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South Dakota's Kelsey Bilttoft, left, and Brittany Jensen celebrate a Coyote point during a Summit League home volleyball match with Fort Wayne on Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

USD Rolls Past 'Dons For Weekend Sweep

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VERMILLION – The South Dakota Coyotes led the entire match as they defeated the Fort Wayne Mastodons 25-12, 25-20, 25-16 in Summit League volleyball Saturday at the Coyote Den in the Dakota Dome in Vermillion.

"I think our team was determined when they made a push at the beginning of each set to hold that as long as they could and actually extend the lead and that was our goal," Coyotes coach Leanne Williamson said.

Saturday's victory, along with Friday's win over IUPUI, completes a weekend sweep of the Summit League's two Indiana teams.

Growth was the main theme for Williamson in the game.

"We are growing," William-

son said. "We have learned from some of our previous matches, and maybe disappointments, and they don't want to feel that again."

The Coyotes jumped out to an early lead in the first set, scoring eight straight points to go up 12-3. The streak included a total of seven kills with two apiece from Brittany Jensen, Lindsey Brown, and Hayley Dotseth. At 19-to-12 USD would go on another run to finish off the set, with Dotseth recording two aces. Jensen and Brown combining for two blocks, and an Audrey Reeg kill to finish the set.

Much of the same happened in the second set with the Coyotes scoring the first five points. Fort Wayne scored five in a row to make it 23-20 before Brown would finish the set with a block and kill.

USD would build another big early lead in the third set and, with Reeg and Haley Jorgensen each recording four kills, the Coyotes never looked back.

"I think the learning process is huge for us right now and I think it's starting to pay off for us," Williamson said. "Some players have really stepped up and I am very happy with the way the team is progressing at this point."

The game brings USD and Fort Wayne into a tie at 3-5 in the Summit League. The Coyotes will travel to play Oral Roberts on Friday.

For the Coyotes, Dotseth led the team with 10 kills, while Jorgensen and Reeg added nine. Jorgensen hit .529 with no errors. Jensen contributed 31 assists to lead the game. Reeg and Jensen combined to lead the team in digs with 12 each. Brown and

Bilttoft each contributed three total blocks.

"We give Brittany some ideas at the beginning of each match, but we really want her to feel what the game is like and who is having success," Williamson said. "Both of them were, and they are not the two that always lead out team, but for our setter to know that and get them the ball more often is good and shows that Brittany is growing as a setter."

For Fort Wayne, Somer Johnson led with eight kills, Madison Jaqua led with 11 assists, and Oliva Hahn led with 21 digs.

USD hits the road to face Oral Roberts on Oct. 23. The Coyotes return home to face Omaha on Oct. 30.

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Football | Fantastic Finish In Fargo

Coyotes Beat Bison 24-21

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Miles Bergner hit a 33-yard field goal as time ran out and the Coyotes shocked second-ranked North Dakota State 24-21 Saturday.

Bergner had made just four of his previous 11 field goal attempts this season. But he split the upright as South Dakota snapped a 14-game Missouri Valley Football Conference losing streak and NDSU's 26-game home winning streak.

"We got beat by a better football team," North Dakota State coach Chris Klieman said. "We've got to go back to work. We've got to find a way to regroup on Monday. Give South Dakota credit."

It was USD's first win over NDSU in Fargo since 1978.

"It took us a while to get going," USD coach Joe Glenn said. "The first quarter was a little rough. Ryan Saeger did a great job commanding the game and our defense caught fire and handled the run."

The Coyotes outrushed the Bison 193-125 and outgained them 395-320 in total yards.

NDSU managed just 91 total yards in the second half.

NDSU (4-2, 2-1 MVFC) took the opening kickoff and marched 67 yards to take a 7-0 lead with 9:58 left in the first quarter. Bruce Anderson capped the drive with a 2-yard run for his first touchdown of the season.

The Bison extended their lead to 14-0 on Darrius Shepherd's 37-yard TD catch with 2:30 left in the first quarter.

South Dakota (3-3, 1-2) sliced the lead in half when Ryan Saeger lobbed an 8-yard TD pass to Brandt Van Roekel with 10:38 left in the half. The Coyotes' drive covered 86 yards and included 41 rushing yards by Saeger.

With 6:01 to play in the half, Saeger scored on a 1-yard run to tie the game 14-14. The run came one play after Saeger completed a 73-yard pass to Trevor Bouma down to the Bison 1.

Bouma, a junior who had missed the Coyotes' previous two games against the Bison with injuries, had 94 yards rushing and 80 yards receiving.

NDSU quarterback Carson Wentz was 16-for-28 for 195 yards and two touchdowns. His mastery of the clock paid off right before halftime when he drove the Bison 72 yards in 11 plays for the go-ahead score. He threw a 7-yard TD pass to Andrew Bonnet with 42 seconds left.

