

Harris, Missouri State Stuff South Dakota 31-12

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — South Dakota had no answer for Missouri State quarterback Kierra Harris. The Bears' senior threw for 143 yards and three touchdowns and also ran for 90 yards and a score in a 31-12 Missouri Valley Football Conference win over the Coyotes on Saturday. Harris completed just 8 of 19 passes, but three of those went for first-half scores as the Bears (4-3, 1-2) took a 24-3 lead into the break, much to the dismay of USD coach Joe Glenn.

"This is as bad as it gets. That first half of football was pathetic," Glenn said. "I can't believe that's the team I'm coaching. Can't make plays anywhere on the field. That's absolutely unacceptable."

Harris tossed touchdown passes of 53 yards to Malik Earl, 29 yards to

Gannon Sinclair and 12 yards to Julian Burton. Burton, who had just that one catch, extended his streak of catching a pass to 27 games.

Harris broke free on a 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Phoenix Johnson ran for 76 yards for the Bears. Malik Earl had two catches for 72 yards.

USD's only bright spot was kicker Miles Bergner, who had a pair of field goals to stretch his consecutive streak to a perfect 12-for-12 this season. Bergner made kicks of 47 and 34 yards.

But offensively, the Coyotes (2-5, 0-3) struggled all game.

Kevin Earl completed 22 of 39 passes for 165 yards. But he missed some receivers.

"I don't want to talk about it,"

Glenn said.

Rile Donovan caught seven passes for 54 yards and Eric Shufford had five catches for 53.

The Coyotes' Trevor Bouma ran for 82 yards and Jasper Sanders had 68 yards and scored USD's only touchdown.

Bergner gave the Coyotes a 3-0 lead with his 11th straight field goal to start the season, a 47-yard five minutes into the game.

But it was all Missouri State from there as it stretched the Coyotes' losing streak to three games.

Sanders scored on a 5-yard run with 47 seconds left in the third quarter.

Glenn said the Coyotes have got to find some answers.

"When this happens like that you go back to fundamentals," Glenn said.

"You don't get any pass plays. You don't make a play when guys are wide open on touchdown routes. You fumble punts. When you come out on game day you have to make those plays. It's a sellout if you don't."

"These kids are better than that but we're not getting it out of them. I'm just sick."

MISSOURI ST. 31, SOUTH DAKOTA 12

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MISSOURI ST. 10 14 7 0-31

First Quarter
 SDak—FG Bergner 47, 9:20.
 MoSt—Earl 53 pass from K.Harris (Bonani kick), 7:45.
 MoSt—FG Bonani 3, 1:08.

Second Quarter
 MoSt—Sinclair 29 pass from K.Harris (Bonani kick), 11:51.
 MoSt—Burton 12 pass from K.Harris (Bonani kick), 4:0.

Third Quarter
 SDak—FG Bergner 34, 9:52.
 MoSt—K.Harris 20 run (Bonani kick), 5:09.
 SDak—Sanders 5 run (run failed), :47.
 A—15:57.

SDak MoSt
 First downs.....22.....21
 Rushes-yards.....36-189.....44-288

Passing.....165.....143
 Comp-Att-Int.....22-39-0.....8-19-0
 Return Yards.....2.....20
 Punting-Avg.....5-43.4.....7-40.4
 Fumbles-Lost.....2-1.....1-0
 Penalties-Yards.....2-25.....4-50
 Time of Possession.....31:37.....28:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—South Dakota, Bouma 12-82, Sanders 15-68, Earl 8-29, Shufford Jr 1-10, Missouri St., K.Harris 7-90, P.Johnson 14-76, Crowder 13-58, Heaston 9-55, Burton 1-9.

PASSING—South Dakota, Earl 22-39-0-165, Missouri St., K.Harris 8-19-0-143.

RECEIVING—South Dakota, Donovan 7-54, Shufford Jr 5-53, Sanders 3-6, Bouma 2-17, Vander Maten 2-8, Van Roekel 1-12, Kramer 1-11, Barkley 1-4, Missouri St., Earl 2-72, Heaston 2-11, Sinclair 1-29, Burton 1-12, Darden 1-10, Christophel 1-9.

