

USD ‘Adequately Prepared’ For Rivalry Rematch With SDSU Thursday

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VERMILLION — A game eight years in waiting is now officially in preparation mode at the University of South Dakota. Yet, when it comes to getting everything set up and ready for Thursday night’s 7 p.m. men’s basketball rematch with South Dakota State, this is new territory for USD.

“We’re excited to have the event finally here, and I think our fans are too,” athletic director David Sayler said. “We just want this to be as smooth as possible.”

The Coyotes and Jackrabbits, who faced each other Jan. 12 in Brookings, haven’t met in Vermillion since Feb. 28, 2004 — a span of eight seasons.

With an expected attendance in the 8,500 range, USD faces an issue it’s not totally unfamiliar with, just not in this capacity: Security, specifically small, furry animals.

“Any time you have a situation where you have this many people, we’ll be on the lookout for certain things,” Sayler said.

“We’re planning our concessions and security as though it’s a D-Days (homecoming) football game.

“Whatever the final number ends up being, we’ll be adequately prepared.”

Not only have USD officials not had a State-U game to get ready for in eight years, they haven’t experienced anything like the expected attendance Thursday night.

As of Tuesday afternoon, USD was down to around 700 remaining tickets for Thursday, according to Brad Simons, coordinator of Ticket Operations and Sales.

“Tickets are going fast since we put them on sale Feb. 1,” Simons said. “It’s taken off since then, and now that we’re a few days away, sales have been really steady.”

To help alleviate the increased demand for tickets, especially from students, USD is bringing in added sets of bleachers to be set up next to the bleachers already behind each basket.

“It’s a good problem to have,” Sayler said. “It’s great to have them fired up to come, but we have to do something to entertain them; it’s on us now.

“We just want to make the environment as good as it can be.”

The expected attendance for Thursday night will obviously dwarf any previous highs at USD since the last State-U men’s game at the Dome.

When the Coyotes and Jackrabbits last met in Vermillion in 2004, there were 8,517 people on hand. In the eight years since, USD’s high for a men’s game is 5,980 during the 2007-08 season against Augustana.

Not even the 2008 Division II women’s North Central Region championship, in which beat USD beat MSU-Mankato in the Dome, drew nearly that many fans — only 3,120 saw the Coyotes advance to the Elite Eight.

Put simply, this is a whole new experience for USD.

“This is the game we’ve been missing in our basketball season,” Simons said. “Every year we have that D-Days game where it’s guaranteed to be a near sellout. But this is a new beast for us in basketball.

“We haven’t had anything close to this magnitude in eight years.”

Following suit, there figures to be an increased media presence in the Dome, including a crew from Midco Sports Net which will be televising Thursday night’s men’s game, Saturday’s doubleheader against North Dakota State and next Monday’s USD-SDSU women’s game.

The home games with the Jackrabbits, especially, will see the widest array of media outlets.

According to the Sports Information department, USD has had about 20 media requests for Thursday night’s men’s game, and close to 20 for Monday’s women’s contest.

Whether it’s the visiting student section or the natural intensity of the first rivalry game in the Dome in eight years, USD is confident the night will go by smoothly, Sayler said.

“Everyone wants to come for the right reason, to cheer for the home team, to do what they do they as fans,” he said. “We’re confident that everyone will come and enjoy the rivalry.”

Pheasants Clip B-E Gazelles Stop Huron 61-38

PARKER — Parker held Bridgewater-Emery to 18 percent shooting in the second half to pick up a 47-43 boys’ victory Tuesday night in Parker.

Cedric Hay led the Pheasants (10-8) with 20 points, while Jake Anderson added 15 points off the bench.

Bridgewater-Emery led 20-7 after one quarter and 28-23 at halftime.

In the loss for the Huskies (11-5), Clayton Dye recorded 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Terry Weber added 10 points.

Parker hosts Canton on Friday and Bridgewater-Emery visits Mitchell Christian next Tuesday.

BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (11-5)	20	28	39	43
PARKER (10-8)	7	23	38	47

WYNOT 71, Irene-Wakonda 63

WYNOT, Neb. — The Wynot Blue Devils were able to escape their neighbors from the north with a 71-63 victory over the Irene-Wakonda Eagles on Tuesday.

Leading Wynot was Austin Wieseler with 16 points. Also for the Blue Devils was Davis Wieseler with 13 points and Jackson Sudbeck ended with 12 points.

