

New Rivals NDSU, SDSU Open League Play Against Each Other

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FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Fresh off a revival of one century-old college football series, the North Dakota State Bison are moving from a dress rehearsal to the real thing.

The four-time defending Football Championship Subdivision winners defeated old rival North Dakota in their last game, a non-conference matchup. The Bison now travel to face recent rival South Dakota State to begin Missouri Valley Football Conference play.

It's early, yes, but still a gauge for the pecking order of a league that has five teams ranked in the top 10.

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a week off after the Sept. 19 UND game, which was the 111th meeting overall between the two but the first in a dozen years. While the easy NDSU win did not match the pre-game publicity, Smith agreed that it was a good warmup on how to prepare for SDSU.

"It is another game and an opportunity to go 1-0, but it is SDSU and I know they're going to be gunning for us," NDSU cornerback C.J. Smith said. "So we have to ramp up our level of play."

The Bison had up to Division I in 2003 and when their in-state counterparts opted to stay at Division II, the annual game between the two land-grant universities gained added significance — and a piece of the rock as incentive. The Dakota Marker is a 75-pound model replica of the original quartzite monuments that once framed the border between the states.

"I guess you could say that," he said. "Coach (Chris) Klieman, I think, he did a great job of focusing us in and making sure we knew that this was just another game."

NDSU and SDSU both moved up to Division I in 2003 and when their in-state counterparts opted to stay at Division II, the annual game between the two land-grant universities gained added significance — and a piece of the rock as incentive. The Dakota Marker is a 75-pound model replica of the original quartzite monuments that once framed the border between the states.

Asked whether SDSU has replaced UND as its No. 1 rival, Klieman said it's difficult for him to judge.

"If you're a former player here, especially in the '70s, '80s, '90s, you would say UND was the top rival," Klieman said. "That was my first time playing them in my five years here. Our guys, the current kids on our roster had never played them. It was a big football game, make no doubt about it ... but in the same respect it's not a conference game anymore."

This is the 104th meeting between NDSU (2-1) and SDSU (3-0), dating back to 1903. NDSU has won seven straight and holds a 58-40-5 advantage overall. SDSU has a 26-23-2 edge in Brookings, where the Bison have won their last two trips after losing four straight.

Jackrabbits head coach John

Stiegelmeier said one thing is certain about Saturday's 6 p.m. game: SDSU will set a stadium record for attendance.

"It will be a fun night," Stiegelmeier said. "It's a rivalry game so it has that juice to it. Their fans our crazed, our fans are doing a great job."

Klieman said both teams will have "a ton of football" remaining after the weekend. That includes seven conference games and perhaps an early-round playoff matchup against each other.

"It's a big game for both schools, but in the same respect there's a lot of football after this," he said. "This is by no means a life or death or 'lose and you're out' mentality."

MMC Men 10th In GPAC Golf After Two Rounds

LINCOLN, Neb. — Mount Marty College maintained its hold on 10th place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) men's golf race, after a 10th place finish at Thursday's second qualifier at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln.

Northwestern finished first Thursday with a team score of 296, five shots better than Midland. Hastings was third at 304, while Mount Marty was 10th at 319.

Leading the way for the Lancers were Luke Loecker (76), Joe Brinkman (79) and Robbie Neswick (79).

Through two of the league's four qualifiers, Northwestern ranks first at 585, while Doane (597), Midland (599), Dakota Wesleyan (601) and Hastings (601) are in striking distance. Mount Marty sits 10th at 639, well in front of Briar Cliff (666).

The final two GPAC qualifiers will be held in the spring.

Twins Rally For Win Over Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Minnesota Twins got even with Jose Ramirez without targeting him. Cleveland's second baseman took care of any retaliation all by himself.

Ramirez's costly throwing error helped Minnesota score two unearned runs in the ninth inning, giving the Twins a 4-2 victory that moved them a little closer to an AL wild-card spot.

Pinch-runner Eduard Nunez scored from third base on a wild pitch and Torii Hunter hit a sacrifice fly off Cody Allen (2-5) in the ninth as the Twins pulled within one game of idle Houston for the second wild-card berth with three games left.



Yankton senior Dani Dvorak puts the ball in play during a home game earlier this season. Dvorak and the Gazelles begin play in the state high school softball tournament today (Friday) in Sioux Falls.

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A young Yankton Gazelles squad took its lumps in the 2015 season, going 11-18. At this weekend's state tournament in Sioux Falls, they hope to start dishing a few out.

