



The seniors were recognized Saturday at the soccer game in Groton. On the left are Devan Howard with her parents, Lauri Harry and Jesse Howard. On the right is Sam Geffre with her parents, Corey and Tammi Geffre. (Photo by Tricia Keith)

The Groton Area soccer girls team lost to Sioux Falls Christian on Saturday in Groton, 6-1. Regan Leicht scored Groton's lone goal. Goalie Devan Howard had 14 saves.

The boys soccer team hosted Sioux Falls Christian on Saturday. The Chargers from the south won the game.

School enrollment up from last year

The Groton Area School enrollment is up from last year. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the enrollment number is now 582, up by 14 students from last year. There are 33 students in the district who are home schooled in 10 families. For the first time, the district has a home schooled student partially enrolled in elective coursework. There are two inquiries from families who would like to have their student participate in extra-curricular activities. Presently, the school policy states that students have to be enrolled in the public school.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported that the elementary developmental screening for three-year-olds will be held September 19 at the Groton Area Elementary School.

The OST numbers are up by about seven students this year with a daily average of 40.

The student council will be meeting Thursday to pick a theme for homecoming. Homecoming coronation is September 24 at 7:30 p.m. The parade is September 28.

Business Manager Mike Weber reported on the Wellmark Health Insurance. He said that broken down, the board pays for about 2/3 of the premium cost and the staff pays about 1/3 of the premium. For the past year, the premiums paid totaled \$960,436.01 and the amount paid out was \$682,648.41.

Micah Westby and Rodney Johnson from the New Life Fellowship church in Aberdeen approached the school board about renting the elementary facility to start a church in Groton. Johnson said that they have members from Bath to Webster going to Aberdeen for church and that Groton would be an ideal place to start a new church. They said they have about 125 members between Bath and Webster. Westby said that 50 percent of church starts today start in the school, renting the facility on Sunday morning. They also said it would not be a long-term obligation. After about one and one-half to two years, they would look at building a new church. "We're one church, multiple locations,"



Flags up for Patriot Day
Brian Gravatt put the flags up around town on Monday in preparation for Patriot Day (9-11) on Tuesday.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Westby said. "We want to be a blessing to your community." Their idea was to rent the commons area for church and the elementary gym for the students and they would like to start in the spring of 2019.

Tylan Glover and AnneMarie Smith approached the board about having a student director for the one-act play/all-school play. Brian Schultz from the Aberdeen Community Theater was also present. Glover said that he would like to be the student director this year. The board members felt comfortable with Glover doing it; however, he would still need an adult supervisor. Board President Steve Smith said, "You need to find supervisors" after the board gave the okay.

Amended work agreements were authorized for Don Donley bus route from \$12,240 to \$12,415; Lena Cox bus route from \$16,993.80 to \$17,063.80; Chuck Padfield bus route from \$11,325 to \$11,360; Kamo Lipp salary from \$17,354.37 to \$17,433.46; Joann Donley salary from \$17,587.35 to \$16,860.60; Lena Cox 6 hours per week IEP and 10 hours per week JK and Rany Hjermstad 8 hours per week IEP and 10 hours per week JK each at \$10.25 per hour. A lane change for Kristen Gonsor was approved from MS+30 to MS+45 for a raise of \$750.

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SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that any person, firm partnership or corporation affected by such fee may appear before the Brown County Commission sitting in Equalization between October 15, 2018 and November 1, 2018. Persons desiring to appear shall make an appointment with the Brown County Auditor's Office in advance by calling 626-7110.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0905.0912)

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Brown County McIntire Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Lowell McIntire to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 18, 2018 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): McIntire's Outlots in the NE ¼ of Sec 23-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (37895 133rd Street and 13305 379th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 123.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0905.0912)

