

# Press & Dakotan

## DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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It took me until the season home finale before I was able to assign myself to a home volleyball match for the University of South Dakota. Over the past two months, I had to listen to my assistant and our USD beat writer, Jeremy Hoec, talk about how much better an atmosphere the new set-up, dubbed "The Den," was compared to how USD had volleyball in previous years.

For those who hadn't been to a USD volleyball match in previous years, they set up a SportCourt court in the southeast corner of the DakotaDome floor, over the old Dome turf, and had fans sitting above in the football seats. While there were a few floor-level seats available, there was no way to generate any sound or much

### It's Not Perfect, But 'The Den' An Upgrade For USD Volleyball

of an atmosphere without the fans having a close view.

This year, USD moved its volleyball matches to a court located on the west side of the Dome, behind the football student section. Fan seating is located on three sides of the court and, while the setup does not allow for a huge crowd, it puts the fans right on top of the action.

Granted, a 3-0 win over North Dakota State in a match USD needed to win probably helped the atmosphere a little, but it was the kind of crowd USD would like to see in a lot of sports. Red-clad fans filled most of the available seating, and were loud and into the match from the beginning. The Coyotes responded with a fast start on the way to victory.

Hopefully USD can keep some of that energy — and get a few more fans in the stands — when they move to the recently-approved arena a few years from now.

# Washington Rolls Past O'G For Sixth Straight Finals Berth

**SIoux FALLS** — Top-ranked Sioux Falls Washington earned a sixth consecutive trip to the Class 11AA football finals, beating Sioux Falls O'Gorman 49-3 in the semifinals on Saturday at Howard Wood Field.

Washington scored 21 first-quarter points on the way to its 11th victory without a loss this season. The Warriors will face fellow unbeaten Brandon Valley in the title matchup, a 7:30 p.m. game on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Jon Hander went 9-12 passing for 169 yards and two touchdowns for Washington. Nate Geery had just 13 yards rushing and a 33-yard

reception, but finished with three touchdowns. Chris Parker and Sam Cooke added return touchdowns in the victory.

Parker had a team-best five solo stops (six tackles), and Austin Benson had a team-best nine total stops for the Washington defense. Ryan Erickson made nine stops for O'Gorman.

**O'GORMAN (7-4)**.....0 3 0 0 - 0  
**WASHINGTON (11-0)**.....21 7 14 7 - 49

### Canisota 56, Arlington 6

**CANISTOTA** — The Canisota Hawks earned the right to defend their Class 9A title once again by downing Arlington 56-6 in the semifinals on Saturday.

The Hawks will face Warner in the title game,

Thursday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Canisota won the Class 9B title in 2010 and the Class 9A title in 2011.

Cody Bunker threw for 125 yards and a score, and rushed for 78 yards and three touchdowns for Canisota. Alex Robertson had a team-best 87 yards, including one score. Nick Hofer rushed four times for 72 yards and three scores. Eric Tieszen added 62 yards on the ground as the Hawks finished with 299 yards on the ground.

Jason Vanwinkle had 11 tackles, including two sacks, and Tieszen had 10 tackles, including a sack, for the Canisota defense. Tyler Decker recorded three sacks and Nathan Nugteren recovered two fumbles in the win.

Lane Weber rushed for 49 yards and had a 49-yard reception to lead Arlington. Zach Wamke scored the lone Cardinal touchdown.

**ARLINGTON**.....6 0 0 - 6  
**CANISTOTA**.....14 12 30 - 56

### Harding County 40, Castlewood 28

**BUFFALO** — Jess Feist threw for 216 yards and rushed for 61 yards to lead Harding County to a 40-28 victory over Castlewood in the Class 9B football semifinals on Saturday.

Harding County, 11-0, will face Colome in the championship game on Thursday at the DakotaDome. Start time is 7:30 p.m.

Kyle Foy caught five passes for 117 yards and Steven Koch rushed for 64 yards to lead the Harding County offense. Winton Hewson rushed for 69 yards in the win.

Koch and Hewson each recorded 10 tackles to lead the Rancher defense. Hewson also recorded two sacks, with Dalton McCann and Tate Gress each recording one. Koch and Feist each picked off a pass in the win.

### USD Swimming And Diving Men, Women Fall At Home

**VERMILLION** — South Dakota men's and women's swimming and diving suffered setbacks at the hands of Green Bay at the USD Pool in the DakotaDome. The men lost 149-89 and the women lost 148-95.

