

# USD Falls To WIU, Will Face Them Again In Summit Quarters

MACOMB, Ill. — Ann Miller's 25 kills led a quartet of Leathernecks to double-digit kills as Western Illinois topped South Dakota volleyball 19-25, 25-22, 25-17, 15-25, 15-10 on Sunday in Western Hall. South Dakota (18-12, 9-5) finished the regular season losing four straight and six of its last eight.

Mallory Gibson tallied 12 kills, Jordan Jackson added 11 kills and Heather Smith had 10 kills to add to the Leatherneck (12-17, 6-8) effort. Molly Murphy led WIU defensively with 20 digs

while Sarah Fetter had 55 assists.

Western Illinois benefited from 13 Coyote attack errors in the second set and recorded 19 kills and 11 kills in the third and fifth sets respectively. The Leathernecks held a slight advantage in kills (65-59) and had an edge in digs (84-74).

South Dakota's Kendall Krittenbrink tallied 24 kills and became the first player in Coyote history to record 500 kills in a season. She started the match with a season total of 497 and is

now six kills away from passing her sister Kristin (2007-2010) for second on USD's all-time kills list at 1,396.

Kelsey Biltoft added 10 kills, Riley Haug had 17 digs and Tori Krall added 45 assists to the Coyote effort.

South Dakota dropped from a second place tie with Denver (16-11, 10-4) to a third place tie with Fort Wayne (17-13, 9-5) in the Summit League standings. Denver topped Omaha 3-0 to take the second seed and a first round by in the Summit League

Tournament starting on Friday.

The Coyotes will take on Western Illinois at the Summit League Tournament on Friday, a 3:30 p.m. Central start.

IUPLI 3, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 0: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Yankton native Mikala Hora tied for team honors with six kills and two assisted blocks as South Dakota State dropped a 25-11, 25-16, 25-15 decision to IUPLI in Summit League volleyball action on Saturday.

Moriah Fair led IUPLI (17-13, 11-3 Summit) with 16 kills. Kaitlyn Hickey posted 10 kills and 12 digs. Alexis Meeks had 40 assists and Beth Howard added 17 digs in the win.

Kacey Hermann had six kills and 11 digs, Lexie Fowler had 24 assists and Tara Gibson had two assisted blocks for SDSU, which finished 5-22 overall, 3-11 in the Summit League.

IUPLI will be the top seed in the Summit League Tournament, which they host this coming weekend.



MIKE CARROLL/HURON PLAINSMAN  
**Huron standout Justin Decker signed a national letter of intent on Friday to attend the University of South Dakota and play basketball for the Coyotes.**

# Huron's Decker Officially Inks With South Dakota

BY MIKE CARROLL  
Huron Plainsman

HURON — A year ago Huron basketball standout Justin Decker caught the eye of the University of South Dakota coaching staff. On Friday, the 6-foot-6 senior center signed a National Letter of Intent to join the Coyotes in the fall to begin his collegiate career.

"I've been there a couple of times and I really like the coaching staff and a lot of the players," Decker said of his decision to choose USD. "When I went down there for my visit, it was a nice place and I think it will be a good fit for me."

Decker averaged 15.3 points and 6.1 rebounds per game last season for the Tigers en route to being named to the second team of the Class AA All-State team.

Huron boys' basketball coach Tim Buddenhagen is looking for big things out of Decker during his senior season as he prepares to make the move to the next level.

"He has progressed leaps and bounds from his freshman year," Buddenhagen said of Decker. "This summer he's put in a lot of work in the weight room and all fall has been shooting by himself in the gym, so he's had a great work ethic and has a good head on his shoulders."

The Coyotes are currently under the leadership of Joey James, who was named as interim head men's basketball coach on Sept. 6, following the resignation of longtime coach Dave Boots. The coaching change at USD had little effect on Decker's decision to head south.

"Really the only coach I ever talked to was Coach James," Decker said. "I talked to Boots once or twice, but it didn't really have that big of an effect on me."