NDSU outgained the Coyotes 229-197 in the first half. USD's success came via big plays.

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USD MEDIA RELATIONS PHOTO
South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger, 2, finds running room against the North Dakota State defense during their Missouri Valley Football Conference matchup on Saturday in Fargo, North Dakota. USD's Miles Bergner hit a 33-yard field goal as time expired to give the Coyotes a 24-21 victory. It was USD's first victory over the Bison since 2002 and the Coyotes' first win in Fargo since 1978. It also ended a 14-game MVFC losing streak by USD and NDSU's 26-game home in streak in MVFC play.

Soccer: Bills, Strang Lead Coyotes Past Omaha 2-0

OMAHA, Neb.—South Dakota senior Brenna Bills and junior Corey Strang found the back of the net in the Coyotes' 2-0 victory against Omaha at Caniglia Field on Sunday afternoon.

South Dakota improves to 5-11-0 (2-3-0 Summit League) as Omaha falls to 5-9-2 (2-4-0 Summit League). The win moves the Coyotes into fifth in the league standings. South Dakota's three Summit League losses came against the three programs at the top of the league in North Dakota State, South Dakota

State, and Oral Roberts.

Strang used the back of her heel to drop the ball from the top of the box to Bills in the 28th minute. Bills fired off a shot to the left corner of the net. Bills put the Coyotes on the board with her third goal of the season. Strang is now tied for sixth in program history with nine career assists.

Strang found herself in a one-on-one opportunity with a Maverick defender in the 80th minute. Strang cut around the defender and finished the ball off to the left corner

for her fourth goal of the season.

With a two-goal lead, the Coyotes ran out the clock in the final ten minutes of the match for the Coyotes' first win against the Mavericks in program history. The two teams ended in a 0-0 tie a year ago in Vermillion.

South Dakota led 11-7 in shots, with six shots-on-goal to Omaha's three. Coyote sophomore goalkeeper Sydney Hardin scooped up three saves on each of the Mavericks' on-target shots.

The Coyote back line pushed

forward throughout the match to force eight off-sides calls on the Mavericks. When the Mavericks did get a run going in the 70th minute, sophomore defender Katelyn Floyand raced from behind to slide tackle the ball away from Omaha's open look on net.

South Dakota returns to the USD Soccer Complex for the final two home games of the season next weekend. The Coyotes face off against IUPUI Friday at 4 p.m. and Western Illinois on Sunday at noon.

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SDSU Surges Past Youngstown State 38-8

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio – South Dakota State recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff of the game, scored two plays later and never really was threatened Saturday in defeating Youngstown State 38-8 in a Missouri Valley Conference football game.

In just the second game of freshman quarterback Taryn Christian's career, the No.

7-ranked Jackrabbits relied heavily on the run game to ignite the offense, starting with a four-yard touchdown run by sophomore Brady Mengarelli just 41 seconds into the game.

From there, it was the Kyle Paris show. A junior from Alison Viejo, Calif., Paris carried the load for SDSU (5-1, 2-1), rushing for 128 yards on 27 carries.

SDSU ran the ball 46 times to counter a YSU defense that

allowed just 86 passing yards per game entering Saturday's game. The No. 11-ranked Penguins lost their homecoming game in front of 14,974 fans at Stambaugh Stadium.

Paris has moved up and down the depth chart this season but made the most of his opportunity Saturday, becoming the third Jacks running back to gain over 100 yards on the ground in a game this season and the first since Mengarelli's 143-yard

effort in the second game of the season.

"I'm glad I finally got an opportunity and made the best out of it," Paris said on the postgame radio show.

His second score of the game came late in the third quarter to give SDSU a 16-point lead to put some separation between the Jacks and Penguins.

SDSU's defense stepped numerous times, holding the Penguins (3-3, 1-2) to

278 total yards and forcing two turnovers, including a Je'Ryan Butler interception in the second quarter that led to Paris' first touchdown of the day.

The Jackrabbitt defensive line led the way, forcing Penguins quarterback Hunter Wells (18-for-39, 153 yards) out of the pocket on scrambles, causing a few erratic throws, including the ball that Butler picked off.

In a postgame radio

interview, Butler credited the defensive line for forcing pressure, making the secondary's job easier.

Youngstown's scoring came off two field goals by Zak Kennedy (23 and 40 yards) and a safety early in the first quarter. Mengarelli was tackled in the end zone after a Penguins punt forced the Jacks to begin the possession at their own 1-yard line.

