

Stiegelmeier: Lujan Still 'Number One Quarterback'



JACKRABBIT SPORTS SERVICE PHOTO
South Dakota State quarterback Taryn Christian celebrates after scoring during the Jackrabbits' victory over Indiana State last week. The freshman from Sioux Falls shined in relief of Zach Lujan, who missed the game due to injury.

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Is there a quarterback controversy in Brookings? More to the point, Zach Lujan or Taryn Christian? That second question is the one facing the South Dakota State football coaches after Christian – a true freshman – made national news for his performance in last Saturday's home win over nationally-ranked Indiana State.

The issue of the quarterback position was one of the first questions directed at SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier during Tuesday's Missouri Valley teleconference.

"It's up in the air right now," Stiegelmeier said. Lujan, who guided the Jackrabbits (4-1) to an FBS win over Kansas in the season opener and who ranks

sixth in the FCS in passing yards per game (311), suffered an injury in the loss to North Dakota State two weeks ago.

He was then replaced by Christian, a former Sioux Falls Roosevelt standout. All he did was pass for 221 yards and rush for 99 more in the win over Indiana State, a performance that earned him STATS National Freshman of the Week honors.

The question now is, who would get the start if Lujan is healthy in time for Saturday's game at Youngstown State? "In our program, in my 19 years as a head coach, if a starter is injured and loses his spot and comes back, he is automatically the number one," Stiegelmeier said.

"And right now, our number one quarterback is Zach Lujan."

Lujan went through some medical treatment on Mon-

day, and the SDSU coaches will be better able to evaluate his readiness on Wednesday or Thursday, Stiegelmeier said.

"We didn't practice (Monday), so I have no idea where he's at," Stiegelmeier said.

Where the Jackrabbits will be at Saturday will be away from home for the first time in six weeks.

The last time SDSU played a game away from home was the win in Kansas, and then came four straight at home (including a bye week). A routine can set in for players, particularly those true freshmen who have seen time this season, according to Stiegelmeier.

"We don't want those guys walking into the stadium and thinking they're a tourist," he said. "We show them pictures of the stadium, but it's up to all of us to handle those types of things."

"I think our leadership will do a great job mentoring those guys."

The same could be said for what Bo Pelini has done so far this season at Youngstown State.

The Penguins (3-2, 1-1), ranked No. 11/12 this week, boast the nation's fourth-best defense in terms of total yards allowed (268.4). They also lead the nation in fewest passing yards allowed (84.6), and a big reason for that improvement, Stiegelmeier said, is the leadership of Pelini, and his brother Carl.

"He's taken a bunch of really good athletes and I think he rekindled the spirit in those guys," Stiegelmeier said. "They're a much-improved team, and really athletic."

"It'll be a huge test for us on the road."

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Soccer: Briar Cliff Sweeps Mount Marty

SIoux CITY, Iowa – A 21-0 edge in shots helped Briar Cliff shut out Mount Marty College 2-0 in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's soccer action Tuesday afternoon in Sioux City.

Ellie Wegher and Makenna Taylor both scored in the first half for the Chargers (5-6-1, 2-3-1).

Meanwhile, for the Lancers (1-10, 0-6), goalkeeper Courtney True made 13 saves.

Mount Marty will hit the road to Denver, Colorado, for non-conference games Saturday and Sunday.

