

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S NEB. SCORES

Elkhorn South 35, Omaha Gross Catholic 0
Lutheran High Northeast 43, Ponca 14
Millard West 21, Omaha North 19
Omaha Creighton Prep 33, Papillion-LaVista 21

VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Ballic def. Colman-Egan, 25-17, 25-21, 25-18
Bon Homme def. Avon, 25-23, 25-9, 25-22
Dakota Valley def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-18, 25-19, 25-17
Faulkton def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-10, 25-19, 25-16
Florence/Henry def. Great Plains Lutheran, 20-25, 25-11, 25-21, 25-21
James Valley Christian def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-11, 25-13, 25-16
Madison def. Flandreau, 25-12, 25-22, 25-13
Sioux Falls Christian def. Tea Area, 25-9, 25-10, 25-20
Sioux Valley def. Deuel, 25-7, 25-8, 25-9
Watertown def. Yankton, 26-24, 25-17, 25-18
West Central def. Dell Rapids, 25-12, 25-17, 25-17
Wilmot def. Waverly-South Shore, 23-25, 25-16, 25-17, 25-16
Winner def. Miller, 25-22, 25-20, 25-20

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	71	56	.559	—
New York	69	57	.548	1 1/2
Baltimore	63	64	.496	8
Tampa Bay	63	64	.496	8
Boston	58	69	.457	13
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	78	49	.614	—
Minnesota	65	62	.512	13
Chicago	60	66	.476	17 1/2
Cleveland	60	66	.476	17 1/2
Detroit	50	67	.427	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	71	57	.555	—
Texas	65	61	.516	5
Los Angeles	65	62	.512	5 1/2
Seattle	59	69	.461	12
Oakland	55	73	.430	16

Wednesday's Games

Houston 6, N.Y. Yankees 2
Seattle 8, Oakland 2
Detroit 5, L.A. Angels 0
Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2
Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 12, Texas 4
Baltimore 8, Kansas City 3
Boston 3, Chicago White Sox 0

Thursday's Games

L.A. Angels 2, Detroit 0
Texas 4, Toronto 1
Kansas City 5, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 2

Friday's Games

Detroit (Boyd 1-4) at Toronto (Dickey 8-10), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Owens 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 11-7), 6:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Volquez 11-7) at Tampa Bay (E. Ramirez 10-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 5-2) at Cleveland (Salazar 11-7), 6:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-6) at Atlanta (W. Perez 4-4), 6:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 2-5) at Texas (Harnels 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Kazmir 7-8) at Minnesota (Gibson 8-9), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (T. Walker 9-7) at Chicago White Sox (Jon Danks 6-11), 7:10 p.m.

Oakland (S. Gray 12-5) at Arizona (Ch. Anderson 6-5), 8:40 p.m.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	56	.556	—
Washington	64	62	.508	6
Atlanta	54	73	.425	16 1/2
Miami	51	77	.398	20
Philadelphia	50	77	.394	20 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	81	45	.643	—
Pittsburgh	77	49	.611	4
Chicago	73	53	.579	8
Milwaukee	53	74	.417	26 1/2
Cincinnati	52	74	.413	29
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	70	56	.556	—
San Francisco	68	59	.535	2 1/2
Arizona	62	64	.492	8
San Diego	62	65	.488	8 1/2
Colorado	51	74	.408	18 1/2

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 4
San Diego 6, Washington 5
Colorado 6, Atlanta 3
L.A. Dodgers 7, Cincinnati 4
Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2
Pittsburgh 7, Miami 2
St. Louis 3, Arizona 1
San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 2

Thursday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 1, Cincinnati 0
San Francisco 9, Chicago Cubs 1
Washington 4, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh 2, Miami 2
St. Louis at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Friday's Games

Colorado (J. Gray 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 9-6), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Conley 1-1) at Washington (Schwarzer 11-10), 6:05 p.m.

