

ESD Volleyball: Pierre Holds Off Gazelles 3-2

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PIERRE – Voices rose as the points piled up. “Let’s go Yankton! Let’s go Yankton!”

A small but vocal Gazelles fanbase made its presence felt at T.F. Riggs gym Saturday afternoon, with the crescendo occurring midway through the fourth set. Yankton raced out to leads of 10-2 and 15-6 in that frame and held on to win 25-21 and even the match at 2-2.

The Gazelles also closed within 11-10 in the fifth and forced Lady Governors head coach Chris Swiden to burn another timeout. The spark ran out soon after as the host scored four of the set’s next five points to close the match.

Yankton (2-5, 1-4 Eastern South Dakota) became just the second team to push Pierre (5-1, 3-1) to the limit, but saw it’s upset hopes quashed.

“I honestly felt like set five was really close,” head coach

Tiffany Beste said. “They jumped out to that three, four point lead and that’s what it finished at.”

Facing a 2-1 deficit, Beste’s message before the fourth set was succinct.

“We just talked before the fourth set – serve, pass, play defense,” she said. “Don’t worry about anything else.”

“I felt like our servers went to the back line and focused in and tried to pull Pierre out of its offense. It worked for us for at a stretch.”

After Sophie Drotzmann placed a kill for the set’s opening point, Yankton reeled off four consecutive points on Pierre hitting errors. The Gazelles collected five of their first 10 points, and seven of 15, because of Pierre mistakes.

The Lady Govs closed within 18-17 on an Elena Svingen kill. Yankton breached the 20-point barrier with a four-point swing, then inched closer to a match tie on

Chester Wins Big East Title

FLANDREAU – Chester beat Sioux Valley 25-21, 25-22, 25-22 for the championship of the Big East Conference volleyball tournament, held on Saturday in Flandreau.

Jenna Reiff had 22 kills, 16 digs and two blocks, and Sam Ordal had 13 kills and three blocks to lead Chester. Josie Wolf had 40 assists. Moly Heyn had 19 digs in the victory.

For Sioux Valley, Tiffany Bjorklund had eight kills and nine digs to lead the way. Rachel Miller finished with 13 assists. Kaylee Granum had 10 assists, Ellen Jensen had eight digs and Shaylee Mumby had two blocks for the Cossacks.

Chester, 9-0, hosts Howard on Tuesday. Sioux Valley, 6-2,

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Warriors Outgun Yankton 43-18

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SIoux FALLS — Before the Yankton football team ever really got going, it found itself down by two scores.

And by the time the dust settled Saturday, Sioux Falls Washington had claimed a 43-19 victory over the Bucks at the Presidents Bowl in Sioux Falls.

The top-ranked Bucks — the newcomer to the annual all-Sioux Falls event — threw an interception on the game’s first drive, then surrendered a touchdown, fumbled the ensuing kickoff and then gave up a 54-yard touchdown on a 3rd & 41.

It was that kind of afternoon for Yankton (2-1), but in the end, wasn’t necessarily a loss that will hurt the Bucks in the Class 11AA scheme.

“This is a great learning game for us,” senior Sheldon Gant said. “As much as I hate losing, if there was one, this would be it.”

Two plays in particular told the story.

The first was that 3rd & 41 conversion by the Class 11AAA Warriors (2-1), and the second was on a 30-yard completion when Washington was backed up to its own 8-yard line late in the third quarter.

Ninety-five yards later, the Warriors were in the end zone, and any chances Yankton had of a rally were quickly dashed.

What was one of the big differences?

“Our attitude of the game,” Yankton coach Arlin Likness said. “We didn’t clean up the little things, like the interception and a fumble.”

“And against a good team, you can’t do things like that.”

Particularly when the Warriors boasted a dual-threat quarterback and an explosive offense.



Yankton's Nick Rokusek, 32, and Bashir Abd Al Kreem corral Sioux Falls Washington's Logan Eckhoff during their football game on Saturday at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls.

