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**Dakota Valley's Kylie Martin, 5, attacks against the block of Sioux Falls Christian's Hayley McCarron during the championship match of the South Dakota State Class A Volleyball Tournament on Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena.**

## SFC Downs DV For Three-Peat

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WATERTOWN — Only one team in the state of South Dakota had handed Dakota Valley a setback in the 2012 season.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, who were playing in their first-ever state volleyball championship match, it was the team on the opposite side of the net.

Sioux Falls Christian completed a season sweep of the Big Sioux Conference rival Panthers with a 25-22, 25-16, 25-15 victory in the title match of the South Dakota State Class A Volleyball Tournament on Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

The title was the third straight and fourth in six years for the Chargers under head coach Darci Wassenaar.

The Chargers had won both of the previous meetings with Dakota Valley in 3-0 sweeps, but the Panthers' play in Watertown had Christian taking notice.

"We've seen them a couple of times, but they were playing so well this week," Wassenaar said. "We had to at least slow down their hitting."

The Chargers did just that, holding Dakota Valley to 19 kills in the match. Besides getting six blocks — including two solo and three assisted stops from Stacy Smidt — Christian used 13 ace serves to slow down the Panthers. Kristin Stern had eight of those aces, with Kiara Vander Pol recording three.

Stern had a team-best 10 kills, with Smidt recording nine and Vander Pol eight. Hayley McCarron distributed the ball for 28 assists. Miranda Velgersdyk added eight digs in the win.

McCarron, Stern and Vander Pol were named to the all-tournament team.

Jayde Bergmann had seven kills to lead Dakota Valley. Kylie Martin had five kills, with Morganne Pfafle posting four kills and Lindsey Smith adding 15 assists for the Panther offense. Shyler Funck had 13 of the team's 31 digs.

Smith, Bergmann and Funck were all named to the all-tournament team.

Both teams started off on edge, as the teams combined for four consecutive service errors and six service errors in the first nine serves.

"I think everyone was a little tight, had a little extra intensity," Wassenaar said. "I thought we settled down after that. We served tough and kept in the court."

Neither team scored more than three consecutive points until the Chargers broke a 20-20 tie with four straight points. The Panthers got two of those back but could not rally in the frame.

"I knew there was not going to be a lot of big runs," said Dakota Valley head coach Don Craig. "I just told them to keep the ball in play. They just kept pushing."

Dakota Valley led 4-2 in the opening set before the Chargers took control. Again, Sioux Falls Christian could not score more than four straight points, but kept the Panthers from stringing more than two points in a row together as they turned the early deficit into a 19-11 advantage.

Stern helped the Chargers put the match out of reach in the third set, serving two aces and keeping the Panthers out of rotation as Christian ran off eight straight points.

Sioux Falls Christian finished with a 30-4 record.

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# Gonzaga Pulls Away From South Dakota

## Men's Basketball: Concordia Holds Of MMC

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Elias Harris scored 16 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds and No. 19 Gonzaga topped South Dakota 96-58 Sunday.

Przemek Karnowski, a 7-foot-1 freshman from Poland, led the Bulldogs with 20 points off the bench for the Bulldogs (3-0) who head to the Old Spice Classic in Florida to face Clemson on Thanksgiving.

Gary Bell Jr. also had 16 points with Sam Dower getting 12 points and nine rebounds and Kevin Pangos 10 points to go with six assists.

Freshmen Casey Kasperbauer and Tyler Flack scored 17 and 10 points, respectively, for the Coyotes (1-3), who were playing their fourth game in five nights. Senior Juevol Myles had 12 points.

South Dakota, with just one senior starter and one returning starter from last season's 10-18 team, shot 34 percent.

Gonzaga shot 55 percent, outscoring the Coyotes 62-16 in the paint and outrebounding them 58-24.

After a sluggish start, Gonzaga's starters rotated back into the game just past the midway point of the first half and ripped off an 18-4 run as the lead reached 20.