James caught a glimpse of Decker during a team camp the Tigers were attending last year in Vermillion. The rest is history, according to Buddenhagen.

"We played Pierre and we were fortunate to beat them there. Joey James was hanging out at the court and all of a sudden Justin had a scholarship offer about two days later," Buddenhagen said. "Really I didn't have a lot to do in the recruiting process. I talked to coach James a couple of times and we've emailed back and forth."

"He has told us what he wants Justin to work on. Justin earned the scholarship on his own at that team camp," he said.

The Coyotes have a fairly young roster for the 2013-14 season, with only two seniors. The lone South Dakota player on the team is junior Jack Foley of Centerville.

Decker isn't certain just yet what his role will be at USD or whether he will step into play right away or sit out a year.

"(Coach James) said it depends on how hard I work and where my skills are at," Decker said of his status for his freshman season. "I hope to make a name for myself, do good down there and not have any bad seasons."

While Buddenhagen has had a handful of players go on to play college basketball, Decker will be the first from a boys' team to play in the Division I ranks.

"You as a coach don't have much to do with that, because there's natural God-given athleticism and ability," Buddenhagen said of having one of his players being recruited to play college basketball. "They need to work hard to hone their skills and Justin has done that. We've had a lot of kids do that. Hitting the gym and really working hard is what it is going to take for him to play at the next level."

The first and only other Division I recruit for Buddenhagen was Amy Burnett, who played at Wyoming and was a two-time Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Decker is looking forward to the challenge in front of him at the Division I level.

"It's a good feeling and it's going to be tough, that's for sure," he said.

Buddenhagen is confident Decker can make the successful transition if he puts his mind to it.

"His athleticism is going to carry him a long way, but he also knows he has to put in the work to groom his skills to get to the next level," he said.

# Pats Complete Perfect Season

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VERMILLION — Getting past their mistakes in the first half of the championship match against Sioux Falls Roosevelt, the Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots were able to come back and finish.

Despite a strong start from Roosevelt, the Patriots managed a come-back in the second half to take the championship victory 47-24 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion Friday night.

"We've been behind before," Lincoln head coach Aaron Beavers said following the win. "We needed to start finishing, and finishing everything: tackles, blocks, kicks, catches."



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
**Sioux Falls Roosevelt's David Mulbah is upheld as he makes a leaping catch during the Class 11AAA championship game against Sioux Falls Lincoln on Saturday at the DakotaDome. Lincoln won 47-24 for the school's second state football title and its first-ever undefeated and untied season.**

Less than two minutes into the game Sioux Falls Roosevelt's Austin Atwood intercepted to score the first touchdown on a 28 yard run.

With 7:52 remaining in the first quarter Roosevelt tacked on another three points with a field goal from Chase Vinatieri for 27 yards.

Caden Quintanilla put Lincoln on the board with 2:24 remaining in the first quarter on an 80 yard run. With the point after touchdown Roosevelt led just 10-7.

After a fumble recovery from Alex Andersen, the Patriots scored again with 2:23 remaining in the quarter on a 23 yard pass from Isiah Roach to Dylan Bartow, giving Lincoln the lead 14-10.

Eleven seconds in to the second quarter Roosevelt scored on an 11-yard pass from Taryn Christion to David Mulbah, and made the point after touchdown to take a 17-14 lead.

Lincoln's Teren Schuster answered five minutes later with a field goal of 41 yards to tie the game 17-17.

Schuster kicked a 41-yard field goal with 3:56 remaining in the half to put Lincoln up 20-17.

With 1:06 remaining Roosevelt's Seth Bjordal caught a 14 yard pass to complete a touchdown, and with a good point after touchdown Roosevelt led 24-20.

"After the half we just had to be resilient," Beavers said. "We had to come back and keep chipping wood."

Quintanilla scored a four yard touchdown with 11:12 remaining

in the third quarter, and the extra point put Lincoln ahead 27-24.

Trevor Naasz scored for the Patriots with eight minutes left in the third quarter on a 69 yards run, and with the point after Lincoln led 34-24.