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Brown County Sept. 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 - GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach and Kippley. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sut-

ton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Payroll #18 - Commission \$5,395.76; Auditor \$8,173.13; Treasurer \$13,446.50; States Attorney \$22,632.31; SVAWA Grant \$1,389.40; Maintenance \$7,590.40; Assessor \$13,698.93; Register of Deeds \$8,650.60; Veterans Service Office \$4,255.18; GIS \$2,347.50; Information Technology \$8,241.27; Human Resources \$2,630.10; Sheriff \$35,008.66; Jail \$47,853.61; Coroner \$3,000.00; Court Security \$6,736.40; JDC \$23,764.77; Welfare Office \$3,742.79; Museum \$8,309.02; Parks & Fairgrounds \$11,308.56; Fair Board \$48,969.46; 4-H \$2,512.50; Weed & Pest \$6,540.64; Planning and Zoning \$2,457.70; Highway \$50,286.97; Communications \$26,577.74; Emergency Management \$4,039.58; Teen Court \$455.55; 24/7 \$3,336.93; Landfill \$14,038.38.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$24,638.21; Medicare \$5,762.17. Machinery & Equipment: Wegner Auto Co. \$29,293.00.

Professional Fees: City of Aberdeen \$3,562.50; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$8,919.23; Adam Bierstedt \$100.00; Kristi Brandt \$23.80; Brick's TV & Appliance \$2,865.00; Aaron Cech \$150.00; Ryan S. Dell LLC \$1,673.20; Dohrer Law Office \$1,400.60; Christopher A. Haar \$2,657.41; Kuck Law Office \$9,233.40; Jerald M. McNeary \$1,278.40; Richardson, Wily, Wise, Sauck \$738.15; Taliaferro Law Firm \$3,625.70; Russell P. Thyen \$150.00; Timel Enterprises LLC \$2,500.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$154.65; Groton Independent \$97.82; Midstates Printing \$759.00; SD Magazine LLC \$300.00.

Rentals: Russel Brick \$10,750.00.

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Travel & Conference: Adam Bierstedt \$185.18; Aaron Cech \$362.84; Lee Koch \$170.80; Greg Markley \$170.80; Kathy Schlecht \$241.34; Russell P. Thyen \$208.68; Aaron Walberg \$258.16.

Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$246.75; BDM Rural Water System Inc \$36.00; Quest Corporation \$296.89; Midcontinent Communications \$647.80; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$2,300.38. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to amend HR Report to include authorization to extend part-time employee in the Planning/Zoning Department 60 additional working days. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve appointment of Paula Beckler as Deputy Coroner, effective September 4, 2018 at \$150.00 per call.

Approve the following Employee Step Increases, effective September 9, 2018: Sara Swisher @ \$17.27 per hour; Bryan Owens @ \$19.58 per hour; Casey Jensen @ \$19.47 per hour; Samiulela Mouna @ \$19.75 per hour; Dean Zumbaum @ \$18.74 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chair sign Special Liquor License Application, submitted by Stacy Gosman DBA Big Fella's for event for Anliker/Thompson Wedding Reception, to be held at 400 24th Ave NE (Fairgrounds Clubhouse) - SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W

of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. Special License effective October 6, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Aberdeen Humane Society for lease of the Club House on September 22, 2018; Autumn Thompson for lease of the Club House on October 6-7, 2018; Boys Scouts of America for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on September 15-16, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MANAGED PRINT SERVICE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign Managed Print Service Rate Change Agreement (Appendix C), effective September 1, 2018 with GovConnection Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve application, submitted by the Brown County Democrats for lottery to be held at Centennial Village on September 9, 2018. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2019 PROVISIONAL BUDGET HEARING: Time and place, as advertised for public hearing on the 2019 Provisional Budget. No one from the public or various departments appeared. No changes were made. Formal action will be taken on the Provisional Budget on September 25, 2018.

MILLIM BUILDING: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to stipulate that the sale of the Millim Building (1019 1st Ave SE) be conducted according to the disposal of county surplus property procedure not through a licensed realtor. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to limit employee direct deposit accounts to one (either savings or checking), effective January 1, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR PRELIMINARY REPORT: Derek Ricci, Fair Manager presented preliminary revenue numbers from the 2018 Fair @ \$1,084,437.75 with final numbers to be presented at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:21 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Westport Town Aug. 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting August 6th, 2018

The Town of Westport met on August 6th, 2018 with Tim Selzler, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, & Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$222.98), Groton Independent (\$15.76), EDDIE's Northside-Gas (\$219.60), Brown County Treasurer -Mosquito spraying (\$586.30) & Kelly Storm - Mowing (\$307.99)

Sewer NWPS (\$44.44), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water WEB (\$1,181.61), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), & Water Maintenance District (\$408.16).

