

MVFC Notebook: UC Davis Not Entirely Unfamiliar For USD

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The football series between USD and UC Davis isn't exactly ancient history, just two years removed from their days in the Great West Conference.

Saturday's 2 p.m. season opener in Vermillion, though, presents a laundry list of unknowns because of changes to both programs, according to Coyote coach Joe Glenn.

"You'll have to coach on your feet pretty good in this first game," he said Tuesday. "It's hard to say what we're going to see."

The Aggies, members of the Big Sky Conference, are coming off a 4-7 season — the last for long-time head coach Bob Biggs.

In comes new coach Ron Gould, whose resume includes 16 seasons on the staff at California.

Naturally, with such a change comes a tendency to get extra anx-

ious, Gould said Tuesday during the Big Sky media call.

"We have to make sure we continue to focus on the process, and that includes me," he said. "It's easy to get wrapped up in, 'It's our first game.'"

Part of that focus has dealt with preparing for the Coyotes, who have impressed Gould throughout some of the film sessions, he said.

"Based on watching their film, I wouldn't have guessed they were one and ten," Gould said. "They're a very well-coached team."

"It's going to be a very tough game."

Especially early, as both sides adjust to the opposition, Glenn added when asked if there's anything to be gained from recent familiarity.

"It's just so hard," he said. "You don't know the schemes; don't know what they're going to do."

In short, a lot has changed — new head coaches and new leagues

for both — since the two teams last met.

Of the 43 USD players who were on the field for the last meeting with Davis, six are expected to play Saturday. Two are starters, Tyler Starr and Aaron Swift.

"Some of the guys here remember some of the players we see in the two deep," Glenn said. "They've always have had the guys, and this one will be no different."

Among those Aggies players who saw the field against the Coyotes two years ago are senior quarterback Randy Wright (2,410 yds, 13 TD, 14 INT), senior back Colton Silveria (590 yds, 3 TD) and senior receiver Corey Galindo (33 rec, 603 yds, 3 TD).

If that recent history — UC Davis won the last matchup by three points — is any indication, Saturday is likely to be a tight game, Glenn said.

SDSU Preps For Opener

The South Dakota State football team, coming off an FCS playoff appearance last year, opens its 2013 season Saturday night at 6 p.m. against Butler (Ind.) in Brookings.

Butler, a non-scholarship member of the Pioneer Football League, went 8-3 season in 2012 — just shy of an FCS playoff berth, SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier believes.

The Bulldogs are led by quarterback Matt Lancaster, the preseason Offensive Player of the Year in the Pioneer. He combined for 29 touchdowns and 3,116 total yards last season.

On the idea of a non-scholarship team competing with a 63-scholarship team like SDSU, Stiegelmeier compared it to when his team plays up to the FBS level.

"When we play an FBS team, every one of us thinks we're going to beat them, and they have more scholarships," he said Tuesday.

Picked to finish second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, SDSU (9-4 last year) has also received plenty of preseason national recognition — highlighted by a No. 6 selection in the FCS media poll.

The Jacks, however, are not exactly hyping up their preseason rankings. And with good reason, Stiegelmeier said.

He referenced the 2010 season, when SDSU started the season ranked No. 9 but lost its first four games on the way to a 5-6 record.

"A couple years ago, we were ranked high in the preseason and we stunk up the joint. We never recovered," Stiegelmeier said. "I think we lost confidence."

"But you can kind of verify that if you start off with a great game right out of the chute."

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Five Is Fine



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty College players brace for a potential line drive kick off the foot of York's Carlos Fernandes, 10, during the first half of the men's soccer match on Tuesday at Easton Field. MMC scored four unanswered goals to break a 1-1 tie in a 5-1 victory over the Panthers.

MMC Men Roll Past Panthers

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On a blistering August evening, the Mount Marty College men's soccer team showed they can bring a little heat of their own.

Mount Marty's Levi Gomez scored with 39 seconds remaining in the first half to break a 1-1 tie, and the Lancers kept the pressure on with three second-half goals in a 5-1 victory over York College in the 2013 season opener for the Lancers.

"To score five goals with as many young guys as we have, and playing a new formation, I'm happy with that," said MMC head coach Nathan Epp after the match. "We're still feeling each other out, but this is a good group of young men."

MMC scored in the seventh minute of the match. A

collision in the box resulted in a penalty kick for the Lancers, which Ludwin Arana deposited in the lower left corner of the goal.