The Coyote women won four of 13 events. Mariah Anderson, Shannon Mocer, Hannah Veselik and Kaitlyn Jefferson opened the meet with a victory in the 4x100-meter medley relay, finishing in 4 minutes and 32.43 seconds.

Megan Chmielewski, Mocer and Jefferson brought home individual event victories for South Dakota. Chmielewski scored 262.49 on the 1-meter board. The mark is 19 points shy of the NCAA qualifying mark. Mocer won the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.17 and Jefferson the 50 freestyle in 27.87.

Colin Krystl came up with the lone win for the USD men, winning the 100 butterfly in a lifetime-best 58.74. Krystl added a second-place finish in the 200 individual medley as well. Blake Frederick took second in the 400 and 800 freestyle.

Swimming and diving will participate in the Border Battle hosted by Wisconsin Stevens-Point. The two-day meet will start at 10 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

### Peterson Rolls 300 Game

J.J. Peterson of Yankton rolled a 300 game during Industrial League bowling action on Monday, Oct. 29.

Peterson finished with a 775 series.

## SCOREBOARD

### BOWLING

#### YANKTON BOWL

**CLASSIC**  
HIGH TEAM GAME: Eisenbraun & Associates 945

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Eisenbraun & Associates 2709

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Dale Mudder 278, Ryan Weverstad 269, Pat King 269, Mike Kruse 267, Randy Svendsen 266

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Chuck Turner 764, Ryan Weverstad 737, Ryan Baria 736, Jimmy Hahn 725, Mike Kruse 716

**STANDINGS: Spectacle Shop 174, Barta Electric 149, Coca-Cola 145.5, Happy Hour 135, Eisenbraun & Associates 133.5, Rotten Apples 125, Plath Chiropractic 122, Yankton Motor 95.5, Smidt Captain & Crew 83.5, Thrivent Financial 52**

**NOTE:** Spectacle Shop wins the first quarter.

### INDUSTRIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Dakota Trailer 917

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Dakota Trailer 2706

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: JJ Peterson 300, Robin Holec 279, Todd Kautz 265, Kevin Annis 259, Frank Osborn Sr. 248, Darwin Gerlach 248

**HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES:** JJ Peterson 775, Todd Kautz 755, Robin Holec 716, Darwin Gerlach 702, Kevin Annis 684

**STANDINGS:** Dakota Trailer 140, Wholesale Supply 127, Steiner's Locker 125, Yankton Redi-Mix 122, Patriot Express 109.5, H&K Oil 108.5, Yankton Redi-Mix #2 102.5, H&K Oil #2 99.5, KPI-JCI 84, Don's Auto 62

**HIGHLIGHTS:** JJ Peterson perfect 300 game.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### SDCCFALLS-ALL-STATE AWARDS

#### GIRLS' TOP 25 (top time regardless of class): Savannah Woods (Tr.), Yankton; Annie Kruse (Jr.), Yankton; Hannah Kastigar (Sr.), Aberdeen Central; Kelsi Kearney (8th), Sioux Falls Washington; Rachel Probst (So.), Pierre T.F. Riggs; Hannah Hearn (Jr.), Rapid City Central; Shazey Burgess (Fr.), Rapid City Central; Emily Berzonsky (So.), Brookings; Emily Hawkes (So.), Madison; **Madison Lavitt (7th), Vermillion;** Gretchen Blain (8th), Spearfish; Alison Green (7th), Sturgis; Mikayla Prouly (So.), Clark/Willow Lake; Ava Paris (7th), Rapid City Central; Renee Dykstra (Jr.), Rapid City Stevens; Taylor Redlin (So.), Watertown; Emily Person (So.), Rapid City Stevens; Jaidon Birath (Fr.), Brandon Valley; Hailey Streff (8th), Madison; Kaitlyn Fischer (8th), Sioux Falls Washington; Kaitlyn Clark (7th), Brandon Valley; **Genevieve Warner (Fr.), Seyles-Volvin;** Maesey Bantiridge (8th), Lemmon; Kaylee Kappas (So.), Aberdeen Central.

