

## Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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I realize it could be short-lived, but take a look at the standings in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Notice anything? Not surprising: North Dakota State 3-0, Youngstown State 2-1. Surprising: Southern Illinois 2-1, South Dakota 2-1, South Dakota State 1-2. Pretty surprising: Northern Iowa, at 0-2, is tied for last place. So far it's been a very interesting first two weeks in the toughest-league in the FCS ranks. North Dakota State has survived two early scares, SDSU lost its first two league games and Southern Illinois beat two ranked teams on the road. And then we get to USD. It took the Coyotes 10 games to nab their first-ever MVFC victory, and as these things happen, the next

## USD Among Early Surprises In Missouri Valley

one came soon after.

Let's not start talking playoffs for USD quite yet, but its quick start to the league season is rather impressive. The Coyotes still have a long way to go (they visit Northern Iowa on Saturday), and they still need to win a road game before I'll start believing they're a post-season contender. But for now, a 2-1 start is certainly a step in the right direction.

And it's all been because of the Coyote defense.

Sure, the offense rushed for 205 yards in Saturday's win over Indiana State, and the special teams are still rather shaky, but it's been the defense that has carried USD.

Over their last two games, the Coyotes have surrendered one what I'll call "true drive" — that one a 9-play, 80-drive by Indiana State. Other than that, Missouri State benefited from a fumble deep in USD territory and returned a block punt for a score. And then Saturday, Indiana State scored its second touchdown on a 4-play drive after a fumble the USD offense.

In short, teams aren't exactly marching up and down the field on the Coyote 'D.'

And when you're talking Missouri Valley football, you need a defense like that.

## Four Gazelles Earn All-State Softball Honors

Four members of the Yankton Gazelles softball team earned All-State honors in the Class AA division, according to a release Sunday.

Earning first team honors for Yankton were senior Jennifer Feilmeier and junior Andi Sprakel, while senior Abby Schulte and junior Heather Hauer were named to the second team.

## Soccer: NDSU Tops USD 1-0

FARGO, N.D. — North Dakota State forward Lauren Miller broke a scoreless tie three minutes into overtime with her seventh goal of the season as the Bison got past South Dakota 1-0 Sunday at Ellig Sports Complex.

USD goalkeeper Mackenzie Viktor faced 20 shots on the day and had nine saves — one shy of her career high — but saw her team go scoreless for the third game in a row. The Coyotes (5-6-3, 0-3-0 Summit) mustered three shots on goal in the contest.

Miller scored from the top of the box from 10

yards away. It was her second overtime game-winner in three days. Miller is the Bison's leading scorer with 18 points (7G, 4A) this season. North Dakota State (7-7-0, 3-1-0) has won three of its last four.

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 1, OMAHA 0: BROOKINGS** — The South Dakota State women's soccer team continued their perfect record in Summit League play as they beat Omaha 1-0 on Sunday afternoon.

Darci Miller scored the lone goal for SDSU. South Dakota State controlled Omaha throughout the game as they outshot them 19-4. In the first half of the game the Jackrabbits outshot the Mavericks 13-6.

## SDSU's Wright Receives MVFC Defensive Honor

ST. LOUIS — South Dakota State University cornerback Winston Wright has been named Missouri Valley Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Jackrabbits' 38-14 win at Western Illinois on Oct. 12.

A senior from Lee's Summit, Mo., Wright intercepted two passes — both of which the Jackrabbit offense turned into touchdowns — and added a pair of tackles as SDSU snapped a three-game losing streak. His first-quarter interception helped give SDSU a 14-0 lead, while his interception on the first play of the fourth quarter led to the Jackrabbits' final score of the day.

The Jackrabbit defense held Western Illinois to only 118 yards through the air and picked off four passes on the afternoon.

SDSU returns to action Saturday at Missouri State.

## Volleyball: SDSU Snaps Skid

OMAHA, Neb. — South Dakota State got a career-high 11 kills from Tiara Gibson and Lexi Fowler posted her team-high third double-double as the Jackrabbits snapped an eight match losing streak with a 3-1 win at Omaha on Sunday, winning by the set scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-14 and 25-14.

