

Coyotes Upset No. 11 Panthers



South Dakota quarterback Kevin Earl, far left, scores on a run during Saturday's 38-31 double overtime victory over No. 11-ranked Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Earl passed for a career-high 370 yards and three touchdowns, and also scored twice on the run.

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CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — The last time the University of South Dakota football team won a road game was against Big Ten opponent Minnesota, which was three years ago.

Since then, the Coyotes have suffered numerous heartbreakers — until Saturday.

The Coyotes traveled to face traditional Missouri Valley Football Conference power Northern Iowa, which was ranked 11th in the latest FCS poll, and scored a 38-31 double overtime win Saturday night in Cedar Falls.

After the Panthers got up 28-7 in the second half, it seemed like the same swan song for the Coyotes. But after freshman Riley Donovan tipped a pass to himself and found the end zone, USD had new life.

Another great catch by Terrence Terry in the end zone with 5 seconds left forced overtime.

The two teams traded field goals in the first overtime before the Coyotes scored on a Kevin Earl sneak in the second and held UNI scoreless on the next possession.

The result was a sea of red charging from USD's sideline as the string of tough road losses was snapped.

"We are going to float on a magic carpet ride back to Vermillion," USD coach Joe Glenn said. "(UNI) had it kids wrapped, but our kids didn't believe it and though they could pull it off."

UNI started the season with a 4-0 record and seemed to be far removed from last year's disappointing 5-6 campaign. The last three weeks have proved otherwise, though, with the Panthers falling a play or two short and are now 0-3 in the MVFC.

"We didn't make plays down the stretch in some of these games and it's been the difference," UNI coach Mark Farley said. "All we have to do is make plays. Plays that could be made on that field."

"South Dakota did a nice job and fought their way back into it. We didn't make plays."

The victory moves the Coyotes

Gazelles Rally Past Brookings In 5-Set ESD Thriller

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The Yankton Gazelles beat the Brookings Bobcats 21-25, 25-22, 24-26, 25-14, 15-8 for their first winning streak of the season.

Yankton, now 3-13, had previously beaten Harrisburg last Thursday, and came out strong Saturday against the Bobcats.

"I think that Brookings and us are pretty comparable," Yankton coach Tiffany Beste said. "We kind of do some of the same things and mentally it seems like we are similar teams on the court. The girls never quit today, after they lost set one and lost set three they still never gave up."

In the win for the Gazelles, Becky Frick led the team with 22 kills, four blocks, and 10 digs. Hailey Bockholt had eight kills and four blocks. Emily Bos had seven kills and made three blocks, and Sophie Drotzmann had six kills and three blocks. Also contributing to the Gazelles win, Paige Thieman had 21 assists and three aces, Haley Mines made 24 digs and Brooke Wueb-

ber made 15 digs.

"It helps coming off a win. All of the younger girls gain more confidence and that really helps so that we can go to anyone on the court," Frick said.

In set one, both teams were staying within three points of each other. Late errors allowed Brookings to pull ahead of the Gazelles and take the set 21-25.

In set two, Yankton was able to pull away with a 6-2 scoring run on Brookings making it 19-14. A kill by Gazelle Emily Bos ended the second set 25-22 and tying the game 1-1.

In set three, Brookings had a 9-2 scoring run making it 19-14. Yankton was able to close the sizable point gap tying the set 24-24. After two hard fought points, a Yankton error at the net allowed Brookings to edge out the Gazelles 26-24.

Yankton came out swinging in set four, quickly gaining an 11-4 lead led by Becky Frick. The Gazelles held the Bobcats at 14 points and Frick finished the set with a kill 25-14.



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The Yankton Gazelles celebrate a point during their ESD volleyball match against Brookings on Saturday afternoon at the Summit Center.

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USD Volleyball Moves To 7-0 In Summit

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VERMILLION — Twelve straight.

The University of South Dakota remains undefeated in the Summit League at 7-0 thanks to a 25-19, 28-26, 25-15 victory over Omaha on Sunday night at the Dakota Dome.