The Eagles were led by Dustin Livingston’s 16 points, Scott Davis contributed 15 points, and Sam Kiger had 13 points.

Wynot also won a close JV game, 40-38.

Irene-Wakonda will next play in Irene against Freeman on Monday and Wynot will host Hartington on Friday.

IRENE-WAKONDA (12-6)	17	33	45	63
WYNOT (17-2)	20	39	50	71

WAUSA 50, Hartington 40

WAUSA, Neb. — The Wausa Vikings improved to 16-5 on the season with a 50-40 victory over Hartington on Tuesday night in Nebraska boys’ basketball action.

Austin Conn led the Vikings with 12 points. Marcus Claussen and Spencer Rosberg each added nine points in the winning effort.

Hartington, 6-11, got 15 points from Nick Miller. Adam Hochstein added eight points for the Wildcats.

Wausa travels to Osmond on Friday. Hartington plays at Wynot on Friday.

Wausa won the JV contest.

HARTINGTON (6-11)	10	19	28	40
WAUSA (16-5)	19	22	40	50

Centerville 78, Scotland 26

CENTERVILLE — Centerville continued their successful season with a 78-26 whipping of Scotland on Tuesday night in Centerville. The Tornadoes, 13-3, led 43-9 at the half on their way to victory.

Sophomore Seamus O’Malley led the Tornadoes with 17 points. Junior Ty Knutson added 15 and senior Aaron Anderson added a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Seth Ireland led Scotland with seven points.

Centerville travels to Emery on Thursday to battle Bridgewater-Emery before closing out the regular season with three home games.

Scotland, 1-15, plays in Gregory on Friday.

Centerville also won the JV game, 50-24.

SCOTLAND (1-15)	4	9	15	26
CENTERVILLE (13-3)	14	43	63	78

Viborg-Hurley 66, Avon 32

AVON — Second-ranked Class B Viborg-Hurley pushed their record to 15-2 with a 66-32 victory over Avon on Tuesday night in Avon. The Cougars trailed 13-11 after one quarter but outscored the Pirates 55-19 the rest of the way.

The Cougars, winners of six straight, were led by Jack Huether’s 16 points. Senior Dennis DeNeui added 14 points for V-H. The Cougars also got seven rebounds from Andrew Hora and 5 assists from Trevor Jacobsen.

Nick Poppe led Avon, 10-6, with 13 points and six rebounds. Johnny Wynia added five rebounds for the Pirates.

Viborg-Hurley plays Castletwood at the Corn Palace in Mitchell on Saturday. Avon hosts Tripp-Delmont-Armour on Friday.

VIBORG-HURLEY (15-2)	11	26	47	66
AVON (10-6)	13	18	25	32

West Central 63, Beresford 38

HARTFORD — West Central turned a 9-point halftime lead into a 63-38 rout of Beresford on Tuesday night in Hartford.

No other stats were reported for the Trojans (4-11).

In the loss for the Watchdogs (3-12), Mitch Brockhaus had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

West Central hosts Lennox on Friday and Beresford hosts Lennox next Tuesday.

Mount Vernon 52, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 30

MOUNT VERNON — Dean Frey and Cameron Deinert combined for 32 points as Mount Vernon upended Tripp-Delmont-Armour

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Yankton’s Chloe Cornemann, 12, and Sarah Ekeren go up for a rebound during the Gazelles’ home matchup with Huron in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls’ basketball action Tuesday.

Coyote Women Survive Cold Shooting To Beat Nebraska-Omaha

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Coyotes stepped out of Summit League play, where they have been red-hot, to welcome an old North Central Conference foe in the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks to the DakotaDome.

Neither team showed any heat on the floor, but in the end, the Coyotes kept their winning ways intact as they outlasted the NCAA Division I transitional Mavericks for a 58-38 win — their sixth-straight.

“We knew we just had to get this win and move on,” Coyote guard Tempestt Wilson said. “It was a struggle, but we got it.”

The Coyotes opened with a 7-0 lead highlighted by a 3-pointer from Annie Roche, but scoring was at a premium for both teams.

UNO missed their first 11 shots, but because the Coyotes were mired in their own 2-15 shooting misery, the Mavericks were able to take an 8-7 lead after a 3-pointer from Heather Pohl and a steal and lay-in combo by Jamie Nash.