The Jacks improve to 3-15 overall with the win and to 1-4 in The Summit League, while Omaha

falls to 6-14 overall, with the same 1-4 mark in league play.

Gibson's 11 kills led the Jacks, she also finished with six total blocks, one solo and a career-high five block assists in the win. Courtney Roberts and Mikala Hora both added nine kills, with Hora pitching in with 12 digs.

The Jackrabbits look to start a winning streak next weekend, when they welcome preseason Summit League co-favorites IUUI and Fort Wayne. The Jacks and Jags meet on Friday, while SDSU welcomes the Mastodons on Saturday, both matches begin at 7 p.m.

## Swimming: Three USD Freshmen Win Events

MANKATO, Minn. — Three South Dakota freshmen combined to win four events during the Coyote women's season-opening dual against Minnesota State Saturday. The Coyotes won six events in all, but lost the dual 152.5-147.5.

USD had the top divers of the dual in first-year Greysen Hertting and sophomore Courtney Shep-

ler, a Reading, Pa., native and a transfer from Penn State. Hertting and Shepler placed first and second, respectively, in both the 1- and 3-meter dives. Hertting totaled 244.45 in the one meter and 238.45 in the three. Shepler scored 235.05 and 203.85, respectively.

Freshman Sam Schutt won the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:00.09. She also placed second in the 100-yard free and as a member of the Coyotes' 400-yard free relay team.

Fellow frosh Berkley Nowlan won the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:09.18. She took second in the 50-yard breaststroke (31.79s) and second as member of the 200-yard medley relay team.

As for returners, the Coyotes got wins and the nine points that come with them from sophomore Hannah Veselik and junior Corey Wannamaker. Veselik won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.00. She placed second in the 50 fly (27.57s). Wannamaker won the 50-yard freestyle at 25.39s. She also competed in two relays and placed fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (55.49s).

South Dakota returns to Vermillion and will host North Dakota and Iowa State on consecutive nights Friday and Saturday in the DakotaDome.

## SCOREBOARD

### CROSS COUNTRY EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CONF. MEET

Oct. 12 at Bakker Crossing GC, Sioux Falls

#### GIRLS' DIVISION

**TEAM SCORES:** Harrisburg 58, Yankton 61, Pierre 67, Brandon Valley 76, Aberdeen Central 82, Brookings 197, Watertown 205, Mitchell 206, Huron 222  
TOP 10: 1, Annie Kruse, Yankton 14:37.43; 2, Jasmine Cooper, Harrisburg 15:33.64; 3, Savannah Woods, Yankton 15:41.40; 4, Rachel Propst, Pierre 15:53.72; 5, Megan Schenk, Harrisburg 16:00.63; 6, Danica Kocer, Brandon Valley 16:05.91; 7, Haylee Waterfall, Brandon Valley 16:08.14; 8, Lauren Van Holland, Harrisburg 16:09.52; 9, Kaitlyn Volk, Aberdeen Central 16:10.15; 10, Mallory Lanier, Harrisburg 16:09.52  
OTHER YHS: 15, Madison McClure 16:25.55; 19, Tessa Folkers 16:28.78; 23, Lauren Graves 16:32.60; 24, Whitlee Larson 16:40.58; 43, Abbey VanMeesteren 17:25.75; 46, Kristen Rezac 17:28.49; 53, Rylie Andrus 17:38.92; 54, Holly Hicks 17:44.79

#### BOYS' DIVISION

**TEAM SCORES:** Brookings 45, Brandon Valley 67, Yankton 76, Harrisburg 102, Watertown 111, Aberdeen Central 124, Pierre 142, Mitchell 233, Huron 273  
TOP 10: 1, Addison DeHaven, Brookings 16:03.89; 2, Justice Lamer, Brookings 16:27.33; 3, Brice Cowman, Yankton 16:28.80; 4, Jacob Hegland, Brandon Valley 17:11.24; 5, Nick Reiffenberger, Watertown 17:22.42; 6, Tanner Pettier, Aberdeen Central 17:22.56; 7, Greyson Zamora, Harrisburg 17:26.36; 8, Graham DeHaven, Brookings 17:29.51; 9, Justin Grode, Yankton 17:31.23; 10, Jebben Keyes, Pierre 17:40.59  
OTHER YHS: 17, Paul Fanta 18:05.46; 19, Sam Gussio 18:10.14; 28, Andrew Peitz 18:21.82; 33, Kyle Bergeson 18:37.59; 36, Brady Jaquith 18:40.07; 40, Brody McClure 18:47.04; 51, Morgan Hill 19:13.78; 59, Lincoln Megard 19:26.87