Redshirt freshman Haley Jorgensen won the game for the Coyotes (16-6) ending set three with a kill in her college game debut. Now the Coyotes — winners of 12 in a row dating back to last season — look to start fresh as they prepare to play the second half of conference starting at IUPUI on Friday.

"Those teams that only won one game are going to wipe their slate clean and to an extent we have to

THE SUMMIT LEAGUE Volleyball		
	Conf	All
South Dakota	7-0	16-6
Denver	6-1	12-8
IUPUI	5-2	11-12
Fort Wayne	3-4	11-12
Western Illinois	3-4	9-13
North Dakota State	2-5	2-18
Omaha	1-6	6-16
South Dakota State	1-6	3-17

also," USD coach Matt Houk said. "7-0 doesn't mean anything if we don't go out and finish in the second half."

In the win for the Coyotes, Kendall Kritenbrink led the team with 20 kills, 10 digs and four block assists. Tori Kroll had four kills, 40 assists and 11 digs. Audrey Reeg had seven kills and 11 digs and Kelsey Biltoft had eight kills. Also contributing to the Coyotes' win, Sydney Dimke

had five kills, Haley Jorgensen had three kills, and Melissa Firtko had one kill, two digs, and six block assists.

In set one, the Coyotes averaged a two-point lead over Omaha ending the set with a kill by Kritenbrink ended set one 25-19.

Set two was tough with Omaha coming from behind to tie the game at 24-24. After battling for the win, Kritenbrink had a kill to give USD the advantage 27-26. A bad set by Omaha's Michaela Schimmer which ended the set 28-26 and put USD ahead 2-0.

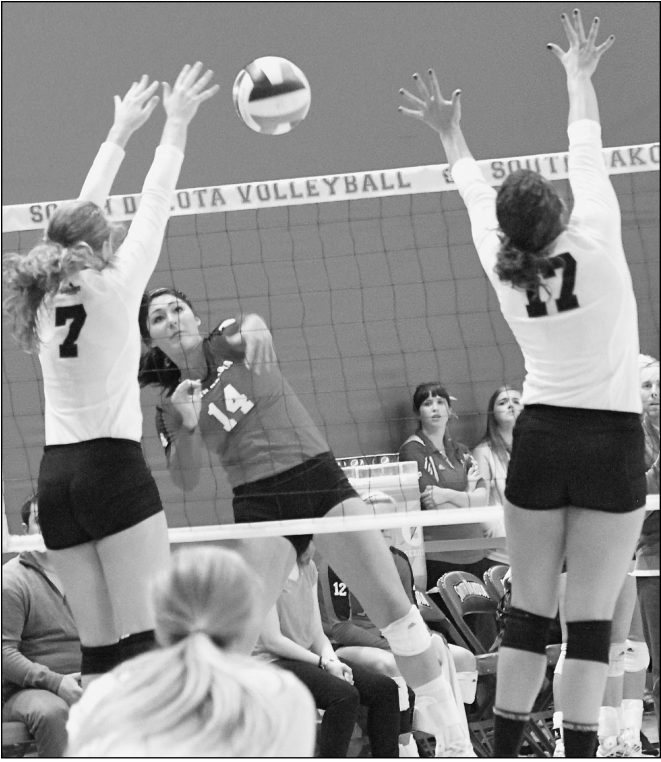
"Two things happened. I think that Omaha played really good volleyball there at the end of set two. They put pressure on us with their serve and I don't think that we executed as well as we're capable of," Houk

said.

The Coyotes came out hitting hard in set three with a 12-1 scoring run and leading by and average of 10 points for the duration of the set.

"We really wanted to focus on our serving and blocking," Houk said. "We didn't feel like we had served and blocked very well in sets one and two, which has been a staple of ours, we've been a very good serving team and we're the top blocking team in the conference and I think we only had two blocks after set two, and that's just not our standard."

Next USD will play IUPUI in Indiana on Friday. In the last game against the Jaguars, the Coyotes went



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

South Dakota's Haley Jorgensen, 14, splits a pair of Omaha defenders for a kill during their Summit League match Sunday night.

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No. 16 Pioneers Surge Past Coyotes



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

Denver's Sara Riazl (3) and South Dakota's Danielle Anderson (27) jostle along the sideline while trying to keep control of the ball during their Summit League game Sunday afternoon in Vermillion.