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USD Downs UC Davis For First Victory

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Trevor Bouma rushed for a career-high 186 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Coyotes to a 27-17 win over UC Davis on Saturday.

The win by the Coyotes was their first outdoor win on the road since beating Minnesota in 2010. They were beaten 34-0 by Kansas State in last week’s season-opener.

Bouma led a ground game for USD (1-1) that churned out 240 yards, while the Coyotes defense held the Aggies to just 60 yards.

Bouma scored on runs of 10 and 63 yards as USD beat the Aggies (0-2) for the third time in four years. His long run changed momentum after UC Davis had scored the previous two touchdowns to cut its deficit to 20-17.

“They took turns doing things they needed to do. The defense would rise up then the offense would make a play,” USD coach Joe Glenn said. “Then Trevor Bouma put a nail in them. Boy, what a run that was.”

USD’s defense sacked UC Davis quarterback Ben Scott five times for 41 yards. Scott had most of the Aggies’ offense, completing 21 of 39 passes for 240 yards. He was picked off three times and UC Davis also lost a fumble.

Aggies receiver Chris Martin caught five passes for 127 yards and a score.

USD quarterback Ryan Saeger was efficient. He completed 12 of 22 passes for 137 yards.

Bouma was also USD’s leading receiver with three catches for 48 yards.

Brady Stuart kicked a 40-yard field goal to give UC

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Mount Marty, South Dakota Split Pair In North Dakota

VALLEY CITY, N.D. – The Mount Marty College volleyball team improved to 4-4 with a split in Valley City, North Dakota, on Saturday. The matches were hosted by Valley City State.

The Lancers host Dakota State on Tuesday. The varsity match is set for 7:30 p.m. at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

MONTANA STATE-NORTHERN 3, MMC 0: Sierra Kloth and Bailey Kuchta each had eight kills and Kloth added six ace serves in a 25-20, 25-19, 25-16 loss to Montana State-Northern.

Laura Cattle had five kills,

Amber Dysthe had 13 assists and three ace serves, and Lindsey Jaixen had eight assists for the Lancers.

MMC 3, DICKINSON STATE 2: Bailey Kuchta had 18 kills and six ace serves, and Laura Cattle had 15 kills to lead Mount Marty past Dickinson State 20-25, 25-17, 27-29, 26-24, 15-11.

Sierra Kloth had nine kills and three ace serves, and Amber Dysthe had seven kills, two ace serves, 10 digs and 23 assists for MMC. Lindsey Jaixen had 21 assists and three ace serves. BreAnne Thege had 20 digs. Maura Lysne had 13 digs,

Taylor Murtha had 12 digs and Sam Bischoff had seven kills for the Lancers.

UND Classic

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – South Dakota junior outside hitter Audrey Reeg tallied 55 kills and 28 digs through four matches to earn a spot on the UND Classic all-tournament team. The Coyotes split a pair of matches Saturday, defeating Drake 3-1 and falling to Green Bay 1-3 at Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

Three Phoenix tallied more than 10 kills apiece in four sets to push Green Bay (7-3)

past South Dakota 20-25, 25-19, 25-21, 25-21 in the first game of the Coyotes’ double-header on Saturday.

South Dakota was led by Reeg’s double-double with 16 kills and 10 digs. Junior middle blocker Lindsey Brown also reached double digits with 10 kills. Sophomore setter Britany Jessen set up 34 assists.

On the receiving end, freshman libero Lauren Mattison led the way with 20 digs. Seniors Kaitlyn Hastings and Sydney Dimke helped out with 17 and 15 digs, respectively.

South Dakota rallied in the second match of the day in

taking down Drake (8-4) 25-20, 23-25, 25-17, 25-20. Reeg recorded her second double-double on the day with 19 kills and 12 digs. Dimke swatted down 15 kills in the Coyotes’ total 59. Jessen had a match-high 47 assists.

The Coyotes split the defensive effort with Reeg’s 12 digs, Jessen tallied 15, Hastings added 14 and Mattison had 14.