## TENNIS

### S.D. STATE TOURNAMENT

Saturday at McKenna Park, Sioux Falls

**FINAL TEAM SCORES:** O'Gorman 764, Washington 478, Aberdeen Central 474, St. Thomas More 473, Rapid City Stevens 383, Lincoln 357, Brandon Valley 336, Rosewell 292, Watertown 269, Yankton 234, Aberdeen Roncalli 199, Mitchell 146, Rapid City Central 143.5, Milbank 132, Brookings 127, Huron 106, Pierre 100, Spearfish 24, Madison 21, Vermillion 4.

#### Singles

**Flight 1**  
Finals — Morgan Brower (OG) def. Berkley Darr (SFV) 6-4, 6-1.  
3rd place — Kristen Hanson (AC) def. Grace Goble (STM) 10-6.  
5th — Kasey Shogren (SFR) def. Kendall Tucker (RCC) 10-4.  
Consolation final — Jess Ackert (SFL) def. Eileen Leong (Pie) 10-6.

**Flight 2**  
Finals — Mical Johnson (SFV) def. Jenna Czamecki (OG) 6-2, 7-5.  
3rd — Madison Fenske (STM) def. Ashley Thone (AC) 11-9.  
5th (AR) 10-3.  
Consolation final — Sierra Goergen (Hur) def. Tianna Duda (RCC) 10-5.

**Flight 3**  
Finals — Sam Czamecki (OG) def. Lexy Ronning (SFR) 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.  
3rd — Meredith Benson (SFL) def. Libby Nachtagal (SFV) 10-8.  
5th — Hanna Mutschelknaus (BV) def. Allie VanDerWeide (Wat) 10-4.  
Consolation final — Erin Dudley (AR) def. Erica Hanson (AC) 10-4.

**Flight 4**  
Finals — Sydney Brower (OG) def. Paige Prissel (AC) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.  
3rd — Alisha Wiedmeier (RCS) def. Grace Wittenberg (STM) 10-6.  
5th — Makenzie Marso (BV) def. Sammy Pooley (MI) 10-3.  
Consolation final — Anna Goodhope (SFV) def. Abbey Cerny (Wat) 10-3.

**Flight 5**  
Finals — Mary Billon (OG) def. Lindsey Simon (AC) 6-0, 6-0.  
3rd — Leandra Marais (BV) def. Ellie Schlauger (STM) 10-4.  
5th — Alyssa Schmidt (SFV) def. Ali Cummings (Wat) 10-8.

## AREA CALENDAR

Monday, October 14

**CHEER & DANCE, PREP** Faulkton Inv. (Bon Homme, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian, 11 a.m.)  
**GOLF, MEN'S** GPAC #2 at Firethorn GC, Lincoln, Neb. (MMC)  
**GOLF, GIRLS'** Neb. State Class C Tour, at Qual Run GC, Columbus  
**VOLLEYBALL, PREP** Mount Vernon-Plankinton at Wagner, Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; Randolph at Hartington; South Sioux City at Elk Point-Jefferson

Tuesday, October 15

**CROSS COUNTRY, PREP** Yankton JV Inv. (YHS, 4:15 p.m.)  
**CROSS COUNTRY, MS** Yankton JV Inv. (YMS, 4:15 p.m.)  
**GOLF, GIRLS'** Neb. State Class C Tour, at Qual Run GC, Columbus  
**VOLLEYBALL, PREP** Alcester-Hudson at Irene-Wakonda; Bloomfield at Wynot; Bon Homme at Scotland; Burke-South Central at Andes Central (Parents Night); Canistota at Freeman; Canton at Marion; Clearwater-Orchard/Niobrara-Verdigris at Stuart; Creighton at Crofton; Dakota Valley at Lennox; Marty at Flaudreau Indian; Menno at Hanson; Miller at Platte-Geddes; O'Neill St. Mary's at Hartington-Romney (SFR) 10-5.  
5th — Hammerquist-Griffith (RCS) def. Hanson-Hanson (AC) 10-5.  
Consolation final — Tucker-Duda (RCC) def. Rockne-Rotherberger (Yan) 10-6.

