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Wisconsin linebacker Joe Schobert (58) sacks Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard (16) in the fourth quarter at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis., on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. Schobert has nine sacks through five games to lead the Badger defense.

Huskers Say They're Ready For Wisconsin Run Game This Time

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska knows what's coming and believes it's ready.

The Cornhuskers knew last year, too, but definitely weren't prepared for Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon to run for an FBS-record 408 yards and four touchdowns in a demoralizing 35-point loss in Madison.

There's a new coaching staff at Nebraska, and defensive coordinator Mark Banker's unit has been among the best in the nation at stopping the run so far. These Huskers have yet to see the style of power running game Wisconsin presents, and fans still cringe when reminded of the 581 and 539 yards rushing Nebraska allowed the last two times the teams met.

Gordon has moved on to the NFL, top running back Corey Clement is still out recovering from sports hernia surgery and the Wisconsin

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their ground game.

The Huskers (2-3, 0-1) hope to do the same Saturday when Wisconsin (3-2, 0-1) visits in a key Big Ten West game.

"I'd say this defense is built to stop any team, but yes, I think that our defense may be especially suited for this type of offense," defensive end Jack Gangwish said. "Wisconsin has a very smash-mouth approach to football. They're going to run the ball straight at you. There's not a whole lot that's really fancy about what they do."

Taiwan Deal and Dare Ogunbowale will share the carries, and quarterback Joel

Stave will use play-action to try to exploit a vulnerable Nebraska secondary.

Both teams are looking to rebound following disappointing losses. The Huskers are off to their worst start since 1959 after Illinois drove the field in the last minute to pull out a 14-13 win. Stave committed four turnovers in a 10-6 loss at home to Iowa.

"We've got to do a better job of continuing to help coach our guys and help them grow. And we get that opportunity this week, and that's what's fun — and with a group that wants to get better, a group that wants to be coached," first-year Badgers coach Paul Chryst said.

Some things to watch as the teams battle for the Freedom Trophy:

RILEY-CHRYST REUNION: Wisconsin's Chryst and Nebraska's Mike Riley have a history dating to 1991. Riley hired Chryst as an assistant on the team he coached in the old World League

of American Football, and Chryst also was his aide at Oregon State and with the San Diego Chargers.

"I think one of the things that we both have in common is we respect the game and truly respect those that play it, and our job is to help them play it," Chryst said. "So I don't feel like it's me against Mike."

D-LINE SHUFFLE: Nebraska remains short-handed on the defensive line. Tackles Vincent Valentine and Kevin Williams have been battling injuries, tackle Kevin Maurice is out four weeks with a stress fracture and end Freedom Akinmoladun will miss two weeks with a knee injury. End Greg McMullen probably will move inside and line up alongside Malek Collins. Gangwish and Ross Dzuris would then be the primary ends.

WISCONSIN INJURIES: TE Austin Traylor, who hurt an

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Jacks Look To Put NDSU Loss Behind Them

BY TYLER TEAL

Jackrabbit Sports Service

BROOKINGS — Dead and gone. That's how the now 8th ranked South Dakota State University Jackrabbits are looking at last weekend's deflating 28-7 loss to NDSU in front of a record crowd of 17,348 home fans.

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All struggles aside, The Jacks are choosing to come away from the messy game with a positive take. A five-game stretch of the season that features four ranked opponents. Maybe a little jolt is all they need.

"Hopefully it motivates us," Coach John Stiegelmeier said. "We can't turn that into a second loss where you lose confidence, you lose energy and you lose your spirit."

Enter the 19th ranked Indiana State Sycamores. Both teams sit at 3-1 coming into the weekend and both bolster high powered offensive units.

ISU is averaging 37.8 points per game, the top scoring offense in the MVFC. They have already had two 50+ point games this season.

They're led by a young but explosive quarterback, Matt Adam, who works behind a stout offensive line.

"It all revolves around their quarterback," Stiegelmeier said. "They have good skill and a huge line. 320, 340 [pound] average type of deal, but it all revolves around their quarterback who is a great thrower and a great runner and a great decision maker."

