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DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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First, a short disclaimer: Yes, I predicted the University of South Dakota to upset top-ranked and defending national champion Eastern Washington. But there were still lingering doubts on whether or not the Coyote defense was ready for the challenge. Guess they were.

Following Upset Win, Where Do The Coyotes Go Now?

In my prediction in Saturday's Press & Dakotan, I said that if USD can take away Eastern Washington's rushing attack, the Coyotes could win. Well, not only did USD take it away, it limited the Eagles to 11 yards on 19 carries.

As the dust settles on the 30-17 win, we're left to wonder: Where do the Coyotes go from here? Do they fizzle out like they did last year after beating Minnesota?

First, I would say, it probably vaults USD into the top 25 in the FCS poll this week. The Coyotes are already a national household name after beating the Gophers, but now they've proven they can be an FCS force.

Second, it probably gives the players more confidence for the Sept. 24 game at Wisconsin. USD won't win that one, but at least the thought will be there in the back of the Badgers' minds.

Riders Blank Gazelles 2-0

Sioux Falls Roosevelt topped Yankton 2-0 in girls' soccer action Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Roosevelt, 7-0, has outscored opponents 34-1 so far this season.

Courtney True led the Yankton defensive effort, making 19 saves in goal. Danielle Beckman, Morgan Tessier, Maggie Bisgard and Carly Al-Azhez contributed to the defensive stand, as did midfielders Brianna Newman and Kendall Lillie.

Yankton, now 2-4-1, hosts Watertown (1-4-1) Friday.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Jenn Granflaten battles a Sioux Falls Roosevelt player for possession during their girls' soccer match Saturday.

Football: Illinois Routs SDSU

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — South Dakota State has two more games this season in Illinois but after Saturday, you couldn't blame the Jackrabbits if they didn't come back.

Illinois rolled up 519 yards and held the Jackrabbits to 96 in a 56-3 rout.

Jackrabbits quarterback Thomas O'Brien was held to 37 yards on 8-of-18 passing with two interceptions, while the Illini (2-0) limited FCS member South Dakota State (1-1) to 25 rushing yards on 24 carries.

"We never got any momentum," South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier said. "We got one stop on defense, but after that it was a long day. When they ran the option, I mean holy nutmeg."

Stiegelmeier's biggest option-related headache was quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase, who rushed for 93 yards and a pair of touchdowns on nine carries before taking a seat on the sideline in the third quarter with the game out of hand.

But there was no shortage of Illini heroes.

Reserve tailback Troy Pollard piled up 101 yards and scored a TD. Freshman tailback Donovan Young had 65 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

NO. 10 NEBRASKA 42, FRESNO ST. 29: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Ameer Abdullah returned a kickoff 100 yards after Fresno State made it a two-point game in the fourth quarter, and Taylor Martinez's 46-yard touchdown run secured the 10th-ranked Cornhuskers' 42-29 victory on Saturday night.

Martinez ran 15 times for 166 yards and two TDs and passed for another as the Huskers turned back an upset bid by the Bulldogs, who were four-touchdown underdogs.

Derek Carr threw incomplete to a well-covered A.J. Johnson on a 2-point try after his 26-yard TD pass to Josh Harper pulled the Bulldogs to 28-26.

Abdullah, who set a school record with 211 kick return yards, then made the biggest play of the night to break open the game.

Fresno's Robbie Rouse ran 36 times for 169 yards and Carr was 20 of 41 for 254 yards.

Friday High School
NIORRARA-VERDIGRE 54, NEWCASTLE 20: VERDIGRE, Neb. — Jacob Bathke and Rylee Klawitter each rushed for two touchdowns and Niobrara-Verdigre scored 38 first-quarter points in a 54-20 rout of Newcastle last Friday night in Verdigre, Neb.

Bathke scored on runs of 36 and 45 yards for the Cougars (1-1), who led 54-14 at halftime. Klawitter scored on runs of 13 and 2 yards.

Owen Pavelka also scored on a 50-yard punt return.

Newcastle (0-2) got two touchdowns runs from Kyle Mohr and a 41-yard scoring pass from Mohr to Cody Kneifl.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE 24, NELIGH-OAKDALE 15: NELIGH, Neb. — Kyle Kardell rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another as Laurel-Concord-Coleridge beat Neligh-Oakdale 24-15 last Friday night in Neligh, Neb.

Kardell had scoring runs of 6 and 29 yards, and threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Mitch Heikes. The other scoring for the Bears came on a safety by Tyler Schurman in the end zone.

Heikes rushed for 106 yards in the win, while Austin Roach added 46 yards on the ground.

BLOOMFIELD 26, CREIGHTON 14: BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Chet Beckman and Alec Wilson combined for over 300 yards of rushing and all four touchdowns in a 26-14 Bloomfield victory over Creighton Friday.

The Bees scored the final 18 points after trailing 14-8 in the third quarter.

