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South Dakota's Lindsey Sathre leaps to attack the ball during the Coyotes' home-opening volleyball match on Friday. Fort Wayne spoiled the debut of the new 'Coyote Den' court with a 3-1 decision.

Fort Wayne Spoils 'Coyote Den' Debut

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VERMILLION — Showcasing its brand new "Den" upstairs in the DakotaDome, South Dakota instead saw its party spoiled.

Loss or not, the converted match location seemed to be a hit.

In the face of students and fans mere feet from the court, Fort Wayne beat USD in four sets (25-17, 19-25, 25-14, 25-23) in a Summit League match Friday night.

"It was louder than we've ever played in front of at home," said USD sophomore Kendall Kritenbrink, who had a match-high 22 kills. "We wanted our fans to be able to come support us up close.

"When you can actually practice on your game court, it's awesome, too."

Fort Wayne (12-3, 2-1), a league tournament qualifier a year ago, instead found ways to quiet the crowd.

Reigning Summit League freshman of the year Emily Spencer pounded home 19 kills, with just three errors, while second-team all-league pick Megan Steenhuyzen keyed that attack with 43 assists.

In other words, the visiting Mastodons were ready — rowdy crowd or not.

"Our league actually has great parity this year, so anyone can win," USD coach Matt Houk said. "They're still one of the top teams out there. They've got some really big guns, but so do we."

Enter Kritenbrink.

The second team all-league pick as a freshman was the obvious No. 1 target for the Coyotes (7-7, 1-2), and her kill late in set four was perhaps the biggest.

Down 2-1 in the match, the Coyotes rallied to get within 21-23. Kritenbrink put one to the floor to narrow the margin. A kill attempt by junior Amber Aschoff missed the baseline by mere inches, and though she followed that up with a converted kill, IPFW scored the clinching point.

"That was fantastic by our kids to stay in there like that," Houk said. "We had a great chance to tie it at 23, but Amber's swing missed literally by three inches.

"That's the kind of mindset we want; kids who are willing to step up in big spots."

Though freshman Sydney Dimke added 10 kills and junior Tori Kroll had 48 set assists and 15 digs for the Coyotes, the story was Kritenbrink. The Gretna, Neb., native led the Summit League in kills per set last season — a stat that may continue this year.

"I don't mind being that top swinger out there, that's the attitude I have," she said. "I like leading the way, even if I'm the one freeing up someone else."

Balance was the key in USD's lone set win, in game two when it hit .279 and led from start to finish.

The momentum was short lived, though, as Fort Wayne dominated set three — keyed in part by what Houk called communication errors and serving issues.

"The big difference was that we lost the serve-pass game," the fifth-year coach said. "It wasn't horrible on our part at all, but they were just better.

"When you get down four or five points, it's usually the death of you."

If that's the case, the resurrection could come as soon as Sunday. That's when the Coyotes will host Oakland, a

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Yankton Hosts ESD Golf Today

Brandon Valley Looks To Defend Title

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The Yankton Bucks boys' golf team has been solid all season, posting an average score of 307 on the season. At home the Bucks have been even better, shooting an average of 303 and winning their home invitational 15 days ago.

Yankton is hoping that home magic keeps going as it hosts the Eastern South Dakota Conference Championships today (Saturday) at Fox Run Golf Course.

The Bucks will have their hands full in trying to keep the ESD title in Yankton, as an experienced Brandon Valley squad looks to defend that

crown. The Lynx come into state with a season average of under 300 (299.3), a run that includes a state-record round of 279.

"We are excited about the possibility of repeating as ESD Champions and feel privileged to have the chance to repeat," said BV head coach Scott Carroll. "We have a very strong team and in my mind I feel that anyone of my six guys at some point could take medalist honors."

Yankton also feels good about its chances, having beaten the Lynx twice this season.

"Brandon Valley is really good, but we've beaten them a couple of times at Fox Run," said Yankton head coach Brett Sime. "Aberdeen Central

is also a tough team.

The Golden Eagles boast a 315 average entering the league championships. While only three strokes separate the averages of Aberdeen's Central's top six, coach Kurt Drube said.

"We have been pretty consistent with team scores all around the 315 mark," he said. "Inconsistency has come from the players that shoot in the 70s each meet. It seems to be different guys each meet."

Watertown comes in with a 328 team average, followed by Brookings (335), Pierre (342), Huron (351) and Mitchell (354).