Wednesday, October 16

**CROSS COUNTRY, PREP** S.D. Regions — 3B at Freeman (Alcester-Hudson, Avon, Centerville, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Marty, Memo, Parker, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Viborg-Hurley, 1 p.m.)  
**VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S** Northwestern at MMC (7:30 p.m.)  
**VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV** Northwestern at MMC (6 p.m.)

Britton-Hecia def. Leola/Frederick, 2-0	San Diego 2 3 0 400 125 129
Northwestern def. Britton-Hecia, 2-0	Oakland 2 4 0 333 105 132
Northwestern def. Waverly-South Shore, 2-0	
Northwestern def. Belle Fourche, 2-0	
Northwestern def. Leola/Frederick, 2-0	
Waverly-South Shore def. Leola/Frederick, 2-1	
Third Place	
Miller def. Belle Fourche, 2-0	
Championship	
Northwestern def. Redfield/Doland, 2-1	

## FOOTBALL

### USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 12, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (58)	6-0	1,545	1
2. Oregon (3)	6-0	1,485	2
3. Ohio State	6-0	1,406	3
4. Clemson (1)	6-0	1,365	4
5. Florida State	5-0	1,293	6
6. Louisville	6-0	1,166	8
7. Texas A&M	5-1	1,156	9
8. LSU	6-1	1,098	11
9. South Carolina	5-1	1,024	12
10. UCLA	5-0	999	13
11. Miami (Fla.)	5-0	905	14
12. Baylor	5-0	890	15
13. Stanford	5-1	857	5
14. Missouri	6-0	617	NR
15. Texas Tech	6-0	587	21
16. Georgia	4-2	546	7
17. Oklahoma State	4-1	493	20
18. Oklahoma	5-1	482	10
19. Fresno State	5-0	419	22
20. Virginia Tech	6-1	297	25
21. Nebraska	5-1	278	24
22. Florida	4-2	240	17
23. Northern Illinois	6-0	224	23
24. Michigan	5-1	178	16
25. Washington	4-2	137	19
Others receiving votes: Wisconsin 124; Michigan State 83; Auburn 67; Notre Dame 60; Oregon State 23; Texas 23; Central Florida 22; Northwestern 19; Utah 18; Arizona State 13; Houston 6; Boise State 3; Mississippi 2.			

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East	West
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
New England	5 1 0 833 125 97	
Miami	3 2 0 600 114 117	
N.Y. Jets	3 3 0 500 104 135	
Buffalo	2 4 0 333 136 157	

	South	North
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Indianapolis	4 1 0 800 139 79	
Tennessee	3 3 0 500 128 115	
Houston	2 4 0 333 108 177	
Jacksonville	0 6 0 000 70 198	

	West	North
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Cincinnati	4 2 0 667 121 111	
Baltimore	3 3 0 500 134 129	
Cleveland	3 3 0 500 118 125	
Pittsburgh	1 4 0 200 88 116	

	West	North
<b>W L T Pct PF PA</b>		
Kansas City	5 0 0 1000 152 65	
Denver	6 0 0 1000 265 158	

## BASEBALL

### MLB PLAYOFFS

#### LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Friday, Oct. 11

St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 2, 13 innings

Saturday, Oct. 12

Detroit 1, Boston 0, Detroit leads series 1-0

St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0, St. Louis leads series 2-0

Sunday, Oct. 13

Detroit at Boston, 7:07 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14

St. Louis (Wainwright 19-9) at Los Angeles, 7:07 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Boston at Detroit, 3:07 p.m.

St. Louis at Los Angeles, 7:07 p.m.

# Football: Morrill Runs Into History

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Jacob Morrill became just the third player in Nebraska prep history to rush for 1,000 yards in four seasons, as he led Creighton past Plainview 74-12 last Friday night.

