

(1-4 MVFC)

4 p.m., DakotaDome (10,000) Vermillion

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	USD	Opp
Aug. 30	at Oregon	13	Орр 62
Sept. 6	vs. William Penn	41	16
Sept. 13	at Montana	20	28
Sept. 20	vs. Northern Arizona	28	21
Oct. 4	at Southern Illinois	10	41
Oct. 11	vs. Northern Iowa	16	27
Oct. 18	at Missouri State	12	31
Oct. 25	vs. North Dakota State	7	47
Nov. 1	at Youngstown State	17	28
Nov. 8	vs. Western Illinois (4 p.m.)		
Nov. 15.	vs. Illinois State (1 p.m.)		
Nov. 22	at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		

STAT LEADERS

Jasper Sanders	Att 116	Yds 642	Avg 5.5	Long 45	TD 4
Trevor Bouma	106	508	4.8	32	3
Ryan Saeger	43	195	4.5	36	4
Jordan Roberts	33	189	5.7	26	0
COYOTES	356	1.617	4.5	45	12
Opponents	381	2,187	5.7	60	21
PASSING					
Kevin Earl	Com 80	Att 152	Yds 816	Int 5	TD 3
Ryan Saeger	48	88	632	3	2
COYOTES	129	243	1,466	8	5
Opponents	121	227	1,846	6	17
RECEIVING					
Eric Shufford	No 33	Yds 395	Avg 12.0	Long 31	TD 2
Riley Donovan	24	295	12.3	37	1
Josh Vander Maten	18	136	7.6	23	Ċ
COYOTES	129	1.466	11.4	38	5
Opponents	121	1,846	15.3	62	17
PLACE KICKING					
Miles Bergner	EPm 15	EPa 16	FGm 13	FGa 13	Long 50
PUNTING					
Miles Bergner		No 52	Avg. 40.7	Long 69	In20 13
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
Tyson Graham	Tack 81	TFL 0.5	Sack	INT 1	FR
John Wessel	67	_	_		_
Keyen Lage	52	4.5	_	_	_
Jacob Warner	44	3.5	_	1	_
Drew Iddings	27	7.5	2.0	_	_
Ryan Hillier	22	2.5	_	_	-
COYOTES	673	33	3	6	4
Opponents	635	48	29	8	6

PROBABLE STARTERS

		COYOTE OFFENSE			
Pos QB HB FB WR WR TE LT LG C	No 14 3 41 1 7 11 89 70 62 79	Name Kevin Earl Jasper Sanders Drew Potter Riley Donovan Josh Vander Maten Eric Shufford Kayl Barkley Matt Huffer Nile Banks Nick Olson	Ht 6-6 5-10 6-2 6-1 6-1 5-11 6-3 6-7 6-5 6-3	Wt 215 200 250 185 215 185 250 300 295 285	Yr Jr. So. So. Sr. Jr. Sr. So. Jr.
RG	72	Andrew Schofield	6-5	295	Sr.
RT	64	Stetson Dagel	6-4	275	RFr.
		COYOTE DEFENSE			
Pos DE DT DE OLB ILB ILB OLB CB FS SS CB	No 55 56 94 4 28 37 33 17 8 24 26	Name Sean Bredl Nick Jacobs Drew Iddings Ryan Hillier John Wessel Colin Buscarini Keyen Lage Steve Tellefsen Tyson Graham Jacob Warner Chris Tyler	6-4 6-2 6-6 6-1 6-2 6-1 6-3 6-1 6-2 6-0 6-2	260 280 290 230 230 220 240 190 200 195 200	Yr So. Jr. Jr. So. Jr. Sr. So. Jr. Jr.

Series: Tied 2-2; Last Meeting: Western Illinois 24, USD 10 (2013)



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D

The University of South Dakota football team returns home for the first of two straight home games today (Saturday) against Western Illinois. The Coyotes finish their home slate against Illinois State next week.

