

USD Football To Face Cal In 2016 Season

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The University of South Dakota football program has locked up another FBS game on the West Coast. This one, though, will pocket the Coyotes more money than they've ever earned for a so-called 'guarantee' game.

South Dakota will play California on Sept. 3, 2016, according to announcements made Monday by both schools. The contract is for

\$550,000, USD athletic director David Herbster said.

Conversations with UC Davis and Cal Poly about potential series eventually led USD to put in some calls to Cal of the Pac-12 Conference, Herbster said.

"During that process, we became aware that Cal had an opening, so we began the conversation and it just so happened that the dates worked out," he said.

That was over the summer, but

Cal wanted to wait and release the USD game with a handful of other upcoming games — which Cal did in Monday's release.

The Coyotes, who opened this season at Oregon for a \$525,000 guarantee, now have FBS games secured for 2015 (Kansas State), 2016 (Cal) and 2020 (Iowa State).

The game with the Cal Golden Bears will also mark the third consecutive season USD will play a game on the West Coast. The Coy-

otes are scheduled to return to UC Davis on Sept. 12, 2015.

"We've played plenty of games out there, and we've seen through that, that we have a big alumni base out there," Herbster said.

Playing Cal, rather than say UC Davis or Cal Poly, might entice more of those graduates to attend, he added.

"This one is more of a destination game; more of a draw," Herbster said.

South Dakota's schedule for 2015 is set, according to Herbster. The Coyotes will transition back to 11 games because of the calendar (available weekends), and will visit Kansas State and UC Davis, and host Drake, in the non-conference. Then comes eight Missouri Valley contests.

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MMC Opens Season Thursday

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The Mount Marty College women's basketball team is excited for what is to come in the 2014-15 season.

The Lancers, who were bugged by injuries a year ago, finished the season with a record of 13-17 and finished 10th in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

However, head coach Tom Schlimgen's squad returns 85 percent of their scoring from last season, and they also regain former NAIA All-American April Winne, who is returning from a season-ending knee injury last year.

"With all of the injuries last year, we had a lot of young players gain valuable experience, and that is going to help us moving into this year," said Schlimgen.

Depth will be a huge factor for the Lancers this season, as they only lose two seniors from a year ago. Mount Marty will look to take advantage of their deep bench by implementing a fast pace style of play.

"We have a ton of depth and at times it will be hard to play everyone," said Schlimgen. "It is going to allow us to press a little more, and play at a faster pace."

The coaches are not the only ones excited about the larger player rotation.

"It will be huge for us, because we will not have to pace ourselves on the court like last year," said returning second team All-GPAC post Raquel Sutura. "Fatigue was a huge factor in games last season and it will help having some more fresh legs going forward."

The Lancers roster features four seniors including Cheyenne Lambley, Kelsey Schmidt, April Winnie, and Holly Hegge. Mount Marty also added four new freshman and Augustana transfer Alex Kneeland.

Mount Marty will open up their season with three games in six days starting this Thursday at Grace College. The Lancers will then have their home opener verse Dakota State on Saturday night, followed by a road trip to Hastings next Tuesday.

"We have been working really hard in practice in antici-



P&D FILE PHOTO

Mount Marty guard April Winne, 15, passes around a Doane defender during the 2012-13 season. Winne, a first-team all-GPAC selection that season, missed the 2013-14 season due to injury but returns to lead the Lancers in 2014-15. MMC opens its season Thursday at Grace University in Omaha, Nebraska.

pation of our upcoming schedule," said Schlimgen. "We have been really getting up and down the court to prepare for this weeks games and the fast paced GPAC."

Along with making some additions to their team, the Lancers have also made an addition to the coaching staff, adding former Wayne State Wildcat Kara Powell to the staff.

Powell, a native of Hot Springs, "has added a lot of good insight" to the Lancers said Schlimgen. "She has helped us implement some things defensively from a successful program like Wayne State."

The court is not the only place that the Lancers look to have success this season. The Lancer women's basketball looks to build on last sea-

sons 3.746 team grade point average.

That GPA was good enough lead the entire NAIA, which contains over 300 schools.

"We are students first and then athletes," said Raquel Sutura. "Our classroom work is something that is very important to us, and we take a lot of pride in it."

