

Coyotes Power Past Northern State In Opener

Soccer: Freshmen Lead Way In 3-0 Victory

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota soccer team showcased its new-found weapon in Friday afternoon's season opener.

A deep bench. Ten of the 13 shots and all three goals for the Coyotes came from substitutes in a 3-0 home victory over Division II Northern State at the USD soccer field.

That was welcome news for a Coyote squad that struggled to create offensive options in the first half on a hot and muggy afternoon. In short: A roster with nine seniors and nine juniors needed a little help.

"If anything, it was our depth that helped most," said head coach Mandy Green, whose team is coming off a 6-

8-4 record a year ago.

"We were able to put freshmen and sophomores into the game, and that helped spark the energy."

Those freshmen, especially, sparked the Coyotes.

Maddie Vang, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, scored on a penalty kick in the 52nd minute to break the scoreless tie. Then in the 73rd minute, Lara Boman, from Edina, Minnesota, scored the first of her two goals — the second game in the 78th minute.

That was all the offense USD and junior goalkeeper Mackenzie Viktor would need.

Twenty-eight players saw the field for the Coyotes, with seven reserves playing at least 30 minutes — 10 other substitutes got in the action.

Leadership of the upper-classmen has helped bring

along the freshmen, Boman said.

"The seniors have set a great example, that's what I've noticed right away," she said. "They set up the program for where we are now, and they lead the way for us."

A year ago, the Coyotes were lucky to play 15 athletes in a game, Green said. That number now reaches into the mid-20s, or a little more in Friday's case.

"Every year our depth gets better, our returners get better, and the quality of our freshmen is getting better," she said.

Green's first recruiting class at USD, in 2011, was the youngest in the nation, with 21 freshmen. Those athletes are now seniors, and the nine remaining have seen the talent level continually rise, according to senior Brittlyn Dillow.

"We have a great class that came in, and we've gotten better with every class," she said. "With our class, that was the start of this program."

"These new girls are fitting to how we play. Every class has brought something different."

In the case of Friday's season opener, the story early was what the Coyotes weren't bringing to the table, Green said. USD had a 4-3 edge in shots at halftime.

"I felt like I needed to bust out the life paddles and shock some life into us," Green said. "Yes it was hot, but there's no excuse for coming out as flat as we did."

There was, at least, time to recover, Boman said.

"We had to take a look at the first 45 (minutes) and see why we weren't getting the job done, then we had an-



ALAN DALE/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Colleen Reeves (23) passes up to University of South Dakota teammate Taylor Nivala during the Coyotes' 3-0 win over Northern State in Friday's season opener for USD.

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Bucks Claim Home Opener



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Jack Wolfram draws a crowd as he dribbles the ball during the first half of the Bucks' matchup with Huron in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' soccer action on Friday at Yankton's Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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Conditioning was a major factor for the Yankton Bucks soccer team Friday night as they defeated the Huron Tigers 3-1 at Lewis and Clark Soccer Complex.

"Towards the end of the game our conditioning showed," head coach Warren Brenner said. "We were both physically and mentally tough. I'd like to say more than our opponents."

Friday's competition was not only the first home game for the season, but also the first home game for soccer as a Yankton High School sanctioned sport. "There were more jitters for this game than our home games last year," senior Connor Chambers said. "There is more excitement."

Yankton scored all three of their points in the first half of the game. Cole Lewno scored the first goal, Chase Huber knocked in the second and Dylan Becker sent the third one in.

"We played a good small sided game," Brenner said. "We had good, solid touch and good passing."

The Bucks learned a lot tonight according to Chambers. "We learned to adapt to different tempos and to work as a team," he said. "Each game is different so we just have to work with every situation that comes at us."

Huron scored only one goal in the second half, with Moo Mow Nway putting the ball in the back of the net.

"We had a strong defense overall," Brenner said.

Gabe Wenzlaff stopped four shots in goal for Yankton.

Brenner has a few things to take back to practice. "We want to keep working on our small sided game and hitting our target player," he said.

"We need to work on our combinations as well. You can't win with just one player."

With the first home win as a school sanctioned sport, Brenner is pretty happy. "It feels pretty good," he said. "It's still soccer no matter what, but it's nice to be playing for the school district."

"It's feels good to get the whole school involved,"

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Soccer: Gazelles Blank Huron 10-0 In Home Opener



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton's Taylor Ruter, left, slips past Huron's Jordan Adams during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' soccer match on Friday at Yankton's Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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In its inaugural home game as a sanctioned sport, the Yankton Gazelles soccer team steam rolled past Huron 10-0 on Friday afternoon in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' action at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

"We knew Huron was a young team," Yankton head coach Tyler Schuring said. "A couple of their girls have played co-ed before, so we knew they would be a little inexperienced. We figured it was going to be a good work out for us and give us good preparation for O'Gorman next week."

Yankton came out of the gates and didn't look back. Junior Brianna Benjamin set the tone with her goal in the ninth minute. Five minutes later, senior Taylor Ruter added a goal.