Tim Selzler made motion to pay all bills; second by Mike Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$311.60), State of SD (\$866.19), Building Permits (\$40.00) & Interest (\$28.59).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$1,627.50).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,310.03).

NEW BUSINESS: The budget for 2019 was presented and approved.

The board voted to approve an electricity line to the city shop.

Reminders will be sent to people with lots that need mowing.

The next city meeting will be postponed a week due to the Labor Day holiday. We will meet on September 10th.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Olive Grove Men's League Championship and Banquet

Thursday, September 13, 2018

11:00am to 1:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Church Luncheon.

4:00pm: Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Lee Park Golf Course

4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th Game vs. Aberdeen Central @ Groton Area High School

4:00pm: Volleyball: Girls 7th/8th Match vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton High School (7th Grade; 4:00 PM 8th Grade; 4:00 PM)

6:00pm: Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton High School (C & JV matches start at 6pm)

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:00pm: Football: Boys Varsity Game vs. Chamberlain @ Chamberlain High School

Saturday, September 15, 2018

1:00pm: Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Garretson @ Groton Area High School

3:00pm: Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Freeman Academy @ Freeman Academy

9:30am: Groton Black 5th grade football hosts WVYF Gold; 9:30 a.m.: Groton Gold 5th grade football at Sisseton.

9:30am: Groton 3rd-4th grade football hosts WVYF Black.

Monday, September 17, 2018

3:00pm: Golf: Boys JH Meet @ Groton Area High School

4:00pm: Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Deuel @ Clear Lake Golf Course

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

4:30pm: Football: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Milbank @ Groton Area High School, Doney Field

4:30pm: Volleyball Warner at Groton Area: 7th grade and C match at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

Thursday, September 20, 2018

10:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Sisseton @ Sisseton Golf Course

4:00pm: Football: Boys 7th Game vs. Aberdeen Central @ Aberdeen

4:00pm: Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. James Valley Christian @ Groton Area High School

4:30pm: Volleyball - Roncalli at Groton Area: 7th grade and C match at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

Friday, September 21, 2018

7:00pm: Football: Boys Varsity Game @ Moberge-Pollock High School

Saturday, Sept. 22

9:30am: Groton 3rd-4th grade football at Sisseton Red.

Saturday, September 22, 2018

TBD Volleyball: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Sioux Falls @ the Pentagon Classic, Sioux Falls

1:00pm: Soccer: Girls Varsity Match vs. Tea Area @ Tea Area

3:00pm: Soccer: Boys Varsity Match vs. Tea Area @ Tea Area

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Groton's volleyball team beats Webster in three games

Groton Area's volleyball team improved its record to 7-1 Tuesday with a 3-0 win over Webster Area. The match was played in Groton.

Eliza Wanner finished the first game with two ace serves as Groton Area won the first game, 25-12. The Tigers won the second game, 25-13, and the third game, 25-16. In the third game, the game was tied seven times and there were four lead changes before Groton scored four straight points to take the lead and went on from there to increase its margin.

Webster Area won the junior varsity match, 25-21, 24-26 and 15-8; and the C match by game scores of 25-18 and 25-20.

In serving, Groton Area was 66 of 72 with 16 ace serves. Jennie Doeden was 16 of 19 with five ace serves, Miranda Hanson was 13 of 14 with four ace serves and Eliza Wanner was 13 of 14 with three ace serves. Also having ace serves were Portia Kettering with three and Kaylin Kucker with two. Webster was 31 of 43 with one ace serve.

