

## Upcoming Sports Schedule

Cross Country Regionals at Vermillion	3 p.m. Oct. 14	USD Soccer at Missouri-Kansas City	7 p.m. Oct. 15
Tanager Football at Madison	7 p.m. Oct. 14	USD Soccer hosts Northern Iowa	4 p.m. Oct. 17
USD Volleyball hosts Southern Utah	7 p.m. Oct. 14	Tanager Volleyball hosts Beresford	5 p.m. Oct. 18
USD Football at Illinois State	3 p.m. Oct. 15	Tanager Volleyball hosts Dakota Valley	5 p.m. Oct. 21

# USD starts GWC with win

## BOWLING

### Ladies' Bowling League October 4, 2011

Teams	Won	Loss
Flannery's	71.5	48.5
Whimps	68.0	52.0
T&T Construction	60.0	60.0
Prairie Eye Clinic	55.0	65.0
Dakota Smiles	51.0	69.0
Aramark	46.0	71.0
Team BK	45.5	74.5
Draw	0.0	0.0
<b>High Scr Game-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Aramark	599	
Prairie Eye Clinic	594	
Whimps	555	
<b>High Scr Series-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Aramark	1707	
Whimps	1640	
<b>High Scr Game-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Linda Manning	189	
Angela Miller	183	
Marion Sprecher	176	
<b>High Scr Series-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Darlis Labahn	501	
Linda Manning	483	
<b>High Hcp Game-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Marion Sprecher	246	
Allison Buckman	244	
Reda Brewer	230	
Angela Miller	230	
<b>High Hcp Series-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Allison Buckman	635	
Darlis Labahn	633	

### Men's Bowling League October 6, 2011

Teams	Won	Loss
Brunick Service	80.0	40.0
JFI	67.0	53.0
CorTrust Bank	61.5	58.5
Char	59.0	61.0
Toby's Lounge	55.0	65.0
1 Stop Auto Stop	47.0	73.0
Rumple 5 Skins	40.5	79.5
<b>High Scr Game-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Brunick Service	913	
Brunick Service	877	
Brunick Service	855	
<b>High Scr Series-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Brunick Service	2645	
CorTrust Bank	2370	
Toby's Lounge	2136	
<b>High Hcp Game-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Char	1154	
1 Stop Auto Shop	1094	
Brunick Service	1080	
<b>High Hcp Series-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Brunick Service	3146	
Char	3108	
CorTrust Bank	3093	
<b>High Scr Game-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Steve Hower	222	
Michael Cottrell	215	
Ryan Dineen	214	
<b>High Scr Series-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Michael Cottrell	580	
Mike Barta	560	
Matt Kruse	547	
<b>High Hcp Game-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Ryan Dineen	290	
Matt Kruse	260	
Pat Gregg	247	
<b>High Hcp Series-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Matt Kruse	691	
Matt Blake	669	

### USD Faculty/Staff League October 5, 2011

Teams	Won	Loss
Goosanders	91.5	28.5
Mighty Mallards	69.0	51.0
Mandarin	66.5	53.5
Mighty Ducks	59.5	60.5
Teals	55.5	64.5
Wood Ducks	50.0	70.0
Coots	45.0	75.0
Pintails	43.0	77.0
<b>High Scr Game-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Teals	632	
Wood Ducks	627	
Teals	601	
<b>High Scr Series-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Teals	1768	
Pintails	1741	
Wood Ducks	1735	
<b>High Hcp Game-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Teals	889	
Wood Ducks	866	
Goosanders	866	
<b>High Hcp Series-Team</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Teals	2539	
Goosanders	2516	
Coots	2466	
<b>High Scr Game-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
James Parker	207	
Mark Tipton	192	
Mike Knutson	181	
<b>High Scr Series-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Mark Tipton	510	
James Parker	496	
Chad Andersen	486	
<b>High Hcp Game-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
James Parker	275	
Mike Knutson	257	
Bill Dodge	254	
<b>High Hcp Series-Men</b>	<b>Score</b>	
James Parker	700	
Mike Knutson	681	
Dave Stammer	654	
<b>High Scr Game-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Lynette Wulff	164	
Darlis LaBahn	151	
Darlis LaBahn	150	
<b>High Scr Series-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Lynette Wulff	439	
Darlis LaBahn	430	
Jonie Hook	398	
<b>High Hcp Game-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Jill Ward	242	
Sara Peterson	230	
Jill Ward	230	
<b>High Hcp Series-Women</b>	<b>Score</b>	
Jill Ward	666	
Jonie Hook	650	
Audrey Ticknor	638	

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Words like "must-win," "critical" and "huge" were used to describe Saturday's 24-19 victory over Southern Utah for the South Dakota football team.