Wilson rushed for touchdowns of seven and four yards, and caught a 26-yard pass from Beckman for the Bees' first score. He finished with 130 yards on 25 carries.

Beckman had the game-tying touchdown in the third quarter, a 60-yard scamper, on his way to a game-high 173 yards on just 16 carries.

Ryan Mitteis and Jacob Morrell had short rushing touchdowns for Creighton.

Defensively, Dominic Lammers had nine solo and nine assisted tackles to lead Bloomfield. Max David had nine stops (eight solo) with four tackles for loss.

Bloomfield will put its 2-0 record on the line next week at perennial power Howells. Creighton, 1-2, is off next week and returns to action Sept. 23 at Randolph.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

SATURDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 24, Sioux Falls Washington 7

SATURDAY'S NEB. SCORES

Hartington 33, Emerson-Hubbard 6
St. Mary's 53, Clearwater/Orchard 2

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCORES

Bemidji St. 30, Augustana S.D. 27, OT
Nebraska 42, Fresno St. 29
Minn. St., Mankato 32, Northern St., S.D. 10
Minn. Duluth 49, Upper Iowa 22
St. Cloud St. 41, Concordia, St.P. 13
SW Minnesota St. 48, Mary 45
Wayne, Neb. 35, Minn.-Crookston 24
Winona St. 48, Minn. St., Moorhead 10

VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY'S S.D. SCORES

Big East Conference Tournament
Championship: Parker def. McCook Central
Semifinals: 25-14, 25-21, 25-14; Third-
Chester def. Sioux Valley, 25-12, 23-25, 25-17,
22-25, 15-7; Fifth: Fladreau def. Baltic, 25-22,
25-15, 14-25, 25-13; Seventh: Howard def. Gar-
retson, 11-25, 25-14, 25-22, 25-20

LENNOX TOURNAMENT

Sisseton def. West Central, 25-11, 25-18;
Sisseton def. Lennox, 25-14, 25-13; Sisseton
def. Beresford, 25-23, 23-25, 25-21; West Cen-
tral def. Lennox, 25-22, 19-25, 25-14

LUVERNE TOURNAMENT

Blue Earth, Minn. def. Vermillion, 25-20, 25-15;
Pipestone, Minn. def. Vermillion, 25-17, 13-25;
Vermillion def. Southwest Minnesota

CHRISTIAN, MINN., 25-23, 6-25; Vermillion def. Luverne, Minn., 25-19, 25-16; Vermillion def. Edgeview, Minn., 25-21, 26-24

SATURDAY'S NEB. SCORES

Dodge Tournament
Dodge def. Bloomfield, 25-23, 25-7; Dodge
def. Omaha Brownell-Talbot, 25-17, 25-16;
Omaha Brownell-Talbot def. Bloomfield, 25-14,
21-25, 25-21; Shelby def. Omaha Brownell-Tal-
bot, 25-14, 25-14; Shelby def. Dodge, 25-13, 25-17;
Shelby def. Bloomfield, 25-15, 25-14

WAKEFIELD TOURNAMENT

Laurel-Concord def. Hartington Cedar
Catholic, 25-23, 23-25, 25-20; Lutheran High
Northeast def. Pierce, 25-18, 25-22; Lyons-Decatur
Northeast def. Stanton, 25-23, 26-24;
Wakefield def. Stanton, 16-25, 25-21, 25-14;
Windside def. Lyons-Decatur Northeast, 25-6,
25-21; Pool A: Hartington Cedar Catholic def.
Wakefield, 25-23, 25-22; Pierce def. Windside,
25-12, 20-25, 25-18; Pool B: Lutheran High
Northeast def. Lyons-Decatur Northeast, 25-6,
25-15; Consolation Final: Windside def. Wake-
field, 25-20, 25-9; Third: Hartington Cedar
Catholic def. Pierce, 25-20, 29-27; Champi-
onship: Lutheran High Northeast def. Laurel-
Concord, 25-17, 25-20

CHEER & DANCE

YANKTON INV.

Saturday at Yankton
Dance
GRAND CHAMPION: Sioux Falls Wash-
ington 25:17, Yankton 24:13, Dakota Valley
20:57, Brandon Valley 20:47, Sioux Falls Ros-
evell 19:6, Watertown 19:6, Sioux Falls Lincoln
19:3, Huron 16:67, Aberdeen Central 16:33.

AREA CALENDAR

Monday, September 12

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP

Neigh-Oakdale Inv. (Creighton, Niobrara-Verdigre, 4:30 p.m.)

FOOTBALL, SOPH S.C. East at YHS (4:15 p.m.)

GOLF, BOYS' Madison Inv. (Parkston, Wagner, 10 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' O'Neill Inv. (Crofton, 10 a.m.)

SOCCER, GIRLS' Vermillion at S.F. Christian

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' Yankton at S.F. O'Gorman (DH, 6 p.m.)

