

# Guarantee Games A Part Of Life For USD, Other FCS Schools

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Three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

That is the amount the University of South Dakota football program will receive in return for the Sept. 22 game at Northwestern University, a Big Ten Conference outfit.

Such “guarantee” games are a part of life for small Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) schools, who are paid thousands of dollars to travel to face Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams that are heavily favored to win.

Put in terms of cash, games that bring in nearly a half-million dollars — as was the case last year when Wisconsin paid USD \$425,000 for a game — can do a lot for USD’s athletic budget which is just shy of \$10 million this year.

“Number one, most of us need the money at this level,” USD football coach Joe Glenn said this week. “We don’t have the one hundred thousand seat stadiums; we can’t get crowds like that.

“Those large schools can pay a lot of money for a team to come in.”

Beyond the monetary gains,

the Coyotes see such guarantee games as an opportunity to reach a wider audience and perhaps even attract the attention of a prospective student, athletic director David Saylor said.

“We really look at it as a chance to expand our reach in our region, to help recruit new students,” Saylor said. “Outside of the financial benefits, we look at it from a university perspective.”

Since USD joined the Division I ranks in 2008, its football program has played four games against FBS schools — Central Florida (2010), Minnesota (2010), Air Force (2011) and Wisconsin

(2011). A three-point win at Minnesota was obviously the highlight, otherwise the games have been rather one-sided.

Most FBS schools choose to schedule lower-level guarantee games far in advance. For example, Virginia Tech has a 2021 contest already locked in with Richmond. USD’s game next week at Northwestern was signed by previous athletic director Joel Nielsen, who is now at Kent State.

Saylor pointed to two areas “on the horizon” in college athletics that gives him pause to sign any FBS contract too far out. First would be conference re-

alignment, in that all the shifting among the higher ranks leaves teams “desperate” for a game — which leads to more money. Second would be increased money in television contracts.

“When you’re able to get more money, you have to at least consider capitalizing when you get the chance,” Saylor said. “Eventually I think you’ll see guarantees go up, though the risk you run is that you might not get the regional game you’d like.”

USD has signed contracts in place for games at Kansas in 2013 and at Kansas State in 2015,

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**SOUTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL**

**USD (1-1) At Northwestern (2-0)**

Sept. 22, 2:30 p.m. at Evanston, Ill.

**GUARANTEE GAMES:** Northwestern, a member of the Big Ten Conference, is 7-2 in games against FCS teams, according to FootballGeography.com. Its last loss was 2006 to New Hampshire. Among regional FBS schools, Iowa is 9-0, Iowa State is 21-4, Minnesota is 12-3 and Nebraska is 8-0. All of Minnesota’s such losses, of course, are to South Dakota (2010) and North Dakota State (2007 and 2011).

# Jamestown Clips MMC 4-2

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A 21-12 edge in shots, including a 9-6 edge in shots on goal. A solid advantage in time of possession.

The only place the Mount Marty College women’s soccer team did not hold the advantage was the scoreboard.

Jamestown scored three unanswered goals to break a 1-1 tie, claiming a 4-2 victory over the Lancers on Wednesday at Easton Field.

MMC kept the pressure on the Jimmies for the opening 15 minutes, but Jamestown was able to take advantage of its first major break. Jamestown had three straight corner kicks, the third of which resulted in a Brooke Winslow header off a Brittany Cochran corner kick.

The start mirrored several of the Lancers’ previous four matches, according to head coach Nathan Epp.

“We’ve been struggling with scoring early,” he said. “We’ll look strong for the first 20 minutes. It’s definitely a different game if you don’t put that pressure on.

“But the nice thing is we’re seeing signs of what we could become.”

The Lancers kept the pressure on, tying the match 10 minutes later as Laura Ekeren found Allison Erwin, who chipped the toward the top of the goal. Jimmies goalkeeper Kayla Byle leaped to catch the ball, but the momentum carried her over the goal line for the tying score.

Jamestown answered quickly, again off a header. Jolynn Warnes crossed the ball to Cochran, who gave the Jimmies the lead for good. In the second half, Gabrielle Lane scored off a rebound and Warnes scored on a run, extending the Jamestown lead to 4-1.

“We didn’t come out ready to play,” said Jamestown head coach Nick Becker. “Once we settled in, got a couple of passes through, things started going better.”

Just seconds after Warnes’ goal, the Lancers’ Ekeren went down with an injury. Despite losing a starter, the Lancers continued to apply pressure, with Erwin adding her second goal with just over eight minutes to play. Paige Anderson assisted on the goal.

