

Western Illinois Brings Inconsistent Offense To USD

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If recent history is enough of an indication, the purple and white jerseys by Western Illinois do not figure to find the red-painted end zone at the DakotaDome. The coaches of the team coming to Vermillion for Saturday's Dakota Days homecoming game against the University of South Dakota, however, are ready to finally break through on offense. "We've not been as consistent as we'd like to be, that's obvious," head coach Mark Hendrickson said Tuesday during the Missouri Valley coaches teleconference. "We traditionally have had a very

balanced attack, with the run and the pass, and we have to improve in both areas. "We will have to this weekend in order to win." The Leathernecks (2-2, 0-1), coming off a bye week, haven't scored an offensive touchdown in three weeks and have only four touchdowns all season — all on the ground. In back-to-back losses to Iowa State and Illinois State, they managed only a field goal in each game. Last in the MVFC in total offense (246.2), Western Illinois averages only 95 yards per game through the air and has accumulated 380 total yards — half of what the league's next worst team boasts.

What stands out to South Dakota, though, is the Leathernecks' ability to run the ball (151.2 yards per game). "They have a couple bruisers at running back, and they can run the ball and eat the clock. Those are the kind of team that find ways to win the game," USD coach Joe Glenn said Tuesday. "Both of us are looking to get wins in the conference, and it'll be a hard-fought game for sure." The Coyotes (1-3, 0-1) are themselves coming off a loss in their conference opener, losing last Saturday 34-31 to nationally-ranked Illinois State. Asked Tuesday about USD, Hendrickson pointed to sophomore quarterback Josh Vander Maten as a threat worth

scheming for. Vander Maten has completed under 60 percent of passes, for 716 yards and five touchdowns — two coming against Illinois State. "He's a very good football player, he makes a lot of things happen, and does that very well," Hendrickson said. "He threw the ball exceptionally well in the second half against Illinois State and brought South Dakota back. "We know we have a challenge on our hands, and we're getting ready for that." Such challenges aren't only one side of Saturday's game, however. The Coyotes have been fighting through their own is-

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A Look At The WIU Leathernecks

RECORD/RANKING: 2-2, 0-1 Missouri Valley Football Conference/Not ranked
LAST WEEK: Western Illinois had a bye last week and is coming off a 23-3 loss to Illinois State on Sept. 22. The Leathernecks had just 137 yards of total offense.
KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS: Nikko Watson (RB, 315 yards, 1 TD), Josh Hudson (QB, 378 yards, 0 TD, 3 INT), Charles Chestnut (13 catches, 121 yards)
KEY DEFENSIVE PLAYERS: J.J. Rafelson (LB, 42 tackles), Jonathon Rollins (DB, 25 tackles), Martinez Davis (DB, 2 INT)
NOTE: Saturday's game at USD marks the first of two consecutive weekends that Western Illinois will travel to the state of South Dakota. WIU plays in Brookings against SDSU on Oct. 13.

MMC Women's Soccer Snaps 9-Year GPAC Losing Streak

STIOUX CENTER, Iowa — One hundred-six. That's how many games it has been since the Mount Marty College women's soccer team won a Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) game. Tuesday afternoon, the Lancers snapped that streak by blanking Dordt 4-0 in Sioux Center, Iowa, behind two Jennifer Granflaten goals and a strong defensive effort. The last time Mount Marty won a conference game was Oct. 1, 2003 against the University of Sioux Falls. In that time, the Lancers recorded one tie, two years ago. Allison Erwin and Molly Buche added goals for the Lancers (4-7, 1-3) on Tuesday, while Jennifer Nelson and Danielle Gill combined for six saves in the shutout. Mount Marty returns to Yankton to host Concordia on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Easton Field.

Men
DORDT 5, MOUNT MARTY 2: Dordt College scored two goals in the first four minutes of the game and never lever looked back, beating Mount Marty 5-2 in GPAC men's soccer Tuesday in Sioux Center, Iowa. Jose Marquez and James Elliott each scored for the Lancers (1-10, 0-4), who got five saves at goal by Oscar Martinez-Mojica. Dordt got a hat track by Brady Van Holland, who scored three goals on four shots on goal. Eric Grootenboer and Braden Graves also scored for the Defenders. Mount Marty hosts Concordia on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Yankton Cheer Wins At BV Invite

BRANDON — The Yankton competitive cheer team finished first and the dance squad took second place at the Brandon Valley Invitational on Tuesday in Brandon. In the stunting/non-tumbling division of cheer, Yankton finished first with 181.5 points. Aberdeen Central was second (162.5) and Sioux Falls Lincoln was third (154.5). In the dance competition, Sioux Falls Washington was the grand champion with 261 total points. Yankton was second at 246, followed by Brandon Valley (241.5). Yankton will next compete in the Eastern South Dakota Conference meet on Oct. 11 in Watertown.

