



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK South Dakota's Taylor Nivala (17) goes high and uses her head during soccer action between the Coyotes and Omaha Mavericks at the USD soccer field Friday afternoon.

Coyotes Host Leathernecks For Dakota Day

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VERMILLION — From a pure numbers and pre-season prediction standpoint, the University of South Dakota football team may finally enter a game as the favorite.
But don't think the Coyotes view today's (Saturday) 2 p.m. Dakota Days homecoming game with Missouri Valley Football Conference opponent Western Illinois as such.
No, anything could happen was the message of the week for the Coyotes (1-3, 0-1), according to sophomore wide receiver Terrance Terry.
"I wouldn't say that, we try not to take any game like that," Terry said after Thursday's practice. "We try to take every one with the thought that if we ex-

ecute and play mistake-free, we can be in every game."
"We don't think any one is going to be a sure win."
If there was such a thing, though, today might be it.
Western Illinois (2-2, 0-1), coming off a bye week, hasn't scored an offensive touchdown in two games and has recorded just four touchdowns to its credit all season. The Leathernecks boast the league's worst offense (246.2 yards per game), keyed mostly by yards on the ground.
Sure, Western Illinois was picked one spot behind the Coyotes — ninth — in the pre-season MVFC poll, but does that have any bearing on today's action? Not so, says USD senior linebacker Darius Hogans.
"I don't look at any game like that, es-

pecially in today's world," said Hogans, second on the team with 31 tackles.
"Every team is prepared. We don't look at this team any differently, you still have to go out there with the same level."
As newcomers to the Missouri Valley, the Coyotes, Terry said, are already finding out that the week-to-week grind can boast some positives. Rather than facing Missouri S&T or Northwestern Oklahoma State as USD did last season, there aren't many let-ups this fall.
"This is what you ask for, to play the best," Terry said. "You don't want to play teams that are seen as inferior to you. I think it's a blessing to be in this conference and play the best."
To that end, the Leathernecks are not far removed from being one of the best teams in the Valley. The 2010 squad qualified for the FCS playoffs and lost in the

second round to Appalachian State.
Two years later, the offense is mired in a struggle. Quarterback Josh Hudson is 46-of-82 passing for 378 yards and zero touchdowns, with his longest being 23 yards.
It'll be on the ground with Nikko Watson (315 yards, 1 TD) and Caulton Ray (257 yards, 2 TD) where the Leathernecks figure to focus their efforts today.
"They'll depend heavily on the run. They don't do too well in the passing game," Hogans said. "If we stop the run and put them in third and long, where they have to throw, we'll take advantage of that."
On the other side, USD quarterback Josh Vander Maten continues to

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No. 1 Warriors Bounce Bucks



Yankton's Levi Davis, 21, takes the handoff from quarterback Michael Rucker during the first quarter of their football game against Sioux Falls Washington on Friday at Crane-Youngworth Field.

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It is hard to imagine a way in which Friday night's game against top-ranked Washington could have started any worse for the Bucks.
After taking the opening kickoff to their own 43-yard line, Washington's senior quarterback Jon Hander hit Nate Gerry for a 57-yard scoring strike to put the Warriors up 7-0 after Gerry's PAT only 20 seconds into the contest.
"That (opening) play was something our coaches found on film," Washington head coach Brian Hermanson said. "Jon threw a perfect strike. It was a great way to start the game but all the credit has to go to our coaching staff for finding it."
Yankton's Levi Davis then fumbled the ensuing kickoff, giving the Warriors the ball back with excellent field position only six seconds after their score.
A constant in Yankton's five-game winning streak to start the season was their ability to create turnovers. But tonight, for the second game in a row (both losses), Yankton gave the ball up more than they took it away.
"The thing we had to win was the turnover battle," Bucks head coach Arlin Likness said. "We were just beat by a better team."
Warrior junior Trey Crisp-Peterson dove straight ahead into the endzone from four yards out after a short drive following the fumble recovers to give Washington a 14-0 advantage less than three minutes into the game.
After forcing the Bucks to punt the Warriors once again put together a successful drive that ended with a Danny Marlette six-yard ground strike just over eight minutes into first quarter that pushed the Warrior lead to 20-0.
Despite doing most of their scoring damage on the ground, the Warriors were also able to pick up large chunks of yards through the air with their passing game, as the Warriors outgained Yankton 135-86 through the air.
"They were going to make it tough to run the football so we just took advantage of what they were giving us," Hermanson said.
After trailing 39-0 at the half, Yankton finally got on the board in the third quarter when Michael Rucker hit J.J. Hejna for a 38-yard scoring strike on a long third down. That play was set up by senior standout lineman Kellen Soulek's 20-yard interception return into Washington territory.
"Soulek is a player that can play with the best of any players in South Dakota," Likness said.
The undefeated Warriors, 7-0, were just too much for the Bucks on this night however as they out-rushed Yankton 394-58 yards and also recovered two Yankton fumbles.
"Honestly, this was probably the best we've played in a couple of