Two golfers come in to the tour-

ESD Golf Leaders

Name	School	Avg.
Jace Guthmiller	Yankton	72.2
Trevor Tobin	Brandon Valley	72.6
Greg Koehn	Brandon Valley	76.1
Tyler Anderson	Brandon Valley	76.4
Riley Duncanson	Brandon Valley	76.8
Mitch Schlingman	Yankton	77.6
Michael Whitney	Brandon Valley	78.6
Cameron Huff	Aberdeen Central	79.0
Willie Welch	Pierre	79.0
Tanner Wehrkamp	Brandon Valley	79.4
Lane Sawatzke	Yankton	79.9
Thomas Hogg	Aberdeen Central	80.0
Jake Steen	Brookings	80.0
Colton Hanson	Watertown	81.1
Drew Mahowald	Watertown	81.1
Jaron Welch	Mitchell	81.2
Ethan Smith	Watertown	81.4
Brandon Frick	Yankton	81.7

Averages submitted by team coaches. Top 15 in ESD Tournament will earn all-conference. Tee times are listed in today's Scoreboard, Page 10.

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5-0 FOR YANKTON



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Senior split end Sam Wendte lays out to make the catch for a first down during the fourth quarter of the Bucks' 19-0 Eastern South Dakota Conference win over the Bobcats on Friday at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium in Brookings.

Bucks Blank Brookings

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

BROOKINGS — A swarming and aggressive defense gave Brookings fits all night long as the Yankton Bucks outplayed the Bobcats to a 19-0 Eastern South Dakota Conference victory at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium on Friday night.

Yankton, which improved to 5-0 with the shutout, could not find a way to turn its huge yardage gains into a substantial amount of points. In the end however, the Bucks' defense played tough enough and never faced a serious challenge despite the close score.

The win is all that matters and now Yankton can focus on getting healthy and preparing for their second half of the season, in which they will likely face three ranked squads in a four week span.

"We got it done," Bucks head coach Arlin Likness said in a postgame interview with the Brookings Register. "We left a lot of points not on the scoreboard but to travel up here and get a win, we'll take it anytime we can."

The Bucks did not allow their opposition to score for the second time this season, but they also failed to reach the 20-point mark for the first time this year, with their previous low point total being a 27-21 victory over Pierre

in week one.

Yankton kicker Lane Sawatzke suffered an injury on the opening kickoff of the game as he made the tackle to bring down return man Mike Daniel. Sawatzke would be unable to return so kicking duties for the remainder of the evening fell to sophomore Brady Hale.

After forcing a three and out to start the game Yankton took over deep in their own territory and used nine plays to march down the field in a touchdown drive that saw Michael Rucker find J.J. Hejna for a 34-yard scoring strike midway through the first quarter. A botched snap on the extra point attempt meant Yankton would settle for the 6-0 lead.

On their following possession, Hale would miss the first of his three field goal attempts of the game. All three had the proper distance but Hale missed wide to both sides and also hit an attempt off the left upright.

Hale was just one of numerous sophomores to see action in the game due to a string of injuries affecting the Bucks in recent weeks.

"Our young kids got some experience against another young team," Likness said.

Sophomore Levi Davis, who rushed 24 times for 138 yards, sprinted into the endzone from eight yards out early in the second quarter to give Yankton

the 12-0 advantage. The Bucks would go for two on the PAT but James Hisek was stopped before he reached the goal line.

While the Yankton offense was finding a rhythm their defense was holding strong against the Bobcats, allowing only 15 Brookings rushing yards off of 18 carriers the entire game.

"Our defense played pretty solid," Likness added. "Everybody did their job and I'll take the defensive effort."

Following a Bobcat fumble with under three minutes remaining in the first half, the Bucks did what they have done all season and immediately capitalized off of their opposition's miscue as Rucker capped off a seven play, 24 yard drive with a quarterback sneak from the goal line with 14 seconds left in the half. A successful Hale PAT extended the Yankton lead to 19-0.

Even though the yards kept piling up in the second half Yankton was unable to put any more points on the scoreboard. Rucker was intercepted for the first time this season early in the third quarter and the Bucks also lost a fumble early in the fourth, tripling their number of turnovers this season. Yankton still managed to add to their season turnover margin which stands at plus-14 after they forced the

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Coyotes Ready For Another Big Ten Test At Northwestern

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VERMILLION — Three years.

Three Big Ten Conference games. Over the past two seasons, the South Dakota football team is 1-1 in such games against the FBS conference. Getting above the .500 figures to be a significant challenge.

The Coyotes wrap up non-league play today (Saturday) at 2:30 p.m. in Evanston, Ill., against Northwestern, a 3-0 team receiving votes in every major national poll this week.

On the one hand, USD (1-1) isn't exactly walking into Wisconsin, which soundly beat the Coyotes last season, but then again, it's not Minnesota either. It is simply another Big Ten game, according to junior offensive lineman Cody O'Neill.

"You can look at it and think, 'Holy cow, this is a Big Ten stadium,' with wide eyes and be intimidated, or you can think of it like just another Saturday," said O'Neill, one of eight Illinois natives on the Coyote roster. "Once you get to the top, you somewhat get used to it.