The run included a tip-in by Harris, who had 12 points and 13 rebounds to spark the Bulldogs to a 46-30 lead.

The Coyotes shot 38 percent in the first half but struggled early.

Gonzaga dominated the opening minutes of the second half and quickly pushed the lead to 27.

No. 19 GONZAGA 96, S. DAKOTA 58  
S. DAKOTA (1-3)  
Flack 4-8 0-3 10, Grus 3-7 0-0 6, Myles 3-9 4-4 12, Kasperbauer 6-12 0-0 17, Rowson 1-8 2-2 4, Boots 0-6 0-0 0, Tecker 3-7 0-0 6, Bos 1-2 0-0 3, Bartling 0-1 0-0 0, Robertson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 21-62 6-9 58.  
GONZAGA (3-0)  
Landry Ed 1-6 1-2 4, Harris 8-14 0-0 16, Dower 6-8 0-2 12, Pangos 4-8 0-0 10, Bell, Jr. 7-12 0-0 16, Dranginis 3-8 0-0 6, Stockton 2-5 0-2 6, Bakamus 0-1 0-0 0, Karnowski 9-10 2-4 20, Hart 2-3 0-1 5, Barham 0-1 1-4 1. Totals 42-76 4-15 96.  
Halftime—Gonzaga 46-30, 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 10-28 (Kasperbauer 5-11, Myles 2-3, Flack 2-3, Bos 1-1, Tecker 0-1, Robertson 0-1, Rowson 0-3, Boots 0-5), Gonzaga 8-23 (Stockton 2-4, Pangos 2-5, Bell, Jr. 2-5, Landry Ed 1-1, Hart 1-2, Barham 0-1, Bakamus 0-1, Harris 0-2, Dranginis 0-2), Fouled Out—Grus. Rebounds—S. Dakota 24 (Grus, Myles 5), Gonzaga 58 (Harris 18), Assists—S. Dakota 12 (Myles 5), Gonzaga 20 (Pangos 6). Total Fouls—S. Dakota 17, Gonzaga 10. A—6,000.

### Concordia 66, Mount Marty 63

SEWARD, Neb. — Concordia used four players in double figures to claim a 66-63 victory over Mount Marty in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Saturday.

Porter Birtell had 16 points, and Joel Haywood and Brent Houchin had 13 points each for Concordia (4-1, 1-0 GPAC). Adam Vogt added 11 points in the win.

For Mount Marty, Joe Hieb scored 15 points to

lead the way. Saladin Smith posted 12 points and nine rebounds. Jeff Larsen scored nine points on 3-3 shooting from the field and from the line, and grabbed seven rebounds off the bench.

MMC, 3-3 overall and 0-1 in the GPAC, travels to No. 3 Dordt on Tuesday.

**MOUNT MARTY (3-3)**  
Saladin Smith 4-9 4-7 12, Chris Richardson 3-8 0-0 6, Scott Odekir 0-0 0-0 0, Joe Hieb 6-15 0-0 15, Austin Harms 4-6 0-0 8, Scott Sellers 0-2 0-0 0, Jose Pena-Benjamin 1-4 1-1 3, T.J. Johnson 2-5 0-0 5, Jeff Larsen 3-3 3-3 9, Anthony Rutledge 0-0 0-0 0, Chevy Fischer 2-4 0-0 5, Alex Irvine 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-56 8-11 63.

**CONCORDIA (4-1)**  
Brian Towner 0-7 5-4 7, Porter Birtell 6-12 4-7 16, Adam Vogt 3-9 3-3 11, Joel Haywood 4-10 2-2 13, Charles Dunbar 1-1 0-0 2, Phil Friedrich 0-2 0-0 0, Joey Werning 1-2 0-0 2, Brent Houchin 5-6 3-5 13, Zach Chrzan 1-7 3-6 5. TOTALS: 21-56 19-28 66.

