

# MVFC: Building Depth Next Challenge For USD

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In the area of success and national exposure, yes, the University of South Dakota — and every other Missouri Valley Football Conference team — is trying to be like North Dakota State.

You could also add depth to that emulation list.

Joe Glenn pulled no punches in that area. Developing depth is the next hurdle for his USD program (4-7 this season), the veteran coach said during Tuesday's media teleconference.

"We just have to either have the athletes we have make those plays or recruits guys that can come in and make those plays," Glenn said. "The teams that have beaten us

have beat us with good athletes making big-time plays, we just didn't match them."

Overcoming that obstacle is one even NDSU dealt with, according to Craig Bohl, whose top-ranked Bison (11-0, 7-1) host the Coyotes on Saturday afternoon in Fargo.

"We got a rude awakening. The very first year (2008) we were accepted into the valley, we were picked number one and we got taken to the woodshed," Bohl said. "Our depth was exposed right away."

It took the Bison — who were 6-10 their first two years in the Valley — about three years to turn the corner, Bohl said, thanks to a "significant plan to build depth." That effort started in recruiting, off-season development and playing more

guys in practice, he said.

Those areas of focus, of course, have paid off in Fargo, with a combined 28 wins and FCS national championships over the past two years.

"You can see in recruiting the level of athletes they are getting," Glenn said. "Strong right down the roster. We're having a hard time getting through on those guys in recruiting; most everybody is in our league."

The trick is, even once you get talented recruits on campus and into your program, you don't see immediate results, as Glenn alluded to in saying an improvement from one win in 2012 to four in 2013 is a "step forward."

Case in point: Of the 45 Coyotes who saw the field in last Saturday's

home loss to South Dakota State, there were 10 seniors, nine juniors, 10 sophomores, seven redshirt freshmen and nine true freshmen.

The biggest test to USD's depth this season has come at running back. A pair of seniors, Jasper Sanders and Earv Archambeau, were lost to season-ending injuries during fall camp. The next two backs, Trevor Bouma and Jordan Roberts, have been banged up the last few weeks and combined for 46 yards on 14 carries in the loss to SDSU.

"We're probably not the team that maybe we were for a while this year, when we had a couple running backs running for 150 (yards) or so," Glenn said. "Everybody goes through that."

"I wish we were stronger in the

running game than we are currently. We can't quite get up to speed with our health in the back field."

North Dakota State hasn't been immune to injuries either, Bohl said. He referenced the absences of defensive standouts Grant Olson and Marcus Williams at last Saturday's road game at Youngstown State. Still, the Bison were able to win and lock up the conference title.

"We are significantly different depth-wise than where we had been," Bohl said. "People say, 'What turned it around?' When we developed depth, it allowed us to get through some obstacles."

A way to gain traction in recruiting and ultimately make up ground on the depth chart? Pick up some

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# York Escapes Lancers

Big Second Half Rally Comes Up Short Against No. 24 Panthers

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Coming into Wednesday night's contest against Mount Marty College, York College was averaging 98 points in their first four games.

The number 24 ranked Panthers high tempo offense overcame a late second half Lancers Tuesday night at the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena in Yankton.

"We had a great team effort out there tonight," first year Lancers head coach Andrew Baker said. "Our guys are resilient kids, we have some really tough kids. I am hard on them a lot and ask a lot of them. They tend to respond relatively positive to that. I think we saw that in the second half."

York (4-0), an NAIA Sweet 16 participant a year ago, won the game by the score of 88-77 over Mount Marty (0-4).

"We remained aggressive in the second half," Baker said. "They do a lot of different things defensively. We made some adjustments and ran some new plays. Our guys did a good job understanding it and executing it."

The Panthers roared out of the starting gate, going on a 10-0 run just two minutes deep into the contest.

Once the Lancers got things going, after five unanswered points by junior guard Bud Smith, Mount Marty cut the deficit down to 14-11 with 12 minutes remaining.

After a York time-out, their quick transition offense produced another run, this time 14-0. That gave the Panthers a 28-14 lead.

Midway through the half, the Lancers hung around with York.

With 7:30 remaining in the half, freshman and Crofton native Ben Hegge nailed a lay-up under contact and was able to complete the three point play, cutting the Panther lead down to 17.