Quintenilla ran for 55 yards with less than five minutes remaining in the quarter, setting up the Patriots for a one yard touchdown, which put them ahead 40-24.

Quintenilla then scored a six yard touchdown with 3:55 remaining in the game. With the kick, Lincoln powered ahead to 47-24.

"The third series on defense is really when things turned around," Beavers said. "We took the lead and we finished strong."

Quintanilla rushed for a total of 244 yards in the win, with Roach passing for 86 yards.

Trevor Naasz had 50 yards receiving, and Matt Wagner had 10 tackles.

Roosevelt's Bjordal rushed for a total of 40 yards, while Christion passed for 322 yards. Mulbah had 169 yards receiving, and Trevor Janisch had 18 total tackles.

"This is a special team," Beavers said. "For some of these kids this was the last time they get to play, and ending with a championship, I'm so proud of them."

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SFR — Vinatieri 27 field goal, 7:52.  
SFL — Quintanilla 80 run (Naasz kick), 2:34.  
SFL — Bartow 23 pass from Roach (Schuster kick), 2:23.  
**Second Quarter**  
SFR — Mulbah 11 pass from Christion (Bower kick), 11:49.  
SFL — Schuster 41 field goal, 7:29.  
SFL — Schuster 41 field goal, 3:56.  
SFR — Bjordal 14 pass from Christion (Bower kick), 1:06.  
**Third Quarter**  
SFL — Quintanilla 4 run (Schuster kick), 11:12.  
SFL — Naasz 31 run (Schuster kick), 8:00.  
SFL — Quintanilla 1 run (run failed), 4:07.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
SFL — Quintanilla 6 run (Schuster kick), 3:55.

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First downs	21	20
Rushes-yards	25-35	47-416
Passing yards	322	86
Passes	21-37-2	7-13-2
Punts-average	3-37	3-29
Fumbles-lost	4-3	0
Time of Possession	19:26	27:15

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING — SFR, Bjordal 5-40, Christion 18-3, Bear 1-(minus 2), SFL, Quintanilla 30-244, Belhaj 4-75, Naasz 1-69, Roach 7-19, Wagner 3-13.  
PASSING — SFR, Christion 21-37-2, 322 yards. SFL, Roach 7-13-2, 86 yards.  
RECEIVING — SFR, Mulbah 10-169, Hennings 4-50, Vinatieri 1-41, Bjordal 3-41, Benson 2-16, Bear 1-5. SFL, Naasz 4-50, Bartow 1-23, Jones 2-13.

# Wall Leads North Dakota Women Past USD

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — North Dakota held Summit League-leading scorer Nicole Seekamp without a field goal and combined to block 10 shots in a 65-61 non-conference win over former rival South Dakota Sunday afternoon at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

Former Dakota Valley standout Allyssa Wall had 10 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots for North Dakota (1-2). Madi Buck had a game-high 18 points, with Mia Loyd netting 17 points. Megan Lauck added 13 points in the victory.

Tia Hemiller scored a career-high 16 points and had four assists to lead USD (1-3). Margaret McCloud posted a double-double off the bench, finishing with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Nicole Seekamp was held without a field goal, but had a team-best five assists.

USD continues its road trip to start the season on Thursday, playing Drake at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls. The game is a home game for the Coyotes, but will be the fifth straight contest outside of the DakotaDome for USD.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (1-3)**  
Tia Hemiller 6-10 0-0 16, Polly Harrington 2-6 2-2-7, Nicole Seekamp 0-10 2-2-2, Heidi Hoff 3-11 0-0-3, Lisa Leoffler 0-2-4-4, Tanesha Graves 1-1 0-0-3, Taylor Moore 1-2-1-4, Bridget Arens 0-1 0-0-0, Raeshel Conteras 3-11 0-0-7, Margaret McCloud 4-7 2-2-10. TOTALS: 20-61 11-12 61.  
**NORTH DAKOTA (1-2)**  
Leah Szabla 2-8 1-2 5, Mia Loyd 7-14 2-3 17, Madi Buck 6-14 4-18, Megan Lauck 4-7 5-13, Allyssa Wall 5-8 0-0-10, Sim Burk 0-1 0-0-0, Kelsey Knox 0-2 0-0-0, Emily