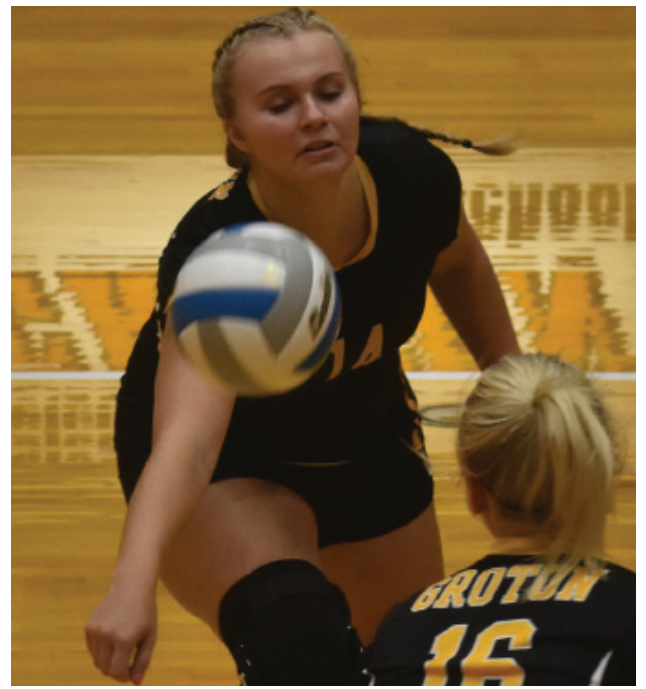
In attacks, Groton Area was 48 of 63 with 21 kills. Jennie Doeden was 12 of 17 with seven kills, Eliza Wanner was 13 of 15 with seven kills and Taylor Holm was six of eight with three

kills. Also having kills were Kettering with two and Indigo Rogers and Payton Colestock with one each. Webster Area was 31 of 39 with 15 kills.

Groton Area was 54 of 55 in sets with 20 assists. Kaylin Kucker was 27 of 27 with eight assists and Miranda Hanson was 19 of 20 with seven assists. Webster Area was 26 of 28 with eight assists.

Groton Area had 27 digs with Payton Maine having nine, Jennie Doeden and Eliza Wanner each having six. Webster Area had 28 digs.

Groton Area had two blocks, one each by Jennie Doeden and Indigo Rogers.



Taylor Holm (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Groton Area beats Hamlin, 3-1

Groton Area fended off a late rally by Hamlin as the volleyball team came home with a 3-1 win over the Chargers. It was the second loss for Hamlin while Groton Area improves to 7-1 on the season.

Game scores were 25-16, 25-22, 14-25 and 26-24. Hamlin won the junior varsity match, 25-22 and 25-17.

The Tigers were 82 of 86 in serves with seven ace serves. Payton Maine had three ace serves. In sets, Groton Area was 136 of 137 with 30 assists. Miranda Hanson and Kaylin Kucker each had 13 assists. In spikes, Groton Area was 134 of 161 with 36 kills. Taylor Holm had eight kills, Jennie Doeden seven and Eliza Wanner six. Doeden had seven of Groton Area's nine blocks while Indigo Rogers had the other two blocks. Maine had 27 digs, Wanner 24 and Doeden 14 as the Tigers had 94 on the night.

Groton Area will travel to Mobridge on Tuesday to take on the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers.

Smith finishes first at Britton-Hecla meet

Isaac Smith brought home first place honors at the Britton-Hecla cross country meet held Sept. 4. He ran the 5,000m course in a time of 19:13. All of the varsity runners were medalists at the Britton-Hecla meet as they all placed in the top 20.

The results are as follows:

Varsity Boys – 5000 Meters: 1, Isaac Smith, 19:13; 6, Micah Poor, 21:04; 9, Mitchell Koens, 21:51; 12, Noah Poor, 23:27; 15, Spencer Jacobs, 30:47.

Varsity Girls – 5000 Meters: 7, AnneMarie Smith, 26:03.

JV Boys – 3000 Meters
9, Dylan Abeln, 12:47; 11, Jackson Garstecki, 13:07; 15, Steven Paulson, 14:00; 17, Kannon Coats, 14:46; 18, Bradin Althoff, 14:56.

JV Girls – 3000 Meters: 13, Rylie Rosenau, 16:15; 14, Sierra Erhesmann, 16:15; 15, Lillian Brooks, 17:39.



Portia Kettering
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Guthmiller places 10th at Groton Invite

Fifty-three golfers took part in the Groton Area golf meet held Thursday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Cade Guthmiller placed 10th with a score of 85. Hunter Kassube was 29th with a 90, Tristan Traphagen was 32nd with a 91 and Lucas Simon was 45th with a 105.

