

Gant announces election fact sheet

Secretary of State Jason Gant released a fact sheet to address questions and eliminate any confusion about voting in the November 6th general election. The South Dakota Voter Information Portal (VIP) is available at www.sdsos.gov website giving voters the opportunity to look up pertinent information pertaining to voting.

1. How do I find my polling place?
Access the Secretary of State's website at www.sdsos.gov. Go to "Where Do I Vote?" and enter your first and last name and your date of birth. Click "Search."
2. If I don't vote on a candidate or question, will my other votes still get counted?
Yes, you are not required to cast a vote in every race or on every question. If you choose to leave a

- race or questions blank, the rest of the votes on your ballot will still be counted
3. What are the rules about campaigning in or near polling places?
State law prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place. This means anyone who is advocating for the election or defeat of a candidate or a ballot issue must be at least 100 feet away from the entrance to the polling place.

4. What forms of ID can I use to vote?
Acceptable forms of ID include:
 - South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID card
 - U.S. government photo ID
 - Current student photo ID from a South Dakota high school or South Dakota accredited institution of higher education

- Tribal photo ID
If you do not have a photo ID, you can sign a personal identification affidavit.
5. What times do the polls open and close?
The polls will be open on election day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm standard time.
 6. How can I access a sample ballot prior to November 6th?
Go to www.sdsos.gov. Find the space entitled "See Your Sample Ballot." Click on "View Your Ballot." Ballots can also be found at your county auditor's office and will be published in local newspapers the week before the election.
 7. How can I review the ballot measures before I vote?
The 2012 Ballot Questions can be viewed at www.sdsos.gov. Copies have also been distributed to

- county auditor offices and libraries across the state.
8. Has my district changed due to the 2010 census?
Maps of all South Dakota legislative districts can be accessed at www.sdsos.gov. These maps were approved at the 2011 Special SD Legislative Session. Information can also be obtained from your local county auditor's office.
 9. How can I follow the election results on November 6th?
Election results for all races and ballot measures will be posted beginning at 8:00 pm CST on Electionresults.sd.gov.
 10. What is the deadline for absentee voting?
The county auditor must receive your application for an absentee ballot no later than 3 pm on Election Day.

11. When is the voter registration deadline?
Registration for the November 6th election closed on Monday, October 22nd.
12. I am registered to vote, but I've moved, and I didn't get my voter registration updated by the deadline. Can I still vote?
Yes, you will still be able to vote at your old polling place.
13. How do I absentee vote?
Go to www.sdsos.gov. In the "Absentee Voting" section, you can complete and print out an absentee application. Sign it and mail to your county auditor. Either have the form notarized or include a copy of your photo ID with your application. You may also go to your county auditor's office during business hours to vote.

Soccer: Kangaroos end season for Coyotes, senior duo

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Having played a combined 11,000 minutes on a soccer field, the end came suddenly for Erin Bello and Rachel Greene.

After four years, two conferences, two coaches and 11 wins, their careers were over.

The senior duo for the University of South Dakota were honored prior to Saturday afternoon's Summit League soccer game against Kansas City, and then battled with their younger teammates to a 1-0 season-ending loss.

"All of a sudden I looked over at the scoreboard and there was one minute left, and it hit me, 'This is my last minute ever,'" Greene said. "It felt really weird."

Since 2009, the tandem in the midfield have been a mainstay in the USD lineup. Bello ranks first all-time in school history with 6,035 minutes played, followed by Greene at 5,215 minutes.

Through all the hurdles and facing another sub-par season, it was still hard for them to grasp the end, Bello said.

"This was actually pretty strange. Last year our senior day wasn't the very last game, so it wasn't quite as emotional," she said.

"This one there were definitely emotions coming out."

Saturday afternoon had plenty of nail-biting and frustrating moments for the Coyotes, who finish the season at 2-13-3 overall and 1-6-1 in the Summit League.

Kansas City, a team also nearing the end of a sub-par campaign, had the edge in shots on goal (9-3) and total shots (14-10)

The only goal came in the 36th minute when Kansas City's Taylor Bare tapped in an easy score after USD goalkeeper Jen Schaefer missed on a dive.

"I'm still pretty bitter about that goal, as a defender," Greene said. "It shouldn't have happened. But we had chances all game to tie it up."

Among those chances was a shot wide by junior Jenny Teslow with 15:20 left (eliciting

a loud cheer by the crowd, who didn't see the shot miss) and a header that went wide with 1:10 remaining.

From there, the focus turned back to Bello and Greene.

"They were saying to the group just now that they've seen such improvement," said head coach Mandy Green, who has guided the duo over the last three years of their career.

"We just need to keep at it and enjoy every day, then the success will come."

It's been a long, tough journey for the Coyotes since joining the Summit League last fall. In conference games over those two years, USD is 2-13-2 — the one victory this year coming in dramatic fashion at North Dakota State.

The Coyotes had the nation's youngest roster in 2011, with 21 freshmen, and followed that up this season with 10 freshmen. Green said she doesn't expect near that many next fall, with only three high school

commitments to this point. "When you can actually have numbers and have girls pushing each other for spots, it makes a big difference," said Bello, who leaves with the ninth-most goals (14) in school history.

Another bright spot for the Coyotes down the line will be next year's schedule. USD will have home games with Iowa State, Northern Iowa and Loyola Chicago, and will also play Northern Illinois at a game in Brookings.

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