South Dakota travels to West Lafayette, Ind., for a tournament at Purdue. The Coyotes open against the hosts at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18.



Yankton's Lexie McCorkell sends the ball home during the Gazelles' home softball game with Vermillion on Sunday at Sertoma Park.

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Gazelles Take Two

The Yankton Gazelles earned a pair of victories, beating Vermillion 15-0 and Dakota Valley 5-0 on Sunday.

The Gazelles host Sioux Falls Washington today (Monday), a doubleheader at 6 p.m.

YANKTON 15, VERMILION 0: Yankton had a 13-run first inning on the way to a 15-0 victory over Vermillion.

Lily Ryken tripled and singled, driving in three, and Dani Dvorak had a pair of hits to lead Yankton. Liz Suing had a double and three RBI. Bailey Peterka had a double and a RBI. Alix Peterka had a hit and

three RBI. Bailey Kortan and Bridget Nolz each added a hit in the victory.

Lexie Malimaneck had the lone hit for Vermillion.

Lexie McCorkell tossed two innings for the win, with Dvorak throwing an inning in relief. Maddie Treiber took the loss.

YANKTON 5, DAKOTA VALLEY 0: Lily Ryken went 2-3 with a home run and three RBI to lead Yankton past Dakota Valley 5-0.

Liz Suing doubled and

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Jackrabbits Roll Past Southern Utah

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BROOKINGS - Brady Mengarelli ran for three touchdowns and Jake Wieneke caught two more as South Dakota State cruised to a 55-10 win over Southern Utah Saturday night at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Wieneke’s 11-catch, career-high 205 yard performance ranks as the fourth highest single-game yardage total in program history and is the most by a Jackrabbit at home in the 54-year history of Coughlin.

A week after racking up 41 points and 463 yards in its upset win at Kansas, SDSU (2-0) gained 579 yards while limiting the Thunderbirds (0-2) to only 268. The Jackrabbits also played turnover-free football for the second consecutive game.

Mengarelli gashed the Southern Utah defense for 145 yards on 17 carries. As a team, SDSU ran for 212 yards and four touchdowns.

“It starts with the five guys up front,” Mengarelli said. “They were just doing a great job opening up wide open holes. I didn’t do anything special, I just ran.”

Wieneke already has four touchdowns and 365 receiving yards this season after posting a school-record 16 touchdowns in his standout freshman campaign. The sophomore has scored at least one touchdown in 13 of 16 career games.

He credits his relationship with junior quarterback Zach Lujan as being a key factor in their success.

“We’re real close,” Wieneke said. “All game we’re talking to each other on the sideline, talking about what we can improve.”

After trailing 7-0 in the first quarter, South Dakota State scored 27 consecutive points to end the first half with a 20-point advantage.

It was important for SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier that his team play with the same intensity during the second half that they did in the first. The Jackrabbits nearly squandered a 17-point halftime lead against Kansas before holding on for a three-point victory.



Running back Isacc Wallace holds the ball at the Dairy Drive football game between SDSU Jackrabbits and Southern Utah Thunderbirds on Saturday.

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“I’m proud of our football team for the second half,” Stiegelmeier said. “I’m proud we came out and played like we weren’t satisfied with being ahead or satisfied with maybe getting a win.”

SDSU outscored Southern Utah 28-3 in the second half.

Saturday night’s game was the final home opener at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium as the new Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium will be fully operational beginning next season. The first phase of construction was completed before the season, including the largest video board of any FCS program courtesy of Daktronics.

Playing before an excited crowd of

13,423, the Jackrabbits gave their fans plenty to cheer about.

SDSU was nursing a 10-7 lead midway through the second quarter before Zach Lujan hit Wieneke for a 66-yard touchdown. Mengarelli added a 37-yard rushing touchdown three minutes later and the rout was on.

Lujan threw for 314 yards and two touchdowns as he improved his record as starter to 7-2.

The scoring concluded with a 77-yard pass from backup quarterback Dalton Douglas to tight end Dallas Goedert, the first career touchdowns for

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