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Kansas State defensive end Marquel Bryant (45) rips the helmet off South Dakota Coyotes quarterback Ryan Saeger (2) as he is sacked in the closing seconds of the first half Saturday in Manhattan, Kan. K-State won 34-0.

K-State Blanks USD In Opener

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State kicked off its season in dominating fashion Saturday, notching a 34-0 win over South Dakota. What stood out to Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder, however, was the abundance of room for improvement.

"It was great to get a shut-out," Snyder said. "No matter who you line up and play against, those are not easy to come by in this day and age, so I was proud (that) as iffy as we played defensively that we still managed to do that. That was a plus."

Kansas State overwhelmed its FCS opponent from the first play of the game, when Morgan Burns returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. The coach had a unique takeaway from that play, one of the most electric of the game.

"What I saw was we missed a block," Snyder said, "but we

managed to still - we missed a double-team block, everybody else did a nice job and helped him immensely, and obviously he did a nice job as well."

The most visible negative for the Wildcats, however, was the loss of starting quarterback Jesse Ertz, who came up limping after only two snaps. He was replaced by Joe Hubener, who completed 9 of 18 attempts for 147 yards and a touchdown.

Dominique Heath led Kansas State receivers with three catches for 54 yards. The Wildcats used a committee approach in the run game, with Justin Silmon grinding out 51 yards and Charles Jones and Hubener adding 39 and 38, respectively. They also relied heavily on their fullbacks in the red zone, giving the ball eight times to Dimel, who finished with 29 yards and punched in touchdowns from the 2 and the 1.

As he did when talking about the defense and the

touchdown return, Snyder hardly went overboard in his praise.

"They ran okay," Snyder said. "I don't think we did anything fantastic. You'd like to think that one guy can't tackle one guy, and yet that happened more often than you'd like for it to. We need to be more aggressive runners."

South Dakota's Ryan Saeger converted 18 of 30 passes for 205 yards, but the Coyotes struggled offensively all game.

"For us to have success we have to get our running game going, and they were too much for us," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. "We could not run against them. None of our guys averaged anywhere near what we need to, so it was just total dominance of our running game by a good Kansas State defense."

Kansas State amassed a 24-0 advantage in the first half despite failing to capitalize on

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SDSU Downs Jayhawks For First FBS Win

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Turns out, it's the eighth time that's the charm.

At least that's how it is for South Dakota State's football program.

The Jackrabbits defeated the Big 12 Conference's Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday 41-38 in the season opener for both teams. It was SDSU's eighth consecutive season playing a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent, but more importantly, the Jackrabbits' first-ever win over an FBS foe since moving to Division I in 2004.

"We're excited about the win and I'm proud of our football team," SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said. "I'm proud of everybody that's gone through our football team the last 12 years (since moving to Division I) because they're all part of this win."

At first, it seemed that the milestone victory would come easy as SDSU cruised to a 31-7 first-half lead. But before the Jackrabbits could put this one in the win column, they had to survive a fervent Kansas comeback attempt.

The Jayhawks scored with 2 minutes, 18 seconds remaining in the game to pull within three points at 41-38. They got the ball back and drove into field-goal range before a Montell Cozart fumble ended any hope they had to deliver first-year coach David Beaty a victory in his debut.

"This is awesome because we love this program so much," SDSU senior linebacker T.J. Lally said of the victory. "[The win] means so much to us so, this gives us a little more national respect that we felt like we've wanted and deserved for a while."

The Jackrabbits scored on their first five drives of the day to take a 24-point lead. It was an impressive feat for an offense that had lost three players to graduation from last year's squad who each rank among the top performers in Jackrabbitt program history.

Isaac Wallace, a redshirt freshman running back competing in his first collegiate game, rushed for 118 yards on 24 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown for SDSU with 6:18 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"It's surreal," Wallace said. Unbelievable. I'm speechless, honestly."

Junior quarterback Zach Lujan threw for 293 yards and three touchdowns to up his record as a starter to 6-2. He saw plenty of action last year when Austin Sumner, the program's all-time leading passer, was injured.

And then there was sophomore receiver Jake Wieneke. He picked up where he left off during his brilliant freshman season. Wieneke, from Maple Grove, Minn., caught eight passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday against the Jayhawks.

He has caught at least one touchdown in 10 of his last 11 games.

"(Wieneke's) actually a lot faster than you think he is," Beaty said. "I'm not saying that he's maybe the biggest breakout speed guy but, man, he's a crafty receiver. It's hard to get your hands on him at the line of scrimmage."

Despite all of the positive offensive production for the Jackrabbits, the decision came down to the final seconds of the game. After pulling to within three points with less

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Coyotes Ground Phoenix



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South Dakota's Sammie Villwock, center, celebrates with teammate Corey Strang after scoring the game-winning goal in a 4-3 overtime victory over Green Bay on Sunday at the USD Soccer Field. Villwock had three goals and an assist in the match.

