



## ‘WE’LL SEE ‘EM AGAIN’



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Hot Springs HS head coach Ben Kramer, left, comforts Connor Kramer, right, following a heartbreaking defeat on Friday at Woodward Field.

## Hot Springs eyes playoff rematch with 2024 state champ Winner after close loss

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Hot Springs High School nearly stunned reigning Class 11B state champion Winner High School in the first weekend of South Dakota’s Friday Night Lights. After Hot Springs’ 18-14 loss, while surrounded by teary-eyed teammates, senior running back Connor Kramer said he’s now seeking a rematch come playoff time.

“We’ll see em’ again,” Kramer said nodding, his blue eyes piercing the field. Few can blame Kramer for seeking vengeance. The Bison, who won the 2023 state title, were eliminated by the Warriors in the first round of last year’s playoffs and lost 36-0 in the 2024 regular season before then. Then, on Friday, Hot Springs had the ball on Winner’s 25-yard-line with a few minutes left in the game, trailing 18-14 after recovering a

fumble. Some Bison fans white knuckled Woodward Field’s blue railing in the stands, eagerly anticipating an upset. But Hot Springs’ comeback bid fell short after a rushing touchdown was called back because of a holding call. Eventually, the loss was effectively sealed after Hot Springs failed to convert a fourth and long.

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Winner High School senior running back Zac Olson scores his first of two touchdowns against Hot Springs Friday.



Hot Springs High School senior running back Connor Kramer evades a tackler to complete a nearly 65-yard touchdown Friday against Winner High School.

## SD Guard working with ICE

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The South Dakota National Guard is involved in a deployment of around 1,700 guard members from 19 states to assist the Department of Homeland Security with immigration enforcement, Fox News reported. On Friday, Aug. 22, Fox News reported documents it obtained show planning for activations in South Dakota, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming. The active status will be effective from August through mid-November, Fox News reported. Texas is expected to host the most significant Guard presence. The news comes less than a week after South Dakota Gov. Larry Rhoden announced South Dakota National Guard members are working in support of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, which is an agency within the Department of Homeland Security. The South Dakota the Department of Corrections also recently secured a 287(g) agreement with ICE. On Aug. 18, Rhoden said the actions are part of Operation: Prairie Thunder. According to the governor’s office, the operation is a public safety initiative that includes two main initiatives:

- A targeted anti-crime initiative in the Sioux Falls metro to interdict drugs, investigate gang activity, hold parole absconders accountable and deter lawlessness.
- A comprehensive effort to support the work of ICE in securing the borders and deporting undocumented immigrants who are criminals.

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## Trump considers sending troops to Baltimore

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened Sunday to expand his military deployments to more Democratic-led cities, responding to an offer by Maryland’s governor to join him in a tour of Baltimore by saying he might instead “send in the ‘troops.’” Last week, Trump said he was considering Chicago and New York for troop deployments similar to what he has unleashed on the nation’s capital, where thousands of National Guard and federal law enforcement officers are patrolling the streets. Trump made the threat to Baltimore in a spat with Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, a Democrat who criticized Trump’s unprecedented flex of federal power aimed at combating crime and homelessness in Washington. Moore last week invited Trump to visit his state to discuss public safety and walk the streets. In a Truth Social post on Sunday, Trump said Moore asked “in a rather nasty and provocative tone,” and then raised the specter of repeating the National Guard deployment he made in Los Angeles over the objections of California’s Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom. “Wes Moore’s record on Crime is a very bad one, unless he fudges his figures on crime like many of the other ‘Blue States’ are doing,” Trump wrote, as he cited a pejorative nickname he uses frequently for the California governor. “But if Wes Moore needs help, like Gavin Newsom did in L.A., I will send in the ‘troops,’ which is being done in nearby DC, and quickly clean up the Crime.” Moore said he invited Trump to Maryland “because he seems to enjoy living in this blissful ignorance” about improving crime rates in Baltimore. “The president is spending all of his time talking about me,” Moore said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” on Sunday. “I’m spending my time talking about the people I serve.” After surging National Guard troops

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