

Mistakes Sink USD On Dakota Day

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VERMILLION — More mistakes. Another conference loss.

There was a cause and effect to that outcome Saturday as the University of South Dakota put together a sloppy second half in a 24-17 Missouri Valley loss to Western Illinois in front of 10,196 homecoming fans.

Dropping consecutive home losses for the first time since 2003, the Coyotes (1-4, 0-2) were plagued by dropped passes, a blocked punt, six penalties, two fumbles and an interception.

In short, a continuation of errors that plagued USD a week ago. “All it’s going to take is us getting rid of those mental mistakes,” senior receiver Will Powell said. “If we eliminate those, we’re 4-1 right now. That’s the only thing that’s going to help us.”

Instead, the struggles continued. The Coyotes had five first downs and 125 total yards — 27 on the ground — in the second half.

In all, USD managed just 114 yards on the ground for an average of 3.9 per carry, far from the “hang your hat on” stuff head coach Joe Glenn described later.

“When we can’t get our running game going, there will be a lot of games like this,” Glenn said. “We have to be able to find a way to run the football.”

With USD struggling to muster any kind of offense in the second half, the Leathernecks — the league’s worst offensive team — went to the air for success.

A flea-flicker from quarterback Wil Lunt to Fredson Salomon resulted in a wide-open 66-yard touchdown with 7:40 to play. The big plays that once again proved costly to USD put Western Illinois in front for good.

“I’m not sure what happened with the coverage behind me, but when you’re firing on all cylinders like that and itching for a stop, sometimes a guy flies up there,” said USD linebacker Tim Marlette, referring to a safety who got beat.

After recording a field goal on their first series, the Coyotes fumbled on their next, resulting in a field goal by the Leathernecks early in the second quarter.

The momentum was with USD heading into halftime. Consecutive sacks by Keyen Lage and Jordan Eaton were followed by a Marcus Sims 8-yard touchdown run 23 sec-

onds before half — with the Coyotes up 10-3.

Everything came apart after the intermission, however.

Glenn later pointed to one particular area that “irked” him. At the 8:52 mark of the third quarter, USD safety Devin Taverna intercepted a pass, and though the Coyotes got the ball they were flagged for an illegal block.

“Maybe it’s a sign of youth, but we’ve all played football a long time,” Glenn said. “There’s some frustration on that.”

The only real positive play in the second half for USD was a game-tying 41-yard touchdown on a screen pass — nearly blown up — by Anthony Williams late in the third quarter.

Other than that, not much. The fourth quarter, alone, had outcomes of punt, punt and fumble for the Coyotes.

A key part of those struggles were sophomore quarterback Josh Vander Maten, who was 18-of-31 for 179 yards. He was, however, 3-of-11 in the fourth quarter.

“We just didn’t make the plays when they were there,” Vander Maten said. “There’s not much we can do when we’re not making plays.”

“We will have to fix that up.”

Among the other fixes? Eliminating mistakes, Powell said.

“Once we get those corrected, we’ll be a great football team, but until then we’re not going to win any games,” he said.

W. ILLINOIS	0	3	14	7—24
SOUTH DAKOTA	3	7	7	0—17
First Quarter					
SDak	—FG Robb 39, 10:56.				
Second Quarter					
Will	—FG Smith 21, 13:33.				
SDak	—Sims 8 run (Robb kick), :23.				
Third Quarter					
Will	—Salomon 25 pass from Lunt (Smith kick), 11:42.				
Will	—C-Ray 1 run (Smith kick), 3:23.				
SDak	—Williams 41 pass from Vander Maten (Robb kick), 1:48.				
Fourth Quarter					
Will	—Salomon 66 pass from Lunt (Smith kick), 7:40.				
A	—10, 196.				

	Will	SDak
First downs	16	13
Rushes-yards	44-180	29-114
Passing	170	179
Comp-Att-Int	10-20-1	18-31-1
Return Yards	44	(-2)
Punts-Avg.	8-38.8	7-37.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-52	6-55
Time of Possession	32:21	27:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—W. Illinois, Watson 21-138, C-Ray 16-53, Lunt 4-(minus 4), Team 3-(minus 7), South Dakota, Vander Maten 12-67, Sims 14-40, Sanders 3-7.
PASSING—W. Illinois, Lunt 10-20-1-170, South Dakota, Vander Maten 18-31-1-179.
RECEIVING—W. Illinois, Salomon 3-109, Chestnut 2-55, Morgan 1-6, Watson 1-5, Keating 1-0, C-Ray 1-0, L-Harris 1-(minus 5), South Dakota, Powell 7-45, Terry 3-28, Williams 2-46, Wilhelm 2-26, Sims 2-16, Meyer 1-10, McMartin 1-8.

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JILANNE DOOM/P&D

South Dakota running back Marcus Sims is upended by Western Illinois' Kieron James during their Missouri Valley Football Conference game on Saturday in the DakotaDome. The visiting Leathernecks spoiled Dakota Days for USD, claiming a 24-17 victory.

