

Cyclones Edge South Dakota 3-1



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South Dakota freshman Corey Strang (3) takes on Iowa State's Makena Cameron (9) in Sunday's soccer match at USD Soccer Complex. USD outshot the Cyclones 15-12, but ISU earned a 3-1 victory. The match marked the first time that a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) conference team has played a regular season event in Vermillion.

Women's Soccer: Match Marks First Regular Season Appearance By A BCS-Conference Team In Vermillion

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VERMILLION — The number of times a BCS conference team played a game or a match in Vermillion could be counted on one hand. More accurately, you wouldn't need a full five fingers.

Just one. The USD soccer team got an up-close look Sunday afternoon of one of those high-major teams, Iowa State, and in almost every measurable fashion — aside from the final score, 3-1 — hung right with their Big 12 Conference counterparts.

"It's awesome," said USD sophomore midfielder Danielle Anderson, who scored the team's only goal,

in the 51st minute. "We came ready to play; just wish we could've won. It's a great learning experience, though."

Division I competition has steadily increased for every USD sport since the move to D-I in 2008, but never before had a team hosted a BCS conference opponent. The Coyote soccer team did host Nebraska back in 2008, but that was an exhibition.

How close was Sunday's action? USD out-shot the Cyclones 15-12 and Iowa State had a slight 7-6 edge in shots on goal. The Cyclones, however, scored on a penalty kick early in the second half and later capitalized on a USD mistake in front of the net.

"Seeing this kind of level is good for us, especially at

home," USD head coach Mandy Green said. "With conference, you have a few chances. Here, this was one chance."

Playing the back end of a home and home series (Iowa State beat USD 7-0 last year in Ames), the Coyotes and Cyclones have a number of factors in common, despite their different levels.

Both programs, for the most part, recruit much the same area. Iowa State boasts seven Colorado players, while USD has three. ISU has three Nebraska natives, while USD has one. The Coyotes have five players from Minnesota, while ISU boasts two.

The two recruiting paths crossed on the field Sunday, as sisters Kylee — a USD junior — and Koree — an ISU freshman — matched up against each other for the first time.

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Softball: Gazelles Earn First Two Wins Of '13

The Yankton Gazelles girls' softball team evened their record at 2-2 with victories over Pipestone, Minn., and Brandon Valley on Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton returns to Sioux Falls today (Monday) to play Sioux Falls Lincoln. Start time for the twinbill is 6 p.m.

YANKTON 4, PIPESTONE 0: Madison Dangler tossed a three-hit shutout as Yankton blanked the Arrows to open the day.

Heather Hauer had two hits and a RBI, and Jaclyn Arens had two hits and a run scored to lead Yankton, which took control with a three-run second inning. Bailey Kortan and Abby Schulte each had a hit and a run scored. Brynn Albers and Dangler each drove in runs in the victory.

Britany Evans, Tiffany Evans and Bianca Claussen had singles for Pipestone.

Kelly Nettik took the loss.

YANKTON 10, BRANDON VALLEY 1: Brooke Loecker came a home run short of the cycle, going 3-3 with a RBI and a run scored as the Gazelles rolled past the Lynx.

Heather Hauer had two hits and two runs scored, and Kalyn Peterka had a double and two RBI for Yankton. Abby Schulte posted a hit, two RBI and a run scored. Andi Sprakel had a hit, a RBI and two runs scored. Jaclyn Arens and Kelsey Hovorka each had a hit and a RBI, and Bailey Kortan had a hit and a run scored in the win.

Emily Harris had a hit and a run scored, and Hannah McCraoy had a hit and a RBI for the Lynx.

Arens allowed four hits in the victory. Michal Smith took the loss.

Junior Varsity

WATERTOWN 8, YANKTON 3: Elizabeth Suing, Maddie Hendrickson, Alisa Ruzicka and Kelsey Hovorka had hits for Yankton. Hovorka took the loss, striking out three.

YANKTON 10, BRANDON VALLEY 3: Savannah Steffen and Danielle Schmidt each had two hits and a RBI as Yankton routed Brandon Valley. Alix Peterka also had two hits. Lexie McCorkell had a hit and a RBI. Elizabeth Suing, Kelsey Hovorka and Merlye Mason had hits. Alisa Ruzicka drove in a run in the victory.

Lexie McCorkell struck out three in the complete game win.

Middle School

YANKTON RED 9, BRANDON VALLEY 1: Tori Herboldt struck out 12 Brandon Valley batters and had plenty of run support as Yankton beat Brandon Valley.

Elsie Marquardt had two hits and two runs scored, and Brooke Madsen had two hits and a run scored to lead Yankton. Chloe Koletzky, Olivia Hummel and Bailey Kenney each had a hit and a run scored. Herboldt also had a hit. Payton Vellek and Megan McCorkell scored runs in the win.

YANKTON RED 11, MADISON 7: Megan McCorkell had two hits and two runs scored, Elsie Marquardt had two hits and a run scored, and Brooke Madsen doubled and singled as Yankton outgunned Madison.

Chloe Koletzky and Larkyn Mason each had a hit and two runs scored for Yankton. Olivia Hummel had a double and a run scored. Bailey Kenney and Tori Herboldt each had a hit and a run scored. Trinity Fitch added a run scored in the win.

Payton Vellek started, striking out two batters. Herboldt struck out six batters in her two innings of work.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Doug Murphy of Rapid City chips onto the No. 18 green during the final round of the South Dakota Golf Association Men's Senior Championship on Sunday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Murphy would card a final-round 72 to claim the title.