Villwock Hat Trick Lifts Coyotes Past Green Bay

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VERMILLION — While on a recruiting trip to North Carolina a year ago, Mandy Green suffered through conditions she calls "the frozen tundra" but remembers being wowed by one player in particular.

It was a small yet speedy forward from Illinois.

Her name: Sammie Villwock. "It was freezing cold but she stood out to me as being one of the best players out there," recalls Green, the University of South Dakota head soccer coach.

The same was true Sunday, this time for Villwock at the Division I level.

A native of Lake Villa, Illinois, Villwock recorded a hat trick — including the game-winner in overtime — as the Coyotes beat Green Bay 4-3 on Sunday afternoon in Vermillion.

As Green said later, it was almost like déjà vu.

"I loved her runs on the ball, and you saw it today," said Green, whose Coyotes (2-4) won for the second outing in a row. "She puts herself in really good positions."

Corey Strang scored USD's first goal Sunday, and Villwock then scored twice in the second half as the Coyotes built a 3-1 lead in the 65th minute. That margin quickly evaporated, as the Phoenix — of the Horizon

League — roared back with a pair of goals within a two-minute span.

Fifty-six seconds into the overtime period, Villwock took a pass to the middle from senior Danielle Anderson and scorched the ball into the net for the game-winning goal.

Having played the game since she was four years old, it was Villwock's first-career hat trick.

"I never expected it to happen. I didn't even expect to score today," she said. "When I got the first one, I was like, 'Yes, finally.'"

"Then the second and third ones came, and I was ecstatic." Although she wasn't necessarily expected to be an offensive weapon right out of the gates in her college career, Villwock — one of 12 freshmen for the Coyotes — is still trying to find out how best she can help the team.

"Being a freshman, it's hard," she said. "You have to get used to everyone and get used to being on our own for the first time."

And likewise for Villwock's more experienced teammates, they too have had to adjust. It's not exactly easy to suddenly work in 12 newcomers, many of whom have been playing key roles this season.

Three goals from one of those freshmen, on the other hand, certainly doesn't hurt.

"It just shows you what soccer is, that some people can be on one day and have a big game," senior Taylor Nivala said. "Freshman or senior, we don't care who does it, we just want to win."

Losers in their first four games of the season, the Coyotes have turned a corner.

They followed up Friday's 4-0 shutout of Chicago State with another four-goal outing Sunday, and will take the winning streak down to Texas for this weekend's two games — Friday against Texas Rio Grande Valley and Sunday against Southern Utah.

Have the Coyotes figured some things out?

"Finally, today, this is the team I know and love," Green said. "We just hadn't seen it yet."

"It was nice to finally see us playing like we've been playing in practice."

A lot of that stems from communication, Villwock said. Six games has given the Coyotes enough time to iron some things out during the course of a game.

"It's clicking a lot more. We're figuring out how we all like to play together," Villwock said. "It definitely takes some time with twelve new freshmen. It takes you time to group everything out."

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South Dakota's Sammie Villwock fires the ball at the goal during the second half of the Coyotes' 4-3 overtime victory over Green Bay in women's soccer action on Sunday at the USD Soccer Field. Villwock scored on the play, the second of her three goals on the afternoon.

Gazelles Swept Volleyball: Lancers Go 2-2 In Season-Opening Tournament

At Mitchell

MITCHELL — Yankton dropped a pair of 7-2 decisions to Pierre and Mitchell in girls' tennis action on Friday.

Against Pierre, Anne Knoff and Sophie Kouri earned victories for Yankton. Knoff won in singles, and Brenna Becker and Olivia Tennant won in doubles for Yankton against Mitchell.

Yankton, 2-7, travels to Sioux Falls O'Gorman today (Tuesday).

PIERRE 7, YANKTON 2

SINGLES: Anne Knoff Y def. Cassandra Ryckman 10-3; Sydney Larson P def. Mimi Garcia 10-2; Sophie Kouri Y def. Gracie Jones 10-6; Chloe Ryan P def. Josie Krajewski 10-4; Kara Brusven P def. Adrienne Kusek 10-6; Sabrina Kintz P def. Olivia Tennant 10-4.
DOUBLES: Larson-Jones P def. Knoff-Kouri 10-7; Ryckman-Ryan P def. Garcia-Krajewski 10-5; Brusven-Kim Grambihler P def. Tennant-Brenna Becker 10-5.
JV: Grambihler P def. Becker 8-1; Maddie Binder Y def. Kailie Schultz 8-6; Becker-Binder Y def. Kintz-Schultz 8-6.