Ohio State Rolls Past Nebraska; No. 1 NDSU Routs Youngstown State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Braxton Miller rushed for 186 yards, zig-zagging 72 yards for one score and passing for another, to lead No. 12 Ohio State past No. 21 Nebraska 63-38 on Saturday night before the largest crowd ever at Ohio Stadium.

Miller broke his own QB rushing mark at Ohio State (6-0, 2-0 Big Ten). Corey Brown returned a punt 76 yards for a TD, Bradley Roby brought back an interception 41 yards and Carlos Hyde scored on four runs before a raucous crowd of 106,102 in the Horseshoe's 90th season.

Taylor Martinez ran for two scores but was intercepted three times for defenseless Nebraska (4-2, 1-1). Leading rusher Rex Burkhead injured his left knee early in the third quarter and did not return.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 48, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 7: FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Marcus Williams returned an interception 98 yards for a touchdown Saturday to help North Dakota State blow open a close game and crush Youngstown State 48-7.

Williams stepped in front of a Kurt Hess pass at the NDSU 2 midway through the second quarter as the Penguins were driving for a possible tying score. That made it 21-7.

The defending Football Championship Subdivision champions latched on two more touchdowns to go ahead 35-7 at halftime.

Ryan Smith and John Crockett each scored two touchdowns for the Bison (5-0, 2-0 Missouri Valley). Smith caught a TD pass from Brock Jensen and returned a punt 76 yards for a score, while Crockett ran for 103 yards.

Youngstown State (4-1, 1-1) was saddled with three turnovers, all in the first half.

The game was played before a record crowd of 19,065 at the Fargodome.

IOWA ST. 37, NO. 15 TCU 23: FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jared Barnett threw three touchdowns to Josh Lenz, who later had a scoring toss of his own on a trick play, and Iowa State won 37-23 at No. 15 TCU on Saturday to end the Horned Frogs' FBS-best 12-game winning streak.

It was the first Big 12 home game for conference newcomer TCU (4-1, 1-1), which played without suspended quarterback Casey Pachall.

Barnett was 12-of-21 passing for 183 yards and ran nine times for 30 yards in his first start this season for the Cyclones (4-1, 1-1).

The Frogs had won a nation-best 25 conference

games in a row, the first 24 while winning the Mountain West championship each of the last three seasons.

Lenz had TD catches of 51 and 74 yards in the first quarter.

Trevone Boykin started for TCU and was 23-of-40 passing for 270 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 17, ILLINOIS STATE 0: NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Anthony Thompson returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, and Southern Illinois intercepted four passes en route to a 17-0 victory against Illinois State on Saturday.

The Salukis (3-3, 2-1 Missouri Valley), who had just 182 yards of offense, recorded their first shutout since 2009.

Cameron James blocked Patrick Wright's punt, and Thompson ran it 16 yards to the end zone with 5:38 remaining in the first quarter.

Matt Brown was 21 of 40 for 216 yards for the Redbirds (5-1, 2-1), but all four of his interceptions thwarted drives inside the Southern Illinois 35-yard line.

The Salukis salted it away with their most sustained offense of the game, driving 91 yards in 10 plays to Mika'il McCall's 1-yard TD run midway through the fourth quarter.

Tyler Williamson had seven tackles, a sack and interception for Southern Illinois.

DRAKE 38, SAN DIEGO 10: DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Mike Piatkowski threw three touchdowns and ran for another as Drake defeated San Diego 38-10 on Saturday afternoon in a battle between unbeaten Pioneer Football League teams.

Piatkowski was 21 of 31 passing for 250 yards and four touchdowns, including two to Nick Rosa who finished

the game with 112 yards on six catches. Kevin Marshall caught a 5-yard pass and scored his first touchdown of the season. Piatkowski also ran the ball 8 yards for a touchdown.

The Bulldogs (4-2, 3-0) also clicked on defense, forcing six turnovers. Travis Merritt, Mike Ratelle and Brad Duwe caught interceptions.

Mason Mills was 24 of 37 for 216 passing yards. San Diego (2-3, 1-1) got on the scoreboard in the second quarter as Brandon White caught a 2-yard pass from Mills for a touchdown. Ernie Collins added a field goal in the fourth.

Along with the win, Drake celebrated homecoming.

EASTERN WASHINGTON 55, NORTH DAKOTA 17: CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Vernon Adams threw for four touchdowns and Demetrius Bronson rushed for 118 yards and a score as Eastern Washington defeated North Dakota 55-17 on Saturday night.

Adams, in his third game as starting quarterback, was 12 of 15 for 151 yards for the Eagles (4-1, 3-0 Big Sky). Kyle Padron, the SMU transfer who started the season's first two contests, was 3 of 4 for 17 yards and a TD.

Braden Hanson was 16 of 22 for 141 yards for North Dakota (3-3, 1-2) in relief of starting QB Marcus Hendrickson.

Shaquille Hill returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown to give Eastern Washington a 20-10 lead in the last minute of the first quarter.

After Hanson's 1-yard scoring run got North Dakota within 27-17 in the second quarter, the Eagles broke the game open with consecutive TDs: Greg Herd's 25-yard catch from Adams just before halftime, and Ashton Clark's 12-yard run in the third quarter.

