

Hale Q&A: SDSU 'Back To Business' After Win At Kansas

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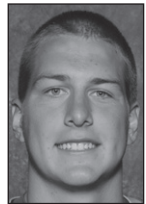
As hard as it may be, Brady Hale and his South Dakota State teammates are moving on. They have no choice.

Life after a big-time win doesn't allow you to celebrate for long.

Hale, a freshman punter from Yankton, came through with an impressive performance in his first collegiate game as the Jackrabbits upset Kansas 41-38 on Saturday afternoon in Lawrence.

On five punts, Hale averaged 41.6 yards – with a long of 56 – and put four within the 20-yard line; a key focal point for punters.

He spoke with the Press & Dakotan on Tuesday afternoon about the historic win for the Jacks (their first-ever over an FBS opponent) and about moving forward.



Hale

Is the celebration still going on?

Not really, honestly. We took it all in on Sunday, and yesterday (Monday) it was right back to business. It was definitely a great win for sure, but you have to get back down to business.

How important was it to move on right away?

You kind of almost have to, or it consumes your whole week. It was definitely something we were looking forward to it, but as coach (John) Stiegelmeier reminded us, that it's just one week. You have to take it one week at a time. You can't deny it was a big win, but it's good to get back in the swing of things.

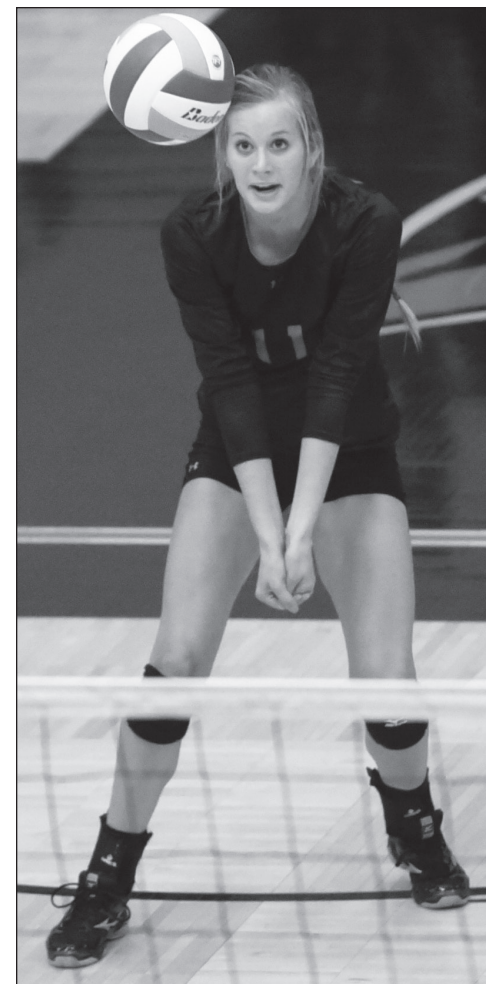
What was it like playing in your first game?

It was interesting. Obviously playing in the DakotaDome last year (for the Class 11AA championship), that kind of helped with all the people and the size of the stadium, but it's Big 12 football, you can't really compare it to everything. We had a walk-through the day before, which helped, but when it was time to play, I was focused and ready to go.

Did you ever envision playing, let alone beating, a Big 12 team when you were growing up?

That's always been my goal, to play at this level. I did imagine it, yeah, but there's no feeling like being out there.

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Danielle Salvatori prepares to pass the ball during the Gazelles' Eastern South Dakota Conference match with Harrisburg on Tuesday at the Summit Center.

Soccer | Yankton Sweeps Brandon Valley



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Yankton goalkeeper Amanda Gravholt, left, stands guard as teammate Erin Luken, 10, pressures Brandon Valley's Melanie Peltier during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' soccer match on Tuesday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

Gazelles Stop Lynx 2-1

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The Gazelles battled the Brandon Valley Lynx on Tuesday night and came away with a victory of 2-1 at Lewis and Clark Soccer Field.

Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring said he knew that Brandon Valley would be ready to play.

"Brandon Valley came in with a winning record and they've played some really tough teams" Schurling said. "They came out

those first ten minutes and took it to us and then the girls settled in after that."

With the win, the Gazelles (3-4-1) have won two in a row, and have scored five goals in the process.

Amanda Gravholt, who is currently the goalkeeper for the Gazelles, said she has played the position before, but was anxious since she hasn't played the position recently.

"I used to play a lot and so it wasn't that big of a shift especially since I normally play defense, but I was nervous since

I haven't been goalie in like five years," Gravholt said.

Madison Tessier and Brianna Benjamin each scored a goal for Yankton in the game.

Schuring mentioned a couple of things he thought his team could work on to continue their winning streak.

"We need to continue to work on our touch in the midfield and we also need to work on connecting because we're going to get those counter attacks," he said.

Gravholt said that her team did well in a number of areas to

get the victory.

"They definitely connected really well with their passes and the conditioning was there too," she said.

The Gazelles' next game is at Aberdeen Central on Friday.

In the junior varsity game, Brandon Valley beat Yankton 3-1. Scoring for the Gazelles was Molly Vornhagen, while Sadie Fedders and Chloe Perakslis each recorded six saves.

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Bucks Blank Brandon Valley 3-0



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The Yankton Bucks handled the Brandon Valley Lynx in high school soccer, 3-0, earning their fifth win on the season Tuesday night in Yankton.

