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BY JEREMY HOECK

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The similarities between the South Dakota State and University of South Dakota football teams are

Both sides lost their starting quarterbacks to non-contact injuries in guarantee games last Saturday. And now both schools turn to back-up quarterbacks in this Saturday's home opener against teams that

Ferie, huh? South Dakota State will be without senior quarterback Austin Sumner for somewhere between 5-7 weeks with bone breaks in his right foot. Meanwhile in Vermillion, the Coyotes will be without junior Kevin Earl because of a break in his right thumb.

USD head coach Joe Glenn, who was at Yankton Quarterback Club on Wednesday, was frank in describing what those injuries mean to the Coyotes and Jackrabbits.

They mean about the same," Glenn said. "They're both team captains." Earl could return to the Coyotes within six weeks, Glenn said. That would mean Earl would miss mes against William Penn (on Saturday), Montana, Northern Arizona, Southern Illinois and possibly Northern lowa, at the minimum

Depending on his healing process and rehabilitation, Earl could return to the field for the Oct. 18 road game at Missouri State.

Sumner, meanwhile, will be out for games against Cal Poly (on Saturday), Southern Utah, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Illinois State and Missouri State, and possibly more.

I'm not going to debate which injury is worse news for which team, because frankly it's too early, but it's easy to see that USD is better set up in the immediate. Backup quarterback Ryan Saeger will play against NAIA member William Penn on Saturday, which should allow him to build some confidence. Make no mistake, though, Zach Lujan with the Jackrabbits fared pretty well at Missouri. You'd have

to think he wouldn't take a step back against Cal Poly, and could even take a step forward in his pro-

USD Tennis Coach Gilreath

Resigns VERMILLION

 South Dakota head tennis coach Malcolm Gilreath resigned on Wednesday, ending a 10-year run as USD's head coach. He has accepted a non-coaching job in another indus-

Gilreath will leave as the program's winningest coach, finishing with a 122-117 record. He led the program through the Division I transition and coached USD to a 28-24 record and a pair of Summit League Tournament appearances after the transition. Gilreath also coached two All-Summit League performers in Alena Sergeychik (2012) and Yamini Reddy (2013).

"I'd like to thank the student-athletes, the other USD coaches, the athletics staff, our Athletic Director, David Herbster, and President Jim Abbott for all the wonderful opportunities I had as a part of the Coyote family," Gilreath said. "As I move on, I'll appreciate the times together, and going forward i'll always be a Coyote."

Gilreath's teams were among USD's most suc-

cessful in the classroom. During his tenure, USD tennis has earned the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) All-Academic Team award nine times and 37 individuals were named ITA Scholar-Athletes. His teams were also successful at the conference level, as the 2012-13 team earned The Summit League's Team Academic Achievement Award after all 10 members made the league's Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence.

"Malcolm has been a part of the Covote family for 10 years and he will be missed," Herbster said. "He has run the program the right way and brought it up to the Division I level. We wish him the best in his new career and thank him for everything he has meant to the program.'

A national search for USD's next tennis coach will begin immediately.

MMC's Arena Earns GPAC Honor

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Ludwin Arena, a forward for the Mount Marty College men's soccer team, was Wednesday announced as the Great Plains Athletic Conference Men's Offensive Player of the

What Now For USD And SDSU?

Arena, a junior from South Sioux City, Nebraska, scored three goals in the Lancers' 3-1 victory over York College last week.

Two SDSU Wrestlers Ranked In AWP Poll

BROOKINGS - Two-time NCAA qualifier Cody Pack is ranked No. 19, while Joe Brewster and Alex Kocer sit at No. 22 and No. 31, respectively, in the Associated Wrestling Press preseason poll.

A year after qualifying a program-best three wrestlers for the NCAA Championships, SDSU is poised to take another leap in the ranks of the Western Wrestling Conference and will rely on this core to lead a squad full of young talent.

Pack and Kocer, who each claimed WWC conference championships a year ago, went 28-8 and 29-13, respectively, while Brewster went 22-16.

The Jacks will make their season debut by hosting the 22nd Annual Warren Williamson/Dak-

tronics Open Nov. 2.

Sanford Pentagon Secures Telecasts For Games

SIOUX FALLS — Two regional television networks, Fox Sports North and Midco Sports Network, will broadcast NCAA Division I men's basketball games from the Sanford Pentagon this

Fox Sports North will telecast the Nov. 30 meeting between South Dakota State University and Florida Gulf Coast University, while Midco Sports Network will cover the University of South Dakota and UNLV game on Dec. 13.

A total of three Division I men's basketball game are scheduled for the Pentagon in 2014-15, including a contest featuring Wichita State University and Memphis University on Nov. 18 that will be broadcast by ESPN as part of its College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon. Tickets for all three games are available at ticketmaster.com and the ntagon box office.

