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The Mount Marty College tandem of Lexie Branson, 16, and Amanda Dirksen, back, try to push the ball over the net against No. 14-ranked Doane during their GPAC volleyball match Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

## No. 14 Tigers Sweep MMC

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The number 14 ranked Doane Tigers took on and defeated the Mount Marty Lancers volleyball team this past Saturday by the scores of 25-20, 25-19, and 25-17 in Yankton at Mount Marty's Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Doane and Mount Marty went back and forth in all three sets, but the Tigers did the things needed to succeed.

To start the match off, Doane went on a 4-0 run, but then Mount Marty shook off the early game jitters to come back and tie the contest. But, like they did during the whole game, Doane struck the ball very well, while Mount Marty struggled at times to play up to par with Doane.

Also in the first set, Doane used their consistent play to and manpower to roll through Mount Marty.

"Our power hitter played good for us," Doane head coach Cindy Meyer said. "We also played great floor defense today. We used our technique of reach and snap to defend Mount Marty today."

However, at one point the Lancers went on a seven unanswered streak to pull within one (16-17). All the work that Doane made Mount Marty do eventually wore out the Lancers.

In the second set both teams went back and forth for the beginning of the set. Doane however proved to be too much for the Lancers with their power hitters. Their power hitters exposed the not so big power hitters for the Lancers.

Once again, Mount Marty did not fold where they used their momentum and fought back within two points of Doane. The Tigers cut the momentum with a series of great volleys back and forth capitalized by Doane.

In the final set of the match Mount Marty held onto an early (9-7) lead where they showed more enthusiasm and better communication.

The Lancers lost a ball in the ceiling, which ended up giving Doane some momentum to cruise with. But, like in the last two sets, the Lancers didn't give up, clawing within two points (16-18).

Leading the Tigers was Miranda Wisheart with 15 defensive digs. Ashley Axmann posted 14 kills on the afternoon.

Atop of the stats for the Mount Marty Lancers was Courtney Miller with 15 defensive digs. Katie Lingsheit had six kills for the Lancers.

"Mount Marty played well today, though," Meyer said. "One of the best jobs of consistency I've seen from Mount Marty."

The Lancers return to action tonight (Monday) for a 7 p.m. non-conference match at Dakota State University in Madison.

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## Tennis: Gazelles Win Two

MITCHELL — The Yankton Gazelles moved to 9-12 on a season with sweep of two matches in a girls' tennis triangular on Saturday in Mitchell.

Yankton beat Spearfish 6-3 and Mitchell 8-1.

The Gazelles had five players that went unbeaten in singles play: Sarah Rockne, Sarah Santos, Alexa Bryan, Taylor Rothenberger and Kim Cap. Rockne and Rothenberger teamed up to go 2-0 in doubles play. The teams of Santos-Bryan and Cap-Kaitlyn Frank each went 1-1 for the Gazelles.

Yankton hosts Brandon Valley and Madison in a triangular today (Monday) at the YHS/SAC Tennis Courts. Start time is 1 p.m.

# Kernels Escape Yankton With 3-2 Victory

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Yankton's young volleyball team proved it can contend with some of the best teams in the state Saturday afternoon. Head coach Leasa Woodward knew the match would be tight, and it was.

Yankton pushed the Mitchell Kernels to five games, but saw the visitors walk away with a 25-18, 15-25, 25-20, 25-23, 15-11 victory in Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball action Saturday at the Summit Center.

"Coming in on paper, Mitchell and us were mirror images of each other," Woodward said. "When you go for five sets and all of them are tight, that's proof that the evidence was there when we started."

In game one, Yankton's Mikala Hora put up four kills, while Kelsey Fitzgerald made two kills and one ace. Trailing behind the Kernels early in the game 5-9, Yankton called their first time out and was able to close the gap 12-13.