York answered in the 30th minute, when a one-touch pass off a ricochet turned into a Garrett Cote goal. Michael Ortiz recorded the assist.

"We were really sloppy in the last 20 minutes of the first half," Epp said. "All of a sudden we were playing for the long ball, and we don't have the athletes to do that."

In the final minute of the half, Gabriel Bustillos found Gomez in front of the goal, and Gomez sent the ball home to give the Lancers the lead right before halftime.

In the second half, Juan Magana converted a Bustillos corner kick, and Ricardo Mar-



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Mount Marty's Juan Magana, 9, is upended by York's Garrett Cote, left, and Luis Arevalo during the first half of their men's soccer match on Tuesday at Easton Field. The play resulted in a penalty kick, scored by Ludwin Arana.

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Most Big Ten Teams Returning A Lot Of Experience

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Lots of the names are the same around the Big Ten.

When it comes to quarterbacks, Nebraska's Taylor Martinez and Illinois' Nathan Scheelhaase are going into their fourth seasons as starters, Ohio State's Braxton Miller is entering his third and Northwestern's Kain Colter is heading into year three as a full- or part-time starter.

All 10 of last season's leaders in receiving yards are back, as are seven of the top 10 rushers, conference offensive lineman of the year Taylor Lewan of Michigan and tight end of the year Jacob Pedersen of Wisconsin.

Eight teams return at least 16 starters. But for all that experience, there still are some notable personnel issues to be resolved.

Take Indiana, for instance. The Hoosiers have a league-high 21 returning starters, including quarterback Cam Coffman. But even he hasn't locked up a job for 2013. As of Tuesday, coach Kevin Wilson had not decided whether Coffman, Tre Roberson or Nate Sudfeld would take the first snap against Indiana State on Thursday night.

"I don't know if we've got an inordinate amount of high-level secure guys where I'm going to play them the whole game," Wilson said on the Big Ten coaches' teleconference. "A lot of our 2s are as good as our 1s. We've improved our depth. Everyone is back on our team. We're bringing in maybe the most talented class we've ever had. So we've got competition, we've got some

help on our team. I think we're going to play a lot of guys."

It took until Tuesday for Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio to announce that incumbent Andrew Maxwell would be his starter Friday against Western Michigan.

The quarterback situation remains a mystery, at least publicly, at Wisconsin and Penn State.

Curt Phillips and Joel Stave have been battling for the Badgers. First-year coach Gary Andersen said he won't announce a starter ahead of Saturday's opener against Massachusetts. Phillips, a sixth-year senior, started five games last season and Stave, a redshirt sophomore, started six.

"The quarterbacks know who the starting quarterback is, and in turn the team will know just like they'll know who the starting linebacker and running back is, and in turn it will work its way out," Andersen said. "I don't think it needs to be a big deal because it is the quarterback."

Penn State coach Bill O'Brien is choosing between sophomore Tyler Ferguson and freshman Christian Hackenberg, the only scholarship quarterbacks on the roster. O'Brien had planned to make an announcement last week. He said the decision would be kept under wraps until Saturday's opener against Syracuse at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

"What's best for the football team and for both Christian and Tyler," O'Brien said, "is to make sure they understand what direction we're heading — our team and those two guys — and when the game starts everybody will know who the starting quarterback is

when it's our first offensive series."

There are newcomers at other positions who could become well-known names by season's end.

Ohio State is replacing all four of its defensive linemen, and coach Urban Meyer said sophomores Noah Spence and Adolphus Washington and junior Michael Bennett have caught his eye in practices.

Spence made 12 tackles and a sack against Miami in his first game last season. Washington appeared in 10 games, and three of his nine tackles were sacks. Bennett has four sacks among his 28 career tackles.

At Nebraska, junior-college transfer Randy Gregory has created a lot of buzz among fans hopeful he can strengthen the defensive line.

"It will be fun to watch," Cornhuskers coach Bo Pelini said. "He has a lot of talent, he has a good work ethic, and I think he's a pretty instinctive guy who understands football. I like the prospect. He's set up to have a good year. Is he going to be the finished product from day one? No, that's a little unrealistic. But he could be a presence for us."

Minnesota coach Jerry Kill said freshman Donovan Jones could play a major role in his building project. Jones started out as a quarterback but moved to receiver when it became apparent he wouldn't beat out Philip Nelson. Jones is 6-foot-3 and has a 40-inch vertical jump.