Fox Sports North is available on five different

cable or dish providers, and Midco Sports Network can be found on channels 26 (standard definition) or 622 (high definition) for Midcontinent Communications subscribers.

SDSU Youth Football Clinic

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State University football players and coaches will conduct a free youth clinic on Sept. 20, prior to the Jackrabbits hosting the 48th Annual Beef Bowl against Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The clinic, which is open to children in grades K-8, will run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the practice fields directly east of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium. Each participant will receive a free general admission ticket to that evening's game, along with a Jackrabbit schedule poster. The Beef Bowl barbecue is scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. directly south of the stadium, with kickoff slated for 6 p.m. Registration is available online

GoJacks.com. For more information, contact the Jackrabbit Ticket Office at 1-866-GO JACKS.

SOCCER. BOYS' Mitchell Christian-Mount Ver

SOCCER, GIRLS' Vermillion vs. West Central at

TENNIS, GIRLS' YHS/Pierre at Mitchell (2 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S North Dakota Tourn.

— USD vs. Tulane (3 p.m.), USD vs. North Dakota (7 p.m., MidcoSN); MMC/Waldorf at Presentation (4:30

Saturday, September 6
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Corsica-Stickney Inv. at Corsica (Avon, Bon Homme, Centerville, Marty Indian, Wagner, 9 a.m.); Mount Vermon-Plankinton Inv.

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE William Penn at USD (2

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Tour Championship at

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S North Dakota Tourn.

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VOLLEYBALL, 9TH Pierre at YHS (2:30 p.m.)
Sunday, September 7
GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Tour Championship at

n (Platte-Geddes Scotland 9 a m.)

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL SDSWA POLL

SIOUX FALLS (AP) - Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association

Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:

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Darlington, S.C. (Kevin Harvick)
April 26 — Toyota Owners 400, Rich-

Ala. (Denny Hamlin)

May 10 — 5-hour ENERGY 400,

Kansas City, Kan. (Jeff Gordon)

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June 15 — Quicken Loans 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Jimmie Johnson) June 22 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Carl Edwards) June 28 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky. Brad Keselowski) July 6 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona

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mond, Va. (Joey Logano) May 4 — Aaron's 499, Talladega,

Kansas City, Kan. (Jeff Gordon)
May 16 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C. (Clint Bowyer)
May 17 — x-NASCAR Sprint All-Star
Race, Concord, N.C. (Jamie McMurray)
May 25 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord,
N.C. (Jamie Jackas)

(Jimmie Johnson)

June 8 — Pocono 400, Long Pond,
Pa. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)

Beach, Fla. (Aric Almirola) July 13 — Camping World RV Sales 301, Loudon, N.H. (Brad Keselowski) July 27 - The John Wayne Walding 400. Indianapolis (Jeff Gordon)

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Aug. 17 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Jeff Gordon)
Aug. 23 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn. (Joey Logano)
Aug. 31 — Oral-B USA 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kasev Kahne)

Sept. 6 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va. Sept. 14 — MyAFibStory.com 400, Joliet, III Sept. 21 — Sylvania 300, Loudon,

Sept. 28 — AAA 400, Dover, Del. Oct. 5 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500, Concord N.C. Oct. 19 — GEICO 500, Talladega,

Oct. 26 — Goody's Headache Relief Nov. 2 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas

Nov. 9 — Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz. Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.

DRIVER STANDINGS

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help next spring?

7. Carl Edwards, 755. 8. Kevin Harvick, 748. 9. Ryan Newman, 747. 10. Grea Biffle, 728. 11. Kasey Kahne, 708. 12. Clint Bowyer, 705. 13. Kyle Larson, 704.

6 Jimmie Johnson, 766.

14. Paul Menard, 675 15 Austin Dillon 674 16. Jamie McMurray, 666. 17. Kyle Busch, 657. 18. Brian Vickers, 650

19. Denny Hamlin, 636. **BASEBALL**

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'The experience is once in

a lifetime for her, and for her

to bring that back for her sen-

How can that experience

'Just understanding our

resources and how the game

is bigger than us," Orwig

and our own results.

Hoeck on Twitter at

said. "Sometimes we get so

caught up in our own worlds

"This definitely helped."

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twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss

this story at www.yankton.net.

ior year can only help," Fer-

Cleveland 7, Detroit 0 Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 4 Houston 4, L.A. Angels 1 Kansas Citv 4. Texas 1 Chicago White Sox at Minnesota

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(Odorizzi 10-11), 6:10 p.m. Seattle (Elias 9-12) at Texas (S.Baker 3-3), 7:05 p.m. L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 4-7) at Min-ota (Gibson 11-10), 7:10 p.m.

