

Championship Celebration



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The Yankton Bucks and their fans celebrated their Class 11AA football championship with an official "welcome home" rally Monday at the YHS/Summit Activities Center gym. Afterwards, many people borrowed the trophy to get some photos. Here, Myasa Abass and Bashir AbdAlKreem, and Rayden and Marissa Terca pose while a friend snaps takes some photos. The Bucks defeated Pierre 21-20 in overtime last Friday night to win their second straight 11AA crown.

Manning

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disappointed that I'm injured. I'm disappointed in the game yesterday. I will try to take advantage of this week and try to get to feeling better and getting healthy."

Kubiak said he met with Manning for an hour Monday morning and told him of his decision — which he said Manning didn't like.

"I've never met a player who agreed to that," Kubiak said. "I mean, no, he's up there today and he wants to go, he wants to do everything he can for his football team and I knew that and I expected that. I tried to express to him my concern to getting him back to himself and feeling better. And I think he understands the position I'm in and I sure as hell understand the type of person he is and the player he is."

Manning won't practice this week nor will he suit up against the Bears, when rookie Trevor Siemian will be Osweiler's backup. Manning will spend lots of time with team athletic

trainer Steve Antonopoulos.

Kubiak wouldn't speculate how long Manning might be out, saying, "our focus is not going past today or the Chicago Bears. We're all-in this week as a football team to get better and get ready to go play."

The only time Manning ever missed a start in his 18-year career came when he sat out the entire 2011 season following a series of neck surgeries that ultimately led to his departure from Indianapolis and his signing with the Broncos.

Osweiler is a fourth-year pro from Arizona State who GM John Elway selected in the second round of the 2012 draft with the explicit intention of serving as Manning's protege and eventual successor.

"First of all, it's very exciting," Osweiler said. "But at the same time, Peyton is still our guy. He's one of the best ever to do it. He's been extremely supportive of me ever since Day 1. He's taught me so many things. So, I'm going to continue to support him."

"I'm the starter for this week at Chicago, but that's all it is. We're focused on this week, then we'll re-evaluate next week. But I stand by

Peyton and support him 100 percent."

Osweiler's first start comes against former Broncos coach John Fox and his staff, who know all about his strengths and tendencies.

Manning had the worst game of his career Sunday when he completed 5 of 20 passes for 35 yards with four interceptions and had a 0.0 passer rating. This season he had just nine TD passes and a league-high 17 interceptions.

"I just think it's the grind of the season, a bunch of bumps and bruises," Kubiak said.

Manning was very limited at practice last week but felt he could play, especially with the Broncos short-handed on both offense and defense.

"He was doing everything he could to play for this football team," Kubiak said. "And he would do it again this week, too. I can tell you that ... but I feel like I need to make this decision."

The news didn't really catch players off-guard.

"I know he seems like he's Superman, but he's banged up," Aqib Talib said. "So, he's got to get healthy like everybody else who's banged up."

Semis

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drive ended at the 1-yard line. After a Wynot punt, HSF used an 11-play drive to score on a Damien Baumgart touchdown run.

Then came a Wynot punt, then a Baumgart touchdown pass, a fourth down stop by the HSF defense, and a 31-yard touchdown run by Wemhoff on the next play. All of a sudden Humphrey St. Francis was up 24-0, and it was mostly thanks to that punishing run game.

Wemhoff would rush for 196 yards and two touchdowns in the first half (239 yards on 29 carries for the game) — most of that damage coming on runs up the middle.

"That's one thing we expected, after watching tape, they had done more and more in the past," Wynot head coach Steve Heimes said. "We were doing blitzes and stunts; everything we could to get in there and try to slow them down."

And making matters even more frustrating, the Blue Devils themselves couldn't get much going on the ground. Senior Cody Stratman — who was injured earlier in the game — was limited to two rushing yards on three carries (he ran for 274 yards in a quarterfinal win).

Wynot broke the shutout in the fourth quarter with a Dawson Sudbeck 56-yard touchdown pass to Trevor Gartner. The Blue Devils tacked another six points with a Wieseler touchdown pass to Sudbeck with 1:19 remaining.

"One thing we built this team on this year was big play opportunities and big plays," Heimes said. "We never got a big play out of our offense until the second



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Wynot's Dawson Sudbeck, 5, tries to beat Humphrey St. Francis' Cole Wemhoff during their Class D2 semifinal football game on Monday at Wynot, Nebraska.

half, and that's one of the things that hurts."

So too did the early onslaught by HSF, which will face Chambers-Wheeler Central for the D2 title.