S DAKOTA ST 31, NORTHERN IOWA 28: CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Justin Syrovatka kicked a 44-yard field goal with 1:47 left, allowing South Dakota State to knock off Northern Iowa 31-28 on Saturday.

The Jackrabbits held a 28-14 lead midway through the fourth quarter, but Northern Iowa

Denver Edges Coyotes 1-0

DENVER, Colo. — Denver's Francesca Garzelloni curled the ball into the box and bounced it into the net during the final minute of regulation play to give the Pioneers a 1-0 win over South Dakota in Summit League action Sunday at CIBER Field in Denver. The last-minute goal handed South Dakota their first loss in league play this season.

It was a valiant effort for South Dakota (8-5-2, 1-1-2 Summit League), who lost 4-0 to Denver a year ago. The Pioneers (7-7-1, 3-2-0 Summit League) are the defending Summit League tournament champion.

Denver held a 17-6 edge in shots taken. Junior goalkeeper Mackenzie Viktor recorded five saves for the Coyotes, with four in the first half.

On the offensive end of the field, junior Danielle Anderson and sophomore Corey Strang led the Coyotes with one shot-on-goal each. Both shots were saved by Denver goalkeeper Tina Vargas.

South Dakota returns to the USD Soccer Complex in Vermillion for their final home game Friday at 4 p.m. The Coyotes will take on in-state rival South Dakota State.

MIDLAND 4, MOUNT MARTY 0: Midland's Regan Jones scored a hat trick to lead the Warriors to a 4-0 victory over Mount Marty in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer action on Saturday.

Kadie Kavinsky scored the other Warrior goal. Hunter Jacobs notched an assist in the victory.

Amy Hisek (Yankton) and Carly Manahan had the lone shots for MMC, which was outshot 27-2 in the match. The Lancers' Courtney True (Yankton) made 16 saves in goal.

MMC hosts Dakota Wesleyan on Tuesday at Easton Field, the final home match for the Lancers. Start time is set for 1 p.m.

MEN — MIDLAND 8, MMC 0: Dovydas Vaskelis scored a hat trick and John Dicken scored twice as Midland blanked Mount Marty 8-0 in GPAC men's soccer action on Saturday.

Alan Craig and Jeremy DeHoog each had a goal and an assist, and Tom Sibbald had two assists for Midland.

Ludwin Arana and Victor Perez had shots on goal for MMC, which was outshot 21-4 in the contest. Humberto Estrada made seven saves in goal for the Lancers.

MMC hosts Dakota Wesleyan on Tuesday at Easton Field, the final home match for the Lancers. Start time is set for 3:30 p.m.

Trade For Shields Spurred Royals To Turnaround

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The moment Alex Gordon knew the Kansas City Royals were serious about winning can be traced to a cold December day when his wife heard they had traded for James Shields.

The franchise had long suffered through a forgettable cast of starting pitchers, from Jay Witasick to Darrell May to Rinelvis Hernandez. Hot prospects flamed out. Free agents fizzled. And every year, the Royals languished near the AL Central cellar.

But things changed in December 2012. General manager Dayton Moore thought enough pieces had been assembled and all that was missing was the right starting pitcher — someone who could not only be the staff ace, but who could change a clubhouse culture accustomed to losing.

Moore called up the Rays and made the deal.

"That's when I knew," Gordon said, "that we were going for it."

Two years later, a trade that was panned by many has helped the Royals reach the World Series. Shields, the presumptive Game 1 starter Tuesday night against San Francisco, has been everything Moore had hoped he would be.

"Those opportunities to acquire a top rotation starter and an impact pitcher like Wade Davis, they're not presented year-in and year-out," Moore said. "We were fortunate the timing of it was such that it was starting us in the face and put us in a position to compete in 2014."

It was a gamble. The Royals sent baseball's top minor

Lancers Score 10th Victory



Mount Marty's Sam Bischoff makes a diving save of a ball during the Lancers' volleyball match with Presentation on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena. MMC won the match 3-0 for the team's 10th victory of the season. MMC (10-14), which went 13-20 a year ago, had not had back-to-back seasons of 10 or more wins since entering the Great Plains Athletic Conference in 1999.