Evers 1-4 0-2-2, Ellen Kiser 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-58 12-17 65.  
At the half: USD 31, UND 22. Three-Pointers: USD 10-21 (Hemiller 4-5, Hoff 2-5, Graves 1-1, Harrington 1-2, Moore 1-2, Conteras 1-4, Seekamp 0-1, Leoffler 0-1), UND 3-11 (Buck 2-4, Loyd 1-2, Szabla 0-1, Burk 0-1, Evers 0-1, Lauck 0-2), Rebounds: UND 36 (Wall 8), USD 32 (McCloud 10), Personal Fouls: USD 16, UND 12. Fouled Out: Loeffler. Assists: USD 15 (Seekamp 5), UND 14 (Knox 5). Turnovers: UND 20, USD 19. Blocked Shots: UND 10 (Wall 5), USD 0. Steals: UND 12 (Szabla 5), USD 9 (Seekamp 2, McCloud 2). Attendance: 1,429.

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 80, NORTHERN IOWA 44; BROOKINGS** — Steph Paluch scored 16 points and freshman Kerri Young had 13 points to lead South Dakota State to an 80-44 rout of Northern Iowa in women's basketball action on Sunday.

Yankton native Chloe Comemann scored a career-high nine points and had two assists for SDSU (2-2). Freshman Chynna Stevens finished with nine points and eight rebounds in the win.

Joni Keitel led UNI (1-2) with 14 points and eight rebounds. Ty Smith added 12 points.

**Saturday**  
**CONCORDIA 90, MORNINGSIDES 82, OT; SEWARD, Neb.** — Kristen Conahan scored 28 points, hitting eight three-pointers off the bench, to lead Concordia to a 90-82 overtime victory over Morningside in the Great Plains Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

Former Cedar Catholic standout Tracy Zellitz netted 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Concordia (5-1, 1-0). Jerrica Pearson had 16 points on 12-12 shooting from the line and grabbed 11 rebounds. Bailey Morris had 13 rebounds in the win.

For Morningside (5-1, 0-1 GPAC), Lacey Lehrmann had 25 points and six assists off the bench to lead the way. Leann Osten netted 14 points. Lexi Ackerman and Kalene Anderson each had 13 points. Jessica Tietz added 10 points in the effort.

**MIDLAND 70, DORDT 51; FREMONT, Neb.** — Darlen Moon scored 14 points off the bench to lead Midland to a 70-51 victory over Dordt in the Great Plains Athletic Conference opener for both squads.

Jamilah Johnson added 11 points and seven assists for Midland (4-2, 1-0 GPAC).

For Dordt (4-2, 0-1 GPAC), Jaimie Kok and Beresford native Elise Mareesh each had seven points. Kok also had 11 rebounds for the Redwings.

**BRIAR CLIFF 106, DOANE 92; CRETE, Neb.** — Sloane Masters had 32 points and 12 rebounds to lead Briar Cliff to a 106-92 victory over Doane in GPAC

women's basketball action on Saturday.

Morgan Hansen netted 22 points, McKenzie Shipley had 12 points and Lexi Henscke had 10 points for Briar Cliff (5-1, 1-1 GPAC). Freeman grad Paige Herbrodt finished with five points in the contest.

Heather Brown led Doane (3-3, 0-1 GPAC) with 25 points. Shelby Bittinger netted 21 points. Calli Bellar and Hannah Dostal had 10 points each for the Tigers.

**AUGUSTANA 95, JAMESTOWN 79; SIOUX FALLS** — The Augustana women opened the 2013-14 season with a 95-79 victory over Jamestown in women's basketball action on Saturday at the Elmen Center.