The Gazelles face sixth-seeded Watertown to open the tournament today (Friday) at Sherman Park. While Yankton has struggled at times, the growth in the team has been evident — even from the first to the second game of a double-header, said Yankton assistant coach Bob Cabalka.

"There were a lot of games where we would get beat big in the first one, then come back and play with them in the second," he said. "We played very well at the ESD last weekend."

Yankton boasts just three seniors, two of which were starters: Liz Suing (.349, 7 doubles, 23 RBI) and Dani Dvorak (.167, 5 RBI). Ciara Kulhavy (3-6, 2 RBI at varsity level) spent much of the season at the JV level but could be a factor at state, according to Cabalka.

Cabalka is hoping to see a good weekend from the team's seniors.

"I call it 'senior magic,'" he said. "Seniors usually realize it's their last year and have an excellent tournament. I'm expecting big things out of them this weekend."

Juniors Lexie McCorkell (.313, 12 runs, 5 RBI) and Taylor Bauder (.261, 2 doubles, 2 triples, 10 runs, 6 RBI) have played key roles in the lineup, with Bauder anchoring first base and

McCorkell developing into the Gazelles' top pitcher (5-10, 7.31 ERA, 67 IP, 26 K).

"Taylor worked herself into being a good first baseman. She's learning the speed of the game both offensively and defensively," Cabalka said. "Lexie has put in a lot of hard work. She hadn't pitched in four, five years, but she's come to practice an hour early to throw the ball."

Bailey Kortan (.560, 3 HR, 10 doubles, 2 triples, 24 RBI, 35 runs, 12 SB), Bailey Sejnoha (.360, 4 doubles, 3 triples, 28 RBI), Alix Peterka (.333, 1 HR, 3 triples, 23 RBI), Bailey Peterka (.329, 4 doubles, 1 triple, 19 RBI) and Lily Ryken (.323, 3 HR, 3 doubles, 1 triple, 14 RBI) have all been key contributors offensively. Sejnoha has also been a contributor on the pitching rubber, going 5-8 with 23 strikeouts and a 7.20 ERA in 58 1/3 innings.

"We've been hitting the ball pretty well," Cabalka said. "One of the things that (head coach) Bernie (Goeden) always says is that if you put the ball in play, good things can happen."

The Gazelles, who averaged 6.6 runs per game, need to hold opponents in check to have an opportunity to make a deep run.

"If we keep our errors down, we'll be OK," Cabalka said.

The Class A tournament runs through Saturday. The Class B tournament, which includes Vermillion and Dakota Valley, begins on Saturday and runs through Sunday.

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Volleyball

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Alcester.
ALCESTER-HUDSON (3-10).....17 20 19
FREEMAN ACADEMY (14-1).....25 25 25

Baltic 3, Centerville 0

CENTERVILLE — Baltic swept past Centerville 25-10, 25-9, 25-9 on Thursday night as part of the Tri-Valley Conference Tournament.

Logan O'Toole led Centerville with two kills and eight digs. Emily Snyder had four digs, two assists and two ace serves.

There are no stats available for Baltic at this time.

Baltic will play Gayville-Volin for third place and Centerville for seventh on Satuday.

Alcester-Hudson 3, Irene-Wakonda 0

GAYVILLE — Alcester-Hudson defeated Irene-Wakonda 25-13, 25-19, 25-23 in the Tri-Valley Conference Tournament

on Thursday in Gayville.

Kassidy Walth led the Cubs with 13 kills and 16 digs. Olivia Limoges and Amelia Stene each had six kills for the Cubs, while Kylee Nygard had 20 set assists.

Caitlin Hinseth had a team-high eight kills for Irene-Wakonda, and Taylor Lee had 13 digs.

Alcester-Hudson will play for fifth place of the TVC tournament on Saturday, and Irene-Wakonda will take on Gayville-Volin next Tuesday.
IRENE-WAKONDA (5-7).....13 19 23
ALCESTER-HUDSON (3-10).....25 25 25

Gayville-Volin 3, Irene-Wakonda 0

GAYVILLE — Gayville-Volin swept Irene-Wakonda 25-9, 25-22, 25-23 on Thursday night as part of the Tri-Valley Conference Tournament.

Gayville-Volin's Traia Hubbard ended her night with 14 kills and six digs. Grave Dangel provided 30 assists and added 15 digs.