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Thursday, September 4
CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Brandon Valley Inv.
(YHS, 4:30 p.m.); Wisner-Pilger Inv. at Beemer (Bloomfield-Wausa, Crofton, Laurel-Concord-Co-

AREA CALENDAR

FOOTBALL, PREP Niobrara-Verdigre at Bloom-

GOLF, MEN'S Siouxland Inv. at Landsmeer GC, Orange City, Iowa (MMC)

GOLF. BOYS' Lennox at YHS (Fox Run, 2 p.m.): Beresford Quad at The Bridges (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, 4 p.m.); Chamberlain Inv.

igner, 10 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' West Holt Inv. (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, 9 a.m.)

SOCCER, BOYS' S.F. Roosevelt at YHS (6 p.m.)

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SOCCER, GIRLS' S.F. Roosevelt at YHS (4 SOCCER, GIRLS' JV S.F. Roosevelt at YHS (6

p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Huron at YHS (7 p.m.); Wynot Inv. (Bloomfield, Crofton, Hartington-Newcastle, Wynot); Alcester-Hudson at Gayville-Volin; Avon at Andes Central; Battle Creek/Hartington Cedar Catholic at Humphrey St. Francis; Beresford at Can-ton (Breast Cancer Awareness Night); Bridgewater-Tipp-Delmont-Armour at Tippy. Centerville at Canistota; Chamberlain at Wagner; Creighton/Osmond vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdigre; Elk Point-Jefferson at Dakota Valley; Elkhorn Valley/Winside at Wausa; Emerson-Hubbard/Homer at Ponca; Freeman at Howard; Marion vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Marty Indian at Todd County; Menno at Freeman Academy; Parker vs. McCook Central-Mon

Colorado

Wednesday's Games Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4

St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0

trose at Salem; Parkston at Hanson; Platte-Geddes at Wessington Springs; Randolph at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; South Sioux City at Vermillion VOLLEYBALL, JV Huron at YHS (4:30 p.m.)

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Friday, September 5
CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Augustana Twi-

light at Sioux Falls (MMC, USD, 8:30 p.m.)

CROSS COUNTRY, PREP Augustana Twilight at
Sioux Falls (Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, 7:30

p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Ballic at Centerville; Bon Homme at Winner (7 p.m., KKYA-FM); Burke-South Central at Marty Indian; Colome at Andes Central; Dakota Valley at Lennox; Elgin Public-Pope John at Creighton; Freeman vs. Menno-Marrion at Marion; Gregory at Avon; Hartington-Newcastle at Emerson-Hubbard; Irene-Wakonda at Alcester-Hudson; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Parkston at Canton; Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian vs. Kimball-White Lake at Kimball; Ponca at Crofton; S.F. Christian at Beresford; Scotland vs. Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Tripp; Tri-Valley at Elk Point-Jeffer-son; Vermillion at Chamberlain (7 p.m., KVTK-AM); Viborg-Hurley at Garretson; Wagner at McCook Cen-tral-Montrose; Wilcox-Hildreth at Santee; Wynot at

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Tour Championship at GOLF, MEN'S Siouxland Inv. at The Ridge GC,

ux Center, Iowa (MMC)

GOLF, GIRLS' Stanton Inv. (Laurel-Concord-Co-

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Grand Canyon (9 57 81 .413 56 84 .400 DALLAS MAVERICKS — Re-signed C Bernard James.

DETROIT PISTONS — Named Otis

Smith coach of Grand Rapids (NRADI)

injured reserve.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed S
Ahmad Dixon and T Mike Remmers to the

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Signed OL Chris Barker, TE Allen Reisner and RB Marcus Thigpen to the practice squad. Released DL Bruce Gaston and DL

Kelcy Quarles. Released LS Charles

Hughlett, QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson, S Kanorris Davis and DB Daxton Swanson

from the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed

practice squad.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed G-F Chris Douglas-Roberts and F-C Ekpe Colorado 9, San Francisco 2 Washington 8, L.A. Dodgers 5, 14 in-NEW YORK KNICKS — Named Jim nings Baltimore 6. Cincinnati 0 Cleamons, Rasheed Hazzard, Brian Keefe and Joshua Longstaff assistant coaches. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Waived G N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 3 Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05

Wayne Ellington. FOOTBALL Arizona at San Diego, 10:05 p.m

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB
Anthony Gaitor to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed Thursday's Games Cincinnati (Leake 10-11) at Baltimore (Tillman 11-5), 6:05 p.m. St. Louis (Wacha 5-5) at Milwaukee WR Tevin Reese to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed DE
Michael Sam to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed WR (W.Peralta 15-9), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Delgado 2-3) at San Diego (Kennedy 10-11), 8:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS Nathan Palmer from their practice squad. Signed G Ryan Miller to the practice BASEBALL squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed C

RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket CLEVELAND INDIANS - Reinstated RHP Josh Tomlin from the paternity list.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of OF Ryan Kalish from Iowa

(PCL). Transferred OF Ryan Sweeney to the 60-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced a two-year extension of their player development contract with El Paso (PCL) and

BASKETBALL Il Basketball Asso

LB Junior Galette to a four-year contract extension and WR Robert Meachem.

> NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed G Geoff Schwartz on recallable injured reserve. Signed OL Adam Snyder. Signed TE Jerome Cunningham and DT Dominique Hamilton to the practice squad. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed QB Case Keenum. Waived/injured TE Justice Cun-

Placed LB Khairi Fortt on short-term injured

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed C. Lemuel Jeanpierre on injured reserve Signed WR Phil Bates to the 53-man ros

COLLEGE

CHOWAN — Named Darryl Bullock sistant football coach. WR Kyrin Preister has been dismissed

 Named Justine FORDHAM Stevenson and Aliza Feuerstein assistant athletic trainers.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN — Promoted Garth Gerhart to the active roster from the B.J. Green to assistant head coach for practice squad. Signed G Josh Allen to the practice squad. Placed C/G JC Tretter on

pitching and Chris Moore coach for hitting.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO — Named Robo Kreps men's basketball graduate manager LA SALLE — Named Ryan Collins assistant track and field/cross country

TEXAS A&M — Agreed to terms with Billy Kennedy, men's basketball coach, on a two-year contract extension through the

2018 season.

UMASS — Promoted Chris Wielgus

Crofton

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locations.

each other and both get better.' They do it across the

board in all areas. When there is a conflict between an athlete and a coach, parents will back the coach, something that also helps strengthen a team, according to volleyball coach

Susan Johnson. The parents here are more apt to take the side of the coach first," she said. "There might be an occasional complaint, but for the most part parents will let kids go through what they need to go through to get bet-

Besides learning from parents, many of Crofton's top current athletes also learned from older siblings and relatives. Senior Maria Wort-

mann, who has verbally committed to NCAA Division II Wayne State (Nebraska) for volleyball next fall, has a sisa big part of the basketball and track titles in the midteaching staff in Crofton, An-University of South Dakota basketball commit, has had both sisters and cousins come through CHS.

"When you're little, you want to play like your older siblings," Wortmann said. "In order to play sports, you have to do well in school. It

Allison Arens also credited the "family system. I have older relatives that talked about what it took to get there," she said. "By the time you get there yourself, you're ready.

The student-athletes not

only have the willingness to

work hard, but the ability to

ter, Laura Morrison, who was 2000s and is now a part of the other senior. Allison Arens, a

all pays off."

keep everything in perspective, girls' basketball coach Aaron Losing said.

"Our girls, in general, have their heads screwed on straight," he said. Most of these kids understand that sports is for fun. We have a lot of mature girls come through here, who push themselves to be successful."

Sharing Talent

In an age of specialization, Crofton has bucked the trend. Wortmann and Arens are in volleyball, basketball and track and field. Fellow senior Quinn Wragge is running cross country this fall, then will join her friends for basketball and track.

Each has one that is her best sport, but make the effort to be in the other sports as well. 'We do it for one another.

We're all great friends," Alli-

son Arens said. "If I can help

Maria win a volleyball title, I

will, and we will both do anything to win a track title for Quinn. She'll try to help us win another basketball title."

Even when they're not on

the same teams, they are out cheering for their schoolmates, Coach Arens noted. "The neat thing about this group is they are supportive all around," she said. "Our cross country girls will go to

the volleyball matches. The

volleyball girls will come to

our meets. They want each

other to do well. Losing and the other coaches try to create an atmosphere where cross-activity participation is encouraged, he said.

"In a small school, that's the way it's always been. You want kids to be active in multiple things," he said. "It's easier to do in a small town because all the programs need the best athletes in order to be successful."

Kramer echoed that state-

ment.

"In a school our size, athletes could specialize, but it would take so much away from the other programs. They all play off each other, in a way," she said. "If one athlete would specialize, two other sports would have to plug holes. It helps that everyone is willing to share talent.'

The athletes also come into each season energized, according to track and field coach Rod Hegge. "In those last couple of

weeks of the school year, sometimes kids are going through the motions. But these kids, they're fresh," he said. "What these girls have is the will to win. When you have leaders like these, it rubs off on the other kids."

Out For More

While each of the Crofton coaches is focused on getting better, not necessarily on

hanging another banner in the gym, the pressure is there to continue the suc-

fear," she said. "We don't want to be that team that fell under pressure.' All three seniors, though, just want to make the most

"I feel like there is a lot of

of their final seasons. "We just want to do our best, have a lot of fun and make a ton of memories, Wragge said. "Hopefully it all

turns out awesome." Regardless of how the school year goals, Allison Arens wants her class to leave a legacy at CHS.

We want to be that senior class that everyone says, 'They were fun to watch,' she said.

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