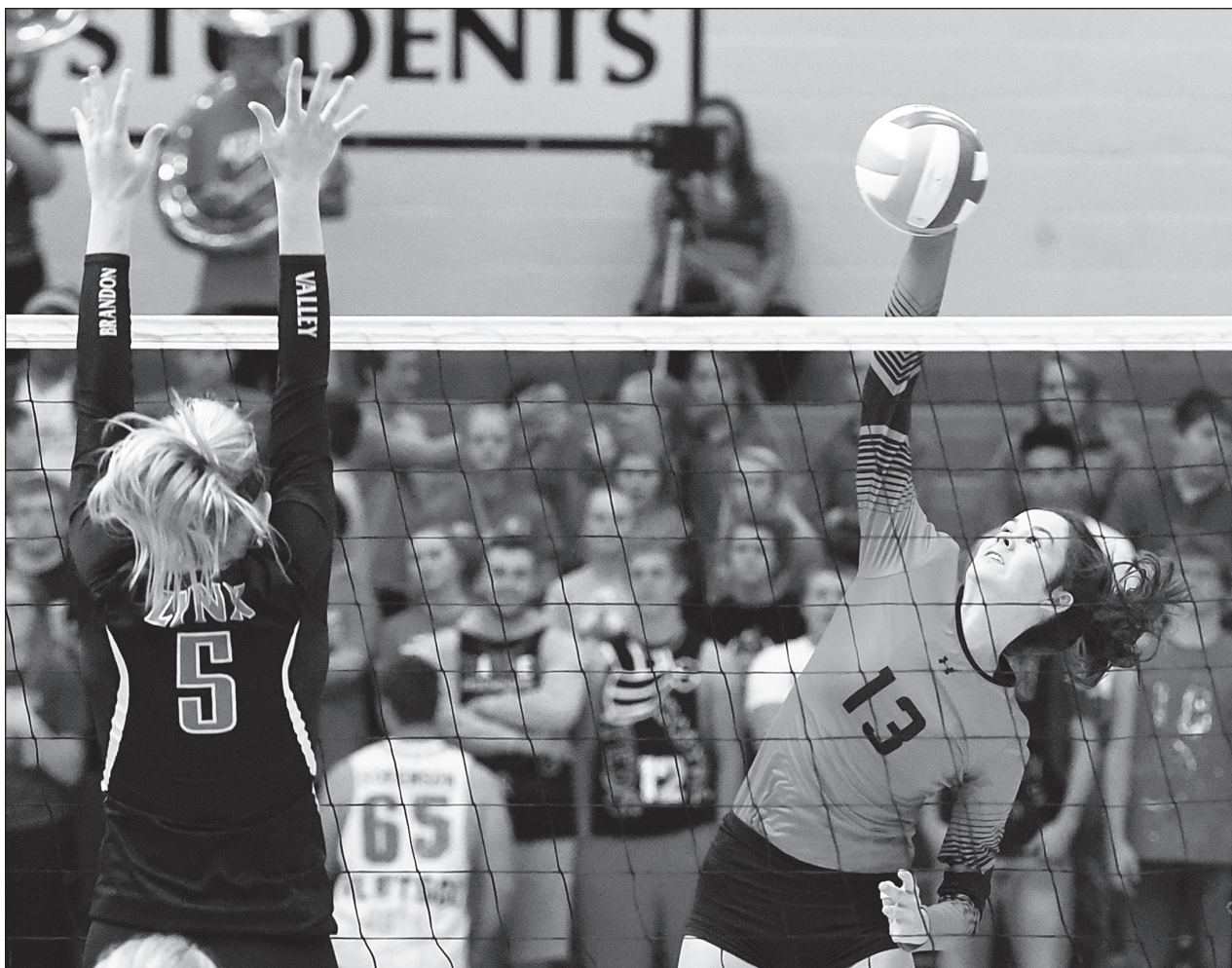
Men: BC 10, MMC 0

SIoux CITY, Iowa – Tyler Krajewski recorded a hat trick to lead Briar Cliff past Mount Marty College 10-0 in GPAC men's soccer action Tuesday afternoon in Sioux City.

Briar Cliff out-shot the Lancers 34-3 and also got goals from Luke Manganaro, Javi Magana, Kye Edwards, Prichard Sibanda, Christopher Nkoghe, Luis Hernandez and Erick Galvan.

The Lancers (0-12, 0-6), who were shut out for the fifth time in conference play, will travel to Colorado for a pair of non-conference games this weekend.

Lynx Sweep Past Yankton



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Yankton's Becky Frick, right, goes up for a kill over Brandon Valley defender Hanna Jellema during their volleyball match Tuesday night at the Summit Center.

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Errors doomed the Yankton Gazelles all night in an Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball loss to Brandon Valley.

"Practice and practice and practice," Yankton coach Tiffany Beste said. "The more reps kids can get, the better they are going to get at those things, so hopefully that will alleviate some."

The Lynx defeated Yankton 25-18, 25-22, 25-16 on Tuesday night at the Summit Center in Yankton.

"They're good, they are solid across the board," Beste said. "They do a lot of things the right way."

Brandon Valley was able to build a lead early in the first set thanks to Hanna Jellema, who had five kills and two aces to give them a 20-11 lead. The Gazelles were able to make a pair of runs, but ultimately fell to the Lynx 25-18. Danielle Salvatori contributed three kills and Becky Frick added a kill and a pair of aces in the set.

In the following set, Yankton and Brandon Valley were close the entire way, with the biggest lead being four points by the Lynx. The set was filled with multiple hitting errors by both teams, and neither of them could put a scoring streak together until Brandon Valley scored four in a row after being tied at 17. A pair of Sophie Drozmann kills helped the Gazelles fight back to 23-22 before Brandon Valley was able to finish them off 25-22.

Brandon Valley had its way in the beginning of the third set going up 7-2, but then allowing Yankton to tie them at 10. Yankton was able to take a 16-15 lead after the teams traded points, but then allowed Brandon Valley to score ten straight points to end the set and the game. During the final streak, the Lynx received two kills each from Elsie Zajicek, Abby Myers, and Paige Timmons, while Becca Koehn added one. Frick recorded four kills for the Gazelles in the final set.