STANDINGS

MILLER	Conf	All
North Dakota State	5-0	9-0
Illinois State	4-1	7-1
Youngstown State	4-1	7-2
Indiana State	3-2	6-3
Northern Iowa	3-2	5-4
South Dakota State	2-3	5-4
Southern Illinois	2-3	5-4
Missouri State	1-4	4-5
Western Illinois	-4	3-6
South Dakota arrest and a south		2-7

CONDITIONS

Indoors. FieldTurf. A cool breezy afternoon for tailgating with highs expected around 50 and a kickoff temperature slightly below that. Bring your jacket.

ONLINE

The Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck posts updates to his Twitter page during every South Dakota home game. Find it at twitter.com/jhoeck. Complete coverage will be

PREDICTION

Since returning from injury, USD quarterback Kevin Earl is still looking for an all-around solid game. Look for RB Jasper Sanders and WR Josh Vander Maten to have big games today as the Covotes get their first league win

COYOTES 27, LEATHERNECKS 21

MATCHUPS

COYOTES OFFENSE VS. WIU DEFENSE

At some point, you've got to figure the USD offense will have a breakout game. The Covotes have scored just seven touchdowns in five league games, and could be due for a big game today. We see a big game from QB Kevin Earl. Advantage USD.

COYOTES DEFENSE VS. WIU OFFENSE The Leathernecks, despite their own

struggles of late, have one of the league's top receivers in Lance Lenoir (56 rec... 809 yds, 4 TD). If the Coyotes can slow down the run game and force a couple more turnovers (they had three last week), they should be fine. Advantage to USD.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The two kickers in this game have combined to make 21-of-22 field goals, with USD's Miles Bergner still perfect on the season. Bergner was even better last week punting the ball, so look for him to keep that momentum rolling today. Lenoir is also WIU's top return threat, so that's a key for the Coyotes. Advantage USD.

INTANGIBLES

With nothing left to play for but pride, the Coyotes are still in search for their first league win. Today marks the only game this season in which USD plays a team predicted to finish behind the Coyotes. It won't be easy, but look for USD to play loose against the Leathernecks. Advantage USD.



ESTERN WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY **LEATHERNECKS**

SCHEDULE

Opponent vs. Valparaiso	WIU 45	Орр
at Wisconsin	3	37
vs. Drake	38	13
at Northwestern	7	24
at Southern Illinois	17	34
vs. North Dakota State	10	17
at Youngstown State	30	24
vs. Illinois State	34	37
vs. Northern Iowa	13	27
at South Dakota (4 p.m.)		
at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)		
vs. Indiana State (1 p.m.)		
	vs. Valparaiso at Wisconsin vs. Drake at Northwestern at Southern Illinois vs. North Dakota State at Youngstown State vs. Illilinois State vs. Northern Iowa at South Dakota (4 p.m.) at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)	vs. Valparaiso 45 at Wisconsin 3 vs. Drake 38 at Northwestern 7 at Southern Illinois 17 vs. North Dakota State 10 at Youngstown State 30 vs. Illinois State 34 vs. Northern Iowa 13 at South Dakota (4 p.m.) at South Dakota State (2 p.m.)

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING					
J.C. Baker	Att 178	Yds 887	Avg	Long 66	ΤĎ
Devon Moore	45	164	5.0 3.6	16	3 4
Kyle Hammonds	35	155	4.4	15	1
LEATHERNECKS	332	1.337	4.0	66	9
Opponents	343	1,303	3.8	69	14
PASSING					
17100IIIO	Com	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Trenton Norvell	168	293	2,175	9	15
LEATHERNECKS	168	294	2,175	9	15
Opponents	181	300	2,057	6	13
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg 14.4	Long	TD
Lance Lenoir	56	809		75	4
Hi-C Scott	37	453	12.2	69	4
Joey Borsellino J.C. Baker	25 21	341 168	13.6 8.0	35 40	2
LEATHERNECKS	168 181	2,175 2.057	12.9 11.4	75 51	15 13
Opponents	101	2,007	11.4	31	13
PLACE KICKING					
Nathan Knuffman	EPm 23	EPa 24	FGm 8	FGa 9	Long 30
PUNTING					
		No	Avg.	Long	In20
Nathan Knuffman		41	38.4	58	5
DEFENSIVE LEADERS					
V in Vinter	Tack	ŢFL	Sack	INT	FR
Kevin Kintzel Luke Venegoni	72 69	3.5 6.0	1.5 0.5	1	1
J.J. Raffelson	63	6.0	0.5		_
David McDaniel	51	1.0	_	2	1
Kris Harley	30	6.0	3.5	_	
Gavin Ricketts	25	7.0	1.0	_	1
LEATHERNECKS	678	57	19	6	7
Opponents	681	30	16	9	8

