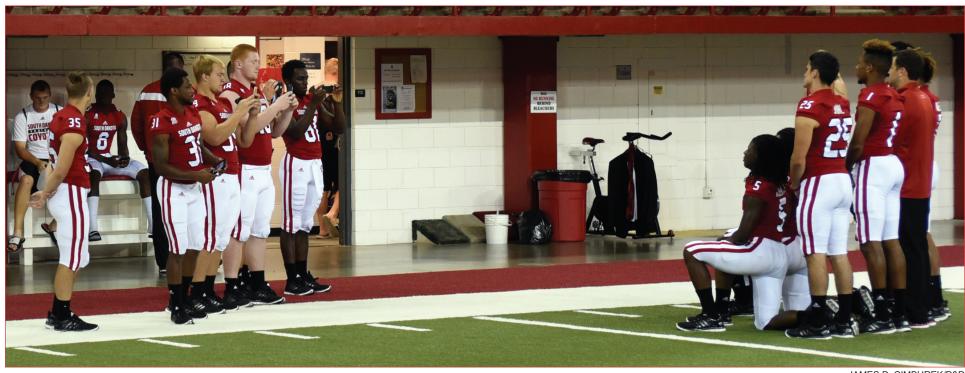
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Calm Before The Storm



University of South Dakota football players take each other's pictures while waiting for interview requests during the team's media day on Wednesday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. The Coyotes open the 2015 campaign at Kansas State on Sept. 5.

Football I USD Media Day

Coyotes Hope Defensive Changes Lead To Progress

BY JEREMY HOECK

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Jason Petrino and Marquice Williams knew that. It couldn't be business as usual for the University of South Dakota defense, after a 2-win season where league opponents scored 38 points

One particular area that needed attention was the defensive line.

And so, the combination of a full-on recruiting embrace, a change from a 3-4 to a 4-3 defensive scheme and depth has - in their minds fueled some optimism for the 2015 season.

Williams, who coaches the defensive line, had to look no further than pre-season gatherings

"It feels like the first time ever that we'll be in a meeting room and amazed by the number I have," he said Wednesday during USD's media day gathering in Vermillion.

Depth is certainly a large part of the equation for the Coyotes, who are looking to improve from a sub-par de-

fensive season a year ago. Two years ago, USD led the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 39 sacks (9 coming from league Defensive Player of the Year Tyler Starr), but that team total dropped to eight last year - third-worst in the nation.

We've got experience, which we haven't had in the past," senior Nick Jacobs

Whereas a year ago, the

Coyotes had to move some offensive guys to defense to provide that group with some extra bodies, the team boasts a number options for 2015: Drew Iddings, Jacobs, Sean Bredl, Mason Ruiz and Jon Maag, among others. And then there would be another group of guys listed as linebackers who may play more of an end position, such as Andrew Van Ginkel, Jake Leohr and Colin Mertlik.

The concept of switching to a 4-3 look was simple: More guys to pressure the quarterback.

"Now we'll have four people rushing the quarterback and be playing our gaps a lot better, so the pressure will come," said Iddings, a Rapid City native.

Keeping in mind that players like Starr - now with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons – don't often land in Vermillion, the Coyote coaching staff had to instead use the talent it already had. Sure, they could go out and put together an impressive recruiting class (which, by all accounts, it did), but the immediate focus was shifting around the pieces they already had.

"We're not in a position like LSU or Texas to say we're going to recruit the best

'that,'" said Petrino, the defensive coordinator. "For us, it's about our personnel, and who we have, and putting them in the best positions for success.'

For a program still trying to find its way in the Missouri Valley, USD has instead searched for athletes; versatile players who could eventually fit into a number of positions.

"We have to recruit athletes and develop them," Petrino said. "Coach (Joe) Glenn has always been that way. He's always recruited athletes, and eventually they'll find where they fit

A year ago, the Coyotes found it tough to fill the shoes of a guy like Starr, whose sheer athletic ability wreaked havoc on opposing quarterbacks and lines. Replacing nine sacks was going to have to be a team effort, and that proved challenging.

"We sat back after the season and evaluated," Williams said. "We couldn't just play guys in Tyler Starr's position; you have to have a certain type of guy for that.

And while there are undoubtedly guys who could bring down a quarterback, it wasn't happening at near the same rate – only two other FCS teams had fewer sacks last season.

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Hoeck: USD's Bouma Healthy And Ready To Carry The Load

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VERMILLION - Trevor Bouma was once part of a 'Bash Brothers" tandem.

It was an appropriate label given his physical, downhill nature, but it also led to him getting bashed quite a bit.

Bouma, now a junior running back at the University of South Dakota, says he is fully healed from another injury that prevented him from playing a full season.