Omaha Clips Coyotes 3-2

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VERMILLION — One emotional extreme to the next.
That was the situation that unfolded Friday afternoon in Vermillion as Nebraska-Omaha scored with 20 seconds left to beat the University of South Dakota 3-2 in Summit League women's soccer action.
The final eight minutes featured a 2-1 lead by the visitors, a tying goal by USD freshman Danielle Anderson, an intense remaining stretch and a sudden goal by Omaha.
"That's a tough game to play," Anderson said later. "Scoring is the greatest when you do it, but it's the worst feeling when someone scores against you."
Playing their first home game since Sept. 2 after a seven-game road trip, the Coyotes (1-9-3, 0-2-1) used a strong second half to tie the game on two occasions.

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Football: Parker Upends No. 2 Irene-Wakonda

PARKER — Blake Reynolds had 315 yards rushing and three touchdowns Friday night to lead the Parker Pheasants in the upset win against second-ranked Class 9A Irene-Wakonda 42-24 in high school football action.
Seth Dykstra had 119 yards passing and two touchdowns as well as 100 yards rushing for the Pheasants (3-3), while Karter Lingen had 116 yards receiving and two touchdowns.
For the Eagles (6-1), Garrett Anderson had 78 yards rushing, Dustin Livingston had 85 yards passing and one touchdown and Chris Heirigs had 62 yards receiving and one touchdown.
Irene-Wakonda will face Vi-borg-Hurley in Irene Oct. 18, and Parker will play Alcester-Hudson in Alcester next week.

touchdown on the night.
Gayville-Volin (1-6) was also led by Zach Anderson who had a passing touchdown. John Guy recorded 10 tackles and three sacks. Zach Engen also had two sacks.
Kylar Johnson passed the ball for 305 yards and three touchdowns for Baltic. Josiah Aberson caught 10 balls for a total of 157 yards and three touchdowns. Aberson also led Baltic with 14 tackles. Matt Hoiland posted six tackles on the night.
Gayville-Volin will travel to Howard next week, while Baltic (0-6) will have a bye week and will travel to Parker on Oct. 18.
Menno 40, Marion 38
MENNO — With 188 yards passing, Austin Herrboldt led the Menno Wolves in a victory against the Marion Bears Friday night 40-38.
Herrboldt also had 62 yards rushing for the night. Dustin Lehr had 90 yards receiving with three catches and Parker Schultz had 46 yards receiving with two catches for the night. Chet Peterson made 13 tackles, and Lehr had nine tackles.

For the Bears, Andrew Grossi had 221 yards rushing and 21 yards receiving, while Nick Gortmaker had 67 yards rushing. Gortmaker had 12 tackles for the night, and Grassi had 11 tackles.
The Wolves travel to Scotland next week and Marion will face Canistota at home.
Lutheran High NE 20, Crofton 14
CROFTON, Neb. — Lutheran High Northeast snapped Crofton's 24-game regular season winning streak on Friday by rallying for a 20-14 victory in Crofton, Neb.
LHNE, which moves to 6-0, piled up 220 yards rushing on the night and passed for 79 yards.
Crofton (5-1) was led by Justin and Alex Janssen who combined to rush for 95 yards and two touchdowns. Alex Janssen also passed the ball for 130 yards. Tyler Koch had 61 yards receiving for the Warriors. Travis Allvin led the defensive end of the game with 13 tackles. Adam Spady recorded 11 tackles.
Next week, Lutheran Northeast will travel to Ponca and

Crofton will visit Battle Creek.
LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST (6-0).....0 7 7 6 - 20
CROFTON (5-1).....0 14 0 0 - 14
Alcester-Hudson 38, Freeman 30
FREEMAN — Alcester-Hudson jumped out to a 30-12 lead after three quarters but needed to stave off a Freeman rally to beat the Flyers 38-30 in a nine-man nail-biter Friday night in Freeman.
Colin Walth rushed for 86 yards and two touchdowns for the Cubs (3-3) in a game that saw every point scored in the second half. The Cubs scored 30 points in the third quarter.
Quarterback Mitch Johnson was 8-of-15 for 112 yards and three touchdowns for Alcester-Hudson, while Eric Barnes also ran for two scores. Walth also made 13 tackles and had one fumble recovery on defense.
In the loss for the Flyers (0-6), quarterback Arron Lickteig was 27-of-48 passing for 271 yards and three touchdowns, two to Brennan Schmidt. Andrew Munkvold rushed for 35 yards and two scores, and added eight tackles and a fumble recovery on defense.