The 6-foot-1 sophomore is coming off a career game last weekend that saw him go 27-38 for 265 yards and four touchdowns as ISU cruised past Missouri State 56-28.

Junior running back Roland Genesy and wide receiver Gary Owens are just two of the weapons surrounding Adam.

Genesy had 17 carries last week for 98 yards, while the senior wide out Owens is on pace to break the ISU single season and career records in receiving touchdowns.

"We love it," senior Jimmie Forsythe said. "We love playing in the Missouri Valley, we love being tested like this every week."

Forsythe has 15 tackles on the year, with seven coming from last weekend against the Bison. The senior defense back is one of six Jackrabbit captains.

"It's boring coming in and knowing you're going to wax a team, so we love stepping up to the challenge," Forsythe said. "That's how we're built and that's what we're going to do."

This week's competition figures to be anything but boring.

A game that pits two high scoring offenses against one another, SDSU hopes to perfect their once hot offense that averaged more than 450 yards of total offense a game, but their defense is taking a simpler approach for this weekend.

"Just everybody do their job, not trying to do too much," Forsythe said. "Just as a corner just trying to cover the receiver while the quarterback is scrambling around, let the other guys tackle him."

Last weekend the Jacks gave up 21 first half points to NDSU, but they tightened up in the second half. Linebacker Jesse Bobbit led the way with 13 tackles.

The Jackrabbit offensive attack will be looking to bounce back as well and it starts in the trenches.

NDSU controlled the line of scrimmage and won the battle of total offensive yards with 385, compared to the Jack's 283 yards. That's a little more than half of the total yards SDSU averaged in the first three games (520.7 yards).

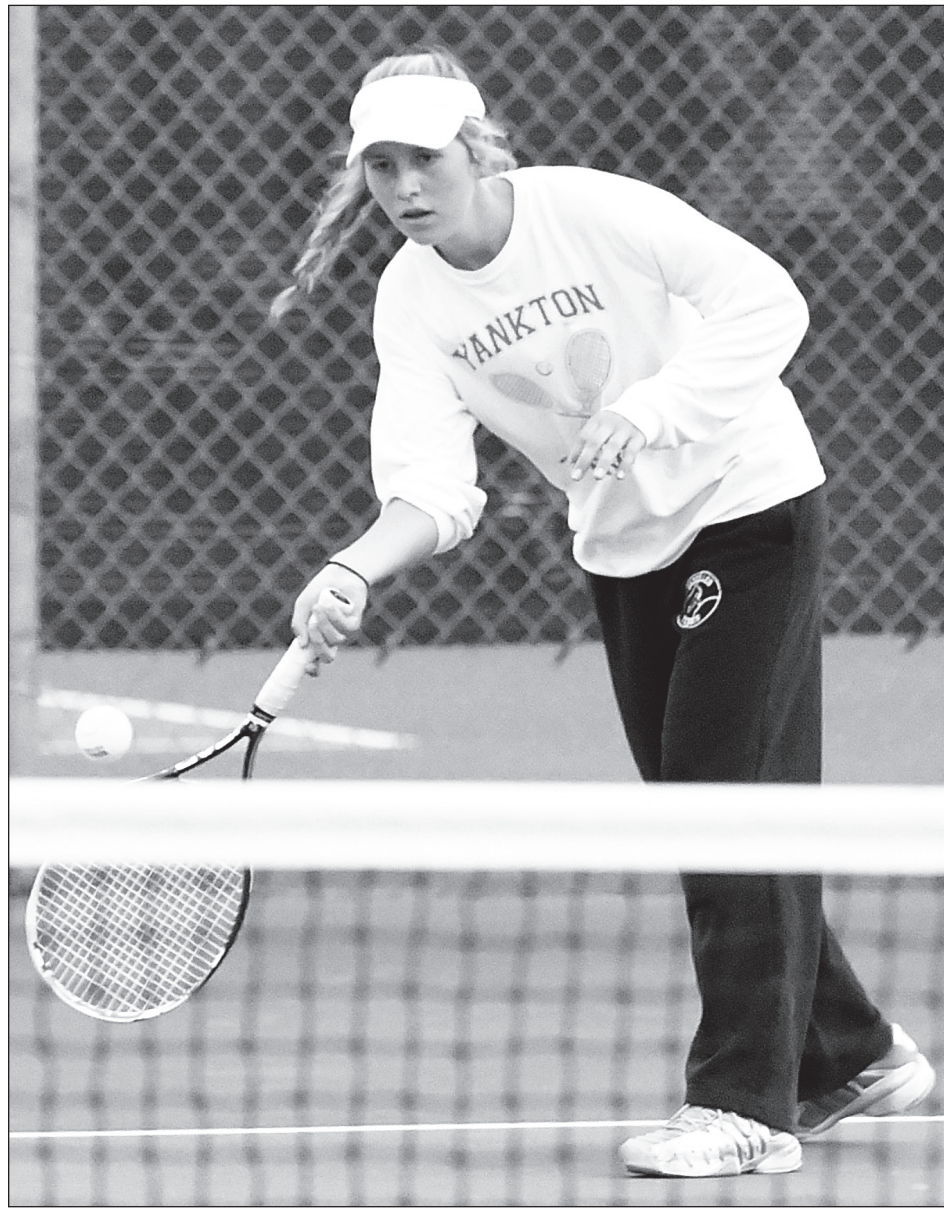
It didn't help that all of the Jacks offense came from the air; they were in the red on the ground, racking up -4 yards on 15 carries.