PROBABLE STARTERS

	LEATHERNECK OF	FENSE		
No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
				Jr.
				RFr.
				Jr.
				Jr.
				Jr.
				So.
	Trenton Norvell	6-5	220	So.
	J.C. Baker	5-8	190	Sr.
	Larry Harris	6-1	230	Jr.
	Lance Lenoir	6-0	190	Jr.
				So.
19	Hi-C Scott	5-9	190	Sr.
	LEATHERNECK DE	FENSE		
No	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr
50	Gino Durley, Jr.		260	Sr.
92	Kris Harley	6-1	290	Jr.
98	Gavin Ricketts	6-1	290	Jr.
99	Eddy Holtschlag	6-4	255	Jr.
71	Chip Holtschlag	6-2	225	Sr.
17		6-2	230	Sr.
44	Brett Taylor	6-2	230	RFr.
46	Luke Venegoni	6-3	235	Sr.
3	Richard Chungong	6-0	185	Sr.
22	David McDaniel	5-11	190	Sr.
	70 77 63 67 68 73 14 2 39 7 1 19 No 50 92 98 99 71 17 44 46 3	No Name Tyler Bode Tyler Brandon DeLaCruz Sean Sullivan Tyler Trenton Norvell Jyler Baker Tenton Norvell Joey Borsellino Tyler Brandon Tyler Brando	70 Tyler Bode 6-7 77 James Torgerson 6-5 63 Ryan Ricketts 6-3 67 Brandon DeLaCruz 6-3 68 Sean Sullivan 6-2 73 Matt Zobrist 6-3 14 Trenton Norvell 6-5 2 J.C. Baker 5-8 39 Larry Harris 6-1 7 Lance Lenoir 6-0 1 Joey Borsellino 5-11 19 Hi-C Scott 5-9 LEATHERNECK DEFENSE Name Ht 50 Gino Durley, Jr. 6-2 92 Kris Harley 6-1 93 Gavin Ricketts 6-1 99 Gavin Ricketts 6-1 71 Chip Holtschlag 6-4 71 Kevin Kintzel 6-2 44 Brett Taylor 6-2 45 Luke Venegoni 6-3 3 Richard Chungong 6-0	Name

JACKRABBITS





INDIANA STATE

noon, Memorial Stadium (12,734), Terre Haute, Ind. • Radio: 570 AM Series: SDSU leads 4-2; Last Meeting: SDSU 29, Indiana State 0 (2013)

Quick Hitters

■ SDSU QB Austin Sumner made just his second start of the season last week, going 14-28 for 187 yards and a TD. He was injured in the season opener at Missouri.

■ SDSU RB Zach Zenner is two away from being atop another alltime MVFC list, career touchdowns. He has 50, two behind Southern Illinois great Tom Koutsos (1999-2003). ■ SDSU is 35-16 in the month

of November under head coach John Stiegelmeier.

■ Indiana State is +14 in turnover margin this season, and has a 98-10 advantage in points off turnovers. The Sycamores lead the FCS in that category.

■ With 1.5 sacks last week against Missouri State, Illinois State junior linebacker Connor Underwood became the Sycamore's career sack leader with 26. He has 19.5 tackles for loss this season, which leads the MVFC and ranks third in the FCS and 11 sacks.

■ The Sycamores are 1-1 against FBS opponents this year, beating Ball State 27-20 on Sept. 13 and opening with a 28-10 loss at Indiana on Aug. 30.

Key Matchup

Indiana State QB Mike Perish vs. SDSU Secondary: Perish has thrown for 2,066 yards and 15 TDs in 8 games, completing 62.4 percent of his passes and throwing just two in-

terceptions in 303 attempts. The Jacks are averaging better than an interception a game, but will need a strong effort to keep that pace.