The Lancers opener in

Omaha verses Grace on Thursday night will tip off at 7 p.m., and the home opener this Sunday against Dakota State will begin at 6 p.m.

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Lancers Hope Injury Bug Is Behind Them

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It all started with April Winne.

When the senior point guard tore the ACL in her right knee prior to last season, the Mount Marty College women's basketball team had to move on without its biggest weapon.

And then the injuries continued for the Lancers.

In all, nine different players missed games with either injury or some kind of illness, and of those nine, seven return this season. And yet, Mount Marty was still able to win 13 games.

"I'm such a team player and get so emotional about the game, so it was just the worst," said Winne, a first-team All-GPAC selection from 2012-13 who missed all of last season.

"It wasn't so bad when you're sitting there watching your team win, but when you're sitting there when we're losing, you can't do anything for your team."

Combined, Lancer players missed close to 200 games, "or something crazy like that," said senior forward Cheyenne Lambley.

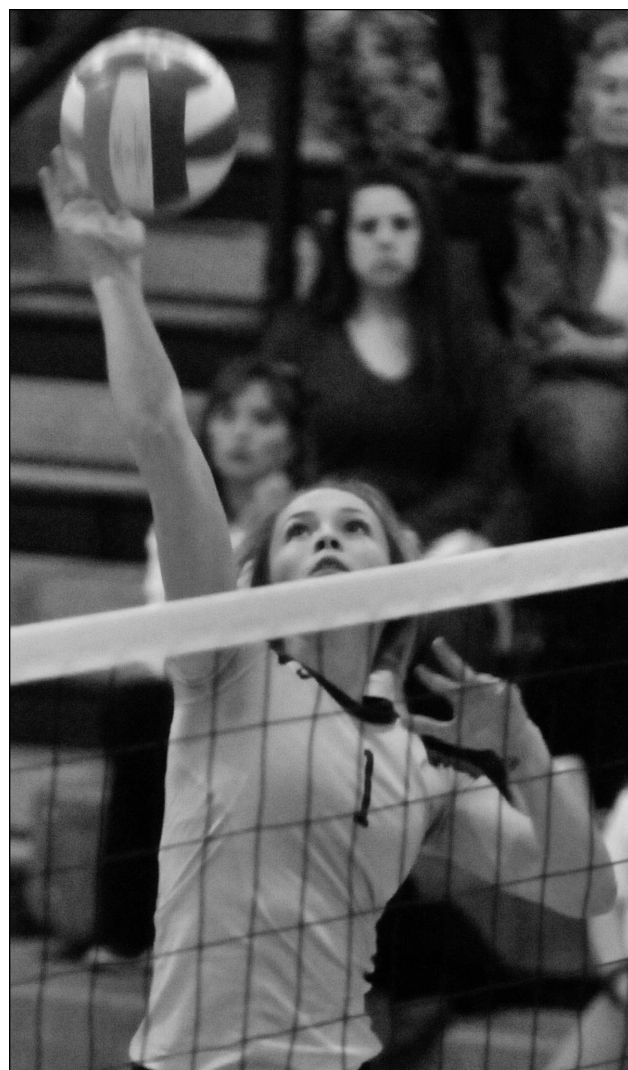
"In every situation, as terrible as it was; and it was a lot of tough pills to swallow, there was some good news," Lambley said. "We're bringing a lot back to the table."

That was the silver lining for the Lancers, who begin the 2014-15 season next Thursday at Grace University. Injuries to experienced players forced freshmen to step into big-time roles, and they produced.

Logan Wagner finished second on the team in scoring (12.8) and knocked down a team-high 71 three-pointers, while Denae Veldkamp appeared in 26 games and Kellie Wincker played in 23. Kieran O'Malley, despite missing 17 games, still averaged 11.7 points.

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Skorepa Scores 1,000th Kill As Scotland Edges Menno



Gayville-Volin's Kelia Barta attacks the ball during the Raiders' home volleyball match with Avon on Monday.

MENNO — Scotland's Carley Skorepa scored her 1,000th career kill as her Highlanders notched another nail-biting victory, 25-17, 24-26, 28-25, 17-25, 15-11 over Menno in prep volleyball action on Monday.

The match was the seventh five-setter for Scotland (11-15), which finished 6-1 in those matches.