"We had a decent amount of yards passing, but that's probably because we couldn't run the ball as well as we liked," Stiegelmeier said. "[We] couldn't run the ball at all in some point in the game."

"We're confident," said Jacob Ohnesorge of the offensive line. "Last week is behind us, we've got our heads held high, we're improving on the things we need to from last week."

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Knoff Makes Consolation Final At State Girls' Tennis



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Anne Knoff hits a return against Brookings' Emma Lucchesi during their flight one singles consolation quarterfinal in the South Dakota State Girls' Tennis Tournament on Friday at McKennan Park in Sioux Falls.

SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Gazelles put one person in the consolation finals during second day action in the South Dakota State Girls' Tennis Tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton ended the second day of the tournament with 94 points for 15th place. St. Thomas More leads the team race with 530 points, followed by O'Gorman (474) and Stevens (417.5).

At flight one singles, Yankton's Anne Knoff advanced to the consolation final with victories over Brookings' Emma Lucchesi (10-6) and Huron's Michelle Johnson (10-3). Knoff will face Washington's Libby Nachtigal in the consolation final today (Saturday).

"I am very proud of Anne. She did awesome today," said Yankton head coach Kim Velk. "She had motivation and drive. She wanted to go all out, and her effort paid off."

Mimi Garcia was eliminated by Madison's Simone Droge 10-7 in the consolation quarterfinals at flight two singles. Sophie Kouri was eliminated by Milbank's Paige Johnson 10-2 in the consolation quarterfinals at flight three singles. Josie Krajewski was eliminated by Mitchell's Kelsey Dahme 10-2 in the consolation finals at flight four singles.

At flight one doubles, Knoff and Kouri dropped a 10-3 decision to Washington's Libby Nachtigal and Sadie Goodhope in the consolation quarterfinals. Huron's Cassidy Hedblom and Alison Fenske downed Yankton's Garcia and Krajewski 10-3 in the consolation quarterfinals at flight two doubles.

The Gazelles were the lower seed in the five consolation quarters they lost.

"Everyone across the board played their hearts out. By no means did they lay down," Velk said. "It's a credit to these girls. They decided that if they were going to get knocked out (of the tournament), they were going to go down fighting."

The 10th-ranked Knoff against the ninth-rated Nachtigal is the lone match for the Gazelles, who enter the day trailing Milbank by one point for 14th.

"It will be a tough battle," Velk said. "But if Anne plays like she did today, she should be in a good position."

"And hopefully coming home with a consolation championship."

The tournament concludes today (Saturday).

Alberto, Rangers Beat Blue Jays In 14th, Lead ALDS 2-0

BY IAN HARRISON

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TORONTO (AP) — Fed up with his own bat, Hanser Alberto grabbed one belonging to teammate Delino DeShields.