Sisseton won the meet with 324 points followed by Madison with 333, Roncalli 334, Sioux Valley 344, Dell Rapids 345, Milbank 364, Redfield-Doland 365, Groton Area 371, Tiospa Zina 389 and McCook Central 408.



Eliza Wanner
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Beresford edges Groton Area in an evenly matched game

It was an explosive game from end to end as Beresford edged out Groton Area in football action Friday in Groton, 35-32. Four touchdowns would be scored in each the first and second quarter as the half time score was 28-25 with Beresford leading.

The two teams were evenly matched in the exciting game that had the fans on their feet many times during the evening. Beresford would have one more first down than Groton, 14-13, one more yard rushing, 131-130, but would have the edge on passing, 186-96. Each team would have one fumble that they lost and Beresford had one interception that Groton scored on.

Jonathan Doeden would have 120 yards rushing, 96 yards passing and seven tackles. Austin Jones would have 44 yards receiving and Thomas Cranford would have 33 yards receiving. Wyatt Locke would have six tackles and two sacks while Alex Morris had six tackles and Brody DeHoet would have one interception for a touchdown. Doeden would score the other four touchdowns on runs of 4, 2, 2 and 5 yards. An injured Hunter Schaller kicked two PATs for Groton while the three PAT pass attempts failed. Schaller injured his ankle the night before in soccer.

Groton Area, now 2-2, will travel to Chamberlain on Friday. Beresford is now 3-1.

"I was happy with the way our kids played," said Coach Shaun Wanner. He added that Beresford has nine seniors on the team. "I was worried about that as we have a lot of young and inexperienced kids on the field." Last year Groton Area beat Beresford by one at Beresford.

Beresford would score first and it would score on the second play from scrimmage as Jack Antonson would make a 69 yard catch play from Tyler Kropuenske with just 18 seconds gone in the game. Kropuenske would kick the PAT and it was Beresford leading, 7-0.

Groton would respond in quick fashion as Jonathan Doeden had a big play that took the Tigers down to the Beresford 10 yard line on the 64 yard run. On fourth down and a foot to go, Doeden would break free to score from four yards out. Hunter Schaller kicked the PAT and the game was tied at seven.

Beresford was forced to punt on fourth and four as the Tigers took over on their own 46 yard line. But a penalty would make it first and 20. On third down with 18 yards to go, Doeden would connect with Austin Jones for 44-yard pass play taking the Tigers down to the Beresford 18. Doeden would score on a two yard run. Groton Area opted for the two-point conversion which failed. Groton now led, 14-7.

The game featured big plays and Beresford came up with one as Brad Christensen scored on a 75-yard kickoff return. Tyler Kropuenske kicked the PAT and the Watchdogs now led, 14-13 as the first quarter ended.

Beresford tried going for the down on fourth and eight but was unable to get the job done and the Tigers took over on downs. Thomas Cranford would make a big catch and get the ball down to the Beresford 19 yard line. Doeden would score on a two-yard run and the Tigers were back on top, 19-14.

The Watchdogs would have a big pass play of their own to get down to the Groton two yard line before Carter Kennedy would score and Kropuenske would kick the PAT and Beresford was back on top, 22-19.

Groton had to punt and Beresford took over on their own 22 yard line. After getting a first down, a pass was intercepted by Brody DeHoet and he ran the back 34 yards for a touchdown. The PAT pass failed and Groton Area was leading, 25-22.

Beresford would score with less than a minute left in the half and the PAT kick was blocked. Beresford led at half time, 28-25.

Groton Area had the ball to start the third quarter. Thomas Cranford had a big catch to take the ball down to the Beresford 33, but the Tigers ended up punting on fourth and 14. Beresford also had to punt on fourth and 18 as the defense picked up in the second half. Doeden would score on a five yard run and Hunter Schaller kicked the PAT and the Tigers reclaimed the lead, 32-28.

On the punt, the ball bounced off of a Beresford player and the Tigers pounced on the loose ball to get the ball back on the Beresford 47. The Tigers were unable to capitalize on the opportunity and had to punt on fourth and 13 early in the fourth quarter.