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VERMILLION — For 60 minutes, USD and nationally-ranked Denver locked horns for an evenly-played stretch of soccer.

It was just the stretches before and after that span that ultimately doomed the Coyotes. The 16th-ranked Pioneers, an NCAA Tournament from a year ago, blanked USD 4-0 in Summit League action Sunday afternoon in Vermillion.

Edge to the more experienced visitors, specifically in the second half when Denver scored three goals within an 8-minute span to pull away.

"For whatever reason, it seems like we kind of gave up," said USD coach Mandy Green, whose Coyotes (5-7-3, 0-4) have now lost five straight.

"It's something we've been talking about a lot, leadership on the field, somebody stepping up and calming us down."

Facing a team that has

two top-25 victories under its belt, USD surrendered a goal in the seventh minute and kept the Pioneers scoreless until the 70th minute.

"We even saw on video how well they can stay composed, no matter what pressure they have against them," said USD goalkeeper Mackenzie Viktor, who made three saves.

"I thought they did that well today, but I also think we took it to them more than they were expecting."

In the end, though, the Pioneers (14-1-1, 5-0) claimed their fifth shutout in five league games — they are out-scoring conference teams 19-0.

Four different players scored a goal Sunday for Denver, which is coming off a Sweet 16 run at last year's NCAA Tournament. Kristen Hamilton, the Summit League leader in goals, assists and points, recorded an assist in the win.

Still, the Coyotes are con-

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Football: Missouri State Holds Off SDSU 35-21; NDSU Rolls

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Ashton Glaser threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another in Missouri State's 35-21 victory against South Dakota State Saturday.

In his first start of the season, Glaser rushed 69 yards for a touchdown in the fourth and threw for a total of 126 yards. Ryan Heaston and Mikael Cooper-Falls ran for over 100 yards each as Missouri State amassed 352 yards rushing compared to the Jackrabbits 142 yards. Two touchdowns by Cooper-Falls helped set up a 20-0 lead at halftime for the Bears (2-6, 2-2 MVC).

Austin Summer threw a touchdown pass midway through the third to put up the first points of the game for South Dakota State (4-4, 1-3). The Jackrabbits picked up two more touchdowns in the fourth, cutting the lead to just six points with eight minutes left to play. Glaser's rushing touchdown and a two-point conversion ended South Dakota State's efforts to come back.

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MISSOURI ST.14 6 7 8 — 35

First Quarter

MoSt—Burton 56 pass from Glaser (Bonani kick), 10:51.

MoSt—Cooper-Falls 4 run (Bonani kick), 1:06.

Second Quarter

MoSt—Cooper-Falls 3 run (kick blocked), 12:03.

Third Quarter

SDSt—Hubert 9 pass from Summer (Syrovatka kick), 7:52.

MoSt—Sinclair 10 pass from Glaser (Wilmer kick), 3:22.

Fourth Quarter

SDSt—Zenner 2 run (Syrovatka kick), 14:35.

SDSt—Schneider 5 pass from Summer (Syrovatka kick), 6:04.

MoSt—Glaser 69 run (Burton pass from Glaser), 4:30.

A—12,312.

First downs

Rushes-yards

Passing

Comp-Att-Int

Return Yards

Punts-Avg

Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

Time of Possession

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—S. Dakota State, Zenner 30-138,

Gandy 4-12, Summer 7-minus 8, Missouri St., Heaston

17-122, Cooper-Falls 10-104, Glaser 5-84, P.Johnson

8-39, C.Miller 3-8, Team 4-minus 5).

PASSING—S. Dakota State, Summer 18-43-1-232,

Missouri St., Glaser 10-15-0-126.

RECEIVING—S. Dakota State, Tiefenthaler 8-73,

Schneider 5-103, Hubert 3-39, D.Wright 1-17, Zenner

1-0, Missouri St., Christopher 3-29, Burton 2-63, Buford

1-10, Sinclair 1-10, Boatright 1-8, Hoover 1-5, Heaston

1-1.

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John Crockett ran for three third-quarter

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