

Coyotes 'Were There' Against Kansas, Fall 31-14



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South Dakota wide receiver Austin Koch is dropped for a short gain by Kansas safety Dexter Linton (23) in the second quarter at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kan., on Saturday.

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — With the good came the not-so-good Saturday night in a Big 12 Conference atmosphere for the USD football team.

The final score, 31-14 in favor of the Kansas Jayhawks, was frustratingly tight for the underdog Coyotes, who were expected to lose by plenty more.

Was there in consolation in keeping it close?

Only in the sense that the goal was met, senior linebacker Tyler Starr said.

"I think our goal coming down here was to be there in the fourth quarter, which would give us a chance to win the game," Starr said later. "We were there, things just didn't go our way."

For the Coyotes (1-1), who fall to 1-5 in FBS games, the story cen-

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tered around some of the things they did well at Memorial Stadium and those missed opportunities.

The positives? USD rushed for 219 yards, an average of 5.1 per carry, against a Big 12 defense and was within 10 points in the fourth quarter.

The negatives? Kansas ran for 280 yards and benefited three times from a short field to score a touchdown.

"They didn't have to pass a lot, just force it up and run on us. And that's disappointing," USD head coach Joe Glenn said. "I thought we were a little better than that."

Despite struggling in the return game (Kansas had touchdown

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Gazelles Earn First Victory

Yankton Battles Past Pierre 3-2

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Keeping their energy and momentum going through five games, the Gazelles claimed their first win of the season against the Pierre Lady Governors in Saturday afternoon volleyball action.

"When we went to Huron and played we started really flat," head coach Tiffany Beste said after Saturday's game. "We finished with much more energy and moved a lot more this time. We talked about coming into this match and starting at that level — not dropping our heads and being unhappy, but coming out right away with a lot of energy."

Yankton went 3-2 on the day, losing game one 19-25, but claiming a victory in game two 25-23 after coming back from a Pierre lead of 10-16. The Gazelles volleyed back and forth in game three, but came away from a 24-24 tie with consecutive kills to win 29-27. Yankton fell to the Lady Governors 14-25 in game three, but answered with the final 15-11 win in game five.

"Now they know they can win," Beste said. "They showed a ton of character today after getting behind in a couple of sets and getting back up and winning them. Then in set five, when we were up, and (Pierre) came back we were able to finish that one too. It was something I hadn't seen out of these girls until this match, and it was nice to finally see that."

Beste said she also saw the defense working well to give the offense opportunities. Beste has been pushing for solid defense since the beginning of the season, and said everything finally came together Saturday for the win.

"When given the opportunity, our offense has been pretty good. It's just been so rare, because whether it be serve-receive or defense, our passing hasn't been there," she said. "We were able to put it all together tonight."

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The Yankton Gazelles celebrate their 3-2 victory over Pierre on Saturday at the Summit Center. It was Yankton's first victory of the season, and the first YHS victory for head coach Tiffany Beste.

VB: USD Finishes 3-1 At Cougar Challenge Bon Homme Wins Gregory Inv.

PULLMAN, Wash. — The University of South Dakota volleyball team beat Texas Tech 3-1 and lost to host Washington State 3-0 to finish the WSU Cougar Challenge with a 3-1 record on Saturday.

Two members of the Coyotes earned all-tournament honors in the event. Tori Kroll and Audrey Reeg. Kroll recorded a triple-double against Montana, a double-double against Eastern Washington and had 165 assists over four games to earn all-tournament honors. Reeg also earned all-tournament honors by finishing the tournament with 72 digs, recording a top effort of 31 against Montana.

In the 25-12, 23-25, 25-18, 25-22 victory over Texas Tech, Kendall Kritenbrink posted 16 kills and Melissa Firtko had 11 kills to lead the way. It was the sixth time in seven games Kritenbrink led the Coyotes in kills, while Firtko recorded her 11 kills on 15 total attacks and added seven block assists. Sydney Dimke was a dig short of a double-double with 10 kills and

nine digs. Reeg tallied 12 digs and Kroll recorded 40 assists and eight digs.

Meghan Stacy led Texas Tech offensively with 13 kills. In WSU's 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 victory, Washington State committed only eight attack errors and had a .333 hitting percentage during the match. Kyra Holt led the Cougars with 13 kills.

USD was led by Kritenbrink's 11 kills and Reeg's 14 digs. Dimke added 11 digs while Kroll had 31 assists.

The Coyotes will next travel to the Montana State Tournament where they will face Akron on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Jamestown 3, MMC 0

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — The University of Jamestown swept Mount Marty 25-16, 25-14, 25-11 in NAAIA volleyball action on Saturday.

Sarah Becker and Naomi Walther each had eight kills to lead the Jamestown (8-4) offense. Kalia Buck posted 13 assists, with Kelsey Deragisch finishing with 12 assists. Alaina Brown added five ace serves in the victory.

For Mount Marty (4-5), Lexie Branson led the way with seven kills. Caitlyn Ilg posted 11 assists. Courtney Miller added eight digs.

Jamestown travels to Valley City State (N.D.) on Wednesday. Mount Marty travels to Peru, Neb., for a tournament this coming weekend. The Lancers will face College of St. Mary's and Valley

SDSU 3, Drake 2

DES MOINES, Iowa — The South Dakota State volleyball team snapped its season-opening skid on Saturday night with a 15-15, 24-26, 25-15, 23-25, 15-9 win over Drake in the final match of the Drake Invitational behind career nights from sophomore Wagner Larson and senior Lexi Fowler.