#### BOYS' TOP 25 (top time regardless of class): Addison DeHaven (Jr.), Brookings; Nathan Schroeder (So.), Sioux Falls Lincoln; **Duane Jongeling (Sr.), Parker;** Kyle Burdick (Jr.), Rapid City Stevens; Luke Jelen (Sr.), Sioux Falls Lincoln; Caleb Diggs (Fr.), Douglas; Brent Collins (Sr.), Watertown; **Brion Cowner (Jr.), Yankton;** Tanner Ahrendt (Sr.), Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Zachary VanDeC (Sr.), Brandon Valley; Justice Lamer (So.), Brookings; Patrick Chapin (Sr.), Brookings; Jesse Kraft (Jr.), Westminster; Chance Freese (Sr.), Sioux Falls O'Gorman; Will Lauer (So.), Sioux Falls Lincoln; Eric Yager (Jr.), Hot Springs; Free Bump (Jr.), Sioux Falls Lincoln; Kelly Fitzsimmons (Sr.), Janel Jusus Lincoln; Weston Christiansen (Sr.), Pierre; **Jellis Urtusastegui (So.), Sioux Falls Roosevelt;** Logan Burns (Jr.), Custer; Isaac Iverson (Jr.), Brookings; Jacob Simmons (So.), Sturgis; Tyler Slaba (So.), Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Tyler Lentsch (Sr.), Madison

## NEBRASKA STATE TOURN.

**First Round, Nov. 6 at Grand Island**

**CLASS C2**  
All matches at Grand Island North West

Hershey (17-10), North Platte St. Patrick's (29-1), 9 a.m.

Lutheran High Northeast (28-5), Freeman (25-6), 11 a.m.

Thayer Central (22-7), vs. Hastings St. Cecilia (25-3), 2 p.m.

Harrisonwood Catholic (28-5), vs. Wood River (25-7), 4 p.m.

## GREAT PLAINS ATH. CONF.

**First Round, Nov. 6**

Concordia (10-20, 4-12) at Hastings (26-3, 16-0), 7:30 p.m.

Brier Cliff (19-14, 7-9) at Dordt (22-11, 11-5), 8 p.m.

Morningside (16-13, 7-9) at Doane (25-8, 12-4), 7:30 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

### ALL-BIG SIOUX CONF.

#### OFFENSE

MVP: Tanner Lambert, Dakota Valley

BACKS: Tanner Lambert, Dakota Valley; Brock Zeller, Elk Point-Jefferson; Blake Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson; Brett Page, Tri-Valley; Logan Koopman, Tri-Valley; Bryce Koch, Dell Rapids; Matt Kolbeck, Dell Rapids; Gunnar Enns, Tea Area

LINE: Nick Buckley, Dakota Valley; Logan Radtke, Dakota Valley; Colin Lebrun, Dell Rapids; Zach Dejong, Canton; Josh Pratter, Tri-Valley; Joey Newman, Tri-Valley

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Cody Majeres, Canton; Cooper Hansen, Tea Area

#### DEFENSE

MVP: Cole Langer, Dell Rapids

DEFENSIVE BACKS/LINEBACKERS: Austin Meester, Beresford; Taylor Lambert, Dakota Valley; Cole Langer, Dell Rapids; Jacob Dancler, Tea Area; Gabe Dolan, Canton; Jaden Krump, Tri-Valley; Logan Otto, Tri-Valley; Andrew Reiff, Dakota Valley

LINE: Don Burggraf, Tri-Valley; Nate

## VOLLEYBALL

### S.D. PLAYOFFS

#### CLASS AA DISTRICTS

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

**District 1AA**  
CHAMPIONSHIP: S.F. Roosevelt at S.F.

## Huskers

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the dagger to the Huskers on Martinez's last pick. But a penalty wiped out Darqueze Dennard's 96-yard return for a touchdown. The Huskers' defense forced a three-and-out, and Martinez went to work.

Martinez, who finished with 205 yards rushing, broke loose for a 35-yard touchdown run with 7:02 left to make it a three-point game.

The winning drive started at the Huskers' 20 with 1:20 left. Martinez kept the series alive when he converted on fourth-and-10 with his 38-yard completion to Tyler Reed to the Spartans' 20.

Pelini said offensive coordinator Tim Beck had asked him through the headset whether he wanted to set up for a field goal that would send the game into overtime or to let Martinez keep

ing passing after having thrown those three interceptions.