On Saturday, Gayville-Volin will play for third place and Irene-Wakonda will play for fifth place.
IRENE-WAKONDA (5-7).....9 22 23

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (8-2).....25 25 25

Other Matches

Bon Homme 3, Menno 0
TYNDALL — Bon Homme was able to sweep past Menno on Thursday night with scores of 25-11, 25-10, 25-10.

Jeni Schmidt led the offense for Bon Homme with 11 total kills and one ace serve. Morgan Rothschild and Sierra Mesman each recorded 10 digs for the home side while Alie Adams provided 32 assts.

For Menno, Tara Spencer recorded six kills and 13 digs to lead her team. Bon Homme's JV squad was also able to fend off Menno with set scores of 25-11, 25-18.

Bon Homme will host Freeman on Oct. 8, and Menno will host Canistota on Tuesday night.

MENNO (5-5).....11 10 10
BON HOMME (17-4).....25 25 25

Parkston 3, Scotland 0

PARKSTON — The Parkston Trojans swept Scotland 25-15, 25-12, 25-17 on Thursday night in Parkston.

Hali Heisinger led the way for the Trojans, totaling 15 digs, 10 kills, and four aces. Sydney Weber had 16 assists and six kills for the Trojans.

Taylor Gall led Scotland, as she totaled six kills. Alex Conrad had 17 assts, while Alexis DeBoer had four kills.

Parkston will play host to Platte-Geddes on Tuesday, and Scotland will

travel to Wagner on Tuesday.
SCOTLAND (4-9).....15 12 17
PARKSTON (6-10).....25 25 25

Hartington-Newcastle 3, Plainview 0

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington-Newcastle came away with a sweep over Plainview on Thursday night. The match ended 25-11, 25-12, 25-15.

Ryley Eickhoff recorded nine kills for Plainview, and Sophie Noecker had 24 digs.

There are no stats available for Hartington-Newcastle at this time.

Plainview will host Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Tuesday night and Hartington-Newcastle will travel to O'Neil.

PLAINVIEW (10-5).....11 12 15
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (5-8).....25 25 25

Parker 3, Garretson 0

GARRETSON — The Parker Pheasants dominated Garretson on Tuesday winning 25-15, 25-9, 25-4 on Tuesday night in Garretson.

Gabby Herlyn totaled 16 kills for Parker, while Rylie Christensen had 14 kills. Contessa Harold finished the match with four blocks, and Makenzie Dean had 41 assists in the win.

For Garretson, Lara Luke had six kills, and Morgan Gloe had 10 assists and 10 digs.

Garretson will host Tri-Valley on Monday, and Parker travels to Lennox

on Tuesday.
GARRETSON (1-14).....15 9 4
PARKER (16-5).....25 25 25

Hanson 3, Kimball-White Lake 1

ALEXANDRIA — Kynedi Cheeseman earned her 1,000th career kill in Hanson's 3-1 victory over Kimball-White Lake on Thursday night. The match ended with scores of 23-25, 25-15, 25-16, 25-16.

Cheeseman ended the night with an impressive 29 kills and 24 digs; Cheeseman is the only Hanson volleyball player to ever achieve 1000 kills. Tayah Waldera provided 38 assists for Hanson and Hannah Marquardt led with 29 digs.

Brooklyn Donald had seven kills for Kimball-White Lake and Cassie Natvig provided 12 assists.

Kimball-White Lake will host Mitchell Christian on Saturday and Hanson will host Viborg-Hurley on Monday night.
KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE (11-4).....25 15 16 16
HANSON (15-5).....23 25 25 25

Harrisburg 3, Huron 2

HURON — Harrisburg defeated Huron 17-15 in the fifth set to secure a 15-25, 22-25, 28-26, 25-18, 17-15 Eastern South Dakota Conference win on Thursday night in Huron.

Sami Slaughter led the Harrisburg attack with 21 kills. Madison Wassink

totalled 12 kills, and McKenna Mathiesen had 11 kills. Rachel Nelson had 26 digs, and Avery Thorson finished the match with 27 assists and six blocks.

For Huron, Sarah Cair had 22 kills to lead the way. Shannon Kats totaled 14 kills, and Lexy Hlanzer had four blocks and three ace serves.

Harrisburg will have another road game on Saturday with Aberdeen Central. Huron will host Sturgis Brown in a tournament on Saturday.