"I thought we were pretty flat tonight, we didn't play with a lot of energy," Beste

Hora, Jacks Upend South Dakota

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State junior Nazya Thias and sophomore Mikala Hora combined for 23 kills to help the SDSU volleyball team sweep in-state rival South Dakota, 25-22, 25-21 and 25-20 Tuesday night in Summit League action.

Hora (Yankton) recorded a double-double with 11 kills and 11 digs. Thias added 12 kills and Mattison Munger kept the offense going with 35 assists.

"Well played match. It all came together. We've been playing on the road a lot. The last time we were home we played well. We were able to pull everything together this time and get the win. I'm extremely excited," SDSU head coach Nicole Cirillo said.

With the win, the Jackrabbits improve to 2-20 overall, 1-4 in league play and secure

SDSU's first point in the SD Corn South Dakota Show-down Series. USD falls to 7-12 and 1-5.

"There are times when you don't play your best, but you have to find a way to push through it," said South Dakota head coach Leanne Williamson. "Unfortunately we did not. We sat back and let them rattle us."

"We have to learn from this match and prepare for two teams that will not give us anything this weekend."

Junior Audrey Reeg led the Coyotes with a double-double and had 14 kills and 11 digs.

Sophomore setter Brittany Jessen also had a double-double with 35 assists and 14 digs.

The Coyotes got down early in the first set 13-5, but Reeg swatted down two kills

and junior Haley Jorgensen, Jessen, and freshman Hayley Dotseth added one apiece as South Dakota went on a 9-2 run to cut the lead to 15-14. That was the closest the Coyotes would get as the Jacks won the first set.

In the second set, the score was tied eight times. With the score at 17 apiece, the Jacks got three straight kills including two from Hora as they went on to win. South Dakota State carried that momentum to the third set and swept the Coyotes and won the match.

It was SDSU's first victory over the Coyotes since 2010, and the Jackrabbits' first home victory over the Coyotes since 2002.

The Coyotes return to the Coyote Den as they host IUPUI Friday at 5 p.m. and Fort Wayne Saturday at 7 p.m.

USD Men Land Texas Standout

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Brandon Armstrong hadn't been able to travel much in his life.

Basketball, though, allowed the 6-foot-5 wing from San Antonio, Texas, the opportunity to travel the country.

And starting next fall, he'll be venturing north to attend college.

Armstrong, who had two other Division I offers, said he verbally committed to the University of South Dakota men's basketball program on Tuesday night.

"Taking the opportunity to go for college was something I was looking forward to," he said by phone shortly after his announcement. "It feels great, knowing I had something to get me there."

His basketball potential

led him to make an official visit to USD in mid-September and later to New Hampshire. He also had an offer from Texas-Arlington, but in the end, Armstrong said he liked what he saw up in Vermillion.

"I think it's a good program, they're on the rise," said Armstrong, who is a senior at Brackenridge High School in San Antonio.

"I think my freshman year, we could do some damage."

Armstrong said he first came to the attention of USD coaches during a tournament this past summer in Texas. And ever since those first conversations that the staff was interested, it has been a "great relationship," Armstrong said.

He then made the official visit to USD and came away impressed with the atmo-

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Vavra, Anderson Lead Yankton At Home JV Invite



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Noah Anderson finished second in the JV boys' race at the Yankton JV Invitational cross country meet on Tuesday at the HSC Course.

Yankton girls claimed the top five spots in the junior varsity race at the Yankton JV Invitational cross country meet, held on Tuesday at the HSC course.

Carly Vavra led the Gazelles, winning the 5,000-meter event in 22:38.69. Lexi Rust (22:50.14), Rylie Andrus (23:47.60), Kristen Rezac (23:54.78) and Lauren Rezac (24:00.54) rounded out the top five.

In the JV boys' race, Norfolk's Cody Moore (19:19.66) beat out Yankton's Noah Anderson (20:03.16) for top honors. Harrisburg's Josh Krull (20:06.75) was third.

Norfolk's Annika Harhoorn (18:22.60) and Courtney Flohr (18:42.67) finished 1-2 in the 4,000-meter junior high girls' race. Yankton's Elise Heiman was fourth in 19:00.59.

Norfolk runners finished 1-2-3, led by Bryson Callies (14:45.71), in the junior high boys' race. Crofton's Connor Arens (15:07.02) was fourth. Yankton was led by Jakob Harrell (15:11.47) in sixth.

Yankton's varsity and sub-varsity finish the regular season at Brookings on Thursday.