Emily Schulte posted a game-high 22 points and five assists, and Shaunteva Ashley had 16 points to lead Augustana. Rhanna Gullickson had 15 points and Riley Nordgardard added 12 points in the victory.

Carly Jensen led Jamestown with 11 points. Jessica Burk added 10 points.

**WAYNE STATE 77, S.D. MINES 42; RAPID CITY** — Wayne State's Ashton Yossi and Jordan Spencer combined for 41 points in a 77-42 rout of South Dakota Mines on Saturday.

Yossi led Wayne State (3-0) with 22 points. Spencer netted 19 points and seven rebounds. Addy Roller had seven assists in the win.

For Mines (0-4), Megan Rohrer scored 12 points off the bench.

**Men**  
**NEBRASKA 83, S.C. STATE 57; LINCOLN, Neb.** (AP) — Ray Gallegos had 18 points to lead five Huskers in double figures and Nebraska used a two second-half scoring spurts to run past South Carolina State 83-57 Sunday.

**STANFORD 66, DENVER 57; DENVER (AP)** — Chasson Randle scored 14 of his game-high 29 points in the second half leading Stanford to a 66-57 victory over Denver on Sunday.

**IOWA STATE 77, NO. 7 MICHIGAN 70; AMES, Iowa (AP)** — Melvin Ejim scored 22 points and Iowa State beat No. 7 Michigan 77-70 Sunday, spoiling Wolverines star Mitch McGary's season debut.

**IOWA 103, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 41; IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)** — Devyn Marble scored 22 of his season-high 27 points in the first half as Iowa thumped Abilene Christian 103-41 on Sunday.

**Saturday**  
**MORNINGSIDES 85, CONCORDIA 67; SEWARD, Neb.** — Tanner Miller scored a game-high 19 points to lead Morningside to an 85-67 victory over Concordia in

the Great Plains Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

Jared Kolbush netted 14 points and Danny Rudeanu had 13 points for Morningside (3-2, 1-0 GPAC). Steve O'Neill had seven assists in the win.

For Concordia (2-4, 0-1 GPAC), Aaron Walker had 15 points and Isiah Bookelman had 12 points to lead the way. Adam Vogt added 10 points.

**DORDT 72, MIDLAND 68; FREMONT, Neb.** — Kyle Lindbergh posted 29 points and 14 rebounds to lead Dordt to a 72-66 victory over Midland in the GPAC opener for both teams.

Dalton Franken had 11 points, and Austin Katje and Tyler Wolterstorf each had 10 points for Dordt.

For Midland, Ben Imig scored 18 points and Marcus Franklin had 15 points to lead the way. Galen Gullie added 10 points.

**BRIAR CLIFF 101, DOANE 95; CRETE, Neb.** — The Briar Cliff Chargers improved to 2-0 in GPAC play with a 101-95 victory over Doane on Saturday.

Clayton Harrell scored 26 points, hitting seven three-pointers, for Briar Cliff (4-2). Zach Otting had 18 points and Shane Graves added 14 points in the win.

For Doane (4-2, 0-1), Deonte Holt scored a game-high 32 points and Nick Reed posted 28 points and 10 rebounds to lead the way. Dominique Smith and Sam Schlauchman each had 12 points in the win.

**JOHNSON & WALES 56, DAKOTA WESLEYAN 54; DENVER, Colo.** — Johnson & Wales avenged an earlier loss to Dakota Wesleyan, beating the Tigers 56-54 in men's basketball action on Saturday.

Demetrius Love scored a game-high 19 points to lead Johnson & Wales (2-4). J.P. Mile had 16 points in the win.

For DWU (5-3), Luke Bamberg scored 12 points and Tate Martin had 11 points. Viborg native Stephen Lee scored two points and had five rebounds.

**CREIGHTON 83, ST. JOSEPH'S 79; PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Doug McDermott converted a three-point play with 4.9 seconds remaining to lead Creighton to an 83-79 victory over Saint Joseph's Saturday night.