CHEER
STUNTING/TUMBLING: SF Washington 225, SF O'Gorman 218, Brandon Valley 213, Brookings 206.5, Huron 206, Dell Rapids St. Mary 193, Pierre 189, Watertown 188.5, SF Roosevelt 187, Dell Rapids 181, Dakota Valley 165.5
STUNTING/NON-TUMBLING: Yankton 181.5, Aberdeen Central 162.5, SF Lincoln 154.5
DANCE
GRAND CHAMPION: SF Washington 261, Yankton 246, Brandon Valley 241.5
POW: SF Washington 246.5, Yankton 243, SF Lincoln 227
KICK: Brandon Valley 260, Yankton 246, SF O'Gorman 219.5
JAZZ: SF Washington 271.5, Brandon Valley 267.5, SF Lincoln 228.5
HIP HOP: SF Washington 266, Yankton 249, SF Lincoln 235

S.D. State AA Boys' Golf

Yankton Takes Third Place



Yankton's Logan Megard chips onto the No. 11 green during the final round of the South Dakota State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course.

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SF Lincoln Wins 'AA' Title, O'Gorman Takes Second; Guthmiller Leads Bucks With Eighth-Place Finish

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MITCHELL — With a third place trophy and four top-20 individual medals in hand, the Yankton Bucks made one thing clear: This year was good, next year will be better. Yankton shot a team score of 313 on the final day to hold off Aberdeen Central and Brandon Valley for third place in the South Dakota State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament, which concluded Tuesday at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course. Sioux Falls Lincoln ran away with the title, adding a 297 to its first-day score of 299 for a blistering team score of 596. The Patriots left Sioux Falls O'Gorman, winners the last two years, and the rest of the field in the dust, beating the Knights by 13 strokes. "Give Lincoln and O'Gorman credit," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime. "Lincoln had an amazing score. They have a great team, a young team." The Bucks finished at 621, two strokes ahead of Eastern South Dakota Conference champion Brandon Valley and three ahead of Aberdeen Central. Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Watertown were well off the pace, tying for sixth at 646. Sixth is where a young Bucks squad was a year ago, when the team did not put any player on the course older than a sophomore. This year, again without a senior on the course, the Bucks gained on the state's front-runners. "Third place will be a good boost for us," said Yankton sophomore Jace Guthmiller, who tied for eighth individually. "We beat everyone in the state this year at some point in time." Lincoln's team success was boosted by a strong individual showing. Sophomore Tommy Vining strung together back-to-back pars to finish at 144, one stroke ahead of a hard-charging Thomas Hogg of Aberdeen Central. The Golden Eagles senior shot the only round under par in the tournament, a 71 on Tuesday. O'Gorman's Max Donohue finished third at 147, with Lincoln sophomore Parker Klitzke fourth at 149. The Patriots also three others in

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Volleyball: Andes Central, Parker Pick Up Home Victories

LAKE ANDES — A big night from Kellie Winckler helped Andes Central defeat Freeman 25-21, 20-25, 25-13, 25-17 in high school volleyball action Tuesday night in Lake Andes. Winckler recorded eight kills, five blocks and 17 digs, while Dennisha Johannesen added eight kills. Krista Winckler chipped in with seven kills for the Eagles (18-3), while Sierra Svatos posted 22 set assists and six ace serves. In the loss for the Flyers (6-8), Dina Soulek pounded home 22 kills and added 17 digs, while Grace Gering had 30 set assists and 10 digs. Freeman hosts Bon Homme

on Thursday and Andes Central will play in the Chester Classic on Saturday.

FREEMAN (6-8)	21	25	13	17
ANDES CENTRAL (18-3)	25	20	25	25

Parker 3, Lennox 1
PARKER — The Parker Pheasants, ranked No. 2 in Class B, swept the Lennox Ladybirds in high school volleyball action Tuesday night 25-9, 25-10, 25-3 in Parker. Amber Dysthe recorded 19 assists, five digs, three kills and three aces for the night, while Jessica McKenney had six digs, four aces, two assists and one kill for the night. Allison Sanner also made 10 kills, five digs and two assists. For the Ladybirds, Taylor Anderson had six kills and two blocks, Kayla Johnson had five kills and Amber Kost made three assists. Parker will host Scotland on Thursday, while Lennox travels to Dakota Valley next Tuesday.

PARKER (23-0)	25	25	25
LENNOX (3-14)	9	10	3

Bon Homme 3, Dakota Christian 1
CORSICA — The Cavaliers took a victory over Dakota Christian on Thursday in four sets. The scores were 25-20, 25-21, 19-25, 26-24. Allie Adams led Bon Homme with 32 assists and seven digs. Emily Pechous had 25 digs and nine kills. Jody Kriz recorded 24 kills, while Vanessa Navratil had 25. Germaine Big Crow had 10 assists and six digs for Dakota Christian. Brooklyn VanderPol had 12 digs, six kills and two aces. Amber BaanHofman had 18 digs, and six kills. Bon Homme moves to 10-9 on the year and will travel to Freeman to take on the Flyers on Thursday. Dakota Christian drops to 7-11 and will travel to White Lake on Thursday as well.

