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South Dakota's Devin Taverna is congratulated by defensive line coach Kurt Troutman after Taverna picked off a pass in the USD spring football game on Saturday at the DakotaDome.

USD Football

Offense, Defense **Showcase Talent In Spring Game**

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VERMILLION — Tim Tebow made the jump pass famous at Florida, but Jasper Sanders is now a perfect 1-for-1 on the trick

Take the hand-off, run hard to the line, stop, jump up in the air and throw the ball over the middle to a teammate, hope for something to happen.

Mission accomplished for Sanders, a senior running back for the University of South Dakota football team, in Saturday's annual spring game in the DakotaDome.

The play, implemented a day earlier by offensive coordinator Wes Beschorner, resulted in an 18-yard touchdown to tight end Kayl Barkley — with a push from the line over the final five yards.

"We wanted a name for it, but we couldn't think of one," Sanders said. "I was excited, because I didn't think he'd get in."

Barkley, a sophomore, did to cap off USD's second series, both of which resulted in touchdowns for the offense on a day that re-

sulted in a 28-28 tie. "It was a mess the first time he tried it," head coach Joe Glenn said, chuckling. "Jasper was a high school quarterback, so I

think he was lobbying." offensive highlights for the Coyotes, coming

off a 1-10 record a year ago. The defense made seven stops on third down, recorded six sacks, intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble — all result-

ing in points. Aside from a 75-yard drive to start the game, the defense settled down and began to frustrate its offensive teammates.

'That's huge, especially on third down," said senior linebacker Tyler Starr, who led with six tackles and two sacks. "Any time you have a chance to get off the field, it's got to happen."

In an hour-long game broken down into three quarters, the offense jumped early 19-11 after six series. The defense rallied to tie the game at 22 on a sack by Tyler Richardson (two points) and a third down stop (one point).

Dévin Taverna intercepted a pass after a halftime break and a sack by Starr made it 28-22 in favor of the defense. Junior quarterback Josh Vander Maten closed the game with a 5yard touchdown run — his second of the day.

"It was very competitive, even up a notch from our scrimmages," said Vander Maten, who finished 8-of-12 passing for 112 yards. "It was really good to see."

Another of the defensive standouts was junior defensive back Steve Tellefsen. He finished three tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery in the end zone.

"The number one goal was to stop the offense, and we did that," Tellefsen said.

Of course, frustrating your offensive teammates was extra special, he said. "It's always nice to get those offensive

guys mad," Tellefsen said. "We're always talking, every day. Those are the only people we see, so it was fun." The final quarter and a half weren't so

much fun for the offense. Frequently a problem last year, three pre-snap penalties — two false starts and a holding — halted any momentum. There was one series in particular where USD went consecutive plays of false start, interception, delay of game.

"Our discipline last year was horrible. And we've gone all spring and two scrimmages without a pre-snap penalty and today we had three of them," Glenn said. "That can't hap-

"Those are little things we need to work

An area that does appear to be an improvement for the offense is at running back. Sanders led with 41 yards, followed by senior Earv Archambeau (an Avon native) with 40, redshirt freshman Trevor Bouma with 20 and redshirt freshman Jordan Roberts with 19.

Archambeau, whom Glenn calls a "hider" because of his small stature at 5-foot-10, averArchery

Shoot-Off Ends Weekend





Archery Success

ABOVE: Jesse Broadwater, front, zeroes in on his attempt in a 2-man shoot-off for the Championship Male Freestyle division at the First Dakota Classic, which concluded Sunday at the Easton Yankton **Archery Complex.**

LEFT: Elias Bartos, center, accepts his National Field Archery Associa-tion (NFAA) Unmarked 3D Championship trophy on Sunday at the **Easton Yankton Archery Complex.** Pictured with Bartos are NFAA vice president Brian Sheffler, left, and NFAA president Bruce Cull.

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To claim his first place title Sunday afternoon, Jesse Broadwater needed to make the perfect shot.

His first place finish came from a shoot-off against Braden Gellenthien for the Championship Male Freestyle division in the First Dakota Classic, one of two archery tournaments that concluded Sunday at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

"There was a lot of pressure," Broadwater said. "At that distance, with the yards, you have to make a perfect shot. When you're under pressure like that it's pretty hard to make a perfect shot. It was pretty intense. I've been in that situation before, but it's still not

But Broadwater wasn't expecting to do that well, he said.

"I didn't practice a whole lot coming into this, so I didn't have high expectations coming in," he said. "My equipment and every-thing performed flawlessly, so I was really fortunate to have good sponsors and good equipment to pull me through when I don't get enough time to practice like I should. I'm happy about it." Randy Ulmer, from Cave Creek,

Ariz. also took part in a shoot off Sunday. His was for second place in the First Dakota Classic men's senior division against Tom Crowe.

Although a lot of pressure comes with a shoot off, Ulmer said this one was fun because of his friendship with Crowe.

Tom and I have been shooting against each other for 30 years," he said. There's a lot of history there and we're good friends. There was actually a lot more fun involved, and plus it wasn't for first place. There's always a lot more pressure when you're shooting for first place.

Ulmer recently started competing professionally again after taking a break for a few years.

I shot professionally for years and years, and I just got back into it in the senior division," he said. 'It feels great to come back."

Crowe ended the tournament

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Jones Reaches Personal Goal Of Archery Trifecta

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Erika Jones came to the First Dakota Classic archery tournament with one goal: To take first place.

her goal Sunday afternoon mak ing it her third first-place win in a row.