MMC Sweeps Past Saints



Mount Marty's Sierra Kloth attacks against a pair of Presentation defenders during their volleyball match on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

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The Mount Marty College volleyball team had not won 10 or more games in consecutive seasons since entering the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Until Saturday.

MMC swept past Presentation 25-22, 25-18, 25-14 on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena to improve to 10-14 on the season.

The victory was the third in four outings for the Lancers, who host Dakota Wesleyan in a GPAC matchup on Tuesday.

"Once we got going, you can see us building momen-

tum every time we play," said MMC head coach Candice Climer.

MMC hit a season-best .356, led by 11 kills from Sierra Kloth and 10 kills from Kristen Boyle. Bailey Kuchta had eight kills, Laura Groseth had six kills and Jena Peters had five kills on seven attempts in the win.

Also for MMC, Caitlyn Ilg had 18 assists and nine digs. Amber Dysthe had 13 assists. Peters assisted on six of the team's eight blocks in the match.

The Lancers had strong hitting throughout the match, hitting above .295 in all three sets.

"For some time, when

teams have been tipping against us, we start tipping, too," Climer said. "Our offense is working. We have to stay aggressive."

Karly Fuhrman led the Presentation offense with eight kills. Megan Ochsner had six kills, Carly Peterson had 14 assists and Alyssa Jung had 15 digs for the Saints.

"We knew they had certain hitters, and we tried to shut them down," Climer said. MMC did just that, as the Saints hit .000 (13 kills, 13 errors) after the first set. They hit .082 for the match.

MMC used a pair of early

Chargers Edge Dakota Valley For Dakota XII Title

Volleyball: Ponca Wins H-N Inv.

ELK POINT — Sioux Falls Christian edged out Dakota Valley 25-23, 26-24 for the championship of the Dakota XII Conference Volleyball Tournament, held on Saturday at Elk Point-Jefferson High School.

The title match featured the top two teams in the latest South Dakota Sportswriters Class A poll, with SFC first and defending champion Dakota Valley second. Two of the Panthers' four losses (22-4) on the season are to the Chargers, with the other two coming to out-of-state teams.

Ellie Voss had eight kills and Shelby Zomermaand had seven kills to lead SFC. Amy Hurley posted 26 assists and two ace serves. Kensi Brands had nine digs and Emily Strasser had two ace serves in the win.

Meredith Lammers had nine kills and Elizabeth Lammers had seven kills and 11 ace serves to lead a balanced Dakota Valley attack. Lindsey Smith finished with 24 assists and two blocks. Annie McCabe had six kills and two ace serves. Jordyn Younger had eight digs and Emma Tuttle had two ace serves for the Panthers.

Serenia Hopf had five kills and Taylor Bird had 14 digs to lead Madison. The Bulldogs (16-6) host Dell Rapids on Tuesday.

Sammy Kasowski had five kills and Morgan Haga had 13 digs for Tri-Valley. Sydney Hausmann added three ace serves.

FIFTH — LENNOX DEF. TEA AREA 25-22, 25-23: Courtney Weeldreyer had nine kills, and Tatum Musser and Maddie Lauters had seven digs each for Lennox. Jordan Kruse added four blocks for the Orioles, who host Alcester-Hudson on Tuesday.

Katlyn Arneson had eight kills, and Ashley Bamsey and Becca Cordie had five kills each for Tea Area. Morgan McKinney had 19 assists and Lexi LaFave had 13 digs for the Titans (11-11), who travel to Salem to face McCook Central-Montrose on Tuesday.

SEMIFINALS

S.F. CHRISTIAN DEF. TRI-VALLEY 25-14, 25-17: Ellie Voss and Shelby Zomermaand had six kills each, with Voss recording 25 blocks and Zomermaand recording three ace serves for SFC. Amy Hurley had 17 assists in the win.

Sammy Kasowski had three kills and Mariah Swier had six digs for Tri-Valley.