From The Coach

■ "We had some lofty goals, and some of those are maybe gone, but there are still some tangible goals. And the only way we're going to accomplish those is if we win every play. It starts in practice. It starts in the game. It's coaches, players, coming with a single focus to do my very best on this play. That's easily measured, and we need to do that." SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier.

BYE WEEK

Next Game — Nov. 15 at Wisconsin

Quick Hitters

■ This marks Nebraska's first 8-1 start since 2011 and just the second for Nebraska since 2001. The Huskers have a 4-1 Big Ten record through five league games for the third straight year and the fourth time

in five seasons. ■ The Huskers improved to 6-0 at Memorial Stadium in 2014, including 3-0 in Big Ten play, marking the 23rd time in 29 seasons Nebraska has won at least six home games. Nebraska is 12-3 in home Big Ten Conference games since 2011. Nebraska improved to 20-6 in the

month of November under Bo Pelini. ■ Sophomore safety Nate Gerry (Sioux Falls) intercepted a Purdue pass in the second quarter, marking

Gerry's team-leading fourth intercep-

tion of the game. Gerry has an inter-

ception in three consecutive games and four of five Big Ten Conference games.

against Iowa State on Oct. 25, 2003.

understand that we have a lot to do to finish it off the way we want to finish it off." Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini after the Huskers' win over Purdue last week.

B1G Standings

West Division	Cont	,
Nebraska	4-1	8-
Minnesota	3-1	6-
lowa	3-1	6-
Wisconsin	3-1	6
Northwestern	2-3	3.
Illinois	1-4	4-
Purdue	1-4	3
East Division	Conf	F
Michigan State	4-0	7.
Ohio State	4-0	7.
Maryland	3-2	6-
Michigan	2-3	4-
Rutgers	1-4	5.
Penn State	1-4	4
Indiana	0-4	3

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S S.D. SCORES

District 2B Championship 25-16, 25-12 District 3B Championship Potter County def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-22, 20-25, 25-10, 25-14

25-14, 25-11, 25-18 District 6B Championship Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-13, 25-14, 25-23 District 7B Championship

District 8B Championship Ethan def. Hanson, 25-21, 21-25, 25-14, 25-23 District 9B Championship

District 11B Championship

Kimball/White Lake def. Dakota Christian, 25-18, 25-13, 17-25, 25-20 District 12B Championship
Burke/South Central def. Colome,
25-12, 25-23, 25-7

District 13B Championship Jones County def. Lyman, 25-20, 25-

26-24 -- - - Harding County def. Lemmon, 11-25, 25-12, 25-18, 25-15 District 16B Championship

FRIDAY'S NEB. SCORES

District C1-1 Final Ashland-Greenwood def. Falls City, 15-25, 30-28, 26-28, 25-19, 15-10 **District C1-2** Final Wahoo def. Milford, 25-17, 25-22,

District C1-3 Final Omaha Concordia def. Wayne, 25-11, 25-14, 25-15 District C1-4 Final Columbus Scotus def. Stanton, 25-

27, 25-20, 25-23, 27-25 District C1-5 Final Kearney Catholic def. Grand Island Central Catholic, 25-23, 23-25, 25-22,

District C1-6 Final

Ogallala def. Ord, 25-14, 25-17, 25-

District C2-1 Final Freeman def. Archbishop Bergan, 25-18, 25-15, 25-11 District C2-2 Final

District C2-3 Final Guardian Angels def. Lutheran High Northeast, 25-16, 25-9, 25-16 District C2-4 Final Crofton def. Elgin Public/Pope John, 25-15, 25-13, 20-25, 25-18 District C2-5 Final

Hastings St. Cecilia def. Centura, 25-17, 27-25, 25-21

District C2-6 Final Southern Valley def. Bridgeport, 25-18, 23-25, 27-25, 25-14

FOOTBALL

S.D. PLAYOFFS CLASS 11AAA Semifinals, Nov. 7 Sioux Falls Lincoln 28, Sioux Falls Sioux Falls Roosevelt 20, Brandon

Valley 9 Championship, Nov. 15 S.F. Lincoln (10-0) vs. S.F. Roosevelt (9-1), 7:30 p.m. CLASS 11AA