BON HOMME (10-9)	25	25	19	26
DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (7-11)	20	21	25	24

Wagner 3, Scotland 0
SCOTLAND — Jessa Doom put up 30 as-

sists to lead the Wagner Red Raiders, number one in class A, in a win against the Scotland Highlanders Tuesday night. Doom also recorded two aces, while Sydney Breen had 13 digs. Gina Soukup and Nicole Weber each also made 11 kills for the night. For the Highlanders, Carley Skorepa made 18 digs, four kills and three blocks, and Amber Abrey had 13 digs and 11 assists. Christy Mogck also had 13 digs.

WAGNER (19-1)	25	25	25
SCOTLAND (6-8)	22	13	21

Irene-Wakonda 3, G-V 0
IRENE — The Irene-Wakonda Eagles picked up their third win of the season against the Gayville-Volin Raiders on Tuesday by scores of 25-10, 25-18, 25-18. Chole Nielsen led Irene-Wakonda (3-10) with 16 digs, 10 kills, and an ace. Dana Schenk had eight digs, six kills, four blocks, and two aces. Taylor Lee recorded 10 digs, five aces, and four kills.

Kelia Barta led Gayville-Volin with eight digs and three kills. Rachel Haas had nine digs and three kills. Nikki Guy posted four kills and six digs. Irene-Wakonda and Gayville-Volin play in a triangular at Menno with the Wolves on Thursday.

IRENE-WAKONDA (3-10)	25	25	25
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (5-8)	10	18	18

Alcester-Hudson 3, Centerville 0
ALCESTER — Alcester-Hudson moved to 15-6 after a sweep of the Centerville Tornados on Tuesday night. The scores were 25-9, 25-11, 25-18. Jessica Wegh was the leader for Alcester-Hudson, posting 10 digs, five kills, and a block. Courtney McKee had 13 assists, four kills, four digs, and two aces. Jamie Jansen contributed

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Yankton sophomore Haley Mines digs out a ball during the Gazelles' Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match at Mitchell on Tuesday. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)



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MITCHELL — The Yankton Gazelles extended their season-best win streak to three, moved to .500 on the season and avenged an earlier loss. And it didn't even take five sets. Yankton used a combined 42 kills from seniors Kelsey Fitzgerald and Mikala Hora to claim a 25-22, 25-13, 21-25, 25-21 victory over Mitchell in Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball action on Tuesday at the Mitchell High School gym. The victory moved Yankton to 5-5, 4-5 in the ESD. The Kernels are now 8-4, 5-4 in the ESD. Fitzgerald pounded out 25 kills and added three ace serves, four blocks (two solo) and 18 digs, leading the Gazelles in all four categories. The senior said that the experience from round one with the Kernels proved vital, as did a little internal motivation. "This match we were more ready familiar with what Mitchell would do. For example, we knew that (Mitchell's Taylin) Aln usually hit to the five (spot on the floor)," she said. "We've

also worked on defense. We do a 'discipline' (a group of hard exercises each time we let a ball hit the floor, so we work hard not to let the ball hit the floor." Yankton head coach Leasa Woodward said that the 6-1 senior has been a big part of the Gazelles' recent surge. "Kelsey has played fantastic the last four games," she said. "She's making plays and playing smart." Also for Yankton, Hora had 17 kills, three ace serves and 14 digs. Maria Binder posted 41 assists and 13 digs. Rylee Smith had three ace serves and Haley Mines had 11 digs in the win. Aln led Mitchell with 16 kills, with Emma Schmidt recording nine kills and two ace serves. Kerri Young had nine kills, Kendra Morgan had 35 assists and Megan Farnham had 16 digs for the Kernels. Yankton turned a back-and-fourth opening stanza at the midway point, turning a 15-11 deficit into a 22-17 lead with strong net play from Brooke Wuebben, Mikala Hora and Kelsey Fitzgerald. The Kernels fought back to tie the set at 22, but served it into the net, then gave up two more points to end the set.

"I didn't think we started out all that aggressively in the first set," Woodward said. "I thought we were giving Mitchell too much credit, and were making adjustments before we had to." In the second set, the Gazelles again took control midway through. Leading 13-10, Yankton went on a 7-0 run and finished by outscoring the Kernels 12-3. Fitzgerald had five kills and a block in that rally. The Kernels took control of set three early, racing out to a 10-3 lead behind the firepower of 6-4 middle Aln and the stellar net play of junior Emma Schmidt. Mitchell pushed that advantage to 24-14, then needed eight tries to put away the set. Yankton took control of a back-and-forth fourth set near the midway point, stretching a 14-13 edge to 24-18. The Kernels fought off match point three times before Hora put an emphatic end to the set and the match. "They made way more plays to win than we did," said Mitchell head coach Deb Thill of the

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