"We just didn't come out good enough; we weren't physical enough," Wieseler said. "We let them hit us and we didn't hit them."

Wynot's passing attack, however, was able to move the ball. Gartner caught seven passes for 125 yards, while Sudbeck had seven catches for 59 yards. Stratman was able to haul in four passes for 49 yards.

The fact that the Blue Devils — who lost in the first round of the playoffs last year — were even in a position to contend for a state championship game berth was credit to the team's desire, according to Heimes.

"We really didn't know

what we had coming into this season," he said. "We lost six seniors from last year and had about six starters back."

"These guys came together and played as a team, worked as a team, really did a great job together."

Wynot will graduate five seniors, including Stratman who came into Monday with 1,814 rushing yards and 36 touchdowns.

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SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter
HSF — Damien Baumgart, 1-yard run (conversion good), 9:16

HSF — Jon Korth, 37-yard catch from Baumgart (conversion good), 5:54

HSF — Kyle Wemhoff, 31-yard run (conversion good), 4:27

HSF — Wemhoff, 9-yard run (conversion good), 0:35

Fourth Quarter

W — Trevor Gartner, 56-yard catch from Dawson Sudbeck (conversion failed), 7:34

W — Dawson Sudbeck, 13-yard pass from Jalen Wieseler (conversion failed), 1:19

South Carolina Holds Off Oral Roberts 84-66

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina coach Frank Martin preached to his team they were going to need to pound the ball inside to find success against Oral Roberts.

It took a half but it finally started clicking. Senior Laimonas Chatkevicius had a career-high 27 points and Duane Noticed chipped in 18 as South Carolina withstood 31 points from Obi Emegano to defeat Oral Roberts 84-66

Monday night.

"We settled, got off the dribble jump shots at the beginning of the game and that's exactly what we said not to do," Martin said. "Get the ball inside to start the game is all we talked about. But we settled down and the second half we really, really got that thing inside."

It was the play of Chatkevicius and Noticed early in the second half that gave the

Gamecocks the advantage. The duo combined to score 19 of the first 30 second half points and did it in a variety of ways.

Chatkevicius made just his 12th career three-pointer and Noticed hit two more from long range in the opening minutes of the period. Noticed scored on a stick back basket then added two free throws after ORU Coach Scott Sutton picked up a technical foul.

Rookies

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debut on April 17. The third baseman quickly became an All-Star on a rising team that also reached the postseason.

"I think we're in very similar situations in that we're surrounded by a lot of young guys," Bryant said. "I think the only expectations that really matter are the ones you put on yourself. I definitely exceeded my own expectations."

The 23-year-old Bryant batted .275 and led big league rookies with 26 homers, 31 doubles and 99 RBIs as Chicago returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

Seeking their first championship since 1908, the Cubs were swept by the New York Mets in the NLCS.

"I think there is a way to top this year and that's to win the World Series," Bryant said. "I think heading into next year this whole experience is going to help myself and our whole team in general."

Bryant received all 30 first-place votes for 150 points in balloting by the BBWAA. San Francisco third baseman Matt Duffy was second with 70 points, and Pittsburgh infielder Jung Ho Kang third with 28 points.

Correa received 17 firsts and 13 seconds for 124 points. Cleveland shortstop Francisco Lindor was second with 13 firsts, 14 seconds and two thirds for 109 points, and Minnesota designated hitter Miguel Sano was third with 20 points.

Correa began this year in Double-A and made his major league debut June 8. He hit .279 with 22 homers, 68 RBIs and 14 steals, helping the Astros make their first postseason appearance in a decade. The youngest position player in the major leagues, he turned 21 in September.

"It's like a season that I only thought was going to happen in a dream," said Correa, who acknowledged the metal plate in his right leg caused him pain much of the year.

Correa's 2014 season with Class A Lancaster was cut short in June because of a

broken right ankle.

Houston's only previous Rookie of the Year was Jeff Bagwell, who won the 1991 NL honor. Bryant is the Cubs' sixth winner and first since catcher Geovany Soto in 2008.

Bryant and Correa each had the \$507,500 minimum salary in the majors.

Houston gave Correa his debut after making sure he won't be eligible for arbitration until following the 2018 season.

Bryant was left in the minors at the start of the season despite showing off his prodigious power during an outstanding spring training.

Chicago brought up Bryant after waiting just long enough to ensure he cannot become a free agent until after the 2021 season.

"I think I played with a little bit of a chip on my shoulder this year, and I think it's good to play that way sometimes," Bryant said. "In high school I kind of got labeled like I didn't really care about playing just because I was so relaxed out there, but that couldn't be any further from the truth."

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