HARRISBURG (11-1).....15 22 28 25 17
HURON (3-9).....25 25 26 18 15

McCook Central-Montrose 3, Tri-Valley 1

MONTROSE — Danielle Hansen totaled 14 kills, as McCook Central/Montrose defeated Tri-Valley 25-23, 22-25, 25-20, 25-19 on Thursday night in Montrose.

Morgan Koepsell also had 11 kills and four blocks for MCM. Nicole Bies had 33 assists, and Morgan Sechser totaled 25 digs.

Tri-Valley was led by Brooke Kulzer, who totaled 14 blocks and nine kills. Kaylee Winger had four kills, and Madison Swier finished with 40 assists.

MCM will take on Baltic on Monday in Salem, and Tri-Valley host Wagner on Saturday.

TRI-VALLEY (7-5).....23 25 20 19
MCCOOK CENTRAL/MONT. (8-9).....25 22 25 25

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doubt relish in its conference championship.

"To get an ESD title is always exciting," Ewald said. "We all take a lot of pride in our conference, and when we all go to state, we're rooting for each other."

Up next is the South Dakota State Tennis Tournament, which will be held Oct. 8-10 in Sioux Falls and Brandon. The next week will allow Yankton, in particular, to learn from what it did at ESD, Velk said.

"We'll critique a few things and rest up as well," she said. "We want to make sure we're working on our consistency while being aggressive and confident."

Her performance on Thursday should help Kouri a week from now, she said.

"I have that confidence boost to know I can win now," Kouri said.

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Freeman Academy put four runners in the top six to beat out Canistota 10-20. Canistota's Mason Decker won in 16:59.3, followed by Freeman Academy's Thaniel Schroeder (17:05.7) and Platte-Geddes' Zach Pettit (17:15.3).

In the girls' division, Freeman scored 13 points to beat

out Hanson (27) and Menno (28). Viborg-Hurley's Jacia Christiansen won in 20:46.4, followed by Menno's Morgan Edelman (20:49.3) and Freeman's Rebecca Eberts (20:57.3).

Both varsity races were 5,000 meters.

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Freeman Academy 10, Canistota 20, Platte-Geddes 30, Viborg-Hurley 36, Hanson 46, Freeman 52, Menno 63

TOP 15: 1, Mason Decker, Canistota 16:59.3; 2, Thaniel Schroeder, Freeman Academy 17:05.7; 3, Zach Pettit, Platte-Geddes 17:15.3; 4, Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 17:28.3; 5, Brennan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 17:31.4; 6, Dane Allison, Freeman Academy 17:48.6; 7, Mandre Adams, Canistota

17:48.8; 8, Logan Hansen, Viborg-Hurley 18:01.8; 9, Dalton Bodewitz, Freeman 18:02.7; 10, Blake Ferry, Hanson 18:07.5; 11, Logan Slack, Viborg-Hurley 18:08.6; 12, Connor Tuschen, Bridgewater-Emery 18:20.8; 13, Jacob Gallman, Canistota 18:22.0; 14, Luke Knutson, Mitchell Christian 18:29.8; 15, Caden Together, Platte-Geddes 18:43.6

GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Freeman 13, Hanson 27, Menno 28, Platte-Geddes 34, McCook Central-Montrose 41, Avon 59

TOP 15: 1, Jacia Christiansen, Viborg-Hurley 20:46.4; 2, Morgan Edelman, Menno 20:49.3; 3, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 20:57.3; 4, Kendra Jensen, Alcester-Hudson 20:59.1; 5, Reganne Engelbreton, Platte-Geddes 21:24.5; 6, Ellie Tuschen, Hanson 21:29.1; 7, Hannah Eberts, Freeman 21:40.9; 8, Sarah Wipf, Freeman 21:46.7; 9, Hanna Robinson, Hanson 21:47.1; 10, Alicia Grassmid, Menno 21:58.5; 11, Elena Waite, Alcester-Hudson 22:07.9; 12, Kirsten Paetow, Viborg-Hurley 22:16.3; 13, Lindsey Weeldreyer, Bridgewater-Emery 22:20.3; 14, Emmanie Edwards, Freeman 22:28.3; 15, Isabel Saylor, Freeman 22:32.2

historic O'Gorman-Yankton football rivalry.

"All that speaks to is how good Yankton has been for a long time and how good O'Gorman has been," Kueter said. "If you look at Arlin, he's right up there too, so that's a tribute to Yankton."

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Game Day

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knows it has to be ready for something through the air, according to Likness.

"They still run the base O'Gorman stuff very well, but they also spread it out more," Likness said. "They have a lot of talent."