

# Lancer Men Ready To Shake Things Up In GPAC

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With a new coach at the helm, it was expected that the Mount Marty College men's soccer team would look a little different in 2011.

But they were not expected to look this different.

MMC returns just eight players off a team that went 6-11 (2-9 GPAC), but had a good year of recruiting, according to first-year head coach Nathan Epp.

"Recruiting went well, but we do have some new people in pretty important positions," he said. "Some of the guys we brought in will make an instant impact."

While the Lancers did not have a strong record, they did have a decent offense, with the team scoring at least one goal in 15 of the 17 matches. The team did string together a stretch of three straight shutouts in non-conference play, but defense is a source of concern as the 2011 campaign begins.

"We've got a good attacking offense, but we need to transition that into an attacking defense," Epp said. "We've got good speed and good positioning at this point, but not physically aggressiveness. I'd like to see that out of our defense."

MMC has several talented seniors ready to get the Lancers going in the right direction, according to Epp.

"We've got a very good senior group. I've been very impressed," he said. "They have been great leaders and have been fun to work with in practice."

Carlos Saenz returns after recording a team-best 10 assists a year ago. He also had two goals, matching him for the team lead with 14 total points.

"Carlos is a great attacking midfielder and a willing passer," Epp said.

Chandler Olmo, who posted four goals and three assists last season, and Dane Hansen, who had one assist and helped lead the defense, also return.

"Chandler is a very versatile player. Both his offensive and defensive instincts are great. He's not afraid to bang around inside," Epp noted. "Dane will anchor our defense. He has great speed, great awareness and is a quiet leader. He will do everything you ask and not complain — that's the type of attitude we need to have."



LANCERS: Chandler Ohmo (right)

Brandon Frey, who netted two goals a year ago, also returns for his senior season.

"He is very athletic and is willing to play multiple positions," Epp said. "He can shoot and defend."

Tyler Gengler (So.), Tyler McCune (So.), Tyler Neu (So., 3 goals) and Jose Marquez-Garcia also return for the Lancer men.

Defender Peter Shepard joins the Lancers from the community college ranks.

"He's got great toughness and great defensive instincts," Epp said. "He will do well back there, make a significant impact on the team."

Oscar Martinez-Mojica also transferred in for MMC.

One of the freshmen who will be expected to step onto the field immediately is Jeremiah Kiehn, a Huron native who will be asked to start in goal.

"We're asking him to be a very important part of our defense," Epp said. "These first couple weeks, we're going to push Jeremiah to be aggressive and to communicate. He has great hands."

# MMC Looks To Put Pressure On Opponents

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After a season where injuries and low numbers combined to have the Mount Marty College women's soccer team score just four goals in 15 matches after an opening weekend victory, the Lancers are hoping a new coach will help the program start making steps in the right direction.

Nathan Epp, who successfully piloted the Freeman Academy prep boys' program in recent years, has the Lancer women enthused about the prospects this season.

"We're pretty excited about it," said Lancer senior Hayley Rutledge, who tied for the team lead in goals last season with two. "There is positivity all the way around. We have to keep that going during the season, and we will have a positive result."

Rutledge, one of the team's four seniors, is expected to be a spark for the team this season.

"She is very positive, very encouraging," Epp said. "She gets great touch on the ball and is a willing passer."

Seniors Brittany Hank and Emily Rausch both started nearly every match a year ago, with Rausch netting one goal.

"Emily is improving. She's physically in shape and has been working hard," Epp noted. "Brittany is probably one of the more physically aggressive players we

## 2011 Schedule

Sept. 3 — at Mount Mercy, 2 p.m.  
Sept. 5 — Jamestown, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 10 — York, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 14 — at Sioux Falls, 5:30 p.m.  
Sept. 17 — Rocky Mountain, 9 a.m.  
Sept. 20 — at St. Mary's, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 24 — at Doane, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 28 — at Dakota Wesleyan, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 — Hastings, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — Dordt, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — at Concordia, 5:15 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — at Morningside, 5:30 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — Nebraska Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 18 — Northwestern, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 26 — at Briar Cliff, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 29 — Midland, 1 p.m.

have. We're going to need that out of her to set the tone."

Senior Dorcus Copa also played in every match a year ago, including one in goal as the Lancers scrambled to cover the net due to a string of injuries.

"Her work ethic has been fantastic," Epp said. "She's been pushing herself 100 percent every drill, every sprint."

Junior Hannah Miller, who led the team with two goals and two assists, also returns, as do juniors Kassie Lewis (1 goal), Julie Girard (1 goal, 1 assist) and Ashlin Agular. Sophomore Shelby Mushitz, who started the season in goal and was there for the team's lone victory, also returns, as do fellow sophs Julie Nelson (1 goal) and Allison McCuen (1 assist).