Woodward said the Gazelles' ability to

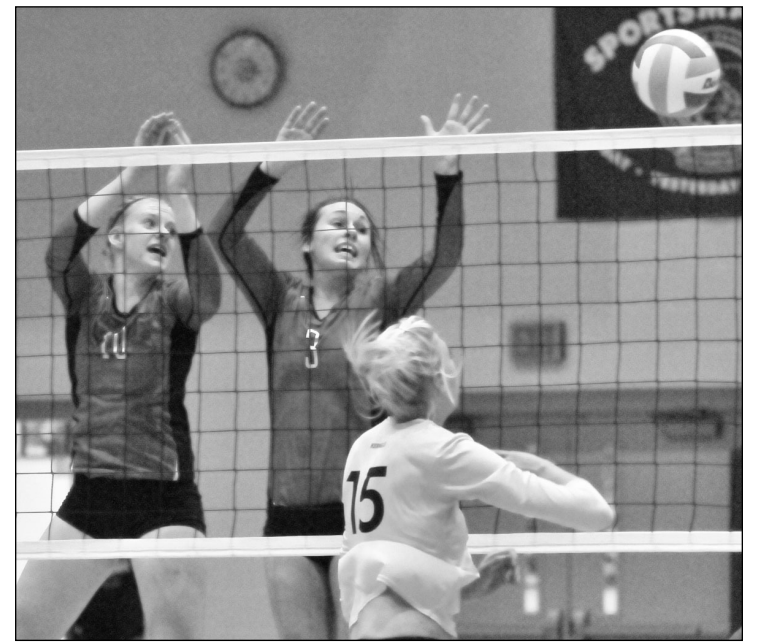
dig themselves out of holes was one positive aspect of the entire match.

"Unfortunately, we get ourselves into those holes, but this was progress from being in Watertown where we weren't able to play out of the hole until later in the set."

Yankton would lose the first set 18-25, but fired back during the second set, staying ahead of the Kernels the entire game. Hora would put up six kills and one ace, Fitzgerald would have two blocks and Brooke Wuebben would put up one kill in the set.

Mitchell coach Deb Thill said the teams were similar coming in to the day, and each had moments of good volleyball.

"Both teams had their moments of really good volleyball, and some moments of not so good volleyball — that's obviously why it went for five sets," she said. "We were pretty similar teams in that our middle hitters are strong and defensively. We did let some things fall that



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Yankton's front row tandem of Kelsey Fitzgerald, left, and Brooke Wuebben, 3, jump for a block as Mitchell's Taylin Alm goes for a kill during their ESD volleyball match Saturday at the Summit Center.

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## SUNDAY SLUGGING



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Yankton's Jessica Wirth connects for a run-scoring hit during the Gazelles softball matchup with West Central, part of a home softball triangular on Sunday at Sertoma Park.

# Gazelles Take Two At Home

The Yankton Gazelles went 2-0 in a home softball triangular on Sunday at Sertoma Park, beating West Central 11-9 and Mitchell 6-1.

Yankton, now 9-4 on the season, hosts Sioux Falls Roosevelt today (Monday) at Sertoma Park. Start time is 6 p.m.

**YANKTON 11, WEST CENTRAL 9:** Yankton scored three runs in the top of the sixth — the first extra inning — as the Gazelles outgunned West Central.

Triples by Karlee Kozak and Abby Schulte keyed the Gazelles' extra inning rally.

Kozak finished 3-4 with a double and triple, three RBI and two runs scored. Schulte had two triples, scoring twice. Jessica

Wirth went 2-4 with two RBI. Andi Sprakel and Kalyn Peterka each had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Jennifer Feilmeier had two hits, scoring once. Hannah Horn added two RBI in the win.

Erin McMahon went 3-3 with a home run, double and six RBI to lead West Central.

Peterka went the distance to pick up the win. Ellie Peterson took the loss.

**YANKTON 6, MITCHELL 1:** Jaclyn Arens tossed a complete game four-hitter, allowing one unearned run, as Yankton stopped Mitchell.

Andi Sprakel tripled and doubled, adding two RBI and a run scored, for Yankton. Abby Schulte had two hits and two runs scored.

Jessica Wirth had a triple and two RBI. Tayler Hutchison and Karlee Kozak each had a hit and a run scored.

Emily Sudbeck went 2-3 for Mitchell.

Arens struck out seven in the win. Krista Huber took the loss.

**Middle School**

**YANKTON 8, BROOKINGS 3:** SIOUX FALLS — Bailey Sejnoha and Kara Ulmer each had a hit and a run scored as Yankton beat Brookings 8-3. Brooke Madsen, Lilly Ryken, Megan McCorkell, Payton Vellek, Bridget Nolz and Chloe Ko-

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## Jackrabbits Battle Past UC Davis 12-8

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Zach Zenner ran for 197 yards and two touchdowns and South Dakota State held on to beat UC Davis 12-8 on Saturday.