"Some people gave up

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Volleyball: Mount Marty Drops Five-Setter At York; Ponca Wins Wildcat Tourney

YORK, Neb. – York College rallied from a 2-1 deficit to beat Mount Marty 25-21, 23-25, 23-25, 25-23, 15-13 in college volleyball action on Saturday.

York had four players with double figure kills, led by Nicole Gates' 19 kills and four assisted blocks. Kylie Wrot had 17 kills and three blocks (one solo). Alyssa Didier had 14 kills, Halie Ewing had 11 kills and Melanie Baxa had 64 assists and 17 digs in the victory.

Sierra Kloth had 22 kills and two assisted blocks, and Bailey Kuchta had 11 kills and five assisted blocks to lead Mount Marty. Amber Dysthe finished with 51 assists and 20 digs. BreAnne Thege posted 35 digs.

Laura Cattle had eight kills and three assisted blocks, Sam Bischoff had eight kills and Allison Cross had two assisted blocks for the Lancers.

Mount Marty, 7-16 overall and 2-9 in the GPAC, continues a four-match road streak at Dakota State on Tuesday.

High School

Wildcat Tour.
HARTINGTON, Neb. – Ponca beat Emerson-Hubbard 25-22, 21-25, 25-18 for the championship of the Hartington-Newcastle Wildcat volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

Wynot beat Winside 25-18, 25-16 for third. Hartington-Newcastle beat Wausa 25-7, 25-16 for fifth.

Ponca (20-4) travels to Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Tuesday. Wynot (15-6) travels to Osmond on Tuesday. Hartington-Newcastle (15-7) faces Winside and Emerson-Hubbard in a triangular on Tuesday at home. Wausa (1-19) plays in the Knox County Tournament today (Monday) and Tuesday in Creighton.

THIRD – WYNOT 2, WINSIDE 0: Skylar Arkfeld had eight kills and Cortney Arkfeld had seven kills, six blocks, two ace serves and 14 digs as Wynot rolled past Winside 25-18, 25-16 in the third place match.

Danielle Wieseler added 19 assists and 10 digs, and Carissa Kuchta had 20 digs for Wynot.

FIFTH – HARTINGTON-NEWCAS- TLE 2, WAUSA 0: Rylee Eickhoff had nine kills and three solo blocks, and Camie Stratman had seven kills, four

ace serves and 11 digs as Hartington-Newcastle downed Wausa 25-7, 25-16 in the fifth place match.

Also for Hartington-Newcastle, Abby Lammers had 11 assists and Sophie Noecker finished with three ace serves and 10 digs. Jill Jueden posted 11 digs in the win.

PONCA 2, WYNOT 1: Ponca advanced to the final with an 18-25, 25-10, 25-18 victory over Wynot in the semifinals.

For Wynot, Cortney Arkfeld had 12 kills, five blocks and 15 digs to lead the way. Skylar Arkfeld had eight kills and two blocks. Danielle Wieseler finished with 22 assists and 13 digs. Carissa Kuchta had 10 digs. Cortney Linder had three ace serves and Sonya Hochstein had two blocks in the effort.

WINSIDE 2, HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE 1: Winside upended

Hartington-Newcastle 23-25, 25-23, 25-21 in the opening round.

For Hartington-Newcastle, Camie Stratman had 11 kills and 17 digs, and Abby Lammers had 20 assists, 12 digs and two assisted blocks to lead the way. Rylie Eickhoff had three solo blocks. Sophie Noecker posted a team-high 40 digs. Courtney posted 14 digs and eight assists. Jill Jueden added 10 digs.

Thunderstruck Challenge
LAKE ANDES – Freeman Academy beat Gayville-Volin 25-16, 25-13 for the championship of the Thunderstruck Challenge volleyball tournament on Saturday in Lake Anides.

Freeman Academy improved to 21-2 with the tournament title. It was the Bobcats' third victory over the Raiders (16-7) this season.

Freeman Academy travels to Mitchell

for a triangular with Mitchell Christian and James Valley Christian on Oct. 27. Gayville-Volin hosts Marty and Omaha Nation (Nebraska) in a triangular on Tuesday.

Colome beat host Andes Central-Dakota Christian 19-25, 25-22, 25-23 for third. Colome (14-9) travels to St. Francis today (Monday). AC-DC (10-11) travels to Emery to face Bridgewater-Emery today (Monday).

Tripp-Delmont-Amour downed Corsica-Stickney 25-14, 25-17 for fifth. TDA (5-16) travels to Platte-Geddes today. Corsica-Stickney (2-17) travels to Forestburg to face Sanborn Central-Woonsocket today.

Wessington Springs swept Marty 25-16, 25-22 for seventh. Wessington Springs (4-17) hosts James Valley Christian on Tuesday. Marty travels to Gayville on Tuesday for a triangular.