She previously won her division at The Vegas Shoot in February in Las Vegas and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Indoor National Championships in Louisville, Ky., in March.

"It feels great to take first place," she said. "I came in hoping to be able to say I won all three of the tournaments, so it was really cool to be consistent enough the last few months to be able to win these three tournaments.

Jones, who is from Grand Island, Neb., said her father got her started with archery, something she has participated in since she was just six years old.

"He's always hunted and he shoots competitively locally, and at the time my mom was

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working a lot," Jones said. "He was kind of the babysitter, and if he was babysitting we were going to the archery range. It gave me and him years of bonding time. It definitely shaped my career."

Jones has been shooting for a total of 18 years, and said she participates in roughly 20 tournaments a year.

"It's literally all I've ever known," she said. "There are a whole bunch of tournaments coming up now, and I don't have an off weekend until the beginning of July. Then I only have that one weekend before we go five or six weeks. It takes a lot of time and work and dedicating your life to it.'

For this tournament in particular, Jones said she was glad to see a local turnout.

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Erika Jones, right, of Grand Island, Neb., is pictured Sunday after winning the Championship Female Freestyle division at the First Dakota Classic. Christin Colin, left, finished third, while Holly Larson, who took second, is not pictured.

Baseball: Yankton Earns Split

On a day marked by a close game and a onesided affair, Yankton and Watertown split a club high school baseball doubleheader on Sunday at Riverside Field.

Watertown rallied to win game one 4-1 in 10 innings, but the hometown Bucks shut out the visitors 8-0 in game two.

In the opener, Yankton took a 1-0 lead into the seventh inning, but the Arrows took advantage of two Bucks errors to score a run. Watertown then pulled in front in extra in-

Dustin Hopper was 2-4 for the Bucks, while Andrew Hummel, Zach Benjamin and Lane Sawatzke each added a hit. Sam Wendte scored the only run. Mitch Gullikson took the loss in relief of Tanner Termansen and Ben-

In game two, Garrison Brockberg hurled a 7-inning shutout for Yankton, with four strikeouts and four hits.

Gullikson and Brad Ulmer were 2-4, while Sawatzke had a hit. Yankton stole 12 bases in the game, led by three from Will Steward.



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Yankton's Zach Benjamin delivers to home plate in the seventh inning of Sunday's game one matchup with Watertown at Riverside Field.

Yankton, now 6-2, is scheduled to host Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Tuesday in Vermillion.

On Saturday, the Yankton JV team picked up a pair of wins over Mitchell at Riverside Field. The Bucks won by

scores of 5-0 and 5-4. In game one, Yankton's Ben Cameron struck out 18 of the 21 batters he faced.

College: MMC 5-2, **NWU 2-9** LINCOLN, Neb. —

Mount Marty College and Nebraska Wesleyan split a Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader in Lincoln,

The Lancers won the opener 5-2 and the Prairie Wolves took game two 9-In the first game,

Mount Marty broke open a 2-2 tie with one run in the top of the fifth inning and two runs in the sixth. In game two, NWU

pulled in front 8-2 after five innings and added another run. Sam Busboom pitched 6 1/3 innings to get the win.

No other stats were available.

The Lancers (16-22, 8-8) return home to host Briar Cliff on Thursday, starting at 5 p.m.

MOŬNT MARTY 1-5, **HASTINGS 2-3**: HAST-INGS, Neb. — In a pair of tight battles, Mount Marty and Hastings split a GPAC baseball doubleheader Saturday in Hast-

Full stats were not available from the doubleheader.

Track: USD's Grove Wins At Long Beach

CERRITOS, Calif. — Emily Grove won the women's pole vault while setting her seasonhigh mark of 14 feet (14-0) to lead South Dakota track and field at the Long Beach Invitational on

Grove's vault topped her previous season best of 13-9 3/4, and now ranks her second in the Summit League and seventh in the NCAA West Region. Teammates Hunter Wilkes and Madison Mills both placed fourth with vaults of

On the men's side, Jeff O'Connell was seventh in the men's long jump with a leap of 23-9 1/4.

Kansas Relays
LAWRENCE, Kan.— Cody Snyder placed second overall in the men's discus to lead South Dakota track and field in the final day of the Kansas Relays on Saturday.

Snyder had a toss of 172-3. On the track, Jeff Mettler added a fourth-place finish in the men's seeded 1,500-meters with a time of 3:59.24, while the women's 4x400 team placed seventh in 3:53.20.

Mt. SAC Relays

WALNUT, Calif. — Alexa Duling recorded her best time of the season while finishing sixth in the women's 400-meter hurdles Olympic development elite race at the Mt. SAC Relays on Satur-

Duling finished the race in 59.60, knocking eight-tenths of a second off her previous best of 1:00.40 that she set at the Arizona State Invitational on March 22. She ranks first in the Summit League and 23rd in the NCAA West Region in the event. Also on Saturday, Megan Glisar placed sixth in the women's high jump invitational elite competition with a mark of 5-8 1/2.

Doane Relays

CRETE, Neb. — Abbey VanDenBerg recorded a pair of top-12 finishes to highlight the Mount Marty College track teams at the Doane Relays on Saturday in Crete, Neb.

VanDenBerg finished sixth in the triple jump (35-11.25) and 12th in the 200-meter dash (27.79) to lead the Lancers. Katie Smelker and Jordyn Hudelson went 10-11, respectively, in the 1500, while Holly Hegge took 10th in the long jump (16-1) The highest finisher for the MMC men was Yankton native Neil

Hohenthaner, who took 11th place in the decathlon (4457 points).

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