While Epp jumped into the coaching position late, he was able to secure three recruits, including one local talent in Yankton's Paige Anderson.

"Paige is doing a wonderful job. She is very aggressive," he

said. "Alexandra Roja has pretty good speed and plays well. Carissa Scherschligt, once she adjusts to the speed of the college game, will be fine as well."

The Lancers will still not have numbers where they would like them, but Epp hopes the team will be better prepared to cope with that situation this season.

"It's tough when you're always fighting numbers," he said. "But we've worked hard on conditioning, being physically stronger."

After a season that saw the team go 1-15-1 and be outscored 82-8, the Lancers will have to work hard to get things going in the right direction. That starts with taking the game to their opponents, Epp said.

"We need more of an attack mentality," he said. "We need to get shots, try to keep the other team moving backwards."

"We're going to keep it simple and play hard."

The Lancers open the 2011 season Sept. 3 at Mount Mercy.

## 2011 Schedule

Aug. 27 — Grace, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 3 — at Mount Mercy, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 5 — Jamestown, 3 p.m.  
Sept. 10 — York, 3 p.m.  
Sept. 14 — at Sioux Falls, 8 p.m.  
Sept. 17 — Rocky Mountain, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 24 — at Doane, 3:15 p.m.  
Sept. 28 — at Dakota Wesleyan, 8 p.m.

Oct. 1 — Hastings, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 4 — Dordt, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 8 — at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 12 — at Morningside, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 15 — Nebraska Wesleyan, 3 p.m.  
Oct. 18 — Northwestern, 3 p.m.  
Oct. 26 — at Briar Cliff, 3:15 p.m.  
Oct. 29 — Midland, 3 p.m.

James Elliott (Estelline) is also expected to jump in and help the Lancers.

"He knows how to play the game," Epp noted. "He is very skilled, whether playing defense or holding down a midfield spot."

Adan Marquez-Garcia, another freshman, rounds out the Lancer roster.

While the Lancer men will struggle for numbers due to some unexpected departures — only half of the 16 players who had eligibility after the 2010 season return — the team expects to improve their standing in the conference.

"If you look at the history of this program, they haven't made

a lot of waves in the conference," Epp said. "I'm a firm believer that, if you want respect, you have to earn it on the field. We're in a position now where we have the ability to compete."

Epp has the players driven to be competitive as well.

"We know we've been considered an easy game by the rest of the conference," Frey said.

"We're going to definitely make them turn their heads, hopefully catch a few of them off-guard and win quite a few conference games this year."

MMC opens the 2011 campaign Saturday, Aug. 27, at home against Grace University.

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the new of what we want to accomplish here."

The Coyotes opened the 2011 slate in Vermillion with a 1-0 exhibition win over Drake Aug. 11.

"Obviously, it's always good to start with a win," said Green of the Drake exhibition. "It provided a good opportunity to get everybody in the game and put them in different positions and combinations to see what they can do."

Jenny Teslow returns as the Coyotes top scorer but is coming back from an ACL tear.

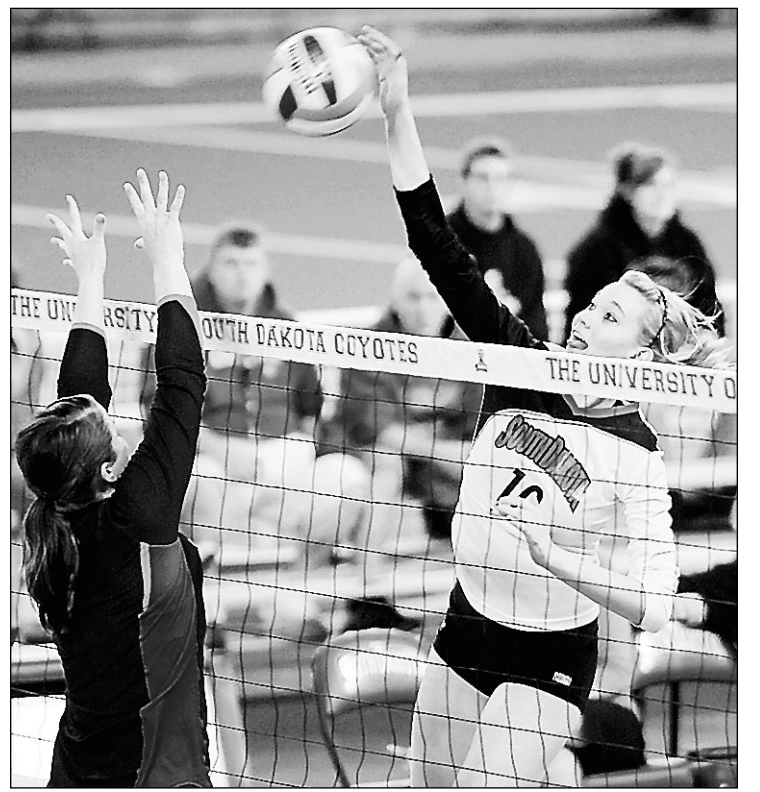
"She came right into camp and passed her physical," said Green. "She was a little bit ahead of where she was supposed to be."

