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Vermillion High School sophomore Jennifer Ensminger has been a stand out during the horse showings for the Clay County 4-H.

Ensminger A 4-H Standout

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Vermillion High School sophomore Jennifer Ensminger wanted to do more with her horses other than trail riding. So, she joined the Clay County 4-H, and in just two short years has become a standout in the field.

Ensminger's accomplishments with 4-H this past season has named her this week's Tanager of the Week.

I really like horses and I felt like I wanted to do stuff with them other than show ride," Ensminger said. "4-H helps with that because we have shows and we go to state and we can show off what we've done all summer."

Out of Ensminger five horses, she shows two, a mere named Meg and a miniature pony named Doozy.

At this year's show in August, Ensminger won grand champion in showmanship by showing Meg, who is quarter horse and part thoroughbred.

"The first event that everyone has to do is showmanship," Ensminger said. "That is when you just lead your horse and you basically show off how well you clean them up. We usually wash our horses the night before and then put some baby oil in their hair and make it look shiny and stuff. That basically just shows how well you can take care of your horse and keep them clean and present them."

After showmanship, the participants then perform in the

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USD Hires Consulting Firm To Aid In Football Coach Search

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To help in the search for a new head football coach, the University of South Dakota is utilizing College Sports Solutions, a consulting firm based out of Atlanta, Georgia. USD athletic director David Herbster said Monday.

Though he did not divulge any names, Herbster did say that USD, in coordination with the firm, has established a preliminary list of candidates to replace Joe Glenn, who announced his retirement a week ago.

"We've got our list; we know who's interested," Herbster said. "We're slowly narrowing down that list, trying to get to that point where we can have some face to face conversations."

College Sports Solutions (CSS) is led by founder Jeff Schemmel, a former Division I athletic director (such as Minnesota and San Diego State) whose son, Jon, serves as SUD's senior associate athletic director for Development.

The firm will cast a wide net - across all divisions - for potential candidates, Herbster said.

"Their reach is pretty extensive," he said. "Their level of experience in the NCAA is pretty vast and pretty wide."

As far as a timeline? Herbster again reiterated his belief that USD will move fast on the search, possibly having a new coach named within the next week or two.

The trick to this particular search, he pointed out, was the timing. Glenn



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/PRESS AND DAKOTAN
University of South Dakota athletic director David Herbster, right, speaks at football coach Joe Glenn's retirement announcement last week in Vermillion. USD has hired a consulting firm to help in the search for a new coach, Herbster said Monday

announced his retirement a week ago, and the combination of the Thanksgiving holiday and certain candidates still coaching their teams made things a little tricky.

"It's always tough because a good number of the people we're talking to are still coaching," Herbster said. "But I would say, I like our candidates very much."

USD Looking For FBS Game

The other situation facing Herbster and his staff in the past week was the official news that California had canceled its 2016 football game with USD.

California, of the Pac-12 Conference, was granted a waiver by the NCAA to open its 2016 season a week

earlier against Hawaii, in Sydney, Australia. That meant the Golden Bears would have to cancel the Sept. 3 game against the Coyotes to accommodate the international trip the week before.

The decision, though, didn't exactly stun USD, Herbster said Monday.

"We knew that was a possibility," he said. "They were doing the arrangements on their side. They had to get permission, which took some time, and so we knew it was a possibility."

"It didn't come as a surprise to us."

The contract for the game called for USD to receive \$550,000, and both sides are working out arrangements of a buyout,

Herbster said. That now leaves USD to search for another FBS game for the 2016 opener nine months away.

"It comes down to timing," he said. "A month sooner and you've got a large pool of schools to work with, but now, that pool continues to shrink. We've got leads, we're just trying to follow up with those schools."

Herbster did say that USD has also finalized FBS games in 2017 and 2018, which said the school will be announced at a later date. That only leaves USD a 2019 guarantee game to find for the next couple years. A 2020 date with Iowa State had been previously announced.

USD Women Roll Past FAU, Move To 3-3

BOCA RATON, Fla. - Caitlin Duffy had 20 points to lead South Dakota past Florida Atlantic 76-53 for the championship of the Florida Atlantic women's basketball Tournament on Saturday.

Kelly Stewart posted 14 points, 10 rebounds and four assists for USD (3-3). Tia Hemiller posted a double-double, finishing with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Margaret McCloud added 10 points and eight rebounds in the victory.

Ali Gorrell led FAU (4-1) with 12 points. Morgan Robinson and Malia Kency each had 10 points.

Both Hemiller and Duffy were named to the all-tournament team.

A native of Watertown, Hemiller's line for the tournament read 10.5 points, 8 rebounds, 4.5 assists, and 1.5 steals per game. She was 4-for-5 from the field and dished out seven assists Friday when facing Appalachian State. Hemiller then posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds against Florida State Saturday.

