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While the eyes of the state will be understandably focused on a certain college football game in Brookings on Nov. 17, one other University of South Dakota sports team could be playing in a more significant setting.

Not to say that volleyball will ever overshadow State-U football, but hey, let's not ignore what could happen with the USD volleyball program.

A Good Night For Coyote Volleyball — Even If They Were On The Sidelines

The Coyotes, who at one time this season lost six straight matches, are still alive for a Summit League Tournament berth. With one match left in the regular season (tonight at Omaha), USD could still sneak in as one of the tournament teams.

Fort Wayne and IUPUI, both at 12-3 in conference play, have already secured a spot in the tournament to be held Nov. 16-17 in Fargo, N.D. Kansas City won Friday night to move to 9-7, while Oakland sits at 8-7. Then there's South Dakota State and North Dakota State both at 8-8, and South Dakota sitting at 7-8. Tonight (Saturday) is the final action

in the regular season, and the Coyotes need to win and get an Oakland loss at Western Illinois to reach a four-way tie for the final spot.

Confused yet? Yes, it's a little complicated, but put simply, the Coyotes need to win (which you figure they should against last-place Omaha). They have helped themselves with four straight wins and a season sweep of SDSU and last Sunday's victory over North Dakota State.

So yes, there's a chance USD could have a team in a Summit League tournament the same day as the long-awaited football game.

AREA CALENDAR

Table with dates and events for Saturday, November 10, including basketball, volleyball, and football games.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for BOWLING, YANKTON BOWL, and MOONSHINERS, listing scores and participants.

Table with columns for VOLLEYBALL, YANKTON PARKS & REC, WOMEN'S POWER LEAGUE, and WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE, listing scores and participants.

Table with columns for S.D. PLAYOFFS, CLASS AA REGIONS, and CLASS AA PLAYOFFS, listing scores and participants.

Table with columns for STATE CLASS A TOURNAMENT, NEBRASKA STATE TOURNAMENT, and SEMIFINALS, listing scores and participants.

Table with columns for CLASS C1, CLASS C2, CLASS D1, CLASS D2, and CLASS D3, listing scores and participants.

Table with columns for NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, AMERICAN CONFERENCE, and NATIONAL CONFERENCE, listing scores and participants.

CLASS 11AA GAME DAY

SIoux Falls Washington Warriors 11-0. CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2009, 2010. RUNNER-UP: 1987, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2011.

BRANDON VALLEY Lynx 11-0. CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1998. RUNNER-UP: 1995, 1997.

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MATCHUPS

SFW OFFENSE VS. BV DEFENSE. While all the talk this year has been about the explosive Nate Gerry (586 yards receiving, 12 TD), Washington's Jon Hander (1,752 yards passing, 59.2 percent completion) and Sam Cooke (1,029 yards rushing) have quietly put together good years.

BV OFFENSE VS. SFW DEFENSE. Brandon Valley has its own big-name receiver in Matt Vandenberg (58-964, 17 TD), and have solid numbers from Tony Tripp (816 yards rushing, 15 TD), A.J. Garrow (55-656 receiving, 5 TD) and QB Chase Marso (2,698 yards, 31 TD passing). The Lynx's unbalanced front line could be tested by Washington's hard-charging defense.

SPECIAL TEAMS. Both teams have solid kickers and punters, as well as explosive return specialists. It would be hard to give a clear advantage in this area.

INTANGIBLES. Washington is making their sixth consecutive trip to the Dakota-Dome, while Brandon Valley has not been there since 1998. The Warriors have the expectations of being the favorite the entire season, especially after losing in the finals a year ago.

PREDICTION

This game could go one of two ways: It will either be a shootout or a dogfight. While both of these teams have proven more than capable of putting up big point totals, I expect a grind-it-out battle.

WASHINGTON 27, BRANDON VALLEY 17

Dells

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40 yards) but ran the ball 35 times and gained 358 yards on the ground. According to Hansen, that is the way this offense works.