JV GIRLS
TOP 10: 1, Carly Vavra, Yankton 22:38.69; 2, Lexi Rust, Yankton 22:50.14; 3, Rylie Andrus, Yankton 23:47.60; 4, Kristen Rezac, Yankton 23:54.78; 5, Lauren Rezac, Yankton 24:00.54; 6, Allison Hasebrook, Norfolk 24:06.60; 7, Kylie Bochman, Yankton 24:10.95; 8, Alexis Tjaden, Harrisburg 24:15.68; 9, Melissa McFarland, Norfolk 24:18.39; 10, Nicole Kumm, Norfolk 25:05.41

OTHER AREA: 12, Lauryn Perk, Yankton 26:37.95; 16, Kalle Hauser, Yankton 27:51.11; 19, Hannah Steffen, Yankton 28:08.75; 20, Kasey Erickson 28:10.53

JV BOYS
TOP 10: 1, Cody Moore, Norfolk 19:19.66; 2, Noah Anderson, Yankton 20:03.16; 3, Josh Krull, Harrisburg 20:06.75; 4, Dawson Meier, Norfolk 20:07.49; 5, Ashton Braun, Norfolk 20:08.71; 6, Ethan Brausey, Yankton 20:15.89; 7, Jackson Husman, Yankton 20:18.14; 8, John Haberer, Crofton 20:32.68; 9, Camden Cillar, Crofton 20:35.12; 10, Nicholas Wipf, Harrisburg 20:35.45

OTHER AREA: 13, Max Boecker, Crofton 21:12.26; 15, Josh Carr, Yankton 21:25.89; 17, Luke Allison, Freeman Academy 21:49.89; 18, Johnny Neu, Yankton 22:04.46; 19, Ty Schultz, Yankton 22:09.04; 23, Isiah Woods, Yankton 23:01.27; 24, Jesse Riding, Yankton 23:07.67; 27, Thomas Stewart, Crofton 23:35.44; 29, Anon Huntley, Yankton 23:56.40; 31, Dylan Kortan, Yankton 24:06.20; 32, Skye Nockels, Yankton 24:10.17; 33, Avery Brockberg, Yankton 24:29.44; 35, Ryan Lucht, Yankton 26:12.96; 37, Jacob Paulsen, Yankton 26:39.14

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS
TOP 10: 1, Annika Harhoorn, Norfolk 18:22.60; 2, Courtney Flohr, Norfolk 18:42.67; 3, Elise Heiman, Williams, Harrisburg 18:49.89; 4, Elise Heiman, Yankton 19:00.59; 5, Maggie Wipf, Harrisburg 19:03.70; 6, Makayla Clouse, Norfolk 19:08.31; 7, Bridget Raff, Pierce 19:36.03; 8, Natalie Reynolds, Norfolk 19:55.89; 9, Isabella Glasman, Norfolk 19:45.86; 10, Maddy Nelson, Harrisburg 19:54.10

OTHER AREA: 11, Abby Weber, Yankton 20:02.74; 12, Mackenzie Havranek, Yankton 20:26.45; 13, Grace Livingston, Yankton 20:27.84; 14, Lauren Moon, Yankton 20:29.69; 16, Alexis Boldenow, Crofton 20:49.98; 19, Liliana Annenbring, Yankton 21:04.46; 22, Rylie Oestemeier, Crofton 21:36.58; 23, Kaira Vornhagen, Crofton 21:38.97; 24, Elyssa Trapp, Crofton 21:39.05; 33, Taylor Weber, Yankton 25:30.00



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Yankton's Carly Vavra claimed top honors in the JV girls' race of the Yankton JV Invitational cross country meet on Tuesday at the HSC course.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS
TOP 10: 1, Bryson Callies, Norfolk 14:45.71; 2, Matthew Protzman, Norfolk 14:48.97; 3, Bertly Brummond, Norfolk 15:03.79; 4, Connor Arens, Crofton 15:07.02; 5, Mason Olmer, Norfolk 15:08.55; 6, Jakob Harrell, Yankton 15:11.47; 7, Caleb Roemhildt, Norfolk 15:25.30; 8, Stephen Metcalf, Norfolk 15:27.1p; 9, Seth Higginbotham, Norfolk 15:30.26; 10, Nathan Graae, Norfolk 15:42.87

OTHER AREA: 14, Mason Welker, Yankton 16:05.87; 15, Victory Duarte, Yankton 16:27.53; 16, Titus Roessler, Freeman Academy 16:28.67; 22, Tucker Bahm, Yankton 17:29.19; 23, Tristan Redman, Yankton 17:37.72; 24, Jared Cutler, Yankton 17:42.23; 26, Kaleb Worm, Yankton 18:08.11; 27, Garrett Cutler, Yankton 18:21.60; 30, Gavin Haggerty, Freeman Academy 19:35.84; 36, Hudson Rettig, Yankton 22:08.73; 38, Tre Hayes, Yankton 23:29.07