“Once the first injury happened, we all came together and started playing for the people



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Mount Marty defender Kaitlyn Westcott heads the ball as Jamestown’s Lexie Starceski, 18, tries to keep the ball in front of her during their women’s soccer match on Wednesday at Easton Field. Jamestown claimed a 4-2 victory.

# Younger, Faster Defenders Set To Play For Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The reality hit Nebraska defensive coordinator John Papuchis while he watched his charges run a step behind the UCLA Bruins and miss an alarming number of tackles.

The Cornhuskers have a need for speed. “Team speed has been a little bit lacking over the first couple games, so we’re going to try to get some of our faster guys on the field and see how that works this week,” Papuchis said. “Everybody is in the equation. If we have to work 24 hours a day for the next seven days or, really, for the next three months to figure it out, we’re going to figure it out.”

The Huskers (1-1) are 115th nationally in rushing defense, 96th in total defense and 83rd in scoring defense after their 36-30 road loss to UCLA. They’ll go against another spread offense when Arkansas State (1-1) visits on Saturday.

Papuchis’ most pressing concerns are at linebacker and on the defensive line. Freshman David Santos and junior college transfer Zaire Anderson have been practicing with the No. 1 defense this week, and one of them could bump weakside linebacker Alonzo Whaley from the starting lineup.

Whaley struggled with positioning and tackling against the Bruins, who amassed 653 yards

— the second-most ever by a Nebraska opponent. Whaley and his teammates combined to miss about two dozen tackles.

Nebraska also was unable to consistently pressure UCLA quarterback Brett Hundley or do much to control the running of Johnathan Franklin.

Defensive line coach Rick Kaczinski said freshmen tackles Kevin Williams and Aaron Curry and end Avery Moss will be more prominent in the rotation against Arkansas State.

“That’s the future,” Kaczinski said. “Those guys, you’re going to see more and more of them.”

The question is whether the young players are truly ready.

The defensive line plays a challenging two-gap system that Bo Pelini has favored since taking over at Nebraska in 2008.

In a one-gap defense, the linemen are encouraged to shoot through gaps in the offensive line and get into the backfield to make a play. In two-gap, linemen are responsible for particular gaps, and they then try to shed blocks, clog the line and force runners into the arms of a linemate or linebacker.

Anderson, who played sparingly the first two games, told reporters he has had difficulty grasping coach the scheme.

“It was all thrown in front of me and it was hard,” he said. “When I was in junior college, I just had to learn my position. Here, you’ve got to learn everyone’s position... When your playbook is harder than your homework, that’s a problem. I think it’s harder than my homework.”

Like Anderson, Curry said he has struggled to learn the defensive concepts, though he added that the playbook isn’t as tough as his academic homework.

“I’m fresh out of high school and we didn’t really run that many plays,” Curry said. “Here, it’s a lot more. I’ve been doing a decent job of getting the plays down. I need to get better.”

Kaczinski, who taught a two-gap system as Iowa’s defensive line coach the past seven years, said he has confidence all of Nebraska’s linemen are strong enough and talented enough to be successful.

“A lot of it is just getting the experience and learning the different techniques and understanding the game and leverage,” Kaczinski said. “All the guys are capable of doing it. The young guys are really explosive and physically mature for their age.”

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# Knights Battle Past Cedar Catholic 3-2

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Norfolk Catholic battled past Hartington Cedar Catholic 22-25, 26-24, 25-18, 22-25, 15-11 in a Mid-State Conference volleyball showdown on Tuesday.

For Cedar Catholic, Katelyn Dickes had 20 kills, four blocks and 10 digs to lead the way. Bailey Steffen had 10 kills and three blocks. Siera Becker posted eight kills and 16 digs. Emily Schrempp had 44 assists and three blocks. Maggie Steffen had 11 digs and Karly Noecker had three ace serves in the early.

Cedar Catholic, 10-3, hosts Lutheran High Northeast in another Mid-State battle today (Thursday).

NORFOLK CATHOLIC (7-1).....22 26 25 22 15  
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (10-3)....25 24 18 25 11

## Winnnebago Tri.

WINNEBAGO, Neb. — The Allen Eagles earned victories over Ponca and host Winnnebago in a volleyball triangular on Tuesday.

The Eagles, 6-4 and winners of five straight, travels to Emerson-Hubbard today (Thursday).

ALLEN DEF. WINNEBAGO 25-9, 25-14: Brittany Sullivan had six kills, two ace serves and 10 digs to lead Allen. Lindsey Jones had four kills and four ace serves. Rachel Finnegan also had four kills. Lindsey Sullivan added 15 assists in the win.