Beresford would start on its own 25 and the drive took over five minutes off the clock before they would score on a Carter Kennedy five yard run. Kropuenske would kick the PAT and Beresford took the lead, 35-32.

Groton was down to the Beresford 27 yard line and tried to get the first down on fourth and four, but fell short. The Watchdogs now had the ball on their own 25 yard line with 2:32 to go in the game. Beresford ended up punting on fourth and 20 and Groton still had a chance. The ball was on the Beresford 35 yard line with only 50 seconds to go in the game. A bad snap that went over Doeden's head allowed the football to roam free and Beresford was first to land on it with 42 seconds to go. Time would expire and the Watchdogs would pull out a 35-32 win.

"Our kids played hard," Wanner said. "They are getting better each week with four games under our belt. If we keep getting better and stay away from injuries, we should have a good football season."

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with over 1,300 viewers.

- Paul Kosel



Wyatt Locke goes for the kickoff. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)




Jonathan Doeden (6) hands the ball off to Lucas Hinman. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Jonathan Doeden breaks through the Beresford defensive line. A bunch of white jerseys were then in pursuit of Doeden. The lead runner slowed up Doeden enough, but not before he had a big gain on the run. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright



Allyssa Locke gets ready to throw in the ball during the soccer game Saturday in Groton.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Austin Jones head bumps the ball and gets body bumped by Will Unruh of Sioux Falls Christian.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

New quarterback Kirk Cousins played well, the defense made some big-time plays, and the Minnesota Vikings beat the San Francisco 49ers 24-16 on Sunday.

The biggest storyline of the offseason was the Vikings signing Kirk Cousins, and he had a good debut, completing 20 of 35 passes (not including the throw-away at the end of the game) for 244 yards, two touchdowns and zero interceptions. For his first game on a new team with a new offensive coordinator, I'd say it was a success.

Dalvin Cook (16 carries, 40 yards) and Latavius Murray (11 carries, 42 yards) were unable to find much running room against a stout 49ers defense. Cook was able to do some damage in the passing game, however, catching six passes for 55 yards.

Throughout the preseason, some wondered why there was very little chemistry between Cousins and Adam Thielen – but in the first game of the regular season the two put any doubts to rest. Thielen caught six passes for 102 yards on Sunday, but what caught my eye was Cousins' pass distribution. Out of his 35 passes, 12 went Thielen's way – the next closest Viking was Dalvin Cook who had seven targets. Even though half the throws were off-target, it's clear Cousins will look Thielen's way when the play breaks down and he needs to get rid of the ball quickly. Stefon Diggs (3 catches, 43 yards) and Kyle Rudolph (1 catch, 11 yards) didn't have many balls thrown their way, but they were each able to find the endzone.

The Vikings defense didn't play up to the level we know they are capable of, but they were able to make some big plays in big situations and secure the win on opening weekend. The stars we know all had a shining moment or two, but it was great to see the new additions to the defense step up. First-round pick Mike Hughes had the first interception of his career and returned it for a touchdown, while free agent acquisition Sheldon Richardson was constantly in the backfield and he finished the game with six tackles, three quarterback hits and a sack.

The player of the game on offense was Kirk Cousins. His stats were good, but it was clear he will get better with more time throwing to his new receivers. It seemed like this was just an average game for Cousins, and if that's true then the Vikings made a good decision when they gave him \$84 million guaranteed.

The player of the game on defense was Harrison Smith. He was the best safety in the NFL

last season, and he might have gotten even better this year. Smith led the team in tackles (8), sacks (1), tackles for a loss (2), fumble recoveries (1) and interceptions (1). There have only been three safeties in the history of the NFL that have won the Defensive Player of the Year award, but Harrison Smith will undoubtedly be in the conversation at

the end of the year if he continues to play like he did on Sunday.

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Green Bay to battle the rival Packers. The game will be on Fox next Sunday and will start at noon (CT). Aaron Rodgers will be looking for a little payback after last season, and ESPN only gives the Vikings a 41% chance to win. The two teams will be jockeying for first place in the NFC North this season, so even though this game is early in the season it still comes with plenty of importance. Skol!

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