Minutes later, Benjamin scored on a deep free kick, to

give the Gazelles a 3-0 lead 21 minutes in. Ruter responded with a goal in the 28th minute.

Three Gazelles scored four goals to end the first half. Sophomore Madison Tessier had two goals, while Benjamin had one, and senior Elizabeth Rust added another. Yankton took a commanding 8-0 lead heading into intermission.

Schuring was pleased with his teams play, but once the Gazelles got up, he felt they played a little sloppy.

"Once we got up a little bit, our touch started to get sloppy," he said. "We can clean up our passing and trapping looking forward."

Schuring also was happy to get all his girls playing time in the match.

"We have a few girls who play junior varsity as well," he said. "So, I was trying to rest them for that. Some of the younger girls did get more playing time and we

were able to rest some of the starters, as well."

In the 50th minute, senior Kendall Lillie scored, which added to the 9-0 cushion. In the 53rd minute, sophomore Rebecca Moser put the Tigers away.

Yankton was able to skate by Huron 10-0 in 60 minutes.

Benjamin led the Gazelles with a hat trick. Ruter and Tessier each added two goals a piece in the victory. There were no shots on goal for Huron.

Schuring was pleased with his teams' possession of the ball.

"Our goal is always possession," he said. "If we get more touches, we get more shots, more shots means more goals. We really want to work the ball all around the field. Anytime we are able to keep the ball on our side is a benefit."

Yankton will travel to

USD Football Picks Up Omaha Commits

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One of the top returning running backs in Nebraska high school football verbally committed Thursday to the University of South Dakota.

Calvin Strong, a senior at Omaha North High School, became the first player in state history to rush for 3,000 yards last season. The 5-foot-9, 185-pound back ran for a total of 3,008 yards and 43 touchdowns, leading Omaha North to a state championship.

"I just feel that they care about me more as a student-athlete," Strong told the *Press & Dakotan* on Friday.

Strong's teammate, 6-foot-3, 252-pound tight end DeValon Whitcomb, also committed to USD on Thursday.

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More Schools Mixing Beer, Football At Stadiums

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Walk through the tailgate area at a college football stadium, and beer drinking is as common a sight as fans adorned in jerseys of their favorite players.

A growing number of schools are bringing the party inside, opening taps in concourses that traditionally have been alcohol-free zones.

North Texas, SMU and Troy University will begin beer sales to the general public this season. They're among 21 on-campus football stadiums where any fan of legal age can grab a brew. That's more than twice as many as five years ago.

Most schools continue to keep alcohol restricted to premium seating areas, if they allow it at all. But offering alcohol is increasingly attractive for some campuses, especially for cash-strapped athletic departments outside the Power 5 conferences. Those schools, especially, are looking for ways to keep fans coming to their stadiums in-

stead of sitting in front of their HD TVs at home or at sports bars.

They're also encouraged by the schools that were among the first to sell alcohol and didn't report an increase in bad behavior from students and other fans.

"Every institution is looking at how they can increase revenue streams, and alcohol is one of those," said Jeff Schemmel, president of the consulting firm College Sports Solutions LLC. "Everything is on the table."

There are 11 municipal stadiums where FBS teams are tenants and alcohol is available to the general public. The municipality usually keeps most, if not all, of the alcohol proceeds. The NCAA does not sell alcohol to the general public at its championship events. Schools and conferences are allowed to make their own policies.

According to an Associated Press survey of the 21 beer-selling schools that own and operate their stadiums, about half their concessions revenue is derived from alco-

hol. All but four of those schools are in conferences outside the Power 5 that don't earn significant television money.

Troy athletic director John Hartwell estimated beer would bring his Alabama school about \$200,000 in commissions this season. According to its contract with concessionaire Sodexo, Troy will receive 43 percent of gross beer sales at its 30,000-seat stadium, or better than \$2 for every \$5 beer.

"That's more impactful to a bottom line for a Troy than it is for a Texas or West Virginia or institution similar to that," said Hartwell, whose program runs on a \$20 million budget. Alcohol proceeds will be used to pay debt on a \$25 million expansion of Troy's football facilities.

The Big 12's West Virginia, with a budget of more than \$80 million, began beer sales in 2011 in part to counter a problem with drunken fans coming and going from tailgate parties during games. Fans no longer are allowed to re-enter the

stadium once they leave.

Beer sales have produced no less than \$516,000 each of the last three years for West Virginia, and campus police report alcohol-related incidents at Mountaineer Field have declined sharply.

Troy football season ticket holder Brian Ross, who also attends the Trojans' road games, said he sees worse behavior at stadiums where alcohol isn't sold. Troy is among five Sun Belt Conference schools selling beer this fall.

Ross said a lot of tailgate parties chug as much beer as they can before entering no-alcohol venues so they can "keep their buzz" throughout the game.

"Now these people will realize they can get one in the stadium and they don't need that last beer at the tailgate," Ross said.

Selling alcohol at college football games might seem counterintuitive at a time when there is so much concern about binge drinking on

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