Semifinals, Nov. 7 Brookings 27, Pierre 7 Yankton 27, Harrisburg 0 Yankton (10-0) vs. Brookings (8-2),

7:30 p.m. CLASS 11A Semifinals Nov. 8

1), 4 p.m. CLASS 11B McCook Central-Montrose (10-0) at No. 1 Parkston (10-0), 7 p.m. Groton Area (7-3) at St. Thomas

Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-San-born Central (9-1), 5 p.m. at Wessington Deuel (9-1) at Gregory (10-0), 4:30

Alcester-Hudson (10-0) at Howard (10-0), 6 p.m. -Wessington (10-0) at Philip (10-0), 7:30 p.m. CT CLASS 9B

Semifinals, Nov. 8 Faulkton Area (9-1) at Canistota (9-Harding County (9-1) at Hamlin (10-

NEB. PLAYOFFS CLASS C2 Quarterfinals, Nov. 7 Aquinas 21, Hastings St. Cecilia 10 Battle Creek 37, Archbishop Bergan

Hartington Cedar Catholic 41, Free-Oakland-Craig 41, North Platte St. Patrick's 21

CLASS D1 Quarterfinals, Nov. 11 Elm Creek (9-1) at Creighton (10-0), 4 p.m. Hemingford (10-0) at Fullerton (10-0), 2 p.m. Friend (8-0) at Guardian Angels Cen-

tral Catholic (10-0), 7 p.m. Bruning-Davenport-Shickley (9-1) at Heartland (10-0), 6 p.m. CLASS D2 Quarterfinals, Nov. 11 Humphrey St. Francis (10-0) at Ex-eter-Milligan (10-0), 6 p.m. Kenesaw (9-1) at Falls City Sacred Heart (8-2), 4 p.m. Sandhills-Thedford (8-2) at Anselmo-

Merna (10-0), 5 p.m. at Merna ell (9-1) at Garden County (10-0), 3 p.m. CT CLASS A Quarterfinals, Nov. 7 Grand Island 21. Millard West 6 Omaha Creighton Prep 30, Omaha

Omaha North 54, Kearney 14

Papillion-LaVista South 38, Millard North 35 CLASS B Quarterfinals, Nov. 7 Elkhorn 10, Gretna 7 McCook 13. Blair 7 Omaha Skutt Catholic 17, Seward Scottsbluff 30, Beatrice 28

AREA CALENDAR

tion (4 p.m., KYNT-AM) BASKETBALL.

ern Illinois at USD (Military Apprecia-tion Day, 4 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN) FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Playoffs

Semifinals — Class 11B: McCook Central-Montrose at Parkston (7 p.m.); Class 9A: Alcester-Hudson at Boone Central/Newman Grove 23, Norfolk Catholic 17

Six-Man Tournament Semifinals, Nov. 7 Riverside 76. Sioux County 74. 20T Spalding Academy 56, Minatare 18 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Philadelphia Dallas N.Y. Giants

W L T Pct PF

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Howard (6 p.m., KVTK-AM)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S
Great Plains Athletic Conf. Quarterfinals: MMC at Northwestern (7:30 VOLLEYBALL, PREP S.D. Dis-Third — S.F. Lincoln at Brandon Val-

ley (7 p.m.)
Sunday, November 9
SOCCER, WOMEN'S Summ VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD Vestern Illinois (2 p.m.)

Monday, November 10

No activities scheduled

3 6 0 .333 197 229 Washington W L T Pct PF PA 4 4 0 .500 227 198 3 5 1 .389 177 236 2 6 0 .250 192 221 1 7 0 .125 150 245 Atlanta Tampa Bay Green Bay Minnesota

Chicago 3 5 0 .375 180 222 W L T Pct PF 7 1 0 .875 192 Arizona Seattle 5 3 0 .625 202 San Francisco 4 4 0 .500 168 3 5 0 .375 149 Thursday, Nov. 6 Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 3 Sunday, Nov. 9

N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 3:25 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona, 3:25 p.m. Chicago at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Houston, Indianapolis, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Wash-

Carolina at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 Buffalo at Miami, 7:25 p.m.