DAKOTA VALLEY DEF. MADISON 25-10, 25-19: Lindsey Smith had 24 assists and nine ace serves to lead Dakota Valley. Elizabeth Lammers had nine kills and Jordyn Younger had nine digs for the Panthers.

Serenia Hopf had five kills and Taylor Bird had eight digs for Madison.

QUARTERFINALS

S.F. CHRISTIAN DEF. WEST CENTRAL 25-16, 25-23: Shelby Zomermaand had 14 kills and two ace serves, and Amy Hurley had 28 assists for SFC. Kortney Pollema added 13 digs in the win.

Syd Goertel had six kills and Drue Miller had 11 assists to lead West Central. Molly McMahon added 10 digs.

DAKOTA VALLEY DEF. VERMILION 25-6, 25-10: Meredith Lammers had six kills and five ace serves, and Lindsey Smith had 21 assists to lead Dakota Valley. Elizabeth Lammers had seven digs in the win.

Rachel Finnegan and Melanie LeCates had three digs each for Vermillion.

MADISON DEF. TEA AREA 25-15, 25-14:

Olivia Rud had seven kills and five blocks, and Marisa Emers had 20 assists to lead Madison. Taylor Bird had 14 digs, Jessie Giles had six blocks and Morgan Skluzacek and Serena Hopf had six kills each in the win.

Morgan McKinney had four kills and 11 assists, and Ally Kacmarynski had five kills to lead Tea Area. Lexi LaFave added eight digs for the Titans.

TRI-VALLEY DEF. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 21-25, 26-26, 25-16: Sammy Kasowski and Emma Johnson had nine kills each, and Lauren Kluzer had seven kills to lead a balanced Tri-Valley attack. Johnson also had five blocks. Sydney Hausmann had 15 assists and 21 digs. Mariah Swier had 10 assists and 14 digs, and Carter Hausmann had 12 digs in the win.

Miranda Stabe had 14 kills and Amber Hanson had 14 digs, Karlee Shatswell had three ace serves and Drew Keuck had 11 digs for the Huskies.

FIRST ROUND

WEST CENTRAL DEF. DELL RAPIDS 25-22, 25-13: Syd Goertel had six kills and seven assists, and Emma Habben had six kills to lead West Central. Drue Miller had nine assists for the Trojans.

Brittany Kludt had four kills and Sarah Haak had 12 assists for Dell Rapids.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON DEF. CANTON 26-24, 25-21: Miranda Stabe had six kills, and Amber Hanson had eight ace serves and 18 assists to lead EPJ. Alicia Gregg had three ace serves, Tori Johnson had five kills and Allison Targonski had seven digs for the Huskies.

Mary Kate Beachler and Anna Schutte had three blocks each for Canton. Katie Glenn added seven digs.

TEA AREA DEF. LENNOX 25-13, 25-13: Katlyn Arneson had eight kills and Morgan McKinney had 16 assists and four ace serves to lead Tea Area. Ally Kacmarynski had six kills and Lexi LaFave had 15 digs in the win.

Hailey Hagedorn and Kayla Johnston had five digs each for Lennox.

VERMILION DEF. BERESFORD 22-25, 25-21, 25-21: Rachel Finnegan had seven kills each, with Finnegan recording 16 digs and Nielsen earning three ace serves to lead Vermillion. Kayla Stammer had 25 assists and 10 digs. Melanie LeCates added 21 digs in the win.

Hannah Hepler had 12 kills, four blocks and three ace serves to lead Beresford. Emily Stimes had seven kills. Becca Nelson posted 17 assists and 10 digs, with Alexis Klemme recording 10 digs and three ace serves in the win.

CONSOLATION MATCHES

DELL RAPIDS DEF. CANTON 25-14, 25-23: Ariel Hoffman had five kills and Sarah Haak had 11 assists for Dell Rapids.

Mesa Nolte had six kills and two ace serves, and Lydia Gerber had nine assists for Canton.

BERESFORD DEF. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 22-25, 25-23, 25-21: Hannah Hepler had 11 kills and Becca Nelson had 11 assists and nine digs to lead Beresford. Bailey Twite added 12 digs

in the win.

