

Key Weekend For USD Begins With Bison Tonight

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Nevermind the rest of the Summit League, the rest of the country watched the North Dakota State men's basketball team upset Notre Dame last month.

The thing that gets lost is that the day before, the University of South Dakota men had their shot at a signature win — the Coyotes lost by two points at Kansas State.

A month and a half later, USD will take another crack at a notable win, this time in Summit League action. The Coyotes host North Dakota State tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the DakotaDome.

"I just wish we could get one of those marquee wins," said USD interim head coach Joey James, who

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game with South Dakota State, the Coyotes (8-11, 3-2) are first concerned with the Bison.

And for good reason.

Not only is NDSU (15-5) tied with Fort Wayne for first place in the league at 4-1, the Bison are ranked No. 8 in the latest mid-major poll — helped by that win in South Bend, Ind.

spoke at Wednesday's Yankton Quarterback Club luncheon.

"Eventually I think it comes."

Though a bulk of the attention will be focused on Saturday afternoon's 4 p.m.

Oh, and the Bison lead all of Division I in field goal percentage at 51.6.

North Dakota State has won all four Summit League meetings against the Coyotes over the past two seasons, including a 26-point win in Vermillion last season.

A big reason for that has been the matchup problems the Bison pose.

NDSU's projected starting five stands 6-feet-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7 and 6-8. Leading the way is senior Taylor Braun (18.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 4.1 apg), followed by senior Marshall Bjorklund (15.1 ppg).

"They all pose a lot of issues because of their ability to score inside-out," James said. "They're long and very athletic. We'll have to be on top of it and be very good on

both ends."

The Coyotes may be without sophomore point guard Trey Norris, who has been battling an ankle injury. James said Wednesday that if Norris is not 100 percent by tonight, he won't play.

Norris would then be questionable for Saturday's game against rival South Dakota State.

SDSU, unlike the Bison, is looking to snap a 2-game skid and get back to even in the Summit League.

The Jackrabbits (10-10, 2-3) have surrendered at least 80 points each of the last two games, and are coming into a place — the DakotaDome — where they have lost each of the past two seasons.

The biggest weapon for the Jacks is senior post Jordan Dykstra, who ranks second in the league in

scoring (16.6) and is first in rebounding (8.0).

Junior newcomer Cody Larson, a Florida transfer, averages 13.7 points and 7.1 rebounds in the front-court, while senior guard Brayden Carlson averages 15.8 points.

The Coyotes, however, are first concerned with North Dakota State.

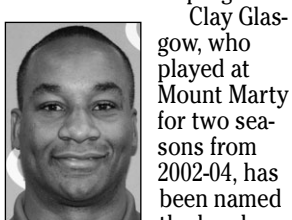
"We haven't even talked about South Dakota State, we've done nothing but scout and watch film on North Dakota State," James said. "I think our guys understand that."

"They're mature enough to handle that situation, that the next game is your biggest game."

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Former Lancer Glasgow Hired To Helm DWU Women's Soccer Program

MITCHELL — One of the top players in the early days of the Mount Marty College men's soccer program has been named to head a rival school's women's program.



Glasgow

Clay Glasgow, who played at Mount Marty for two seasons from 2002-04, has been named the head women's soccer coach at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Glasgow, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, was a first-team all-Great Plains Athletic Conference player at Mount Marty. Prior to playing at MMC, he played at Brewton Parker College in Mount Vernon, Ga. He also played for the Sioux Falls Spitfire Premier Developmental team from 2004-06.

Glasgow has spent the last six seasons as an assistant coach for the Augustana College women's soccer team, as well as the varsity girls' soccer coach at Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School. He helped with recruiting and game analysis, as well as the organization of indoor tournaments and summer camps at Augustana.

"Clay's soccer resume speaks for itself," said DWU Athletic Director Curt Hart. "He was a part of two very successful teams at both the college and high school level in Sioux Falls, and he also has coaching experience at the club level. That coaching experience gives him connections around the state necessary for bringing the best soccer players to continue their careers at DWU and, combined with his passion for the game, made him the ideal candidate for the job."

At Roosevelt, Glasgow has been the head coach since the 2008 season. In his seven seasons with the Rough Riders, including one as the junior varsity coach, Roosevelt is 66-22-9 and won the 2012 and 2013 Class AA state titles. In those two seasons, Roosevelt went undefeated for 25 games. Glasgow has coached many Class AA All-State selections, and his team overall GPA is better than 3.5.

Glasgow also coaches the Dakota Alliance U13 girls' team. He is B-license certified through the United States Soccer Federation.

"I'm really excited about being the next head coach at Dakota Wesleyan," Glasgow



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The Mount Marty College women's basketball team celebrates after their 78-74 over second-ranked Northwestern in Great Plains Athletic Conference action on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

MMC Tops No. 2 Raiders

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A frustrating season now has its high note.

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too, given what the Mount Marty College women's basketball team has dealt with this season.