Morrill, a senior, carried the ball times for 156 yards and three touchdowns. Seth Wilmes added 80 yards and two scores on the ground for the Bulldogs (6-0).

This season, Morrill has rushed for 1,041 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Creighton plays at Neligh-Oakdale on Friday.

PLAINVIEW.....0 0 6 6 — 12  
CREIGHTON (6-0).....34 20 0 20 — 74

## West Holt 25, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 7

LAUREL, Neb. — West Holt rushed for 231 yards and limited Laurel-Concord-Coleridge to 90 total yards in a 25-7 win last Friday night.

The visiting Huskies led 6-0 at halftime and were up 18-7 after three quarters.

In the loss for LCC, Dillan Wolfram recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. Brett Haisch led the Bears with 46 rushing yards.

WEST HOLT.....6 12 7 — 25  
LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE.....0 0 7 0 — 7

## Elgin Public-Pope John 50, Bloomfield 6

ELGIN, Neb. — Kane Fiedler rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown, but the

Bloomfield Bees suffered a 50-6 loss at Elgin Public-Pope John on Friday night.

Trent Johnson added 39 yards on the ground for Bloomfield (4-2), while Quinn O'Brien was limited to 2-of-26 passing.

BLOOMFIELD (4-2).....0 6 0 0 — 6  
ELGIN PUBLIC-POPE JOHN.....14 22 8 6 — 50

## Dakota Valley 21, Tea Area 6

TEA — Isaac Faldmo passed for 197 yards and three touchdowns to lead Dakota Valley over Tea Area 21-6 last Friday night.

Blake Perryman rushed 24 times for 102 yards, while Broday VanGinkel had a pair of touchdown receptions.

The Panthers play Beresford on Friday night.

DAKOTA VALLEY.....0 14 0 7 — 21  
TEA AREA.....0 6 0 0 — 6

# Abdullah, Nebraska Run Past Purdue 44-7

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Nebraska has a well-earned reputation for lighting up the scoreboard.

The Cornhuskers might finally have a solid defense to go with its potent offense. Nebraska held Purdue to 216 yards in a 44-7 win on Saturday afternoon.

The Huskers had shaky defensive performances earlier in the season, especially against Wyoming and UCLA, but Nebraska's defense now has posted solid back-to-back efforts in wins over Illinois and Purdue.

"We've always been known as the Blackshirts," Nebraska defensive end Randy Gregory said. "I think the coaches, and I have, and some of the other guys have been waiting for us to come together and waiting for us to play like the Blackshirts that everyone knows. These last two weeks are big for us for how we want to play the rest of the season."

Nebraska quarterback Ron Kellogg III said the Huskers were focused on producing a strong game on both offense and defense.

The Boilermakers ran for

just 32 yards on 25 carries and didn't score until the final minute of the game when Purdue's Danny Etling found DeAngelo Yancey for a 55-yard touchdown pass with 39 seconds remaining. Nebraska defensive end Greg McMullen said the Cornhuskers were disappointed that they lost the shutout so late.

Ameer Abdullah ran for 126 yards and a touchdown, Terrell Newby ran for 61 yards and Imani Cross added 56 yards and two touchdowns for the Cornhuskers (5-1, 2-0 Big Ten).

# Football

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two TDs in the third quarter. Ray Mitchell picked off Faulkner on the Panthers' 8-yard line and returned it 53 yards, where he fumbled. The ball was scooped up by Deiondre' Hall, who scampered 29 yards for the touchdown. Later in the frame, Northern Iowa used more conventional means to score, as Sawyer Kollmorgen hit Kevin Vereen for a 52-yard touchdown.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE 41, MISSOURI STATE 26:** FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Brock Jensen tossed three touchdown passes and Zach Vraa tallied 179 yards receiving as North Dakota State topped Missouri State 41-26 on Saturday for its 15th straight win, the second-longest streak in Division I.

NDSU (6-0, 3-0 Missouri Valley) trailed late in the second quarter but a 2-yard touchdown run by Sam Ojuri and a 36-yard score from Jensen to Vraa in the final minute put NDSU up 24-13 at halftime.

Missouri State (1-6, 1-2) cut the score to 24-20 early in the third with a 19-yard interception return for a touchdown by