"He's too good an athlete to not have on the field," Kill said. "He's been in the learning progression at receiver and we're trying to get him coached up as fast as we can."

Iowa Excited For Debut Of New QB Jake Rudock

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A new starting quarterback with a sterling prep resume should be reason for optimism at Iowa, which has seen its victories dip three years in a row.

But the Hawkeyes and their win-starved fans don't quite know what to expect from sophomore Jake Rudock.

For the first time in nearly two decades, Iowa's quarterback will take his first career snap in an opener when Rudock starts against Northern Illinois on Saturday.

Rudock emerged from a three-man competition this offseason as the leader of an offense seeking major improvement in 2012.

Rudock, a 6-foot-3 native of Weston, Fla., who served as James Vandenberg's backup last season without taking a snap, held off C.J. Beathard and Cody Sokol to earn the starting job.

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Lancer VB Opens With Win At Grace

OMAHA, Neb. — The Mount Marty College volleyball team opened its season with a 25-14, 25-15, 25-14 victory at Grace University on Tuesday, the season opener for both squads.

Bailey Kuchta notched 10 kills and Laura Groseth had seven kills to lead a balanced MMC attack. Caitlyn Illg posted 31 assists and eight digs, helping the Lancers hit .341 as a team.

Lexie Branson and Emily Schreur each had solid days at the net, each recording six kills. Schreur added one solo and seven assisted blocks, while Branson had six assisted blocks. Branson also had eight digs and four aces serves in the victory.

MMC heads south to the Brunswick Tournament in Brunswick, Ga., beginning Friday. The Lancers will play four matches — two each on Friday and Saturday. MMC plays Illinois Tech and College of Coastal Georgia on Friday, and Southeastern and Faulkner on Saturday.

Lynx Edge Bucks In Golf Dual

BRANDON — The Yankton Bucks had two golfers post par or better, and had five golfers shoot 78 or better, but it was not enough as Brandon Valley edged the Bucks 293-297 in a boys' golf dual at the Brandon Municipal Golf Course.

Yankton's Lane Sawatzke and Brandon Valley's Greg Koehn tied for top honors, each shooting a 69. The Lynx's Riley Duncanson shot 70. Jace Guthmiller shot a 33 on the back nine to finish at 72 for the Bucks.

Also for Yankton, Brandon Frick, Mitch Schlingman and Ben Jensen each shot 78. Logan Megard carded an 82.

The Bucks and Lynx tied in JV action with scores of 343.

For Yankton, Mason Sundleaf shot 84, Jason Shindler shot 85 and Alex Crandall carded an 86 to lead the way. Michael Frick shot 88, Matt Jensen shot 91 and A.J. Fernandez shot 95 for the Bucks.

Yankton travels to Huron for the Tigers' annual invitational on Friday. Start time is 10 a.m.

VARSIITY: Brandon Valley 293, Yankton 297

RESULTS: Lane Sawatzke Y 69, Greg Koehn BV 69, Riley Duncanson BV 70, Jace Guthmiller Y 72, Tanner Fjerestad BV 76, Brandon Frick Y 78, Mitch Schlingman Y 78, Ben Jensen Y 78, Ryan Sjoberg BV 78, Alex Hamer BV 80, Logan Megard Y 82, Taylor Fjerestad BV 83

JV: Yankton 343, Brandon Valley 343
RESULTS: Zane Swenson BV 79, Mason Sundleaf Y 84, Jason Shindler Y 85, Carter Erickson BV 85, Alex Crandall Y 86, Jamison White BV 87, Michael Frick Y 88, Matt Jensen Y 91, Thomas Siemonsma BV 92, Jackson Dziedzic BV 92, AJ Fernandez Y 95, Joel Kocer BV 110

Dakota Valley 159, Vermillion 161

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Vermillion's Cooper Williams carded a 36 for medalist honors, but Dakota Valley edged the Tanagers by two strokes for team honors in the nine-hole boys' golf dual on Tuesday at Two Rivers Golf Course.

Dakota Valley shot 159, beating Vermillion's 161. Williams edged Dakota Valley's Ben Williams by one stroke.

Vermillion edged Dakota Valley 180-187 in JV action.

INDIVIDUAL: Cooper Williams V 36, Ben Williams DV 37, Jacob Wentle DV 40, Thomas High DV 41, Jameson Bull DV 41, Jake Odens V 41, Tyler Schunk DV 42, Andrew Heine V 42, Paul Schwasinger V 42, Carter Andre V 44