The Coyotes regained the lead at 10-8 on a 3-point play by Jodie Boss with 7:44 to play, but at that point, the Coyotes were shooting 3-23 for 13-percent while UNO was 3-19 for 15-8 percent.

USD did build a 23-8 halftime lead, highlighted by a Wilson basket in which she airwalked through the lane for a rebound and dropped it back through the twine.

Wilson added another put-back basket as the Coyotes led 23-8 at the break.

The Mavericks, who went more than eight minutes before scoring their first point of the game, were scoreless for the final 9:26 of the half and finished at 11.5-percent over the 20-minute span.

The Coyotes were able to find the thermostat to open the second half while keeping the Mavericks on ice.

USD opened 10 of 19 and built their lead to 47-22 as Lisa Loeffler bounced in a baseline jumper and Roche raced the Mavericks to the rack for a lay-in.

Meanwhile, the Mavericks were unable to get anything going from top-scorers Jamie Nash and Paige Frauendorfer.

Nash, who scores 12.6 points-per-game, finished with eight points while Frauendorfer, a 13.3 ppg scorer, finished with just a deuce as the Coyotes played out the 58-38 victory.

“It’s an opportunity to play a college basketball game and one of 16 chances to play on your home floor, so you’d think there could be a little more zippity-doodah; conference game or not, as a

competitor, it shouldn’t matter,” USD head coach Ryun Williams said. “I’m happy with a 20-point win shooting like we did.”

Hegge led the Coyotes with 14 points and four assists while tying Boss with three blocks. Boss yanked down 15 rebounds while netting 11 points. Wilson, though she couldn’t find her 3-point groove, scored 10 points with her hustle on the offensive glass.

UNO was led by Pohl, who finished with 10 points.

USD, now 16-6, get back to Summit League play Saturday night when they host North Dakota State, a team that beat them 64-50 in Fargo Jan. 14. The Coyotes reeled off 5-straight wins in the league to move from ninth place to third in just two weeks.

“This is a mature group,” Williams said. “They’ve always responded and they will respond Saturday night.”

UNO (13-11)
Jamie Nash 3-10 2-2 2-8, Paige Frauendorfer 1-6 0-0 2, Stacia Gebers 0-4 2-2 2, Heather Pohl 4-9 0-0 10, Zenta Lipsa 0-0 0-0, Reese Hudlin 2-2 0-0 4, Amanda Wooding 0-3 0-0 0, Cathleen Cox 2-13 2-2 7, Jessica Zaruba 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly Taijtie 1-9 3-4 5, TOTALS: 13-56 9-10 38.

COYOTES (16-6)
Tempestt Wilson 4-11 2-2 10, Alexis Yackley 1-8 0-0 2, Annie Roche 4-9 0-0 9, Amber Hegge 5-10 3-4 14, Jodie Boss 3-10 5-5 11, Ashley Olson 0-3 3-4 3, Sam Mehr 0-2 0-0 0, Pam January 0-5 0-0 0, Kelly Stewart 1-7 2-2 5, Taylor Moore 0-3 0-0 0, McKayla Knudson 1-2 0-0 2, Lisa Loeffler 1-1 0-0 2, TOTALS: 20-71 15-17.

At the Half: SD 23, UNO 8; 3-Point Goals: UNO 3-17 (Nash 0-1, Gebers 0-1, Pohl 2-6, Wooding 0-3, Cox 1-6), SD 3-27 (Wilson 0-7, Yackley 0-6, Roche 1-3, Hegge 1-1, Olson 0-2, Mehr 0-2, Stewart 1-3, Moore 0-3); Rebounds: SD 53 (Boss 15), UNO 43 (Yaltjie 8); Personal Fouls: UNO 17, SD 9; Fouled Out: None; Assists: SD 13 (Hegge 4), UNO 5; Turnovers: UNO 18, SD 10; Blocked Shots: SD 7 (Boss, Hegge 3), UNO 3 (Taijtie 3); Steals: UNO 7, SD 5 (Roche 3).



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

South Dakota’s Jodie Boss (23) manages to get a shot off under the hoop despite pressure from Nebraska-Omaha’s Stacia Gebers (21) during women’s basketball action Tuesday night in the DakotaDome. Boss recorded her third double-double of the season with 11 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

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