Back-to-back turnovers helped York go on a 9-0 to bring their lead to 47-22 with five minutes remaining.

Senior guard Dylan Brewer hit two three-pointers on their run.

Freshman post Mitch Newhouse ended the drought with a two-step lay-up.

Newhouse scored six of the Lancers final eight points in the first half.

Things were not looking bright for Mount Marty, as they were down 55-34 at the half.

The second half was as bright as it has gotten all season for Mount Marty, as young players stepped up and played solid basketball.

"We came out aggressive and we were the ones that were throwing the punches,"

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Mount Marty's Bud Smith splits the York defense for a layup during their men's basketball game on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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# Kaminsky Powers Wisconsin Past North Dakota

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Frank Kaminsky scored a school-record 43 points, and No. 12 Wisconsin shot a blistering 59 percent from the field to beat pesky North Dakota 103-85 on Tuesday night.

Kaminsky, a junior who became a starter this season, got the record with about a minute left after driving the lane and splitting two defenders for an easy layup.

Sam Dekker added 19 for the Badgers (4-0), who overcame a career-high 37 points — 26 in the first half — from athletic sharpshooter Troy Huff.

Kaminsky's dunk helped Wisconsin gradually turn its 10-point half-time lead into a 76-59 advantage on North Dakota (1-1) with 10:32 left.

The Badgers came out victorious after Kaminsky and Huff traded buckets much of the night. Kaminsky finished 16 of 19 shooting, hitting all six of his 3s.

Huff was 15 of 22 from the field, and added nine rebounds.

Remarkably, Kaminsky had an even bigger night, breaking the school single-game record of 42 previously held by Ken Barnes (1965) and Michael Finley (1994).

A week after limiting Florida to 53 points, Wisconsin went up and down the Kohl Center court with a Big Sky Conference team with the 7-foot Kaminsky unlikely leading the way. Sure Kaminsky had 16 points last week in a win over Green Bay, but few fans saw this outburst coming.

Kaminsky went to the bench with about 5 minutes left with 41 points, prompting groans from the Wisconsin student section. "We want Frank! We want Frank!" they chanted before a timeout with 3 minutes left.

They got their wish. Kaminsky got a standing ovation from the appreciative crowd after setting the record, and some good-natured heckling after the game from teammates Dekker and Traevon Jackson (14 points, eight assists).

Lost in the excitement over Kaminsky's outburst — his previous career high was 19 — was a subpar defensive effort for the Badgers, who had trouble containing North Dakota off the dribble. Or Huff from anywhere on the court, for that matter.

Given that Huff is from Milwaukee, and his mother, Theresa Huff, is Wisconsin women's basketball career rebounding leader, it would make sense that Huff would want to play well in Madison.

And as if he needed any more incentive, North Dakota coach Brian Jones decided to sit his first-stringers, including Huff, to start the game.

It worked, to a point. The more talented Badgers wore down North Dakota on the offensive end. Dekker in transition went behind the back on the dribble, split two defenders and threw in a one-handed dunk for a 60-47 lead early in the second half.

Bronson Koenig hit an open 3 from the wing after Huff couldn't close out after appearing to get a cramp in his left leg for a 12-point lead.

North Dakota hung around, but by the latter part of the second half, the game was all about whether Kaminsky would make school history.

Jaron Nash had 19 points, while Aaron Anderson added 11 for North Dakota.

# MMC Soccer: Three Women, Two Men Honored

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Based on the selections for the all-Great Plains Athletic Conference women's and men's soccer teams, one thing is for certain.

The Mount Marty College programs are getting better, and the league is taking notice.

MMC had three honorable mention selections on the women's side and two more on the men's side as the GPAC announced its league awards earlier this week.

"I was happy to get more (honorees) than we've had in the past," said Nathan Epp, MMC men's and women's soccer coach. "We're starting to get people to recognize us. That's a step in the right direction."

"I thought we could have gotten one on second team, but the conference was very senior-heavy this season. That makes it tough."

Honorees for the Lancer women, who advanced to the GPAC Tournament for the first time in school history, were senior defender Julie Nelson, junior forward Laura Ekeren and sophomore goalkeeper Courtney True.

Nelson played in a career-best 19 matches for MMC, recording one assist. For her career, she played in 66 matches and recorded one goal and two assists.