SOFTBALL, GIRLS' JV Yankton at S.F. O'Gorman (DH, 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 13

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP

Woodbury Central Inv. (Elk Point-Jefferson, 1 p.m.)

GOLF, MEN'S Great Plains Athletic Conference #1 at Fox Run GC (MIMC)

GOLF, BOYS' Lennox at YHS (2 p.m.); Elk Point-Jefferson at Vermillion

TENNIS, GIRLS' Mitchell/S.F. Lincoln at YHS (1 p.m.); Madison Tri. (Vermillion, noon)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Briar Cliff (7:30 p.m.)

STUNTING/NON-TUMBLING: Aberdeen Central 129, Mitchell 113

CROSS COUNTRY

AUGUSTANA MEET OF CHAMPIONS

Saturday at Sioux Falls

VARSIITY GIRLS

TEAM SCORES: Yankton 30, Brandon Valley 86, Sioux Falls Washington 99, Sioux Falls Lincoln 111, West Central 120, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 122, Watertown 128, Martin County West 144

TOP 15: 1. Tamara Gorman, R.C. Stevens 15:22.8; 2. Alex Hess, Roosevelt 15:43.4; 3. Jenna Grossenbaur, Yankton 15:49.4; 4. Kaija Nitz, Brandon Valley 16:12.6; 5. Makayla Hohn, Luverne 16:19.1; 6. Whitte Larson, Yankton 16:21.9; 7. Mindy Kraft, Westington Springs 16:31.9; 8. Shelby Youngblood, R.C. Stevens

16:32.0; 9. Annie Kruse, Yankton 16:35.0; 10. Morgan Larson, Martin County West 16:35.2; 11. Savannah Woods, Yankton 16:38.5; 12. Corey Johnson, Washington 16:47.9; 13. Carly Holmstrom, Lincoln 16:49.1; 14. Cassidy Rodman, Washington 16:52.5; 15. Rylee Homandinger, Beresford 16:59.9

VARSIITY BOYS

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls Roosevelt 30, Sioux Falls Lincoln 66, Sioux Falls Washington 83, Brandon Valley 90, Yankton 122, Rapid City Stevens 171, Luverne 183, Watertown 231, Beresford 240, Martin County West 244

TOP 20: 1. Tanner Ahrendt, Roosevelt 17:20.9; 2. Dylan Slaba, Roosevelt 17:43.3; 3.

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC at Briar Cliff (6 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS'

Baltic at Center-ville; Bon Homme vs. Tripp-DeMott-Arthur at Tripp (HC); Dakota Valley at Alcester-Hudson; Freeman vs. Bridgegewater-Emery at Emery; Hartington at Wynot; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Norfolk Catholic; Irene-Wakonda at Freeman Academy; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Crofton; Lennox at Elk Point-Jefferson; Lutheran High Northeast at Creighton; Madison at Bloomfield; Marion at Hanson; Niobrara-Verdigre/Santee at O'Neill St. Mary's; Parker at Tea; Parkston vs. Corsica-Stickney at Corsica; Platte-Geddies at Colome; Ponca/Winnebago at Allen; Ran-

Wednesday, September 14

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP

Freeman (Alcester-Hudson, Avon, Bon Homme, Ethan-Parkston, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Memno, Parker, Scotland, Viborg-Hurley, 1 p.m.)

SOCCER, MEN'S MMC at Sioux Falls (8 p.m.)

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TEAM SCORES: Sparta 35; Sturgis 67; Garretson 87; Harrisburg 98; Mitchell 126; Lincoln North Stars (Neb.) 147; O'Gorman 202; James Valley Christian 232; Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 255; Worthington 265; S.F. Christian 283; Irene-Wakonda 289; Parker 339.

BOYS' DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 59; Irene-Wakonda 75; Sturgis 96; O'Gorman 100; Sioux Valley 132; Lincoln North Stars (Neb.) 138; Parker 144; Worthington 180; Harrisburg 248; S.F. Christian 263; Lead-Deadwood 283; Aberdeen Christian 291.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Concordia 41; Doane 59; Northwestern 63; Sioux Falls 82; Mount Marty 130; College of Saint Mary 130; Iowa Lakes CC 212.

MEN'S DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Concordia 24; Mount Marty 69; Doane 74; USAF 101; Northwestern 106; Iowa Lakes CC 166

RR. VALLEY GIRLS' JAMBOREE

MILBANK 6, VERMILION 3

SINGLES: Claire Jones V def. Brandi Nieder 10-2; Valeria Robinson V def. Reta Barlund 10-0; Roxanna Bohm M def. Jenny Sun 10-0; Anna Kurtz M def. Abby Weiss 10-2; Gretchen Beirbach M def. Rose Steinyover 10-1; Briana Breske M def. Rose Steinyover 10-1.

DOUBLE: Jones-Robinson V def. Nieder-Bohm 10-1; Barlund-Kurtz M def. Weiss-Sun 10-0; Beirbach-Breske M def. Glover-Stienmeyer 10-0