A shooting guard from Rapid City, Duffy led the Coyotes in scoring with an average 15.5 ppg. She was 3-for-4 beyond the 3-point line against Appalachian State with a total 11 points. When the Florida Atlantic Owls defended her outside the arc in the championship game Saturday, Duffy drove to the rim for a game-high 20 points. She also grabbed three rebounds, dished out a

pair of assists, and had a steal during the tournament.

SOUTH DAKOTA (3-3)
 Margaret McCloud 3-7 4-4 10, Tia Hemiller 4-8 0-0 10, Jaycee Bradley 0-1 0-0 0, Caitlin Duffy 8-13 2-4 20, Nicole Seekamp 2-10 2-2 7, Jasmine Trimboli 1-2 0-0 2, Allison Arens 0-2 1-2 1, Kelly Stewart 5-10 3-5 14, Bridget Arens 3-8 0-0 6, Madeline Homoly 0-0 1-2 1, Kate Liveringhouse 1-3 1-2 3, Heidi Hoff 0-1 2-4 2, Abigail Fogg 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 27-65 16-25 76.

FAU (4-1)
 Kat Wright 1-5 0-0 3, Ra'Kyra Gabriel 1-2 0-2 2, Morgan Robinson 3-13 3-6 10, Ali Gorrell 5-12 0-3 12, Nika Zryyanova 2-5 2-3 7, Danneal Ford 2-6 0-0 5, Raven Doyle 0-5 0-0 0, Sasha Cedeno 1-6 0-0 2, Halee Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Malia Kency 3-4 1-3 10, Melinda Myers 1-6 0-0 2. TOTALS: 19-64 6-17 53.

SOUTH DAKOTA 18 33
 61 76
FLORIDA ATLANTIC 7 15 40 53

South Dakota 87, Appalachian 60
 BOCA RATON, Fla. - Four Coyotes scored in double figures as South Dakota defeated Appalachian State 87-60 at the Florida Atlantic Thanksgiving Tournament Friday in The Burrow.

The win improves the Coyotes to 2-3 on the season while Appalachian State falls to 1-3.

"It was a good win for our team,"

commented head coach Amy Williams. "Appalachian State's run made it pretty tight for us in the first half, but we handled their run well. We were able to sustain and take a good lead into halftime."

Senior center Margaret McCloud put away 13 points to lead the Coyotes in scoring. Senior guard Tia Hemiller and junior guard Caitlin Duffy added 11 points each. Sophomore center Kate Liveringhouse knocked down five field goals for 10 points.

Appalachian State was led in scoring by guard Joi Jones with 18 points with eight from the charity stripe. Ashley Bassett-Smith came off the bench to add 11 points and seven rebounds for the Mountaineers.

South Dakota led the entire contest, with as much as a 30-point advantage in the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers went on a nine point run as they closed out the first quarter and entered the second, closing the gap back to two points. The Coyotes answered back with their own 12 point run, led by two buckets from Hemiller and a pair of triples by senior Kelly Stewart.

"Appalachian State had a few blocks early, but we were still effective in the paint," said Williams. "Our centers did a great job being efficient when they had their opportunities. They weren't scared to go back in there, which was a good adjustment to see out of our athletes."

McCloud was 6-for-8 from the field, while also pulling down six defensive rebounds. Liveringhouse hit 5-of-6 and junior center Abigail Fogg made 3-of-4 for seven points. The Coyotes made 40 points in the paint.

South Dakota narrowly won the rebounding battle 39-38, led by six rebounds apiece from McCloud and junior forward Bridget Arens.

Freshman Jaycee Bradley came off the bench to score a season-high nine points and dish out two assists. Stewart added nine points. Senior guard Nicole Seekamp tallied six points, four assists, and three steals.

APPALACHIAN STATE (1-3)
 Keke Cooper 1-3 0-0 2, Mia Marshall 0-4 2-2 2, Farrahn Wood 1-6 0-0 2, Joi Jones 5-14 8-10 18, Madi Story 1-4 0-0 2, Jasmine Ogunjimi 3-4 2-2 8, Bria Carter 2-7 0-3 4, Liz Norregaard 0-1 0-0 0, Kalla Craven 3-4 1-2 7, Katelyn Doub 1-3 0-0 2, Julia Buehler 0-0 2-2 2, Ashley Bassett-Smith 3-13 5-5 11. TOTALS: 20-63 20-26 60.

SOUTH DAKOTA (2-3)
 Margaret McCloud 6-8 1-3 13, Tia Hemiller 4-5 2-3 11, Kelly Stewart 3-7 0-0 9, Caitlin Duffy 4-6 0-0 11, Nicole Seekamp 2-5 2-2 6, Jasmine Trimboli 2-3 0-0 5, Allison Arens 0-3 0-0 0, Jaycee Bradley 2-4 3-4 9, Bridget Arens 1-4 0-0 2, Madeline Homoly 1-1 0-0 2, Kate Liveringhouse 5-6 0-0 10, Heidi Hoff 0-5 2-4 2, Abigail Fogg 3-4 1-2 7. TOTALS: 33-61 11-18 87.
APPALACHIAN STATE 14 22 44 60
SOUTH DAKOTA 20 42 69 87



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