Next week, Alcester-Hudson hosts Parker in Alcester and Freeman hosts Mount Vernon.
ALCESTER-HUDSON (3-3).....0 0 30 6 - 38
FREEMAN (0-6).....0 0 12 18 - 30
Parkston 28, Bon Homme 7
PARKSTON — Parkston defeated Bon Homme 28-7 on Friday night in Parkston.
Chase Stoenber rushed for 89 yards and a touchdown. Jesse Thuringer also added 38 yards and a rushing touchdown. Miles Schmitter posted six tackles. Brady Reiff posted five tackles.
Blaze Vanacek led the Cavaliers with 145 yards passing on 11 completions. Alex Weber posted 9.5 tackles. Vanacek also had 6.5 tackles on the night.
Parkston moves to 4-2 and will host Platte on Oct. 12. Bon Homme drops to 3-3 and will PARKSTON (4-2).....7 14 7 0 - 28
BON HOMME (3-3).....0 7 0 0 7
Wagner 54, Elk Point-Jefferson 14
WAGNER — David Kocer carried the ball 24 times for 257 yards and two scores as Wagner had no trouble of Elk Point-Jefferson.

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Cross Country: Crofton Sweeps Team Titles At Bloomfield Invite

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Crofton swept the team cross country titles in the Bloomfield Invitational on Friday at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, Neb.
The Crofton Lady Warriors put three runners in the top eight to finish first with 26 total points. Boone Central was second at 47 and Norfolk Catholic took third with 52.
Danielle Riesberg, from Crofton took first in the girls' individual race with a time of 15:39. Mackenzie Grey placed second with a time of 15:43. The Lady Warriors also put Quinn Wragge in sixth place (15:48) and Kendy Kube in eighth (15:51).
In the boys' division, Crofton finished first with 37 points, followed by Boone Central with 48 points.
Calvin Kozial, of Boone Central, took first place with a time of 17:25, followed by Chambers-Wheeler Central's John Walfner (17:31). Crofton had Drew Eskins in fourth with a time of 17:37, and Cole Steffen in seventh with 17:49.
TEAM SCORES: Crofton 37, Boone Central 48, O'Neill 62, Pierce 76, Wayne 82, Chambers-Wheeler Central 102, Norfolk Catholic 107, Madison 155, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 164, Hartington 165, West Boyd 180, Neigh-Oakdale 195, Plainview 205, Niobrara-Nordgren 234
TOP 10: 1, Calvin Kozial, Boone Central 17:25; 2, John Walfner, CWC 17:31; 3, Jared McGuire, Norfolk Catholic 17:33; 4, Drew Eskins, Crofton 17:37; 5, Aaron Haahr, LCC 17:38; 6, Cameron Moes, Osmond 17:40; 7, Cole Steffen, Crofton 17:49; 8, Ben Hoskins, Wayne 17:52; 9, Grant Johnson, O'Neill 17:56; 10, Myles Sudbeck, Pierce 17:59
BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Crofton 28, Boone Central 47, Norfolk Catholic 52, Wayne 73, O'Neill 103, Pierce 116, Chambers-Wheeler Central 150, Ran-

