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How Many Missouri Valley Football Teams Will Get Playoff Bids?

You Jackrabbit fans don't need to be reminded the significance of today's (Saturday) football game at Youngstown State. In short: South Dakota State (7-4) needs to win to make the FCS playoffs. A loss ends its season. Remarkable as it may seem, the Jacks have essentially been in must-win mode for a month — ever since they were sitting at 4-4.

Top-ranked North Dakota State (10-0), meanwhile, has no such pressure for today's matchup with the University of South Dakota. The Bison are already a playoff lock, the only question for them is, will they win a third straight national championship?

From there, though, the Missouri Valley Football Conference faces some questions. How many teams will get playoff bids? As we've told you before, the FCS post-season field expanded from 20 to 24 teams — with three

additional at-large selections and an automatic bid to the Patriot League.

There are still some scenarios that could get Youngstown State into the field with a loss to SDSU today — though it be asking too much, given that the Penguins would have closed with three straight losses.

Given the Jackrabbits win in Ohio, that could very well mean the Missouri Valley — the nation's top-ranked league — would get only two entrants into the playoffs.

A year ago, the Valley got three teams in, NDSU, SDSU and Illinois State, with all three winning at least one game.

What, then, could be the reason the Valley would put two teams in the field?

You could easily look at the rugged nature of the league.

Consider: South Dakota State was once 4-4 coming off a loss to Missouri State. Southern Illinois, which is sitting at 6-5, owns wins over SDSU, Northern Iowa and gave NDSU fits in a 21-point loss.

Add to that, UNI's league record was once 0-5, and you'll see how up and down the middle of the league is — discounting the dominant Bison, of course.

YHS Winter Sports Kickoff Dec. 5

The winter sports kickoff at Yankton High School will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the YHS commons.

Head coaches will speak about their team's upcoming seasons.

For more information, contact YHS at 665-8369.

Area Football Standouts Earn Academic All-State Honors

A number of area athletes, including five from Yankton High School, were named to the 2013 South Dakota Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team.

To be considered for the award, players must be seniors, must have a 3.5 grade point average and must have played or managed three years of football.

Honored from Yankton were Tanner Termansen, Lane Sawatzke, Layne Droppers, J.J.

Hejna and Alex Dangler.

Vermillion had three players honored in Class 11A, including Nate Svendsen, Nick Jensen and Ty Iverson. Dakota Valley put Isaac Faldmo, Cody Sexton, Blake Perryman, Ryan Lammers, Alex Keime and Alex Fernando.

Class 11B honorees

BERESFORD: Josh Caspersen, Austin Meester

BON HOMME: Austin Kaul, Dakota Bodden, Joe Jaeger, Scott Van Winkle

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON: Cody Reed, Adam Shanks

PARKSTON: Joshua Zwinger

WAGNER: Dylan Brunson, Delaynte Dickerson, David Rocer, Chris Kuca, Brady Soulek

Class 9AA honorees

FREEMAN: Joseph Weier, Cole Waldhauser

IRENE-WAKONDA: Michael Saffel, Lexi Logue

MENNO-MARION: Dylan Lehr, Tyrell Bertsch, Brandon Goosen, Nick Gortmaker

PARKER: Eric Humstad, Tristan Tupy

Class 9A honorees

ALCESTER-HUDSON: Erik Barnes, Lindsey Terpstra, Shenja Doering

CENTRAL:

Joey Evans, Zach

Courmoyer

Class 9B honorees

AVON: Jacob Reeves, Julie Boyle

USD's Krittenbrink Named Summit League POY

INDIANAPOLIS — Junior outside hitter Kendall Krittenbrink was named Summit League Volleyball Player of the Year and was one of three University of South Dakota players to gain All-Summit League honors during the league's annual volleyball banquet on Thursday night.

Krittenbrink is the first Coyote to earn the honor. She led the league with 521 kills this season, which is ninth most in league history. She also led the league and ranks fifth in the nation in kills per set (5.41), and was second in the league and ranks ninth in the nation in kills per set (4.65).

Krittenbrink, Tori Kroll and Kelsey Biltoft all earned All-Summit League honors. Only IUPUI (four) had more All-Summit League honorees than South Dakota.

Kroll, a senior setter, led the league in assists with 1,189 and was third in assists per set with 10.62. She became USD's all-time assist leader

earlier this year and now has 4,552 for her career. She also averaged 2.34 digs and 0.46 blocks per set this season.

Biltoft, a sophomore middle blocker, averaged 1.04 blocks per set this season, which ranks ninth in the league. She also averaged 1.89 kills per set.

Long Time Augustana A.D.

Bill Gross Retires

SILOUX FALLS — After 28 years at the helm of the Augustana athletic department, Director of Athletics Bill Gross is stepping down and will take a position in Augustana's Advancement Office as a Senior Gifts Officer.

Gross made the announcement at a news conference earlier today alongside Augustana College President Rob Oliver.

A national search for a replacement will begin immediately.