At the half: CU 32-31, Three-Pointers: MMC 5-21 (Hieb 3-9, Fischer 1-1, Johnson 1-2, Pena-Benjamin 0-1, Harms 0-1, Sellers 0-1, Smith 0-2, Richardson 0-4), CU 5-21 (Haywood 3-7, Vogt 2-7, Werning 0-1, Chrzan 0-6). Rebounds: CU 40 (Towner 6), MMC 32 (Smith 9). Personal Fouls: MMC 22, CU 17. Fouled Out: Odekir. Technical Fouls: Odekir. Assists: CU 15 (Dunbar 5), MMC 11 (Richardson 4). Turnovers: CU 16, MMC 13. Blocked Shots: MMC 3, CU 1. Steals: CU 9 (Chrzan 4), MMC 4 (Richardson 2). Attendance: 255.

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**South Dakota State senior wide receiver Tyrel Kool makes a leaping catch for his first reception of the day during the Jackrabbits' matchup with South Dakota on Saturday at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium in Brookings. SDSU, helped by Yankton native's seven catches for 112 yards, rolled to a 31-8 win. The matchup was the first meeting between the programs since 2003.**

## SDSU Hosts Eastern Illinois In First Round On Saturday

BROOKINGS — For the first time in program history, the South Dakota State University football team will host a post-season game.

The Jackrabbits, runner-up of the Missouri Valley Football Conference, will host Ohio Valley Conference champion Eastern Illinois in first-round action of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 24. Kickoff is

set for 2 p.m. at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

SDSU enters the matchup with an 8-3 overall record. Eastern Illinois is 7-4 overall. The game will be available for viewing on ESPN3.com.

The winner of Saturday's game will travel to top-seeded North Dakota State on Dec. 1.

The Jackrabbits are making their sec-

ond FCS playoff appearance in the last four years. SDSU fell at top-seeded Montana in 2009 in opening-round action.

Season ticket holders have until 5 p.m. Monday to claim their tickets. Remaining tickets will go on sale to the general public starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Per NCAA policy, all fans attending a postseason game must purchase a ticket.

# Fly 82nd In NAIA Meet



Fly

Fly finished the 5,000-meter race in 19:15. She finished 183rd at nationals a year ago.

Junior Jordan Pater placed 235th in the men's race, clocking a time of 27:27 over the 8,000-meter course.

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Mount Marty senior Kaylee Fly placed 82nd in the women's race of the NAIA Cross Country Championships, held on Saturday in Vancouver, Wash.

## Pheasants Sweep JVC To Finish Third In 'B'

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MITCHELL — With her players gathered around her in a tight huddle, Parker volleyball coach Jill Christensen talked to her team in a quiet tone.

It was a few moments after the Pheasants' dream of claiming their first Class B state championship and perfect season were erased with a semifinal loss to Arlington. That's when the state's all-time winningest coach told her team what she expected them to do a night later in their third-place match.

"I said that the way a champion plays is that they can come back and they can overcome," Christensen said Friday. "They have the heart of champions and I know they can do it."

The top-seeded Pheasants backed up their coach's claim Saturday night at the Corn Palace, beating No. 6 James Valley

Christian 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 25-19) to take third for a second straight season.

"Getting third means a lot," Parker senior setter Amber Dysthe said. "We were talking and we didn't want to lose our last match. It means a lot to win it."

Facing the best defensive team in the tournament, the Pheasants (34-1) had to find different ways to locate open pieces of JVC court. Their persistence paid off, as sophomore Allison Sanner recorded a match-high 14 kills while senior Tessa Weeldreyer added 13 to help Parker out-hit JVC 37-30.

"We had to find the holes," Dysthe said after registering 33 set assists and 14 digs. "I always had to look and see where the holes were to let them (hitters) know where to go with it."

Christensen added: "We said that we had to run some difference offenses to take them away from the blockers were."