Still riddled by injury, including another starter that went down this week, the Lancers upset No. 2-ranked Northwestern 78-74 on Wednesday night in front of a raucous Cimpl Arena crowd.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Mount Marty players joined in the fun — celebrating almost in a way that is usually seen after national championship games.

"It's about time we had some fun," a smiling head coach Tom Schlimgen said. "I'd say we deserve that one."

Not only did the short-handed Lancers, now 10-13, win only their second Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) game of the season, they did so against the nation's second-best scoring team.

Mount Marty shot 57 percent in the second half and put five of its eight players in double figures, highlighted by 24 from freshman Logan Wagner.

"It's been so crazy, but man, this feels nice," said Wagner, one of a handful of players thrust into big-time minutes with all the other injuries.

"It's been a long time coming."

Of all the big plays in a back-and-forth second half, two stood out as especially critical for the Lancers.

Wagner hit back-to-back three-pointers, the last giving MMC a 69-66 lead with 3:06 remaining. Later, Cassidy Gebhart's driving layup and free throw with 2:00 left gave MMC a 72-70 lead.

Gebhart soon after hit a pair of foul shots with 31.2 seconds left, and Wagner did the same with 9.7 seconds remaining — protecting the cushion for the hosts.

And setting off a celebration by the home team, which had come close to signature wins this season, but had never gotten it done.

"Our kids just haven't given up. It probably would have been easy to, but they've been going hard," Schlimgen said.

"It's just been so tough because literally every game, we never know who we'll have healthy."

The injury list this season has included eight players, highlighted by the season-ender to All-GPAC guard April Winne. Holly Hegge and Raquel Sutura have also missed time, but are back and played key roles Wednesday.

Hegge scored 13 points and dished out four assists, while Sutura added nine points, six rebounds and three assists.

Even with those two back, might it still be easy to get frustrated with each additional injury?

"To be honest, there have been times where the positivity hasn't been there," De Kam said. "It's tough when it's your senior year and you want to finish strong."

With still seven games remaining this season (including the GPAC tournament, given the Lancers advance), the Lancers already have their notable performance.

Each of the previous three seasons, Mount Marty had picked up a win over a top-5 team — going from No. 3 (2010-11) to No. 3 (2011-12) and to No. 4 last season.

But Wednesday had a different feel for the Lancers.

"After everything we've been through, it's hard to even put this into words," said De Kam, the lone senior for Mount Marty.



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Mount Marty's Logan Wagner, 4, steals an in-bounds pass by Northwestern's Paige O'Neal, 10, during their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty's Chris Richardson goes to the basket against Northwestern's Jordan Baker during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Northwestern Battles Past Lancer Men

BY VANCE JANAK

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Mount Marty's chances of an upset faded in the final seven minutes Wednesday night against Northwestern.

The Lancers were up by five at halftime and held a one-point lead with 8 minutes and 21 seconds to play in the game. But the Red Raiders outscored Mount Marty 29-10 the rest of the way to break away en route to an 83-67 win in Great Plains Athletic Conference play at Cimpl Arena.

Northwestern senior Zack Leeper scored 20 of his game-high 27 points in the second half while junior forward Levi Ettleman had all 14 of his points after halftime. The Red Raiders' post combination helped Northwestern shoot a

sizzling 80.8 percent (21-of-26) in the second half.

"They ran a lot of isolation stuff and we had trouble stopping their guys," Mount Marty coach Andrew Baker said. "The last five, six minutes, we fouled way too much. We fouled way too much in the second half and they made almost all of their free throws (14-of-20)."

The Lancers (3-19, 1-13 GPAC) went into halftime up 29-24 after holding the lead for the final 10 minutes of the half. Northwestern, who completed a season-sweep after beating the Lancers 87-64 on Dec. 4 in Orange City, Iowa, got a better start to the second half.

The Red Raiders (13-10, 6-7 GPAC) rolled off eight straight points to go up 34-31

just 2 minutes, 10 seconds into the final 20 minutes. Up 39-34 Northwestern looked to be on the verge of taking control before the Lancers got a critical five-point possession, and scored seven points within a span of 15 seconds to retake the lead.

Bud Smith (21 points) started the scoring spurt with a 3. During the shot, Tyler Payer (22 points) was fouled. The Armour native went to the free-throw line and sank both ends of a 1-and-1 to tie it 39-all.

Lorenzo Davis' steal and layup helped the Lancers retake the lead with 13:55 to play.

Mount Marty had its final lead (55-54) on a pair of made free throws by Payer with 8:21 to play. Leeper then

scored the go-ahead basket on a layup with 8:06 remaining. The Lancers were within 59-57 on a Smith jumper with 6:33 to go.

But the Red Raiders were too strong down the stretch.

"I could have switched defenses, but I thought we were best in man-to-man," Baker said. "Leeper got the best of us in that second half. I feel like I should have tried to do something different."

Things worked well for the Lancers in the first half.

Trailing 12-8 with 13 minutes to play in the first half, Mount Marty put together a 10-0 run. Smith got it going with a free throw. The St. Louis native then added a three-point play before Payer

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