Why? If the Coyotes are to make a serious run at a Great West Conference title, getting that first win in a four-game league schedule is certainly key.

"It's so critical," said head coach Ed Meierkort, whose team rushed for a season-best 247 yards and converted a crucial fourth-and-inches play with 1:50 left to secure the homecoming win.

"People say, 'You only have to win four games,' but you still have to win four games," he added. "It's very important that you defend home turf, and that was big for us."

Sure, the Coyotes also started last year's conference schedule with a win, only to lose three straight. That is precisely the reason Saturday's win over last year's league champion means so much.

"We tried to say this was a must-win, because when you play in such a small conference, every game is almost like two for you," senior offensive lineman Tom Compton said. "If you lose, it's that much harder to fight back."

Fortunately for USD (4-2, 1-0), there wasn't much fighting back necessary on Saturday, only holding off a late rally by the Thunderbirds.

Southern Utah, once down two touchdowns, got within 14-13 after a field goal on the first drive of the third quarter. Following a touchdown pass and a field goal, the Thunderbirds scored on an 8-yard pass from Brad Sorensen to Abbel Aiono with 3:59 to play. Though they stopped a two-point conversion try, the Coyotes were faced with a fourth-and-inches prospect with 1:50 to play.

A potential loss stared USD in the face. If the Coyotes were unable to convert, the Thunderbirds would have had plenty of time - and great field position - to make up five points.

Junior running back Marcus Sims, the offensive hero of the day, rushed ahead for the necessary yardage, and the Coyotes were able to kneel out the remaining 1:50 and pick up that all-important Great West



South Dakota running back Marcus Sims, 32, stiff-arms a Southern Utah defender during their Great West Conference football game Saturday at the DakotaDome. USD won 24-19 to improve to 4-2 overall, 1-0 in the Great West.

(Photo by David Lias)

win. "It's huge," said Sims, who carried the ball 25 times for 153 yards for easily his best collegiate performance. "It's our first conference game and it gets us on the right track.

"Hopefully we can win out; that's the plan."

Southern Utah (3-3, 0-2) knows all about winning out in Great West action. Last season, the Thunderbirds won all four league games to claim the title - with still two games remaining in its season.

That's how fast the league race goes when there are only five teams.

"It's all or nothing," Southern Utah coach Ed Lamb said. "Last year we were the beneficiaries of that. We won four games, were conference champs, and it felt like, 'Geez, that was short.'"

"This year, it feels short quick because we're out of it."

The only other league team to play a Great West game so far is North Dakota, which beat Southern Utah. Cal Poly and UC Davis have yet to play a league game.

USD, meanwhile, still has three Great West games remaining toward its goal of winning the league title.

The Coyotes play a non-

conference game next Saturday at Illinois State, but return to Vermillion Oct. 22 for a matchup with UC Davis.

"This is a good team," Meierkort said. "We've got two losses, to Air Force and Wisconsin. This team's going to go places."

### USD STOPS THE RUN

Once again, the Coyote defense was able to force a spread offense to become one-dimensional.

USD limited Southern Utah to 11 yards rushing, effectively taking away that aspect of the offense. The Thunderbirds were forced to move the ball through

the air, which they did for 303 yards on 44 attempts.

"We knew coming off last year, that we needed to stop the run," said senior linebacker Adam Broders, who led the Coyotes with 17 tackles.

"That was our main point, if we could stop the run, we could play the pass more."

Saturday marked the third time this season USD had held a spread offense in check on the ground, all coming in Vermillion. The Coyotes previously limited Eastern

Washington to 11 rushing yards and Lindenwood to minus-10 yards.

It does not mean opponents aren't committed to the run, however, USD coach Ed Meierkort said.

"It really does make a difference," Meierkort said. "I know they wanted to run the ball, you could see it in the second half. But when we got that two-possession game going, they had to throw it."

"You cannot allow a team with a quarterback as steady as he is to run the ball," said Meierkort, referencing Southern Utah quarterback Brad Sorensen who completed 32-of-44 passes for 303 yards.

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