Zenner, coming off a 278-yard game in a win at Southeastern Louisiana last week, carried 21 times and scored on runs of 61 and 23 yards against UC Davis. Both conversion attempts failed for the Jackrabbits (2-1) in their home opener. The 23-yard run came early in the fourth quarter for South Dakota State.

UC Davis (1-2) scored first on Jonathan Perkins' 69-yard interception return. Alex Cannon ran for a two-point conversion, but the Aggies' offense never got past South Dakota State's 25-yard line.

Both schools used to be members of the Great West Conference. UC Davis is in its first season in the Big Sky.

S. DAKOTA STATE 12, UC DAVIS 8					
UC DAVIS.....	0	0	0	0	0
S. DAKOTA STATE.....	0	6	6	0	12
<b>Second Quarter</b>					
UCDA—Perkins 69 interception return (Cannon run), 10:01.					
SDS—Zenner 61 run (pass failed), 9:07.					
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>					
SDS—Zenner 23 run (run failed), 13:33.					
A—11:53Z.					
	UCDA	SDS			
First downs.....	16	20			
Rushes-yards.....	32-54	33-182			
Passing.....	183	191			
Comp-Att-Int.....	22-32-0	20-34-1			
Return Yards.....	69	(-2)			
Punts-Avg.....	9-36.6	7-47.9			
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	2-1			
Penalties-Yards.....	4-30	4-33			
Time of Possession.....	30:13	29:47			
<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>					
RUSHING—UC Davis, Nicolis 8-39, Turay 4-23, Silvenia 6-21, Mowry 3-19, Lacy 2-(minus 15), R. Wright 9-(minus 33). S. Dakota State, Zenner 21-197, Wesley 1-5, Team 1-(minus 1), Gandy 3-(minus 2), Sumner 7-(minus 17).					
PASSING—UC Davis, R. Wright 16-25-0-116, Lacy 6-7-0-67. S. Dakota State, Sumner 20-34-1-191.					
RECEIVING—UC Davis, Benton 5-66, Galindo 4-40, Nicolis 3-26, Cannon 3-17, Soto 3-16, Turay 2-6, Sloat 1-8, Martindale 1-3, Lacy 0-1. S. Dakota State, Daughters 5-35, Tiefenthaler 4-35, Schneider 2-32, Kool 2-25, Hubert 2-20, Zenner 2-15, Gandy 2-10, Jones 1-7, Benedetto 1-2.					

**IOWA 27, NORTHERN IOWA 16:** IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Walk-on fullback Mark Weisman rushed for 113 yards and three short touchdowns as Iowa held off Northern Iowa 27-16 on Saturday. James Vandenberg added 228 yards passing for the Hawkeyes (2-1), who beat the Panthers, a Football Championship Subdivision program, for the 15th straight time despite losing backs Damon Bullock and Greg Garmon to injuries.

Weisman, a sophomore with 8 career yards rushing coming into the game, scored from 1, 1 and 2 yards out to help Iowa avoid its third straight home loss dating to 2011. Sawyer Kollmorgen had 245 yards passing and an interception for Northern Iowa (1-2). The Panthers have lost to Wisconsin and Iowa on the road this season by a combined total of just 16 points.

**IOWA ST. 37, W. ILLINOIS 3:** AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State got the one-sided victory it wanted and expected over Western Illinois.

It just didn't happen as smoothly as the Cyclones had hoped. Steele Jantz threw three touchdown passes and James White ran 56 yards for another touchdown as Iowa State rolled past the Leathernecks 37-3 on Saturday night.

But penalties and turnovers frustrated the Cyclones at times, though they still had enough to overpower their FCS opponent and start 3-0 for the second straight year and sixth time since 1981. Four of the five previous 3-0 starts led to bowl appearances.

"We really started fast and I thought our guys came out with great energy and urgency," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said. "I thought the focus was on the money and then we stalled as an offensive football team and we can't do that. We have to take advantage of the momentum that we started the game with and keep that pace going."

Jantz completed 19 of 26 passes for 209 yards, with touchdown throws of 16 and 5 yards to Chris Young and 22 yards to Aaron Home. He was intercepted once and lost a fumble.

Western Illinois (2-1) trailed 31-0 before Pat Smith kicked a 26-yard field goal in the first minute of the fourth quarter. Iowa State was playing its second-team defense by then.