MITCHELL 7, YANKTON 2

SINGLES: Anne Knoff Y def. Sammy Pooley 10-8; Avery Larson M def. Mimi Garcia 10-4; Kaitlen Smith M def. Sophie Kouri 10-4; Kelsey Dahme M def. Josie Krajewski 10-2; Sarah Zimmerman M def. Adrienne Kusek 11-9; Madison Bohlen M def. Olivia Tennant 10-8.
DOUBLES: Pooley-Larson M def. Knoff-Kouri 11-9; Smith-Dahme M def. Garcia-Krajewski 10-6; Tennant-Brenna Becker Y def. Ashley Jones-Bohlen 10-5.
JV: Jones M def. Becker 8-2; Bailey Roden M def. Becker 6-2; Kyria Olson M def. Maddie Binder 8-1; Hannah Miller M def. Binder 6-4; Zimmerman-Roden M def. Binder-Becker 7-5.

FOREST CITY, Iowa — The Mount Marty College volleyball team finished 2-2 at the Country Inn & Suites Invitational, which concluded on Saturday.

MMC, 2-2, opens Great Plains Athletic Conference play at Morningside on Tuesday.

MMC 3, WALDORF (IOWA) 1: Bailey Kuchta had 14 kills and four blocks (one solo) to lead Mount Marty College past Waldorf 25-18, 25-15, 21-25, 25-20 on Saturday.

Sierra Kloth had 11 kills and Laura Cattle had 10 kills for MMC. Amber Dythse had nine kills, 23 assists and 12 digs. Lindsey Jaixen had 22 assists. Rachel Reiff added four assisted blocks in the victory.

Megan Perkins, Kayla Budgins and Isabelle Rothbauer each had seven kills for Waldorf. Briley Sullivan had 23 digs.

MMC 3, HANNIBAL-LA-GRANGE (MO.) 0: Amber Dythse and Laura Cattle each had 10 kills as Mount Marty downed Hannibal-LaGrange 25-13, 25-23, 25-14 on

Saturday.

Dythse also had 14 assists and 20 digs. Breanne Thege had 21 digs. Kayla Jones posted three ace serves. Rachel Reiff had three assisted blocks in the victory.

CARDINAL STRITCH (WIS.) 3, MMC 2: Cardinal Stritch, which received votes in the NAIA preseason poll, rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat Mount Marty 25-19, 23-25, 24-26, 25-22, 15-12 on Friday.

For MMC, Sierra Kloth had 13 kills, and Amber Dythse and Bailey Kuchta each had 10 kills to lead MMC. Dythse also had 24 assists and 17 digs. Lindsey Jaixen had 10 assists. Breanne Thege had 15 digs. Kuchta also had four ace serves. Maura Lysne had 12 digs.

MOUNT MERCY (IOWA) 3, MOUNT MARTY 0: Mount Mercy beat Mount Marty 25-16, 25-16, 25-21 on Friday in the season opener for Mount Marty.

Cori Peterzalek led Mount Mercy with eight kills and 13 as-

ists. Lauren Stopko had 24 digs.

For Mount Marty, Bailey Kuchta, Laura Cattle and Sierra Kloth each had six kills. Breanne Thege had nine digs.

Arizona Inv.

TUCSON, Ariz. — South Dakota swept Cal State Northridge and Florida A&M in straight sets on Saturday at the McKale Center. The Coyotes (2-4) finished runner-up with a 2-1 record at the Arizona Invitational.

Senior outside hitter Sydney Dimke and sophomore setter Brit-tany Jessen were selected to the all-tournament team. Dimke had 38 kills and 17 digs during the tournament, while Jessen recorded 84 assists.

The Coyotes took down Cal State Northridge (1-4) 25-20, 25-20, 25-15 to open the day. Dimke led South Dakota with 16 kills and an attack percentage of .560. Jessen notched a match-high 34 assists. Junior Lindsey Brown added six kills with an attack percentage of .750.

South Dakota went on to sweep

Florida A&M (0-6) in the second match 25-7, 25-17, 25-22. Dimke led the Coyotes with 12 kills, while Reeg added nine more. Senior Kelsey Biloft, Brown, and freshman Hayley Dotseth each had six aces. Jessen recorded a match-high 30 assists. The Coyotes recorded a team hitting percentage of .368.

SFA Inv.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — South Dakota State sophomore Mikala Hora (Yankton) was named to the SFA Invitational all-tournament team despite the South Dakota State volleyball team losing to Texas Tech, 25-9, 25-18 and 25-11 Saturday.

Sophomore Ashley Beaner led the Jackrabbits (1-7) against the Red Raiders with six kills. Senior Wagner Larson added five kills. Defensively, senior Lizzie Palmer had 14 digs.

Meghan Stacy led Texas Tech (6-1) with 10 kills and Carlie Foust had 21 digs.

The Jackrabbits return to action Tuesday when they play at North Dakota at 7 p.m.