"I feel good right now; feel a hundred percent," the LeMars, Iowa, native said Wednesday during USD's media day gathering. "I'm a year older and I think I'll be a year smarter on the field."

When he's been healthy (and even times when he's been banged up), Bouma has been an effective ball carrier for the Coyotes.

As a redshirt freshman in 2013, he played in 11 games and rushed for 781 yards with three touchdowns. A shoulder injury then kept him out of the season finale. And last season, he



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South Dakota running back Trevor Bouma talks to the media during the football team's media day event on **BOUMA** | PAGE 8 Wednesday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

JOHN LOK/SEATTLE TIMES/TNS Seattle Mariners pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma is mobbed by teammates after throwing a no-hitter to defeat the Baltimore Orioles, 3-0, on Wednesday at Safeco Field in Seattle.

Amateur: Madison Outslugs Winner-Colome

MITCHELL - The Madison Broncos jumped out to a 13-5 lead and held on for a 17-14 victory over Winner-Colome in the second round of the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Wednesday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Madison will face the winner of the Menno-Larchwood matchup, a game that was completed after this edition went to press. That quarterfinal will be played

Matt Burpee went 5-5 with a triple, two doubles and eight RBI for Madison. Nick Bird went 3-6 with a home run. Ray Wagner went 3-5 with a double. Mitch McNary had two hits, including a home run. Jon Waba doubled and singled, and Trevor Johnson had two hits in the

For Winner-Colome, Austin Calhoon went 6-6 with two doubles and four runs scored to lead the way. Austin Richey had a triple, double and single, driving in six. Dillon Lambley had three hits, including a double. Shane Pajl had a triple and a single, driving in three. Derek Graesser and Aaron Groenweg each doubled and singled in the win.

Jacob Leighton went 6 1/3 innings, allowing 10 runs (7 earned) to pick up the win. J.J. Farner, who gave up the first six runs, took the loss.

Parkston Mudcats 6, Flandreau 2

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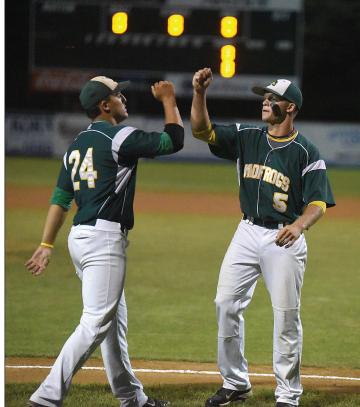
(Sarah Mannes-Homstad)

MITCHELL - Parkston's Brady Nolz earned his second complete game victory of the tournament, striking out nine as the Mudcats beat Flandreau 6-2 in the second round of the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Tuesday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

The Mudcats advance to face Plankinton in the quarterfinals or Jeff Harris went 3-4 with a double and two RBI to lead the Parkston

offense. Tyler Nolz had a pair of hits. James Boehmer and Dan Bonte each had doubles in the victory. Five different Flandreau players each had one hit.

Nolz allowed five hits, walked three and hit one in the complete game effort. Zach Weinandt took the loss, allowing four runs and striking out seven in six innings of work.



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Menno's Dylan Lehr, right, fist bumps Macon Oplinger before Wednesday night's game against Larchwood at the S.D. State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell. The game started late and was not complete at presstime. Look for a recap online at www.

Iwakuma Tosses No-Hitter In Seattle's 3-0 Win Over Orioles

SEATTLE (AP) — Hisashi Iwakuma became the second Japanese-born pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 3-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

The right-hander struck out seven and walked three in the fourth no-hitter this season and first by an American League pitcher in nearly three years. Hideo Nomo threw big league two no-nos after starting his career in his home country of Japan.

"I was aware of it obviously, but I felt it real deep in my heart in the ninth inning," Iwakuma said through a translator. "Just focusing on one hitter at a time and I'm glad I got it done.'

Philadelphia's Cole Hamels — prior to his trade to Texas — Washington's Max Scherzer and San Francisco's Chris Heston all tossed nohitters this season.

Third baseman Kyle Seager made a nifty, twisting over-the-shoulder catch in foul territory to start the ninth, but the 34-year-old Iwakuma needed little help in completing his first career complete game and the Mari-

ners' fifth no-hitter. Teammate Felix Hernandez's perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Aug. 15, 2012, was the last time an AL pitcher did not allow a hit in a game. There have been 15 no-hitters by NL pitchers since then.

With Mariners fans on their feet and cheering, Iwakuma got Gerardo Parra to line out softly to center fielder Austin Jackson for the first no-hitter against Baltimore since Boston's Clay Buchholz did it in 2007. Baltimore has been no-hit seven times.

After his 116th pitch settled in Jackson's glove,

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