San Diego (Kennedy 8-11) at Philadelphia (Noe 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
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Cincinnati (R. Iglesias 3-5) at Milwaukee (Jungmann 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (S. Gray 12-5) at Arizona (Ch. Anderson 6-5), 8:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6), 9:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 15-4) at San Francisco (Leake 9-6), 9:15 p.m.

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Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
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AREA CALENDAR

Friday, August 28

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP
S.F. O'Gorman Inv. (YHS, 4 p.m.);
Beresford Inv. (Beresford, Centerville, Dakota Valley, Elk Point, Jefferson, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Vermillion, Viborg-Hurley, 10 a.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, MS S.F.

O'Gorman Inv. (YMS, 4 p.m.)
FOOTBALL, PREP YHS at Brookings (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM), Allen at O'Neill St. Mary's; Andes Central-Dakota Christian vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Aquinas Catholic at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Avon at Scotland; Bon Homme at Miller (7 p.m., KK93.com); Bridgewater-Emerly-Ethan at Beresford; Burke-South Central at Gayville-Volin; Centerville at Parker; Crofton at Homer; Dakota Valley at West Central; Elk Point-Jefferson at Tri-Vailey; Irene-Wakonda at Freeman; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at West Holt; Mount Vernon-Parkinton vs. Menno-Marion at Menno; Parkston at Tea Area; Plainview at Wausa; Vermillion at Canton (7 p.m., KVTX-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Alcester-Hudson; Wymot at Winside

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR

Bobcat North Dakota Open at Fargo CC

GOLF, BOYS' Huron Inv.

(YHS, 10 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' Wayne Inv.

(Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, 9 a.m.)

TENNIS, GIRLS' YHS/Aberdeen Central/Harrisburg at Brook-

ings (1 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S

Wyoming Tourn. at Laramie, Wyo. (USD vs. Butler, 5 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Bon Homme at Winner; Centerville at Dell Rapids St. Mary

Saturday, August 29

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Mitchell Inv. (Wagner, 10 a.m.)
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Bobcat North Dakota Open at Fargo CC

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at North Dakota (1 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Lennox at Yankton (12:30 p.m.); Garretson at Yankton (3:30 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' JV Lennox at Yankton I (12:30 p.m.); Lennox at Yankton II (2 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, GIRLS' MS Sioux Falls Games (Yankton)

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COLLEGE

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Added transfers F Jacorey Williams (Arkansas) and G Alondis Foote (Trinity Valley CC) to the men's basketball program.

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FOOTBALL
NFL — Suspended Green Bay DT Letroy Guion for the first three games of the regular season for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse. Reinstated Atlanta president Rick McKay as chairman of the Competition Committee after suspending him from the post for the use of artificial noise at Atlanta home games.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed S Will Hill to a two-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB Pat Devlin. Waived OL Ryan Seymour.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR James Butler.

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Drake Downs Coyotes 6-2

BY ELYSE BRIGHTMAN

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Drake put on a scoring clinic against the University of South Dakota's women's soccer team yesterday afternoon in Vermillion.

The Coyotes scored two goals in the final five minutes, but fell short for a 6-2 loss in the third game of the season.

"We still gave up a lot of goals and we've got a lot of young players making mistakes, but I like how we played better. We have been talking about establishing possession and we did that second half," said USD head coach Mandy Green.

The first half looked promising for the Coyotes, who were coming off two straight regular season losses and an exhibition loss, as they kept the ball in the attacking half for the first 10 minutes of the game. The Bulldog's settled in by controlling the midfield and broke the score with 27 minutes to play in the half.

Drake's Ali Smith sent a cross in from the right side to Alyssa Brand at the 18 yard box who headed it into the far post over the hands of goalkeeper Parker Rytz.

Just one minute later, USD's Danielle Anderson dribbled the ball to the end line and managed a cross through high pressure from Drake's defense. The ball bounced towards the net off a Bulldog defender two yards from the goal line, but was saved by goalkeeper Brooke Dennis.

With 15 minutes to play in the half, Drake's Kasey Hurst took a short corner kick to Emma Winstead outside the 18. Winstead took the shot from 25 yards out from the goal that went over the hands of Rytz into the far side back of the net.