Good choice, rookie. Alberto, the seldom-used backup infielder, lined a tiebreaking single to center in the 14th inning, helping the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five American League Division Series.

"I didn't even ask him for it," Alberto said, smiling at DeShields sitting beside him on the post-game interview podium. "Good wood, too, you know?"

It sure was. DeShields then picked the bat up and put it to good use, driving in another run with an infield hit after Liam Hendriks replaced La Troy Hawkins (0-1).

The underdog Rangers will try to sweep the Blue Jays at home in Game 3 Sunday. Martin Perez will start for Texas against Marco Estrada.

"This is an uphill battle but

it's been done before," Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin said.

San Francisco was the last team to do it, coming back to beat Cincinnati three straight times after losing at home in the first two games of their 2012 NL Division Series.

Alberto, batting last and only in the lineup because star third baseman Adrian Beltre was out with a strained back, made an error that led to Toronto's first two runs but redeemed himself with his big hit in extra innings.

"We were pretty confident going into the second game regardless of Adrian getting hurt," DeShields said. "We were kind of bummed out about that, but we kept our heads up."

The 22-year-old Alberto, who made his big league debut this season, also had a sacrifice fly.

"It's extremely special for him," Rangers first-year manager Jeff Banister said. "Really, a guy that has sat at the end of the bench for us, an extra player."

Texas shut out the highest-scoring team in the majors after the fifth inning. The victory for

Banister's team made road clubs 5-0 in the playoffs to that point — the only previous time that happened in the postseason was the 1906 all-Chicago World Series, STATS said.

Kansas City snapped that skid a little later Friday with a 5-4 victory over Houston in Game 2 of their Division Series.

Keone Kela (1-0) worked one inning for the win, staying calm after a dustup with Toronto slugger Josh Donaldson.

Ross Ohlendorf, with an old-school, double-armed windup, finished for a save. The 33-year-old journeyman picked up the first save of his major league career earlier this year.

Mike Napoli hit a tying single for Texas in the eighth.

Another packed crowd at Rogers Centre that made a lot of noise early was quiet at the very end. Toronto, back in the postseason for the first time since winning the 1993 World Series, lost for the second straight day at home.

"Our backs are against the wall," Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki said. "It's not where you

want to be but that's what we're faced with."

Rougned Odor hit a two-out single off Hawkins in the 14th but was nearly thrown out after going too far around second base on a single by Chris Gimenez, with the call confirmed by replay review.

"You wonder if 50,000 could be wrong," Blue Jays outfielder Kevin Pillar said. "I'm pretty sure I saw some daylight there."

That call proved pivotal when Alberto lined a single to center, sending Odor tumbling home.

Donaldson was back in the lineup after taking a knee to the head trying to break up a double play in the opener. He homered in his return.

Both benches and both bullpens briefly emptied in the bottom of the 13th when Donaldson and Kela traded words after the slugger's deep fly went foul. Donaldson eventually struck out.

"We made eye contact and exchanged a few words," Donaldson said. "He didn't back down, I didn't back down. I'll leave it at that."

Royals Battle Past Astros To Even Series At 1-1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals whipped out the same formula that carried them to last year's World Series to turn back the Houston Astros and tie their AL Division Series at a game apiece.

Some clutch hitting. Stingy defense. An unflappable bullpen.

Even a little help from replay. "Just battling," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's what this team does so well."

The Royals rallied from a three-run deficit Friday, getting a go-ahead single from Ben Zobrist in the seventh inning, and then watched Wade Davis and the bullpen make it stand in a 5-4 victory that brought back memories of their nip-and-tuck postseason of a year ago.

The Royals knotted the game at 4 off Scott Kazmir and relievers Oliver Perez and Josh Fields in the sixth. Kansas City took the lead in the seventh when Alcides Escobar led off with a triple against Will Harris (0-1) and Zobrist followed with his single through the left side.

Kelvin Herrera (1-0) and Ryan Madson each tossed a scoreless inning for the Royals. and



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS
Houston Astros pinch runner Carlos Gomez is picked off by the tag from Kansas City Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer in the ninth inning in Game 2 of the ALDS on Friday, Oct. 9, at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals won, 5-4, to tie the series.

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