ALLEN DEF. PONCA 25-8, 25-15: Brittany Sullivan had 11 kills and three ace serves, and Lindsey Jones had seven kills and two ace serves to lead Allen. Rachel Finnegan posted six kills, Lindsey Sullivan had 17 assists and Candice Rastade added two ace serves in the win.

## Parkston 3, Corsica-Stickney 1

PARKSTON — The Parkston Trojans claimed a 25-17, 26-24, 22-25, 25-22 victory over Corsica-Stickney in prep volleyball action on Tuesday.

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# Parker Boys, Gayville-Volin Girls Rule Flyer Invitational

FREEMAN — Duane Jongeling continued his dominance on the course and the Parker boys again ruled the scoreboard, as the Pheasants and Gayville-Volin girls won team cross country titles at Wednesday’s rainy and wet Flyer Invitational at Valley View Golf Course in Freeman.

Jongeling won the 5K varsity race in a time of 17:26, almost a full minute ahead of Irene-Wakonda’s Jack Johnson (18:23). Parker’s Ryan Olson finished third at 17:28, helping the Pheasants accumulate a team score of seven points.

Freeman Academy was second in the team race with 13 points, while McCrossan was third at 27.

On the girls’ side, Gayville-Volin put two runners in the top three to finish first overall with 11 points. Bon Homme was second at 20, with Canistota third at 28.

Genevieve Clark of Gayville-Volin easily won the individual

4K race in 15:02, followed by Freeman’s Cailey Roth (15:49) and GV teammate Laura Nelson (15:57).

The Region 3B meet will be held at Valley View Golf Course on Oct. 10.

**BOYS’ DIVISION**  
TEAM SCORES: Parker 7, Freeman Academy 13, McCrossan 27, Bon Homme 32, Dell Rapids St. Mary 36, Centerville 46, Mitchell Christian 53, Chester Area 66  
TOP 20: 1, Duane Jongeling, Parker 17:26; 2, Jack Johnson, Irene-Wakonda 18:23; 3, Ryan Olson, Parker 17:28; 4, Seth Engen, Viborg-Hurley 18:14; 5, Matthew Graber, Freeman Academy 18:50; 6, Jake Vollmer, Parker 18:53; 7, Michael Olson, Parker 18:55; 8, Rex Schlicht, Woonsocket 18:56; 9, Ben Brockmueller, Freeman Academy 19:03; 10, Cletus William, McCrossan 19:19; 11, Trey Persson, Hanson 19:21; 12, Brant Blah, Avon 19:23; 13, Cole Hofer, Freeman Academy 19:26; 14, Kyle Klenner, Bon Homme 19:35; 15, Mitch Roemen, Dell Rapids SM 19:36; 16, Layne Meyers, Viborg-Hurley 19:38; 17, Cole Cahoy, Bon Homme 19:42; 18, Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy 19:45; 19, Roger Cooper, McCrossan 19:46; 20, Cody Roth, Freeman 19:52

**GIRLS’ DIVISION**  
TEAM SCORES: Gayville-Volin 11, Bon Homme 20, Canistota 28, Mitchell Christian 39, Irene-Wakonda 51, Viborg-Hurley 52, Hanson 57, Scotland 59, Parker 76, Centerville 84  
TOP 20: 1, Genevieve Clark, Gayville-Volin 15:02; 2, Cailey Roth, Freeman 15:49; 3, Laura Nelson, Gayville-Volin 15:57; 4, Becca Glander, Mitchell Christian 16:09; 5, Rebecca Eberts, Freeman 16:12; 6, Maddison Hajek, Bon Homme 16:16; 7, Jena Rezac, Bon Homme; 8, Claire Koerner, Freeman Academy 16:31; 9, Emily Hanson, Hanson 16:34; 10, Briana Davis, Marion 16:36; 11, Cassidy Buse, Canistota 16:57; 12, Anna Wolles, Dell Rapids SM 16:57; 13, Megan Hirsch, Gayville-Volin 17:04; 14, Kalli Ortmann, Canistota 17:08; 15, Andrea Sokolowski, Irene-Wakonda 17:10; 16, Morgan Roth-schall, Bon Homme 17:10; 17, McKelley Merkwon, Bon Homme 17:14; 18, Lexy Sandman, Canistota 17:15; 19, Khilee Held, Mitchell Christian 17:16; 20, Alyssa Iiams, Gayville-Volin 17:27

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Gayville-Volin’s Genevieve Clark (left) and Parker’s Duane Jongeling (right) earned medalist honors and led their teams to victories at the Flyer Invitational cross country meet, held Wednesday at Valley View Golf Course near Freeman.