"We've got some guys that can run and they are tenacious," Hansen said. "They run hard after contact and do not give up."

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A Harrisburg fan signals "no catch" to a Dell Rapids player after an incomplete pass during the Class 11A championship game.

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Iverson Leads Colorado State Past Montana

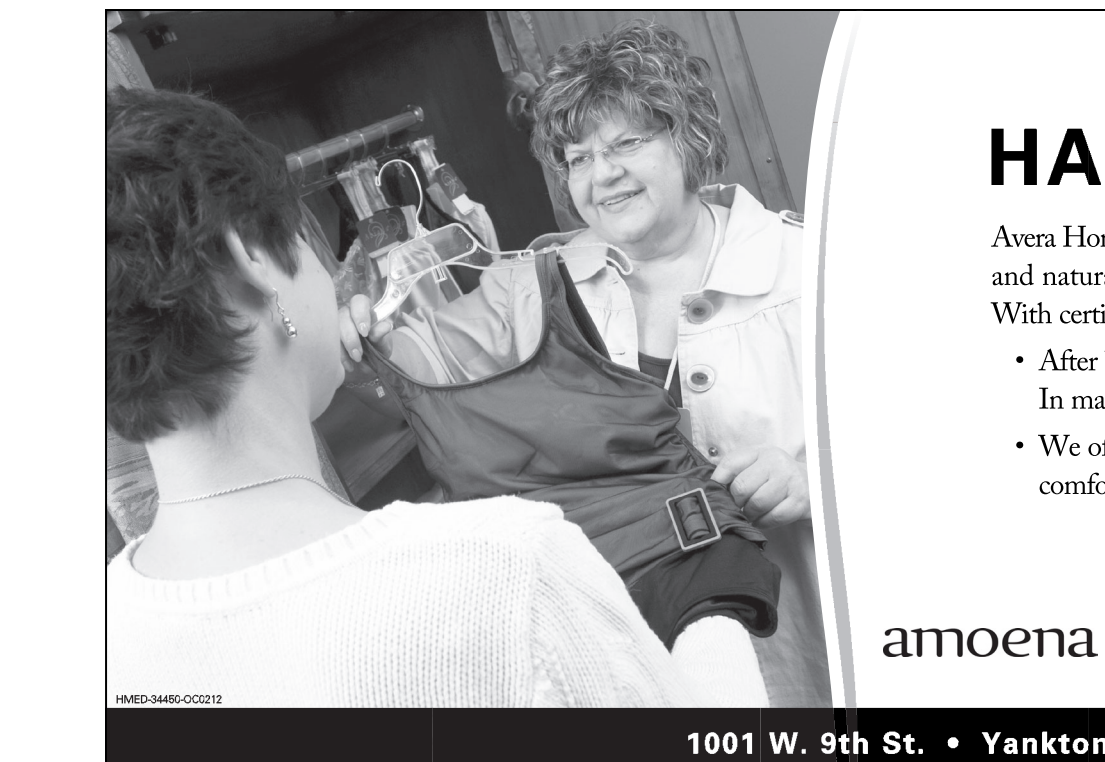
FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Yankton native Colton Iverson had 18 points and eight rebounds as Colorado State overcame a cold-shooting first half to defeat Montana 72-65 Friday night in the season opener for both teams. Daniel Bejarano added 12 points and Greg Smith and Do-

rian Green 11 each for Colorado State, which gave first-year coach Larry Eustachy the 403rd win of his career. The Rams shot just 6 of 24 from the floor in the first half but stayed in the game thanks to a decided rebounding advantage. They finished with a 44-21 edge

in rebounding, including 19 offensive boards. Keron DeShields led Montana with 17 points, and Colorado native Jordan Gregory had 10. The Grizzlies' streak of 12 consecutive regular-season victories ended.

Action kicks off in the Dakota-Dome tonight (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m.

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