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Mount Marty's Allison Cross attacks the ball during the Lancers' matchup with Mayville State in the MMC volleyball Classic on Friday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Mayville State Rallies Past Lancers 3-2

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The Mount Marty College volleyball team came up just short of a non-conference home win on Friday afternoon.

The Lancers lost to Mayville State in five sets after having a 2-0 set lead. The final scores were 20-25, 19-25, 25-21, 25-21, and 20-18.

The game was part of the Mount Marty Volleyball Classic that is going on through today (Saturday) at Cimpl Arena.

Mount Marty head coach Frank Hebenstreit mentioned how he thought his team played overall.

"We played really well the first two games by being fast with good percentages and obviously we didn't do well with those same thing later," Hebenstreit said.

"They kept fighting pretty hard, but we had absolute control of that match and gave it away with errors and not controlling the tempo."

In the loss for the Lancers, Lindsey Jaixen had 26 set assists and 12 digs. Sierra Kloth had 21 kills and five digs. BreAnne Thege had 32 digs.

As a team, Mount Marty had 63 kills, 57 set assists, and 90 digs.

Jaixen said that despite the loss, she thought her team played five competitive sets.

"It was a tough fight on the five sets, but we really played with a lot of heart," she said.

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Crofton Claims Second In Mid-State Meet

PIERCE, Neb. – The Crofton Warriors claimed a pair of runner-up finishes in the Mid-State Conference Cross Country Meet, held on Friday in Pierce.

The Boone Central girls beat out Crofton 22-37 after putting two runners right behind medalist Haley Arens of Crofton (19:34). Boone Central's Ashlynn Bader (20:05) and Christina Stopak (20:09) finished second and third.

On the boys' side, O'Neill's Grant (16:42) and Blake (16:59) Johnston finished 1-2 as the Eagles beat Crofton 25-30. Norfolk Catholic's Jonah Heng was third (17:05), followed by Crofton's Jake Neuhalfen (17:22).

GIRLS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Boone Central 22, Crofton 37, Wayne 39, O'Neill 66, Norfolk Catholic 67, Battle Creek 110

TOP 15: 1, Haley Arens, Crofton 19:34; 2, Ashlynn Bader, Boone Central, 20:05; 3, Christina Stopak, Boone Central, 20:09; 4, Audrey Stelling, Norfolk Catholic, 20:15; 5, Hannah Leonard, Wayne, 20:23; 6, Taylor Starman, Boone Central, 20:31; 7, Krista Zavadi, Crofton, 20:41; 8, Whitney Watson, O'Neill, 20:58; 9, Marcella Jurloch, Wayne, 20:59; 10, Abby Gillham, O'Neill, 21:00; 11, Marta Puller, Wayne, 21:01; 12, Sam Alwine, Crofton, 21:02; 13, Katie Goodwater, Boone Central, 21:15; 14, Andrea Torres, Wayne, 21:28; 15, Gabi Meyer, Wayne, 21:38

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: O'Neill 25, Crofton 30, Norfolk Catholic 50, Boone Central 52, Wayne 73, Battle Creek 130

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Bucks Bounce Back, Blast Tigers

HURON – The Yankton High School football team got back on track in a big way Friday night.

Coming off consecutive shutouts, the Bucks exploded for 38 points in the first half and rolled to a 45-18 victory over Huron in Eastern South Dakota Conference football action in Huron.

Not only were the 45 points the most for Yankton since the 2013 season, the Bucks extended their winning streak over Huron to 21 games.

Tanner Frick scored Yankton's first two touchdowns, runs of five and 32 yards. Sheldon Gant picked off a pass and returned it 20 yards for a score to give the Bucks a 22-0 lead after one quarter.

Yankton continued its offensive outburst in the sec-

ond quarter. Jared Rafferty hit a 26-yard field goal, Sheldon Gant scored on a 21-yard run and Nate Stephenson hit Brendan Caskey for a 38-yard score to give the Bucks a 38-0 lead at the half.

Caskey then opened the third quarter with a 31-yard touchdown run to give the Bucks a 45-0 cushion.

Huron (2-5) got its offense going after that, scoring on a Hyland Heinz 43-yard touchdown pass to Greg Conrad. Alex Hill later scored a pair of rushing touchdowns, to cut the final margin to 45-18.

Caskey finished the game with 78 rushing yards on 15 carries.

Yankton, now 4-3 on the season, returns home to face Douglas next Friday night.



MIKE CARROLL/HURON PLAINSMAN
Yankton's Sheldon Gant carries the ball during the opening half of a game Friday against Huron at Tiger Stadium.