The Jackrabbits, who improve to 1-5, won behind 26 kills from Larson, who hit .500 in the match, with just two errors in 48 swings, thanks in large part to Fowler, who posted a triple-double with 12 kills, 48 assists and 14 digs, the first triple-double by an SDSU player since Amy Anderson posted 11 kills, 10 digs and 10 total blocks in a 3-set win over Western Illinois in the Summit League Tournament semifinals on Nov. 16, 2007.

In addition to Larson, who made the all-tournament team for the second straight weekend, the Jackrabbits got double-digit kills from Mikala Hora, who also finished with 13 kills and a season-high 20 digs for her first-career double-double. Emily Veldman added 11 kills and Tiara Gibson 10 in the win.

Kacey Herrmann added seven kills and a career-high 31 digs to lead the Jacks. Lizzie Palmer also tallied a career-high with 25 digs.

Capris Quaites and Shelby Daum led the Bulldogs with 12 kills each in the loss, with Quaites adding 19 digs to complete her double-double. Amanda Platte finished with 10 kills, while Sarah Madden tied with Palmer for match-high honors with 31 digs.

SDSU heads to the Florida International Invitational in Miami, starting with Jacksonville on Friday at 9 a.m. CT, followed by a match against the host Panthers at 6 p.m. CT, before closing the weekend against Tennessee-Chattanooga on Sunday at 9 a.m. CT.

GREGORY — Bon Homme beat Jones County 25-13, 25-12 in the championship of the Gregory Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday.

Caitlin McLouth had seven kills, five blocks and two ace serves to lead Bon Homme. Emily Pechous scored six kills. Ali Adams had 13 assists and two ace serves. Kelsey Sutura finished with 10 digs and two ace serves. Vanessa Navratil added 14 digs in the victory.

For Jones County, Garline Boni had two kills and two blocks. Kalli Hesper and Rachel Buxcel each had four digs.

Bon Homme, 5-0, travels to Vermillion on Tuesday. Jones County, 3-1, travels to Philip on Tuesday.

Bon Homme advanced to the final with a 25-19, 30-28 victory over Lyman. The Lady Cavaliers opened with a 25-15, 25-9 victory over South Central.

THIRD — LYMAN DEF. GREGORY

25-20, 25-23: Anna Flitner had 10 kills, five blocks and 15 digs to lead Lyman past Gregory in the third place match.

Hanna Thiry had 14 assists. Sara Herman had 18 digs and Ashton Smith had four blocks in the win.

For Gregory, Courtney Probroek had seven kills and Briana Huber had five kills to lead the way. Brett Steffen had 15 assists, and Codi Horst had 14 digs for the Gorillas.

Scotus Tour.

COLUMBUS, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic went 1-2 in the Columbus Scotus volleyball tournament on Saturday in Columbus, Neb.

The Lady Trojans, 3-2, travel to Crofton on Tuesday.

STANTON DEF. HCC 25-20, 25-18: Kayla Hochstein had five kills and Alli Walter had four kills to lead the Cedar Catholic offense. Emily Felmeier posted seven assists. Karly Noecker added four digs.

HCC DEF. PIERCE 25-27, 25-21, 25-14: Cedar Catholic survived a slow start to edge Mid-State Conference rival Pierce.

Bayley Steffen had nine kills and Karly Noecker had eight kills and five ace serves to lead HCC. Alli Walter had five kills and two blocks. Emily Felmeier posted 22 assists. Reggan Noecker had five digs and two ace serves.

NEUMANN DEF. HCC 25-19, 25-15: Alli Walter had four kills and three blocks, and three different Lady Trojans had three kills each for Cedar Catholic. Emily Felmeier had 10 assists. Karly Noecker and Haley Becker each had two ace serves.

Soccer: Clarke Sweeps Past Mount Marty

Clarke University scored the final three goals in the match to beat Mount Marty 4-2 in men's soccer action on Sunday at Yankton's Easton Field.

MMC played the final 54:31 short-handed due to a second yellow card on a Lancer player. But after a Juan Magana goal in the 56th minute, the Lancers briefly held a 2-1 lead.

"It was a good effort," said MMC head coach Nathan Epp. "We did OK down a man."

But Clarke scored three goals over the next 22 minutes, including the goal-ahead and game-icing goals by Jared Perez.

"We did a poor job of transitioning to defense," Epp said. "It's been our Achilles heel so far this season."

Clark outshot the Lancers 9-2 in the second half and 23-12 in the match.

"We got lazy with our passes," Epp said. "We were seeing the right things, but we were being lazy and not sending the passes with pace."

"It's tough to build an offense that way."

Besides the two goals from Perez, Anthony Pantaleo had a goal and an assist. Austin Perry also scored a goal. Ianis Bulens and Lorenzo Cortez also had assists.

Genaro Bustillos scored the Lancers' first goal and assisted on the Magana goal. Adan Garcia-Marquez assisted on the first goal.

Damian O'Hare stopped



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Mount Marty's Juan Magana raises his arm up in celebration after his shot goes past Clarke goalkeeper Damian O'Hare, 1, for a goal in the second half of their men's soccer match on Sunday at Easton Field. Clarke scored the final three goals of the match against a short-handed Lancer team to claim a 4-2 victory.

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