Gross, a 1973 graduate of Augustana, has spent 35 years as a member of the athletic staff and has played a role in all aspects of the department, student-athlete, coach and administrator. He played basketball at Augustana from 1969-1973 and was an All-NCC Selection three times and still

remains in the top 10 of numerous statistical categories.

Gross spent nine seasons as the head coach of the Augustana men's basketball team where he posted a 154-103 record, including eight winning seasons. His 1988-89 team won the NCC Championship and compiled an overall record of 23-7 (a school record at the time).

SDGA Announces Golfers Of The Year

Six players have been honored as Golfers of the Year for their performances during the South Dakota Golf Association (SDGA) 2013 season, the organization announced Friday.

Matt Johnson was named Male Golfer of the Year, while Morgan Fitts was named Female Golfer of the Year.

Derek Burshiem earned Senior Male honors, while Cindy Olson was recognized as Senior Female Golfer of the Year. In addition, Max Donohue earned Junior Male honors, as did Parkston's Sydney Bormann as Junior Female Golfer of the Year.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL

MOONSHINERS

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Terry Wiebelhaus 256, Rich Hinkley 224, Mark Brannen 223, Wendy Wiebelhaus 170, Elaine Lane 163

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Terry Wiebelhaus 668, Mark Brannen 654, Randy Gross 565, Wendy Wiebelhaus 446

STANDINGS: Steamway 59-16, Quinos 52-23, L&S 41.5-33.5, 2 Kevins & Girl 39-36, JB Auto 38.5-36.5, Northtown 35.5-39.5, Group Therapy 25-50

VOLLEYBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S WEEKLY LEAGUE

RESULTS: Drotzmann Construction def. Schonebaum Construction 3-0 22-20, 22-20, 21-12. JRD def. Skerns 3-0 21-17, 21-18, 21-15. Surgeon Generals def. It Works! 3-0 21-17, 21-13, 21-19

STANDINGS: JRD 3-0, Drotzmann Construction 3-0, Surgeon Generals 2-1, Schonebaum Construction 1-2, It Works! 0-3, Skerns 0-3

WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

RESULTS: Yankton Motorsports def. Neu Pond & Landscaping 2-1 21-8, 15-21, 21-11; Don't Bump to Strangers def. TNT 3-0 21-16, 21-12, 21-15; Shoombs def. STANDINGS: Stammin' 3-0, Bud Bumpers def. Becker Body/JJ Benji's 3-0 21-15, 21-10, 21-14; Stammin' Hot def. JJ Benji's 2-1 21-10, 21-10, 19-21; The Associates def. Mojo's 3-0 21-7, 21-19, 21-19; Jo Dean's def. First Dakota Bank 2-1 21-14, 16-21, 21-12

STANDINGS: Stammin' Hot 3-0, Don't Bump to Strangers 3-0, Yankton Motorsports 3-0, Neu Pond & Landscaping 2-1, Shoombs 2-1, Bud Bumpers 2-1, TNT 1-2, Walnut 1-2, Jo Dean's 1-2, The Associates 1-2, JJ Benji's 1-2, Becker Body/JJ Benji's 1-2, Mojo's 0-3, First Dakota Bank 0-3

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS: Riverside Autobody def. Czokers 3-0 21-12, 21-6, 21-6; Steven's Construction Hot Mess def. Lady Rangers 2-1 21-14, 20-22, 21-11; Inside-Outers def. Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 2-1 21-14, 21-19, 9-21

STANDINGS: Inside-Outers 3-0, Steven's Construction Hot Mess 3-0, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital 2-1, Riverside Autobody 1-2, Czokers 0-3, Lady Rangers 0-3

S.D. STATE AA TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Mitchell

First Round, Nov. 21
S.F. O'Gorman def. RC Central 25-15, 25-23, 25-14

Aberdeen Central def. SF Washington 25-23, 25-23, 27-25

Huron def. RC Stevens 25-22, 25-20, 25-16

SF Roosevelt def. Watertown 25-23, 25-15, 25-16

Semifinals, Nov. 22
S.F. O'Gorman def. Aberdeen Central 25-22, 25-23, 25-21

SF Roosevelt def. Huron 25-20, 26-24, 25-18

Consolation, Nov. 22
SF Washington def. RC Central 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19

Watertown def. RC Stevens 25-17, 25-16, 25-19

Final Round, Nov. 23
Championship: SF O'Gorman vs. SF Roosevelt, 8 p.m.

Third: Aberdeen Central vs. Huron, 6 p.m.

Fifth: SF Washington vs. Watertown, 1:45 p.m.

Seventh: RC Central vs. RC Stevens, noon

S.D. STATE A TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Aberdeen

First Round, Nov. 21
Belle Fourche def. Sioux Valley 25-10, 26-24, 25-9

Winner def. Wagner 25-18, 25-22, 13-25, 25-14

SF Christian def. Pine Ridge 25-14, 25-12, 25-14

Dakota Valley def. Sisseton 25-9, 25-15, 25-12

Semifinals, Nov. 22
Winner def. Belle Fourche 19-25, 18-25, 25-18, 25-20, 15-12

Dakota Valley def. S.F. Christian 25-22, 7-25, 25-25, 25-19, 15-10

Consolation, Nov. 22
Wagner def. Sioux Valley 25-22, 25-22, 25-19, 25-21

Sisseton def. Pine Ridge 24-26, 25-22, 25-19, 25-21

Final Round, Nov. 23
Championship: Winner vs. Dakota Valley, 8 p.m.