Murphy Claims SDGA Senior Title

Rapid City Native Shoots Par On Final Day To Win In First Time At Hillcrest

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Rapid City's Doug Murphy had never played Hillcrest Golf and Country Club before a practice round on Friday.

After winning the South Dakota Golf Association's Senior Championships with a two-day score of 147, he might find an excuse to play there again.

Murphy expanded on a one-stroke lead with a final-round even-par 72, giving him a three-stroke victory over fellow Rapid City resident Mike Brummer. The victory was Murphy's second individual win in an SDGA event, joining a Pre-Senior title in 2006. He has also been a part of two senior and one pre-senior title.

"We came down Friday for our practice round, and it was the first time I'd ever played the course," Murphy said after the tournament awards ceremony. "It's a great little course. I grew up in Watertown and played on a course similar to this, with a lot of big trees and a lot of small greens."

"I haven't played a course like this with small greens for a while, so it was a challenge just trying to hit the greens," Murphy said.

Madison's Tim Begeman finished third at 154. Yankton's Steve Weiland and Sioux Falls' Tommy Reynolds each shot 155 to finish fourth and fifth.

Murphy shot a 75 on Saturday to lead Derek Burshiem of Flandreau and Bob Endahl of Brandon by one stroke. Brummer, a SDGA Hall of Famer, was in the group two strokes off the pace.

"I always free better having a one stroke lead than being behind by one or two, but you never know," he said. "There are a lot of good golfers in the state. I've had the opportunity to play with a lot of them, and I know

any of them can score well."

But on the final day, Murphy put it all together to shoot even par, a round he needed as both Brummer and Begeman shot 1-over 73s on the day.

"Probably the best thing for me today was my driver. I hit a lot of really good drives. I only hit one bad drive on the day, and that makes a lot of difference on a tight course like this," Murphy said. "I hit a lot more greens today, eight of the first nine, and I probably hit six or seven on the back nine. And I putted well."

While Murphy enjoyed his weekend at Hillcrest, it may not be golf that brings him to Yankton in the future.

"My daughter is marrying Carl Carlson, and his parents live right off the eighth fairway," he said. "I might be back here more often, having some in-laws here."

John Knox of Onida shot a two-day score of 162 to earn the 70-over championship.

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Gazelles Go 1-2 In Season-Opening Quadrangular



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Yankton's Sarah Rockne returns a shot during flight one doubles action against Watertown in a girls' tennis quadrangular at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts on Saturday. Yankton opened the season with a 1-2 record in the event.

The Yankton Gazelles girls' tennis team went 1-2 in their season-opening quadrangular on Saturday at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts.

Yankton's victory on the day was a 9-0 win over Vermillion. The Gazelles were also swept by Rapid City Stevens 9-0, and dropped a 7-2 decision to Watertown.

Vermillion also lost to Stevens 10-7.

Senior Taylor Rothenberger went 2-1 in flight two singles play, and Kaitlyn Frank and Anna Kokesh teamed up to go 2-1 at flight three doubles.

The Gazelles are off until a quadrangular at Brookings on Friday. Vermillion returns to the court on Tuesday, traveling to Mitchell for a triangular.

WATERTOWN 7, YANKTON 2
SINGLES: Emma Kays W def. Sarah Rockne 10-8; Taylor Rothenberger Y def. Rachel Kjetland 10-8; Allie VanDerWiede W def. Kaitlyn Frank 10-6; Abbey Cerny W def. Alexa Bryan 10-4; Alli Cummings W def. Kim Cap 10-1; Abbey Reiler W def. Anne Knoff 10-5
DOUBLES: Kays-Kjetland W def. Rockne-Rothenberger 10-6; VanDerWiede-Cerny W def. Bryan-Cap 10-5; Frank-Anna Kokesh Y def. Cummings-Reiler 11-9



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Vermillion's Abby Weiss returns a shot during flight one singles action against Rapid City Stevens in a girls' tennis quadrangular in Yankton on Saturday.

R.C. STEVENS 9, YANKTON 0
SINGLES: Kristina Hammerquist S def. Sarah Rockne 10-1; Sarah Kelly S def. Taylor Rothenberger 10-1; Stephanie Griffith S def. Kaitlyn Frank 10-2; Nisha Wiedmeier S def. Alexa Bryan 10-7; Harmoni Bahr S def. Anna Kokesh 10-4; Annika Hammerquist S def. Anne Knoff 10-1
DOUBLES: Hammerquist-Griffith S def. Rockne-Rothenberger 10-4; Kelly-Wiedmeier S def. Bryan-Knoff 10-2; Barrett Hammerquist S def. Frank-Kokesh 10-2

YANKTON 9, VERMILLION 0
SINGLES: Sarah Rockne Y def. Abby Weiss 8-3; Taylor Rothenberger Y def. Libby Sykes 8-1; Kaitlyn Frank Y de f. Audrey Miller 8-0; Alexa Bryan Y def. Alex Rosdahl 8-0; Mimi Garcia Y def. Brandi Styles 8-2; Anne Knoff Y def. Kirsyn Bohn 8-0
DOUBLES: Rockne-Rothenberger Y def. Weiss-Sykes 8-0; Bryan-Knoff Y def. Miller-Rosdahl 8-3; Frank-Anna Kokesh Y def. Styles-Bohn 8-0