"Obviously I trust Taylor a lot to be able to manage that situation," Pelini said. "Tim Beck asked me, he said 'What do you want to do? Do you want to play it safe?' I said, 'Let's go win the football game.'" "

The Huskers caught a break on a questionable pass-interference call against Dennard, who was defending Kenny Bell along the sideline on third-and-10.

The penalty put Nebraska at

the MSU 5. With the clock was running down, Turner scored his first career touchdown when he hauled in Martinez's perfectly placed pass in the corner of the end zone.

"We've been in that situation before a couple of times and we know that we can't be stopped," Martinez said.

Pelini couldn't say where the victory ranked, other than it's "right up there."

"I've been saying all along this is a special group; great leadership and tremendous character," he

said. "These kids want it bad. Like I said, we don't always play as smart as we need to play, but one thing you can't question about the guys in that locker room behind me is their heart."

Heading into the final three regular-season games, that 25-point loss at Ohio State a month ago is far back in the Huskers' rear-view mirror.

"We think we're the best in the Big Ten. We're not going to be stopped," Turner said. "We're going to keep going until we ac-

complish what we want to accomplish, and that's the Big Ten championship. It doesn't matter how much we're down by — 20, 30 points — we're going to keep fighting until we win the game."

**NEBRASKA**.....7 0 14 - 28  
**MICHIGAN ST.**.....7 3 7 - 24

**First Quarter**  
MSU—Bell 11 run (Conroy kick), 4:28.

Nebraska—Abdullah 2 pass from Martinez (Maher kick), 2:07.

**Second Quarter**  
MSU—Lippett 46 pass from Maxwell (Conroy kick), 6:56.

Nebraska—Martinez 71 run (Maher kick), 3:11.

**Third Quarter**  
MSU—FG Conroy 25, 10:21.

**Fourth Quarter**  
MSU—Bell 1 run (Conroy kick), 14:20.

Nebraska—Martinez 35 run (Maher kick), 7:02.

Net—Turner 5 pass from Martinez (Maher kick), :06.

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### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Nebraska, Martinez 17-205; Abdullah 22-110; Turner 1-minus 2; Michigan St., Bell 36-188; Hill 2-30; Fowler 3-14; Maxwell 2-6.

PASSING—Nebraska, Martinez 16-36-3-160; Michigan St., Maxwell 9-27-12-3.

RECEIVING—Nebraska, K.Bell 5-31; Enunwa 3-37; Reed 2-41; Turner 2-24; Marlowe 1-15; B.Cotton 1-6; J.Long 1-4; Abdullah 1-2; Michigan St., Fowler 3-28; Mumphrey 2-15; Lippett 1-46; Thomas 1-17; D.Sims 1-10; Burbridge 1-7.

Fumbles—Lost 1-0

Penalties—Yards 9-72

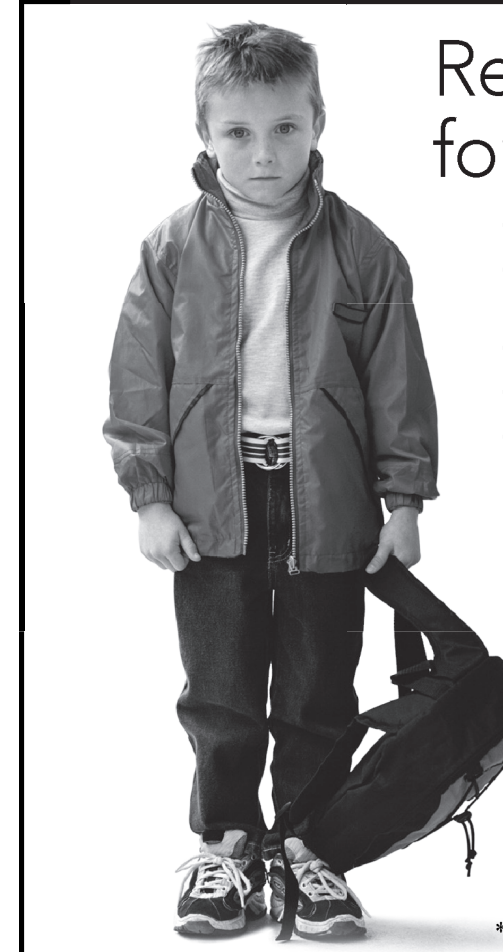
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