Third: Belle Fourche def. SF Christian, 6 p.m.

Fifth: Wagner vs. Sisseton, 1:45 p.m.

Seventh: Sioux Valley vs. Pine Ridge, noon

S.D. STATE B TOURN.

Nov. 21-23 at Huron Arena

First Round, Nov. 21
Warner def. Herreid/Selby Area 25-10, 25-15, 25-11

Alcester-Hudson def. Harding County 25-16, 25-18, 25-14

Chester Area def. Lyman 25-21, 25-18, 25-17

Arlington def. Kimball-White Lake 25-10, 25-15, 25-16

Semifinals, Nov. 22
Warner def. Alcester-Hudson 25-6, 25-8, 25-13

Chester Area def. Arlington 15-25, 25-19, 25-23, 26-24

Consolation, Nov. 22
Herreid-Selby Area def. Harding County 13-25, 25-13, 25-11, 22-25, 15-13

Lyman def. Kimball-White Lake 25-22, 25-21, 25-18

Final Round, Nov. 23
Championship: Warner def. Chester Area, 8 p.m.

Third: Alcester-Hudson vs. Arlington, 6 p.m.

Fifth: Herreid-Selby Area vs. Lyman, 1:45 p.m.

Seventh: Harding County vs. Kimball-White Lake, noon

FOOTBALL

NEB. PLAYOFFS

Class A

Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

Omaha Westside (11-1) vs. Omaha North (11-1), 7:15 p.m.

Class B

Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

York (11-1) vs. Omaha Skutt Catholic (11-1), 7:15 p.m.

Class C1

Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

Cozad (12-0) vs. Ashland Greenwood (11-1), 10:15 a.m.

Class C2

Championship, Nov. 26 at Lincoln

Doniphan-Trumbull (12-0) vs. Aquinas Catholic (11-1), 2:45 p.m.

Class D1

Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

Exeter-Milligan (12-0) vs. Hemingford (12-0), 10:15 a.m.

Class D2

Championship, Nov. 25 at Lincoln

Stuart (11-1) vs. Falls City Sacred Heart (12-0), 2:45 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 23

Slippery Rock (9-2) at Winston-Salem State (9-1), 11 a.m.

American International (9-2) at West Chester (10-1), 11 a.m.

Newberry (9-2) at Carson-Newman (9-2), 11 a.m.

Saginaw Valley State (9-2) at Grand Valley State (9-2), 11 a.m.

West Texas A&M (9-2) at Indianapolis (10-1), 11 a.m.

Tuskegee (8-2) at North Alabama (8-2), noon

Emporia State (9-1) at Minnesota-Duluth (10-1), noon

St. Cloud State (10-1) at Henderson State (11-0), noon

NAIA PLAYOFFS

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 23

Faulkner (9-2) at Saint Francis (Ind.) (8-2), 11 a.m.

St. Ambrose (7-3) at Cumberlands (Ky.) (10-0), 11 a.m.

Northwestern (Iowa) (8-2) at Missouri Valley (8-2), noon

Rocky Mountain (8-3) at Morning-side (9-1), noon

Ottawa (Kan.) (8-3) at Grand View (10-0), 1 p.m.

Tabor (9-2) at Benedictine (Kan.) (10-1), 1 p.m.

Sterling (9-2) at Baker (10-1), 1 p.m.

Georgetown (Ky.) (7-3) at Carroll (Mont.) (10-1), 1:07 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

New England 7 3 0 700 254 199

N.Y. Jets 5 5 0 500 183 268

Miami 5 5 0 500 213 225

Buffalo 4 7 0 364 236 273

South

Indianapolis 7 3 0 700 252 220

Tennessee 4 6 0 400 227 226

Houston 2 8 0 200 193 276

Denver 1 9 0 100 129 318

North

Cincinnati 7 4 0 636 275 206

Pittsburgh 4 6 0 400 216 245

Baltimore 4 6 0 400 208 212

Cleveland 4 6 0 400 192 238

West

Denver 9 1 0 900 398 255

Kansas City 9 1 0 900 232 138

Oakland 4 6 0 400 194 246

San Diego 4 6 0 400 228 222

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 23

BASKETBALL, MEN'S Midland at MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind., NAIA Championships at Lawrence, Kan.

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE

USD at North Dakota (2:30 p.m., KVHT-FM, Midco Sports Network)

VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. State Class AA Tour at Mitchell; S.D. State Class A Tour at Aberdeen (Dakota Valley, Wagner); S.D. State Class B Tour at Huron (Alcester-Hudson)

Sunday, November 24

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Boise State at USD (2 p.m., KVHT-FM)

Monday, November 25

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Texas