevelt took the first, third and fifth sets with scores of 20-25, 16-25 and 13-15 and WHS won the second

and fourth sets, 25-22 and 25-21.

Even though the Warriors came up short, they were still proud of the way they played. Senior Kelly McKnight, an outside hitter for the Warriors, said it was an intense match.

"We played hard and it was a tough match," McKnight said. "Roosevelt is ranked No. 1 and it was fun to hang in there in all five sets."

The JV followed up with a strong win in three sets along with the sophomore team who won a victory in only two.

The freshman A team fell to the Riders, but the B team came back with a win.

The Warriors will host the conference tournament at WHS Friday and Saturday.

# Girls soccer team beats O'Gorman 5-3, boys tie

By Kellie Larsen, Erin Gullickson and Kourtney Kuyper

The varsity girls soccer team defeated O'Gorman 5-3 and the boys tied 1-1 Thursday evening.

For the varsity girls at Yankton Trail Park, the leading scorer was senior Jennifer Teslow who contributed three goals, while juniors Kristin Ford and Kayla Heck each added one.

The JV girls also handled the Knights, winning 4-0, with goals coming from freshmen Karly Costello, Bella Callis and Nicole Bartman and junior Erin Mears.

Adding to the excitement at the game, football "game day" shirts were handed out to support the tie-dye theme at Saturday's Presidents' Bowl.

The varsity boys soccer team was also in action on O'Gorman's home turf at McEaney Field in a close game ending up 1-1.

Scoring the lone goal for the boys was senior Solomon Habtie.

The JV boys gave up a tough loss to the Knights, losing 2-0.

The teams will be in action tonight in Watertown, with the varsity girls at 6 and boys at 8 p.m.

# Can a dog be a soldier's best friend?

By Alan Bavy McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Can a canine companion soothe the volatile emotions of a soldier haunted by post-traumatic stress disorder?

It may sound far-fetched, but the Department of Defense wants to find out.

It's spending millions of dollars on medical research projects like this that may yield groundbreaking results but are too speculative for other government agencies to consider.

So the Defense Department is financing a \$300,000 study that will pair soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with dogs trained to sense when their masters are about to have a panic attack and give them a calming nudge or nuzzle.

These psychiatric service dogs have been assisting people with a variety of mental illnesses since the late 1990s. About 10,000 such dogs are now in use.

New, but preliminary, research suggests that the dogs may be particularly helpful for persons with PTSD.

And that has the military interested.

"It's a powerful intervention. We expect a very large effect," said research psychologist Craig Love.

Love will be conducting the study at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center with Joan Esnayra, founder of the Psychiatric Service Dog Society.

The two researchers presented their work last week during a military health research conference in Kansas City. The meeting featured the findings of more than 300 researchers sponsored by the Defense Department.

Love and Esnayra brought two service dogs with them, stunning Rhodesian Ridgebacks that drew the attention of many people at the recent conference.

"Absolutely beautiful animals. Very well-behaved," said Chris Kornkven, a Gulf War veteran from Helenville, Wis., who stopped to pet the dogs. "They seemed like they would be really helpful, particularly for individuals living alone," said Kornkven, who has PTSD. "I think (a service dog) would give them some independence."

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