SCORING A STATE BERTH



EMILY NIEBRUGGE/P&D

Morgan Tessier scores Yankton's first goal against Watertown Saturday afternoon. Yankton shut out Watertown 2-0 to advance to this week's state tournament in Rapid City. The Gazelles face top-ranked Sioux Falls Roosevelt in the opening round.

Gazelles Blank Arrows For State Berth

The Yankton Gazelles earned a trip to the state soccer tournament with a 2-0 victory over Watertown in their playoff girls' soccer match on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Megan Ford had a goal and an assist to lead Yankton. Morgan Tessier scored the first Yankton

goal. Kendall Lillie added an assist in the win.

Katie Greenaway stopped four shots in goal for the Gazelles.

The Gazelles also had strong play from Morgan Bakke, Carli Al-Azzeh, Amanda Gravholt, Danielle Beckman, Taylor Ruter, Brianna Newman, Brianna Benjamin and

Janae Osborne.

Yankton will face top-seeded Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Thursday in Rapid City to open the South Dakota State Soccer Tournament. Roosevelt beat Yankton 4-1 on Sept. 20.

Game time is 4:30 p.m.

Concordia Blanks Lancer Men



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Mount Marty's Ludwin Arana passes the ball upfield during the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference men's soccer match with Concordia on Saturday at Easton Field. Concordia blanked the Lancers 2-0.

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A pair of goals by Concordia's Nathan Douglas sent the Mount Marty College Lancers to their eighth-straight loss Saturday after a 2-0 victory in Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) men's soccer action at Easton Field.

Douglas capitalized on a Lancer error, scoring within the first minute.

Mount Marty answered the call after Concordia scored on two mental errors in the first half.

“We played a lot more aggressive (in the second half),” MMC freshmen Jak Steinberg said. “We kept ourselves in the game.”

The Lancers (1-11-1) used a more aggressive style of play in the second half, sliming down Concordia's shots on goal.

“I was extremely pleased with the mental state of the team,” MMC coach Nathan Epp said. “We continued the tempo and didn't get frustrated. We also had some mental mistakes that we just can't have.”

Despite the losing streak, the Lancers have been able to find positives, Steinberg said.

“I feel like each game we are getting better and in those close games we will be able to win,” he said.

Concordia had a total of 17 shots on goal while Mount Marty

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Tigers Tame Young A's

DETROIT (AP) — Don Kelly scored the tying run on a wild pitch in the eighth inning, then hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth that lifted the Detroit Tigers over the Oakland Athletics 5-4 Sunday for a 2-0 lead in their AL playoff series.

Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera doubled twice for the Tigers, hit a fly ball that resulted in a two-run error and later singled in the ninth.

Detroit will go for a sweep of the division series matchup in Game 3 on Tuesday at Oakland.

The Tigers overcame three A's leads and seasawed to victory. It was 1-all before a wild final three innings that included a big Oakland misplay, two game-tying wild pitches and several momentum changes.

NATIONALS 3, CARDINALS 2: ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pinch hitter Tyler Moore blooped a two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning and the Washington Nationals won their postseason debut, beating the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals in 3-2 Sunday in an NL playoff opener.

The Nationals overcame a wild start by 21-game winner Gio Gonzalez, then watched their bullpen shut down St. Louis in the late innings. Ahead 2-1 in the seventh, the Cardinals didn't score after loading the bases with no outs.

The NL East champion Nationals led the majors with 98 wins this season, and go for a 2-0 series lead Monday when Jordan Zimmermann opposes Jaime Garcia.

The Cardinals made it to the best-of-five division series by beating Atlanta in the wild-card matchup Friday.

Concordia Escapes MMC 2-1

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Though Mount Marty College used a strong second half to tie the game, Concordia scored with a minute left in regulation to walk away with a 2-1 victory Saturday in Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) soccer action at Easton Field.

“It's tough losing games like this,” said MMC freshmen Maggie Bisgard, whose team drops to 4-9 on the season. “But we're a young team and games like this happen when you have inexperience on closing games out.”

The Lancers came out to start the game in a hole when Rachel Mussell struck a bullet to take an early lead. She later scored the game-winning goal.

“We started out very flat in the first half,” MMC head coach Nathan Epp said. “We weren't marking up. We can't let the (weather) conditions get into our heads.”

Mount Marty came roaring out the

gate in the second half and struck a goal by Molly Buche nine minutes into the second half. Yankton native Jenn Granftalten had the assist on the goal.

The Lancers continued to play great defense for the remainder of the match until the last minute of play.

“We didn't do well enough to finish the game,” Epp said.

However, Mount Marty used an aggressive attack on Concordia to take momentum for the majority of the second half.

“Our overall play was great in that second half,” Bisgard said. “We have to come ready to go as soon as the it starts and not give up until the horn ends.”

Mount Marty had 15 shots on goal while Concordia posted 24.

The Lancers will continue GPAC play hosting Morningside College in Yankton at Easton Field on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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EMILY NIEBRUGGE/P&D

Mount Marty's Julie Nelson defends Concordia's Rachel Mussell during their match on Saturday at Easton Field. Mussell scored her second goal with 1:09 left in the match as Concordia beat the Lancers 2-1.