Parker kept the pressure on the

Vikings (22-8) by serving aggressively, helping the Pheasants finish with an 11-4 edge in aces. Dysthe and Weeldreyer each had four aces while seniors Micalanne Hanten (13 digs, four kills), Kim Leber and Jessica McKenney (11 digs, four kills) all had one.

"We found their weakest links and tried to pick on that," Dysthe said of Parker's serving strategy. "It was just serving like we usually do."

Parker struggled in the first set to consistently get kills down. Trailing 17-14, the Pheasants started to find openings. That helped Parker outscore JVC 11-2 to take the opening set. Sanner, who had three kills during the spurt, got the run going with a pair of kills. Up 23-20, a Weeldreyer kill and a Dysthe ace ended it.

The Pheasants never trailed in the sec-

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# Wagner Escapes Roncalli 3-2 For Consolation Championship In 'A'

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WATERTOWN — After playing for a championship a year ago and faltering in the opening round of the South Dakota State Class A Volleyball Tournament this year, the Wagner Red Raiders were not going to let anything stand in their way of a strong finish and a consolation championship.

Not even an Aberdeen Roncalli squad that just would not go away.

Wagner survived late-set surges by the Cavaliers to claim a 24-26, 25-18, 30-28, 19-25, 15-11 victory in the fifth place match of the state tourney, held Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

The victory sent Wagner home with a 30-4 record. Roncalli ended the season at 24-7.

Wagner saw a 24-20 lead evaporate in the opening set, taken by Roncalli. The Cavaliers closed a 10-point deficit to 24-18 before dropping the second set. In the third set, Roncalli trailed 23-20 before forcing five extra points.

"I was really glad that our girls continued to push themselves," said Wagner head coach Amy Tyler. "I thought we continued to pass well, and that left us offensive options."

Those "offensive options" were led by fresh-

man Ali Kuca's 15 kills. Senior Nicole Weber and junior Alex Dvorak each had 13 kills. Junior Kim Koupal posted 12 kills. Senior Jessa Doom and junior Gina Soukup had nine kills apiece, with Doom recording 49 assists in the win.

Wagner finished with nine ace serves, with Weber recording three. Senior Sydney Breen, Doom and Dvorak had two each. Defensively, Breen, the team's veteran libero, had 17 digs. Doom had 14 digs, with Delanyne Dickerson recording 13 and Weber recording 11. Kuca and Koupal each had a hand in two of the team's four blocks.

Senior Abby Dockter led Roncalli with 22 kills and four blocks (1 solo). Lindsey Hahler, the team's other middle, added 14 kills and two solo blocks. Allie Lundquist had 29 assists, with Kate Heintzman recording 18. Libero Taylor Hanson had 40 digs, with Hailey Kline posting 24 and Alyssa Wherry adding 13 of the team's 107 digs.

Doom and Dockter were each named to the all-tournament team.

Roncalli had early success by working around the Wagner net defense. The tide began to turn in the Red Raiders' favor when those tips stopped hitting the floor.

"They started picking up our tips," said Ron-

calli head coach Janelle Bierle. "There were a lot of deflections that could have gone either way. These teams were so closely matched that it could have gone either way."

Losses in sets one and four could have tipped the match in Roncalli's favor, but the Red Raiders were determined not to let a second consecutive season end with a loss.

"Coach Tyler told us to play as hard as we could," Doom said. "We didn't want it all to go to waste."

The victory concluded the career for three Wagner seniors — Breen, Doom and Weber — who helped the team make the state tournament for a fifth straight season and sixth time in seven years.

"I am so proud of our team," Breen said. "I couldn't ask to be a part of a better team. I'm proud of how this team came together."

While the team had its lowest state tournament finish since 2006, Wagner still won two matches at state for the sixth straight tournament appearance.

"I wish we could have ended better, but I'm still glad we finished fifth," Weber said. "We had a really great season."

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**Wagner's Jessa Doom sets the ball to teammate Ali Kuca during their consolation final match against Aberdeen Roncalli on Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena. Wagner won 3-2 to finish fifth at state and 29-4 on the season.**