**ILLINOIS ST. 54, E. ILLINOIS 51, OT:** NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — Matt Brown accounted for seven touchdowns, and his fifth scoring pass of the game, a 25-yarder to Tyrone Walker in the second overtime pe-

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## Bucks Bounce Back, Beat Stevens 2-1



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Yankton's Andrew Hummel, left, tries to advance the ball against pressure from a Rapid City Stevens defender during their boys' soccer match on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Yankton jumped out early and held on for a 2-1 victory.

Yankton bounced back from Friday's loss to Spearfish to beat Rapid City Stevens 2-1 in boys' soccer action on Saturday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Osmar Pacheco scored both Yankton goals, giving the Bucks a 1-0 lead in the opening minute, then extending the lead to 2-0 off a pass from Zach Benjamin in the 56th minute.

Lane Schroeder converted a pass from Christian Whitesell in the 64th minute for Stevens.

Landon Breen made five saves to earn the win in goal.

Yankton, now 4-2-1 on the season, travels to Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Tuesday. The Riders are also 4-2-1 on the season.

Stevens won the JV match 3-1. Ricky Culver scored for Yankton

**SPEARFISH 3, YANKTON 1:** Spearfish scored two first-half goals and held off Yankton 3-1 in boys' soccer action on Friday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Spearfish got goals from Josh Burr, Matt Post and Michael Lochner.

Yankton's goal came off a penalty kick by Osmar Pacheco. Landon Breen stopped four

shots in goal for Yankton.

Spearfish won the JV match 2-1. Cole Lewno scored for Yankton.

## College

**Waldorf 2, Mount Marty 1**

FOREST CITY, Iowa — Waldorf College scored on a corner kick in the 104th minute to claim a 2-1 overtime victory over Mount Marty in men's soccer action on Saturday.

After a scoreless first half, MMC took the lead when Josh Koch converted a Jak Steinberg pass for a goal. Five minutes later, Waldorf's Scott Hanson converted a Daniel Minniti pass to tie the match.

In overtime, Benjamin Blair scored off a corner kick pass from Minniti to claim the victory.

MMC held a 17-12 edge in shots, including a 9-5 edge in shots on goal. Koch and Jose Marquez each had five shots for MMC.

Alejandro Olmos made seven saves in goal for Waldorf. Martinez-Mojica had a pair of saves for MMC.

The Lancers continue on the road Wednesday, traveling to Jamestown (N.D.) College.

## MMC Sweeps Team Titles At Dakota State

MADISON — The Mount Marty College cross country team swept top honors at the Herb Blakely Invitational cross country meet, held Saturday at Madison Country Club.

The team victory was the first in program history for the Lancer men, and the first victory in more than a decade for the Lancer women.

Mount Marty beat out Briar Cliff in the men's race. Dakota State, which received votes in the latest NAIA poll, and Trinity Bible also had runners competing.

Former Dakota State standout Matt Fidler, running unattached, won the 8,000-meter race in 25:46, followed by DSU's Andy Coy (26:22).

Mount Marty was led by the third place finish of Jordan Pater (27:07). Samuel Lopez (6th, 28:13), Joshua Monson (7th, 28:21), Gabe Blaschke (9th, 28:45) and Kevin Cosman (11th, 29:26) finished the Lancers' scoring.

Also finishing for the Lancers were Mychal Bierwagen (14th, 29:51), Ryan Oye (16th, 30:05) and

Vincent Raia (28th, 41:04). Former Lancer Chris Riley, competing unattached, finished 12th in 29:29.

The Mount Marty women put the first four runners across and claimed seven of the first eight places as they dominated the team race. Briar Cliff finished second with 58 points, with DSU scoring 64 points.

MMC, which finished with 16 points, was led by Kaylee Fly's winning time of 19:24. Tess Byrd finished in 20:33, Katie Smelker finished in 20:35 and Jordyn Hudelson (Elk Point) finished in 21:05 for the top-four sweep.

Brittney Mikkelsen (6th, 21:33), Brooke Fischer (7th, 21:46) and Jade Steinberg (Yankton) (8th, 21:59) completed the Lancer near-sweep of the top spots. Also for MMC, Beth Finnegan finished 15th (23:36), Miranda Pribil finished 19th (25:27), Brooke Nordman finished 21st (27:09) and Kayla Wiese finished 23rd (35:40).

Former Bon Homme standout

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