Skorepa posted 18 kills, 22 digs and four ace serves on the night. Morgan Lavaway had 16 kills and four blocks. Jessica Thum finished with 12 kills, 16 digs and three ace serves. Kayla Fischer had 12 assists and four ace serves. Alex Conrad had 14 assists and Shannon Fanning added 21 digs in the victory.

For Menno, Abby Herboldt led the way with 10 kills and 11 digs. Devon Bloch posted eight kills and eight blocks. Marissa Buechler finished with 14 digs and nine assists. Laura Wollmann added a team-best 16 digs.

Both teams head to District 9B play, beginning on Nov. 4.

Menno won the JV match 18-25, 25-22, 15-8.

SCOTLAND (11-15).....25 24 28 17 15
MENNO (1-23).....17 26 26 25 11

Gayville-Volin 3, Avon 0

GAYVILLE — Monday night saw Avon High School travel to Gayville-Volin for a regular season match. The

home side defeated Avon with a score of 3-0.

Kelia Barta led Gayville-Volin with 12 kills and Genevieve Clark added 10 kills while also recording 11 digs. Grace Dangel ended the night with 26 set assists and seven digs for her team.

For Avon, Sami DeJong had four kills, one set assist and one dig. Amanda Riff recorded 15 digs, one kill and a single ace serve.

Gayville-Volin will be in action again on Nov. 4 as they travel to Centerville for districts.

The junior varsity teams were also in action. Avon was able to beat the home side 2-1 with set scores of 25-15 12-15 15-7.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN.....25 25 25
AVON.....10 14 20

Platte-Geddes 3,

Winner 2

WINNER — Platte-Geddes defeated Winner on Monday night with a score of 3-2. Set scores were 26-24 22-25 25-21 11-25 15-11.

Kiera Hubers and Jada Nelson led Platte-Geddes with 17 and 15 kills respectively. Kaitlyn Bernens recorded 14 digs for the visiting side and Jenna Erickson ended the night with 34 assists, nine digs and two ace serves.

Sydney Fritz had a solid game for Winner as she

recorded 25 kills and 20 digs. Kelsey Bertram also made contributions by adding 16 kills, two blocks, 23 assists and 22 digs.

Winner will host Mount Vernon-Plankinton on Friday night.

Madison 3, Parkston 1

PARKSTON — The Madison Bulldogs rallied from a slow start to defeat Parkston 20-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-8 in prep volleyball action on Monday.

Serena Hopf had 11 kills, four blocks (1 solo) and 16 digs to lead a balanced Bulldog assault. Morgan Skluzacek had nine kills and 10 digs. Olivia Rud finished with eight kills and seven assisted blocks. Marisa Eimers posted 35 assists, three assisted blocks and four ace serves. Rozalind VandenBosch had five assisted blocks, Taylor Bird had 25 digs and Sydney Gustaf had 14 digs for the Bulldog defense.

For Parkston, Halli Heisinger had six kills and nine digs, and Whitney Weber had 21 assists to lead the way. Sadie Schoenfelder had 11 digs and Kenzie Lee had five kills, 10 digs, two blocks and two ace serves for the Trojans.

Parkston begins Region 5A play on Nov. 4. Madison ends the regular season on Thursday at Tea.

MADISON (20-6).....20 25 25 25
PARKSTON (21-10).....25 20 23 8

Parker 3, Howard 1

HOWARD — Parker defeated Howard 25-20, 25-16, 20-25, 25-15 in Big East Conference action on Monday in Howard.

Kelsey Dawson and Taylor Noid combined for a total of 16 kills for the home side. Kayla Pardy had six digs and Isabelle Becker added four. Cayla Keopsell ended the night with six blocks and Citori Rentz recorded 10 assists.

Rylie Christensen made 15 kills for Parker and Hannah Herlyn added 11. Jenny Smith had 16 digs and Brittany Olson added 15 more. Smith also added 40 assists for her team.

Howard holds a record of 10-12 and will play Colman Egan on Thursday night. Parker ends their regular season with a record of 26-3 and will play their first round of districts at home on the Nov. 6.

HOWARD.....20 16 25 15
PARKER.....25 25 20 25

Dakota Valley 3,

Tea Area 0

NORTH SIOUX CITY — It was senior night for the ladies from Dakota Valley and what better way to celebrate

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