The attacking combination of Gabe Wenzlaff and Cole Lewno put three goals in the net for the Bucks with Wenzlaff scoring two and Lewno adding another. Wenzlaff scored the first early in the game he was able to get a foot on a ball that was in the air before the goalie could grab it. Lewno put the second one on the board on a breakaway shot that went past the keeper. The final goal came close to the end of the game with Lewno taking the ball into the box on the left side and whipped a cross pass to Wenzlaff on the right,

who was able to net it.

"Cole swung one in and I made pretty good connection and put it in the back from there," Wenzlaff said.

"He really keeps me on my toes, dribbling into the corner and you never know what you're going to get, whether it is a shot or a pass over, but he's real fun to play with."

Yankton coach, Warren Brenner, was also impressed with his two forward, but thinks there is also room for improvement.

"Up top we had good play from Gabe and Cole," Brenner said. "The only thing is I kind of wish Gabe and Cole would connect a little bit more instead of one-on-one type stuff, but we'll work on that."

The Brandon Valley attack was silenced by a stout Yankton defense that only allowed

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Volleyball: Gayville-Volin Remains Unbeaten With Triangular Sweep

SCOTLAND – Gayville-Volin won a pair of matches at Tuesday's volleyball triangular in Scotland, remaining unbeaten on the season.

In the first set, Gayville-Volin was able to out-last Centerville 25-15, 22-25, 25-17, 25-11.

Genevieve Clark led GV with 25 kills and 10 digs, while Traia Hubbard added nine kills. Grace Dangel provided 38 set assists and 12 more digs.

Rebecca Hyberton recorded three kills, 10 digs, and four ace serves. Emily Snyder added four kills and seven set assists.

CENTERVILLE (2-2).....15 25 17 11
 GAYVILLE-VOLIN (3-0).....25 25 25

Gayville-Volin 3, Scotland 0

SCOTLAND – Gayville-Volin continued its undefeated start to their season as they swept past Scotland 25-23, 25-18, 25-11 on Tuesday night.

Genevieve Clark recorded 16 kills, 10 digs, and two ace serves in the victory. Traia Hubbard added 11 kills and Megan Hirsch six more. Grace Dangel provided 30 assists and six digs.

Elyssa Walloch led with nine kills and five digs. Shannon Fanning recorded 20 digs.

Scotland will host Marion on Thursday and Gayville-Volin will host Freeman the same night.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN (4-0).....25 25 25
 SCOTLAND (0-2).....23 18 11

Scotland 3, Centerville 0

SCOTLAND – The hometown

Scotland Highlanders swept Centerville 25-15, 25-12, 27-25 for their first victory of the season.

Taylor Bietz led Scotland with nine kills, three assists and two digs. Alex Conrad added four kills and 17 assists. Alexis DeBoer recorded four kills, nine digs, and five ace serves.

Rebecca Hyberton led Centerville with three kills and 13 digs. Emily Snyder added four kills.

Scotland will host Marion on Thursday and Centerville will travel to Avon.

CENTERVILLE (2-3).....15 12 25
 SCOTLAND (1-3).....25 25 27

Other Matches

Menno 3, Bridgewater-Emery 0

MENNO – Tara Spencer recorded five kills, four blocks and 11 digs to lead the Menno Wolves past Bridgewater-Emery 25-7, 25-23, 25-9 on Tuesday

night in Menno.

Hailey Fergen chipped in with five kills, six set assists and five digs for the Wolves (2-1), while Courtnee Edelman had 13 digs and Marissa Buechler had eight set assists.

For Bridgewater-Emery (1-3), Autumn Hilton had five kills and three blocks. Hannah Harberts had 10 set assists, and Joslyn Schrank had five digs.

BRIDGEWATER-EMERY (1-3).....7 23 9
 MENNO (2-1).....25 25 25

Alcester-Hudson 3, Marion 0

ALCESTER – The Alcester-Hudson Cubs earned their first win of the season as they swept the Marion Bears 25-15, 25-12, 25-12 in Tuesday night volleyball action.

Kassidy Walth led with nine kills for the Cubs, while Olivia Walth added six. Cassie Schiefen recorded 11 assists and two digs. Karlee Nygard led with

10 assists.

No stats were reported for Marion (0-3).

Marion will be in action again on Thursday night when it hosts Scotland and Alcester-Hudson will host Dakota Valley next Tuesday.

MARION (0-3).....15 12 12
 ALCESTER-HUDSON (1-2).....25 25 25

Hartington-New. 3, Wausa 0

WAUSA, Neb. – Hartington-Newcastle improved to 2-4 on the season with a 25-14, 25-8, 25-11 sweep of Wausa on Tuesday night in Wausa.

Camie Stratman recorded nine kills and 24 digs, while Sophie Noecker had six kills and 20 digs for Hartington-Newcastle, which visits Wynot next Tuesday. Also in the win, Courtney Pick had 13 set assists and Abby Lammers chipped in with 12 set assists.

For Wausa (0-4), Claire Wiegert had

14 digs, while Tara Munter and Elena Rosberg both had one kills. The Vikings visit Bloomfield on Thursday.

HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (2-4).....25 25 25
 WAUSA (0-4).....14 8 11

Ponca 3, Randolph 0

PONCA Neb. – The Ponca Indians defeated the Randolph Cardinals in three sets, 25-11, 25-10, 25-18, in Ponca Tuesday night.

Stats were not reported for Ponca (2-1).

Stats were not reported for Randolph (3-2).

Ponca will travel to Winnebago, Nebraska, and play Winnebago and Allen in a triangular on Sept. 15th. Randolph plays in Emerson, Nebraska, in a triangular against Emerson-Hubbard and Osmond on Sept. 10.

PONCA (2-1).....25 25 25
 RANDOLPH (2-3).....11 10 18

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