**MINNESOTA 74, RICHMOND 59; RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — Behind 26 points from junior guard Andre Hollins, Minnesota defeated Richmond 74-59 on the road in the refurbished Robins Center Saturday night.

**SAINT MARY'S 67, DRAKE 63; MORAGA, Calif. (AP)** — Beau Levesque scored 16 points and Brad Waldow added 15 with 13 rebounds as Saint Mary's defeated Drake 67-63 Saturday night.

**GEORGE MASON 76, NORTHERN IOWA 70; FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)** — Sherrod Wright scored a game-high 23 points and George Mason edged Northern Iowa 76-70 on Saturday night.

# State-U

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then (Sunday) in film we'll start getting ready for another must-win," Zenner said.

## Sold Out Crowd

Between the Fargodome at North Dakota State and the UNI-Dome at Northern Iowa, an indoor football setting is nothing new for South Dakota State, let alone its rivals at USD.

Even faced with a record sellout crowd of 10,845 at Saturday's game at the DakotaDome, the Jackrabbits said

they preferred such an atmosphere.

"I love when everyone's against you," linebacker R.C. Kilgore said. "It makes us play better when our backs are against the wall."

"It feels good to own the state one more year."

The DakotaDome, did, however, cause some early issues for the Jackrabbits — as head coach John Stiegelmeier said it would.

On SDSU's second drive of the game, the Jacks were whistled for three false start penalties in four plays. Two were flagged on senior Bryan Witzmann and the third on senior Alex Parker.

"I don't think as a coach

you can paint the picture of an environment like this," Jacks head coach John Stiegelmeier said. "You have to be in it."

The Coyotes, of late, haven't played in front of such a home crowd. The attendance for Youngstown State and Montana the previous two weeks had been fewer than 7,000.

"As a football player, you always want to play in an atmosphere like that," USD senior safety Devin Taverna said. "The Coyote crazies on our side of the field were pretty loud."

"It creates an environment, gets everybody pumped up and ready to go."

The loss was especially

bitter for those Coyote seniors who were playing at the DakotaDome for the last time. USD travels to North Dakota State next Saturday.

"It would have been huge to get a win, going out in my senior year in the dome," USD senior linebacker Tyler Starr said. "It's a special place here, a special place to play. It just hurts right now."

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**S. DAKOTA STATE 27, SOUTH DAKOTA 12**  
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SOUTH DAKOTA .....0 6 6 0 — 12  
**First Quarter**  
SDST—Schneider 34 pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick), 1:09.  
**Second Quarter**  
SDak—FG Bergner 21, 12:10.  
SDS—Zenner 1 run (pass failed), 4:55.  
SDak—FG Bergner 25, :30.  
**Third Quarter**  
SDak—Terry 13 pass from Earl (kick failed), 7:04.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
SDST—Schneider 5 pass from Sumner (Syrovatka kick), 14:57.  
SDS—W. Wright 80 interception return (Syrovatka kick), 2:36.  
A—10,845.

	SDSt	Sdsk
First downs	20	19
Rushes-yards	44-140	25-59
Passing	175	325
Comp-Att-Int	16-23-1	21-48-1
Return Yards	140	(-1)
Punts-Avg.	3-42.3	4-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-54	8-60
Time of Possession	34:50	25:10

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING—S. Dakota State, Zenner 3-17, Sumner 7-7, Rodriguez 2-3, Gandy 1-0. Team 3-(minus 7). South Dakota, Roberts 8-31, Bouma 6-15, Vander Malen 1-7, Terry 1-4, Earl 9-2.  
PASSING—S. Dakota State, Sumner 16-23-1-175. South Dakota, Earl 21-48-1-325.  
RECEIVING—S. Dakota State, Schneider 5-88, Triefelthaler 3-40, Zenner 2-15, L. Jones 2-12, Rodriguez 2-12. Vajoda 1-7, Husted 1-1. South Dakota, Terry 9-115, Wilhelm 4-68, Vander Malen 3-36, Donovan 2-82, Koch 1-21, Meyer 1-21, Roberts 1-2.

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