For the final minutes of the half USD's offense pushed for a goal managing a few crosses and the team's only two shots of the half, but the efforts fell short and the Coyotes went into halftime down 2-0.

"There was a decent amount of frustration, but it was just getting them focused on what we need to do to be



ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/PLAIN TALK

South Dakota's Corey Strang keeps the ball in bounds during the Coyotes' 6-2 loss to Drake on Thursday afternoon at the USD Soccer Field.

successful, keep possession of the ball and score goals," Green said.

In the second half, Drake's Rebecca Rodgers and Vanessa Kavan scored almost identical goals from the left flank, outside the 18 over the hands of Rytz into the far post. Mariah Boncek then took a long-range shot from 40 yards out that, again, went over the hands of Rytz into the back of the net for a 5-0 lead.

USD found the back of the net with five minutes to play when Anderson passed the ball across the face of the goal to Elena Tsakakis, who slotted it between the keeper and the goalpost.

Drake answered two minutes later when Boncek put the ball back in front of the net from the goal line and Gabby Charles tapped it in.

USD wouldn't go down easy and one minute later Rebecca Sparkman put away a pass from Anderson inside

the 18.

"We started the second half with the group that showed the most fight in the first half and was getting the ball and keeping possession. That is about all I change was who was on the field and it made a big difference," Green said.

Rytz recorded zero saves in the game and gave up four goals. Coral Suarez played the final 20 minutes with one save and allowing two goals. Each team recorded 11 shots.

The Coyotes are now 0-3 on the season and look for the first win when the team travels to Grand Forks, North Dakota to play the University of North Dakota on Sunday, Aug. 30 with a 1 p.m. kickoff time.

"It's early in the season and we got better in the second half, so I was ok with our possession," Green said. "Obviously, we have to sort out the amount of goals that we're giving up."

Gazelles

FROM PAGE 6A

The Gazelles travel to Harrisburg on Tuesday.

The Gazelles JV team was able to defeat O'Gorman, 2-1, thanks to two goals from

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Gameday

FROM PAGE 6A

about a 50-50 mix," he said. "Last year we were more senior-heavy, so we've got some big shoes to fill. "But we have a good group of kids who saw some time."

On the flip side, Yankton is just as loaded with seniors (25) as it was last year (21). And a common trait among this year's senior class could very well be speed, Likness said.

"As a result, we have some pretty good quickness, so we'll need to put those two together," he said.

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Bullpen Helps Rays Cool Off Minnesota

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Relievers Brandon Gomes, Alex Colome and Brad Boxberger combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings and the Tampa Bay Rays ended Minnesota's six-game winning streak, beating the Twins 5-4 on Thursday night.

The loss dropped the Twins a half-game behind Texas for the second AL wild-card spot.

Gomes (2-4) got an inning-ending double play with two on in the fifth during his 1 2-3 innings. After Colome worked two innings, Boxberger struck out all three batters he faced for his 31st save.

Joey Butler, recalled from Triple-A Durham to take the place of injured outfielder Desmond Jennings, had an RBI single off Tommy Milone (6-4) and later scored on a passed ball to give Tampa Bay a 5-4 lead in the sixth.

Eduardo Escobar homered for the Twins.

Milone allowed five runs and eight hits

in 5 1-3 innings. In his previous outing Sunday, he helped out a depleted bullpen and got his first professional save as the Twins beat Baltimore 4-3 in 12 innings.

Escobar had a solo homer off Drew Smyly during a two-run fourth that put the Twins ahead 4-2. On Wednesday, Escobar hit a pair of solo shots for his first multihomer game.

Smyly gave up four runs and eight hits over 4 1-3 innings in his third start since returning from a left shoulder injury that sidelined him three months. The left-hander threw 100 pitches.

J.P. Arenchibua cut the Rays' deficit to 4-3 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

After Kurt Suzuki drove in a run on his 200th career double during the second, the Twins tied it at 2 when Miguel Sano had a towering RBI double