■ The Purdue game marked the

first time Nebraska has blocked two punts in a game since blocking two

From The Coach

■ "Like I just said to the team, I congratulated them on the win. There were some good things and some things we've got to get better at. Looking forward to the bye week to keep this football team working. Excited to be 8-1 at this point, but we

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Nebraska	4-1	8-
Minnesota	3-1	6-
lowa	3-1	6-
Wisconsin	3-1	6-
Northwestern	2-3	3-
Illinois	1-4	4-
Purdue	1-4	3-
East Division	Conf	P
East Division Michigan State	Conf 4-0	7-
		-
Michigan State	4-0	7-
Michigan State Ohio State	4-0 4-0	7- 7-
Michigan State Ohio State Maryland	4-0 4-0 3-2	7- 7- 6-

VOLLEYBALL

District 1B Championship Summit def. Wilmot, 25-13, 25-15, Warner def. Northwestern, 25-17,

District 4B Championship Sully Buttes def. Hitchcock-Tulare. Chester def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 19, 23-25, 25-22, 25-10

District 14B Championship
Wall def. Philip, 25-14, 25-23, 17-25,

Hot Springs (8-2) at Madison (9-1), 4 West Central (8-2) at Dell Rapids (9-

More (10-1), 7:30 p.m. CT CLASS 9AA Semifinals, Nov. 8 Kimball-White Lake (8-2) at

CLASS C-1 Quarterfinals, Nov. 7 Ashland-Greenwood 37, Grand Is-CLASS 9A

Saturday, November 8
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Presentan Classic — MCV. TAMO vs. Presenta-WOMEN'S

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE FOOTBALL, COLLEGE West-

Kearney Catholic 22, Columbus Sco-

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San Francisco at New Orleans, noon Kansas City at Buffalo, noon Miami at Detroit, noon
Tennessee at Baltimore, noon Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, noon Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon Dallas vs. Jacksonville at London

Monday, Nov. 10

Parker Wins District 9B Title

record.

PARKER — Parker won the District 9B volleyball championship with a 25-14, 25-13, 25-15

victrov over Freeman Academy. Allison Sanner led Parker with 18 kills and 11 digs, while Lexi Olson totaled a match-high 13 digs and two ace serves. Rvlie Christensen had eight kills in the

win for Parker. Chelsey Heeg finished with 10 kills and an ace serve for Free-

gion 5B championship match next Tuesday against Viborg-Hurley. That game will be played in Viborg with a 7 p.m. start time. FREEMAN ACADEMY (23-3)(28-3) 25 25 25

man Academy. Hannah Yoder

also added four kills and four

blocks. Freeman Academy fin-

ished their season with a 23-3

Parker advances into the Re-

Crofton

Warrior firepower at the net that helped end the Wolfpack's season.

From Page 8

"They have guns from all over the place," Thiele-Blecher said. "Their defense is solid and they are an all-around well-coached team in every aspect. Crofton, thanks to the thunderous kills by senior Maria Wort-

mann, cruised to victories in the

first two sets. Tied at 8-all, Crofton outscored the Wolfpack 13-3 to lead 21-11 and eventually win the set. The Warriors erased an early 3-0 deficit with an 11-4 spurt to go up 11-7. A kill by Terri Seier shaved Crofton's advantage to 13-10 but a 12-5 surge won the opening set for Crofton. Wortmann led all players with 18

"We didn't have our best passing in the third set and we got into a little slump," Wortmann said. "In

the fourth set we came out more

determined and we able to get a

bigger lead. Although the Warriors already had a wild card berth clinched, the goal was still to win the district and remain unbeaten.

"Last night we saw where Wynot upset Stuart (in Class D2) and we said that was not going to happen to us," Wortmann said. "We wanted to go into state playing confident and come out with the win tonight. The rest of the season is now in the past. We have three more games to play and hopefully things come out our way.

Sanger added 10 kills for Crofton and Arens 12. Brittany Guenther and Sanger had three ace serves each for the Warriors. Crofton, which has lost just

eight sets all season, used those rare setbacks for motivation. "When we lose a set, that's

when we don't feel like we're unbeaten," Crofton's Johnson said. 'We just try not to lose anything.'