"Julie has been through our whole transition. She has played a variety of different positions," Epp said. "Over the past couple of years, her consistency and understanding of the game have been great."

Ekeren missed most of the 2012 season due to injury. This season, she played in all 19 matches, recording four goals and an assist.

"She was in a tough situation, with the tear in her ACL at the beginning of last year. Coming back from that is never easy," Epp said. "She didn't feel like she was getting close until the last half of the season. She was getting more opportunities to score in the second half of the season."

"She plays aggressive, plays hard all the time."

True, who transferred to MMC after playing her freshman season at NCAA Division II Wayne State (Neb.), led the conference with 8.95 saves per match, recording 170 saves on the season. She recorded one shutout in a scoreless tie against Dordt on Oct. 30, a point that helped MMC earn its first-ever post-season appearance.

"Courtney was fantastic all year. She was the anchor for our defense," Epp said. "In the last month and a half of the season, we started to gel, and she's one of the main reasons why."

Epp felt that True's .787 save percentage was good enough to warrant her second-team honors.

"I feel that she's one of the best in the conference," he said. "I'm more than excited to have her back."

Besides True and Ekeren — both Yankton natives — the Lancers will return several other key performers from this past season.

"We have a good solid corps of young players," Epp said. "The big part for them will be continuing to work in the off-season."

The Lancer men had a pair of seniors honored, defender Luis Tapia and midfielder Manuel Borjon.

Tapia played 18 matches on the season, recording one assist.

"Luis is a great defender who communicates well and doesn't back down," Epp said. "It's a well-deserved honor. It would have been nice to have him one more year."

Borjon, who redshirted in 2012, scored four goals on the season.

"Manuel and Luis were great leaders," Epp said. "The young guys looked up to them."

While the Lancers graduate some veteran talent, the core of their offense will be here for a few more years.

"Both of our leading scorers were freshmen," Epp said, referring to Genaro Bustillos (8 goals, 5 assists) and Juan Magana (7 goals, 5 assists). "I expect Genaro and Juan to break our scoring records."

The Lancer men will return other talent as well.

"The middle third of our lineup had a lot of youth," he said. "It was tough this year, but it will be exciting to build off."

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Nelson



Ekeren



True



Tapia



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# O'Brien, PSU Prep For The Emotion Of Senior Day

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Bill O'Brien will always remember his first Senior Day as head coach, that final time players race out of the tunnel in front of the home crowd, most of them knowing they'll never hear 90,000-plus fans cheering for them again.

O'Brien was moved last season by the emotion that hit the Penn State seniors as their names were called for one final game. And he's looking forward to witnessing that all over again.

"I remember the looks in their eyes," O'Brien said Tuesday. "They know this is the last time they're going to play on this field."

The seniors gave O'Brien and Happy Valley a win to remember in a tumultuous year: A rousing 24-21 win over Wisconsin that set the stage for the Nittany Lions' recruiting season.

Penn State finished 8-4 last year and would have been a lock for a New Year's Day bowl had it not been for the NCAA sanctions hanging over the program because of the Jerry Sandusky scandal. The Nittany Lions (6-4, 3-3 Big Ten) are still ineligible for bowl play but need one win in the final two games to clinch a winning record. No small feat for a program rocked by scandal and stripped of scholarships.

In his second season, O'Brien knows how to steel himself for

what's ahead in the senior festivities before Saturday's home finale against Nebraska (7-3, 4-2). He'll shake hands, hug and high-five this year's crop of seniors, then regroup in the locker room and recharge for the Cornhuskers.

"If you keep reminding them and keep them focused on what the keys to victory are," O'Brien said, "then I think that's what they focus on."

The Nittany Lions will honor 17 seniors on Saturday, including nine regular starters. The list also includes tackle Kyle Baublitz, tackle Gary Gilliam, tackle Kevin Blanchard, guard Bryan Davie and wide receiver Alex Kenney, who are each giving up one more season of eligibility.

Tight end Matt Lehman will be honored, though he could still return next year if the NCAA grants an injury waiver.

"I think it's a special thing when you get introduced in front of the home crowd," O'Brien said. "I want these guys, if this is their last home game, to have that opportunity."

And he wants a proper send-off.

Penn State has struggled with attendance at Beaver Stadium this season, with only a win against undefeated Michigan filling every seat. While the Nittany Lions still announce more than

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