"You should want to get back to that high point and face the best."

With two weeks off after beating Colgate on Sept. 8, the Coyotes have had plenty of time to prepare for its stiffest non-conference test. Head coach Joe Glenn said that while his team spent that time fixing certain issues (run defense, tackling, etc.), the focus was always on Northwestern.

"They're a Big Ten team, but we've all been in games where we're the underdogs," Glenn said. "And I think our kids will take that role as a challenge. I know they will."

Officially, there are no betting odds for the game because of the FBS/FCS matchup, but the Coyotes haven't been favored in some of the games they lost, specifically the Minnesota win in 2010. USD, though, can't necessarily worry about the past, junior defensive back Charlie Goro said.

"My mindset is always the same, they might have a few more athletes and more speed, but we can't look at it like it's a huge game," said Goro, a second-year transfer from FBS Vanderbilt where he spent two seasons.

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Football: Bon Homme Blanks Wagner 20-0

TYNDALL — Bon Homme used a third quarter surge to get past rival Wagner 20-0 in high school football action Friday night in Tyndall.

Ross Kortan was the leading rusher for the Cavaliers, with 49 on 10 carries. Blaze Vanacek had 28 yards on the ground. Vanacek had 70 yards through the air on four completions. Cody Larson recorded 11 tackles for the Cavalier defense. Alec Weber and Sawyer Fredrich both had nine tackles for Bon Homme.

There were no stats available for Wagner.

After the victory, Bon Homme moves to 3-2 and has a bye next week. The Cavaliers' next game will be Oct. 5 against Parkston.

Wagner moves to 3-1 after the loss and will host McCook Central-Montrose on Sept. 28.

BON HOMME (3-2).....8 0 14 0 - 20
WAGNER (3-1).....0 0 0 0 - 0

Wynot 36, Osmond 30

WYNOT, Neb. — Wynot used a

strong offensive performance to defeat Osmond 36-30 Friday night.

Jackson Sudbeck and Brady Stratman both had 21 carries. Sudbeck rushed for 92 yards while Stratman recorded 66.

Sudbeck had 207 yards through the air. He had five touchdowns on 17 completions. Davis Wiesler had six catches on 122 yards and four touchdowns. Cody Stratman had five receptions for 58 yards and a touchdown. Nathan Weisler had 16 tackles to lead Wynot. Brady Stratman had 12 tackles on the night.

Carlin Krinert rushed for two touchdowns for 102 yards on 21 attempts. Adam Swallow posted 71 yards in the loss for Osmond. Daniel Wiese had a rushing touchdown. Wiese also passed the ball for 35 yards.

After a victory, Wynot moves to 1-3 and will travel to Stewart on Sept. 28.

Osmond will drop to 1-3 with the loss and will host Winside on Sept. 28.

WYNOT (1-3).....8 8 8 6 - 30
OSMOND (1-3).....8 16 6 6 - 36

Crofton 28, Cedar Catholic 21

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Warriors edged past Cedar Catholic by seven in Nebraska high school football on Friday night.

Crofton racked up 302 total yards of scrimmage. Evan Wookman ran the ball for 144 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown. Justin Janssen had 83 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns. Alex Jansen was four of six with 91 yards through the air. Travis Allvin lead the Warriors with seven tackles. Derek VanHeek had six tackles.

Cedar Catholic quarterback Taylor Kathol passed the ball for 163 yards on 14 completions. Kathol had two touchdowns and two interceptions on the night. Ryan Becker ran the ball for 56 yards. Grant Dicks had 94 yards on three receptions. Kathol led Cedar Catholic with eight tackles. Connor Wieseler poster seven and a half tackles.

Crofton moves to 4-0 with a vic-

tory and will travel on the road to take on Homer on Sept. 28.

Cedar Cathlic is now 2-2 on the year and will go to Norfolk to play Lutheran high Northeast on Sept. 28.

CROFTON (4-0).....7 7 7 7 - 28
CEDAR CATHOLIC (2-2).....7 7 0 7 - 21

Menno 32, Gayville-Volin 14

GAYVILLE — Chet Peterson rushed for 136 yards Friday night to lead the Menno Wolves in a victory against the Gayville-Volin Raiders 32-14 in Gayville.

Austin Herrboldt passed for 73 yards and rushed for 12 yards for the night, while Tyrell Bertsch had 10 tackles. Ty Spencer had eight tackles for the night and Peterson had six tackles.

For the Raiders, Alec Barta rushed for 107 yards and passed for a total of 53 yards. Zach Anderson rushed for 38 yards. John Guy



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Bloomfield's Chet Beckmann finds running room during the first quarter of the Bees' homecoming matchup with Neligh-Oakdale on Friday in Bloomfield, Neb.

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