Scotland Stays Unbeaten



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Scotland's Damien Fuerst, 15, tries to out-run a Gayville-Volin defender during Friday night's game in Scotland.

SCOTLAND – Despite trailing 12-0 early in the second quarter, Scotland rallied to beat Gayville-Volin 32-12 in a Class 9A football showdown Friday night in Scotland.

Grant Rice, who plays for Gayville-Volin, had two touchdowns in the first half one passing and the other rushing. After that, the game changed.

Logan Fischer had a 53 yard rushing touchdown to cut the deficit to 12-6 at the half. Scotland would go on to score four more touchdowns.

In the win for Scotland, Chase Mogck had 155 yards rushing and two touchdowns. He also had 11 tackles. Logan Fischer had 102 rushing yards and also scored two touchdowns.

For Gayville-Volin, Grant Rice had 42 yards passing and Zach Anderson had 64 yards rushing.

Scotland's next game is against Corsica Stickney in Corsica and Gayville-Volin's next game is home against Marty.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (3-3)	6	6	0	0	12
SCOTLAND (6-0)	0	6	14	12	32

Howard 22, Menno-Marion 20

MENNO – Gavin Reisdorfer ran for 127 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winner in the fourth quarter, as Howard edged Menno-Marion 22-20 on Friday night in Menno.

Howard (1-4) also got 77 yards on the ground from Dane Dornbusch and 37 yards from Michael Hofer.

For Menno-Marion (0-5), Jackson Diede rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns, while Trey Bohlmann added 34 yards and a touchdown. Diede, the quarterback, also passed for 59 yards.

Next week, Howard hosts Mount Vernon-Plankinton

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USD Takes Improved Defense To Western Illinois

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VERMILLION – As Joe Glenn sat on a sideline bench at the DakotaDome following a University of South Dakota football practice this week, he recapped some of the bright spots from his team's performance from the previous week.

Most of his focus centered on the defense.

And that's been a familiar topic – and for the Coyotes, a welcome change – this season for USD (2-2), which will take its No. 16-ranked defense to Western Illinois today (Saturday).

"We're doing a lot of things on defense we didn't do a year ago," Glenn said.

"I've been real proud of the way those kids are coming along. If they keep playing like that, we'll be in some games."

That outcome against Youngstown State was a bit deceiving for the USD defense: Three Coyote turnovers led directly to 17 points for the Penguins, which saw four of their scoring drives go for 4, 4, 1 and 2 plays.

Even the season-opening 34-0 loss at Kansas State had its bright spots for the USD defense: The Big 12 Conference Wildcats returned a kickoff for a

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touchdown and later had scoring drives of 1 and 5 plays.

Put another way, the Coyotes look to be much improved from a year ago, when stopping teams from having a big day became an issue.

"We're a totally different team than last year, I can see it," said Tyson Graham, a junior free safety. "Everybody has much more experience, which makes everything easier."

"The sky's the limit for us."

With mostly the same faces as last year's defense that allowed nearly an average of 40 points in league play, the Coyotes made an off-season switch from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 – with an extra lineman.

The result, to this point, has been immediate.

"The bodies we have fit a 4-3 better than what we did with the 3-4," said senior linebacker Ryan Hillier.

Seniors Drew Iddings and Nick Jacobs have controlled the middle of the line, while junior Colin Mertlik and redshirt freshman Andrew Van Ginkel have given USD a boost from the edge. Backups like junior Sean Bredl, junior

Jon Maag and sophomore Jake Leohr have also produced.

"All those guys are freaky athletes, so we can just stay back there and do our thing," Graham said.

And so far, that thing has produced. A pair of nagging problems last year has now become a strength for USD: Pressure and takeaways. The Coyotes are already ahead of last year's pace with eight sacks (five Van Ginkel) and seven interceptions.

Perhaps the biggest area of improvement, however, has come in stopping the run.

Last year, the Coyote defense allowed teams to rush for 235 yards a game, while this season through four games that average is down to 127.

"The big thing for us is stopping the run," Hillier said. "We've always struggled with doing that. If we can do that and eliminate the big plays, we'll definitely have a shot."


The Coyotes will have perhaps their biggest test of the season Saturday at Western Illinois and its bruising running back Nikko Watson.

Despite missing the first two games this season, the 6-foot, 250-pound junior – who sat out last year – has rushed for

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P&D FILE PHOTO
South Dakota's Andrew Van Ginkel, 17, hits Drake quarterback Cody Thibault as USD's Drew Iddings leaps to get in the passing lane during their college football matchup on Sept. 19 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. The Coyote defense will look to make an impact as USD travels to Western Illinois today (Saturday).



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