The sophomore from Sioux Falls scored eight goals and had two assists for 18 points last season and had the assist in the win against Drake.

Lauren Bennett, a freshman from Walton, Kentucky, scored the lone goal against Drake.

Bennett, along with Rebecca Pederson, a freshman from Waconia, Minnesota, should provide USD with some excitement this season as well as in years to come.

"Becca Pederson is pretty speedy up front while Lauren Bennett has good speed and is a strong competitor," Green said. The Coyotes have four fresh-



COYOTES: Tahnee Reed

# USD VB

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Sathre, a 5-foot-10 Minnesota native, spent the past two seasons at NCAA Division II Michigan Tech, where she appeared in 34 sets last fall.

"She's a little bit undersized for that position, but she's very fast," Houk said. "Right away, she'll give us depth. Last year, and in years past, if we had someone get hurt in the middle, we didn't have anybody else."

USD also has six freshmen on the roster, including Melissa Firtko (MB), Riley Haug (DS), Katie Bunkers (DS), Kyle Everett (DS), Kiana Case (DS) and Kendall Krittenbrink (OH).

Of those six newcomers, Houk said he expects Krittenbrink — the sister of former USD standout Kristin — to see the most time this fall.

"She's really physical on the floor, and she lacks no confidence," Houk said. "She definitely doesn't carry herself as a true freshman. She probably has the best vertical (jump) on our team, and she'll use it."

At 6-foot-4, Firtko will be the team's tallest player, which will aid the Coyotes on defense when they're facing a team with a power hitter at the net.

The Coyotes open the 2011 season with a series of three tournaments on consecutive weekends, starting with the University of Wyoming Tournament on Aug. 26-27. There, USD will play Gonzaga, DePaul, Oregon State and Wyoming.

From there, the Coyotes will play in the Creighton Tournament and a Montana Tournament, before starting Summit League play Sept. 15 at Oral Roberts.

After two years in the Great West Conference, in which USD advanced to the semifinals and finals of the league tournament, the Coyotes turn their attention to the Summit.

"We owe a lot to the Great West. It was a good place for us during the transition," Houk said. "But now, our players finally feel like we're in a home; in a true conference. It makes it all a little more real."

This season, the Coyotes host rivals North Dakota State (Sept. 19), South Dakota State (Oct. 3) and Nebraska-Omaha (Oct. 11) in what should bring increased attendance for the program.

"Being in that conference will bring more attention, especially if we do well," Reed said. "Not only just for volleyball, but for all of our sports teams, there will be more support and more fans."

## 2011 Schedule

Aug. 19 — North Dakota 3, USD 2  
Aug. 28 — Nebraska-Omaha, 1 p.m.  
Aug. 31 — Wis.-Green Bay, 11 a.m.  
Sept. 4 — at Creighton, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 9 — North Dakota, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 11 — at Iowa, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 16 — vs. Boise State, at Omaha, Neb., 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23 — at Wyoming, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 25 — at Northern Colorado, 1 p.m.

Sept. 30 — Western Illinois, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — IUPUI, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — at Oakland, Mich., 6 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — at IPFW, noon  
Oct. 15 — at Missouri-Kansas City, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 17 — Northern Iowa, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 21 — South Dakota State, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 23 — North Dakota State, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 27 — at Southern Utah, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 29 — at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.

men in goal, and three, Mackenzie Viktor (Loveland, Colo.), Shauna Hase (Woodbury, Minn.) and Kayla Wegman (Omaha), saw action in the shutout of Drake.

"We won't play three in a game like we did against Drake," said Green of the goal-keeper picture. "We might play two but eventually just one, but we have a pretty good idea of who it will be."

Erin Bello, a junior from Fort Collins and the Coyotes' elder statesman, returns as a midfielder after scoring three goals and assisting on two others last season.

USD will host eight of their 19 scheduled games, including a late October match-up against an old foe.

After last year's scheduled game against South Dakota State was cancelled, the Coyotes will

face the in-state rival Oct. 21 for the first time since 2003. USD has won the previous four meetings with the Jackrabbits.

The Jacks are one of three teams that Green predicts will be the ones to beat.

"North Dakota State and South Dakota State look pretty good," Green said. "From what we hear, Oakland has a strong team as well."

"Going into it, we're the new kids, but we've got good athletes, good speed and good soccer players," Green said. "The girls are practicing hard every day and getting better every day; I think we will compete with some of these teams and I think we will surprise some of them."

The Coyotes will play their first home game Aug. 28 against Nebraska-Omaha.

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