dolph 177, Winside 177, Creighton 186, Hartington 196, Bloomfield 203, West Boyd 225, Stuart 244
TOP 10: 1, Danielle Riesberg, Crofton 15:39; 2, Mackenzie Grey, Winside 15:43; 3, Cassie Heier, Wayne 15:44; 4, Nicole Aschroff, Norfolk Catholic 15:45; 5, Hannah Schmitz, Boone Central 15:47; 6, Quinn Wragge, Crofton 15:48; 7, Joelle Heng, Norfolk Catholic 15:48; 8, Kendy Kube, Crofton 15:51; 9, Breanna Gallup, Bloomfield 15:59; 10, Catherine Weeder, Boone Central 16:01
Big Sioux Conference
DELL RAPIDS — The Beresford boys and Canton girls won team titles as the Big Sioux Conference Cross Country Meet, held Friday at Rocky Run Golf Course in Dell Rapids.
Beresford ran away with the boys' crown with 20 points, well in front of Canton (53) and Dakota Valley (61).
Dakota Valley's Graham Bacon was first overall at 18:03.25, followed by Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen (18:24.31). The Watchdogs put Peter Auch in fourth (18:35.33), Josh Manning in fifth (18:36.61), Thaine Sira in seventh (18:38.81) and Riley Schaap in eighth (18:39.15).
On the girls' side, Canton edged Dakota Valley 32-35. Beresford was third at 46.
Haile McMains of Canton was first overall at 15:43.99, followed by Justine Van Zee of Sioux Falls Christian (15:54.87). Canton also put Taylor Lohan in eighth place with a time of 16:30.15.
BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Beresford 20, Canton 53, Dakota Valley 61, Sioux Falls Christian 64, Tea Area 65, Dell Rapids 99, Tri-Valley 115
TOP 10: 1, Graham Bacon, Dakota Valley 18:03.25; 2, Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jefferson 18:24.31; 3, Tyler Jorgensen, Tea Area 18:29.29; 4, Peter Auch, Beresford 18:35.33; 5, Josh Manning, Beresford 18:36.61; 6, Joe Rath, Canton 18:37.77; 7, Thaine Sira, Beresford 18:38.81; 8, Riley Schaap, Beresford 18:39.15; 9, Ben Cork, Dakota Valley 18:48.14; 10, Zane Schumaker, Dell Rapids 19:04.07
GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Canton 32, Dakota Valley 35, Beresford 46, Sioux Falls Christian 68, Dell Rapids 74, Tea Area 105, Elk Point-Jefferson 105

TOP 10: 1, Haile McMains, Canton 15:43.99; 2, Justin Van Zee, S.F. Christian 15:54.87; 3, Marisa Schulz, Dakota Valley 16:07.78; 4, Audrey Brooks, S.F. Christian 16:11.15; 5, Ashlynn Atwood, Beresford 16:24.27; 6, Lexy Johnson, Beresford 16:29.51; 7, Josie Heeren, Elk Point-Jefferson 16:29.90; 8, Taylor Lohan, Canton 16:30.15; 9, Stacey McDonald, Tri-Valley 16:30.37; 10, Claire Johnson, Dakota Valley 16:40.39
Big 8 Conference
VERMILLION — Madison won both divisions at the Big 8 Conference Cross Country Meet on Thursday at the Don Baker Course in Vermillion.
Madison edged Harrisburg 29-33 for first place in the girls' division, led by a 1-2 finish in the individual race. Emily Hawkes was first overall at 15:18.82, just in front of teammate Hailey Streff (15:20.79).
Vermillion's Madisen Lavin finished fourth at 15:24.46.
On the boys' side, Madison dominated by going 1-2-3 in the individual race for 15 total points. Lennox was a distant second at 38.
Madison's Hunter Streff won the individual crown in a time of 16:54.96. Vermillion's Nathan Ford took fifth place at 17:46.14.
GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Madison 29, Harrisburg 33, West Central 44, Lennox 55, Vermillion 65
TOP 10: 1, Emily Hawkes, Madison 15:18.82; 2, Hailey Streff, Madison 15:20.79; 3, Maisey Bairbridge, Lennox 15:24.06; 4, Madisen Lavin, Vermillion 15:24.46; 5, McKayla Wiczorek, West Central 15:24.84; 6, Taylor Van-Holland, Harrisburg 15:34.61; 7, Meagan Schenk, Harrisburg 15:38.60; 8, Hanna Wahl, West Central 16:09.62; 9, Mallory Lanier, Harrisburg 16:15.62; 10, Madison Nipe, Madison 16:24.65
BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Madison 15, Lennox 38, Harrisburg 46, West Central 65, Vermillion 71
TOP 10: 1, Hunter Streff, Madison 16:54.96; 2, Tyler Lentsch, Madison 16:56.81; 3, Austin Handley, Madison 17:44.29; 4, Nathan Timmerman, Lennox 17:45.42; 5, Nathan Ford, Vermillion 17:46.14; 6, Garrett Miles, West Central 17:48.18; 7, Connor Bollweg, Harrisburg 17:54.49; 8, Greyson Zamora, Harrisburg 17:59.41; 9, Caleb Hawkes, Madison 18:05.33; 10, Josh Friese, Lennox 18:07.59



Crofton's Danielle Riesberg pulls away down the stretch to win the girls' race at the Bloomfield Invitational cross country meet on Friday at Rolling Hills Country Club. Crofton swept the team titles at the event.