Miranda Stabe had 13 kills and 11 digs, and Allison Targonski had 37 digs and three ace serves to lead EPJ. Amber Hanson added 22 assists.

TEA AREA DEF. VERMILION 25-17, 25-18: Ashley Bamsey had 10 kills, and Ally Kacmarynski and Katlyn Arneson had six kills each for Tea Area. Morgan McKinney had 19 assists and Lexi LaFave had 16 digs for the Titans.

Kayla Stammer had six assists and Melanie LeCates had seven digs for Vermillion.

LENNOX DEF. WEST CENTRAL 26-24, 20-25, 25-24: Courtney Weeldreyer had nine kills and six ace serves, and Callie Luke had eight kills and nine digs to lead Lennox. Tatum Musser had 10 assists, Hailey Hagedorn had nine assists and Taylor Weeldreyer had 13 digs in the win.

Syd Goertel had eight kills, 11 assists and three ace serves to lead West Central. Molly McMahon had nine digs, Drue Miller had nine assists and Mel Wolman had six kills for the Trojans.

LENNOX DEF. ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 25-16, 13-25, 25-21: Kayla Johnston and Callie Luke each had four kills, and Taylor Weeldreyer had 17 digs to lead Lennox. Hailey Hagedorn added three ace serves in the win.

Miranda Stabe had 15 kills and Amber Hanson had 31 assists to lead EPJ. Allison Targonski added 25 digs.

WEST CENTRAL DEF. BERESFORD 25-16, 10-25, 25-21: Lauren Dolly had six kills, and Syd Goertel had four kills, six assists and nine digs to lead West Central. Drue Miller had 10 assists and Emma Habben had three ace serves in the win.

Hannah Hepler had six kills, Emily Stimes had three blocks and Becca Nelson had eight assists to lead Beresford.

VERMILION DEF. DELL RAPIDS 25-22, 25-17: Chloe Nielsen had eight kills, Rachel Finnegan had six kills and Kayla Stammer had 16 assists for Vermillion.

Megan Miles had five kills and Sarah Haak had 14 assists for Dell Rapids.

TEA AREA DEF. CANTON 25-15, 25-14: Katlyn Arneson had eight kills and four ace serves, and Lexi LaFave had three ace serves and 14 digs to lead Tri-Valley. Morgan McKinney had 21 assists and Ally Kacmarynski had seven kills in the win.

Anna Schutte had three blocks and three ace serves, and Katie Glenn had six digs for Canton.

Indians host Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Tuesday.

Savannah Scoville had eight kills and 12 digs, and Abby Lammers had 19 assists and eight digs to lead Hartington-Newcastle. Camie Stratman finished with six kills and 15 digs. Sophie Noecker recorded 16 digs and Ria Pedersen had three blocks (one solo) for the Wildcats.

Hartington-Newcastle, 16-7, travels to Emerson-Hubbard for a triangular with the Pirates and Winside on Tuesday.

Wynot finished in third, beating Emerson-Hubbard 25-10, 17-25, 25-23. Winside downed Wausa 25-23, 25-14 for fifth place.

THIRD: WYNOT DEF. EMERSON-HUBBARD 25-10, 17-25, 25-23: Courtney Arfield pounded out 22 kills and added 10 digs, two blocks and two ace serves to lead Wynot. Jenna Heine had 31 assists and 10 digs, and Danielle Wieseler added 19 digs for the Lady Blue Devils.

No statistics were reported for Emerson-Hubbard.

SEMIFINALS

PONCA DEF. WYNOT 25-22, 18-25, 25-20: No statistics were reported for Ponca.

Courtney Arfield led Wynot with 13 kills, seven blocks and 13 digs. Jenna Heine had 30 assists and three ace serves. Kristie Bruening posted eight kills, Carissa Kuchta had three blocks and Danielle Wieseler had 14 digs for the Lady Blue Devils.

HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE DEF. EMERSON-HUBBARD 25-12, 25-18: Camie Stratman had eight kills and eight digs, and Savannah Scoville had eight digs for Hartington-Newcastle. Abby Lam-