

USD Looks To Earn Respect Against Penguins



P&D FILE PHOTO
Drake quarterback Cody Thibault unloads the football as South Dakota's Jake Leohr during their football game on Sept. 19 at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. USD hosts Youngstown State today (Saturday) in the Missouri Valley Football Conference opener for both squads.

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VERMILLION – Joe Glenn had somewhere to be in a half-hour, but the University of South Dakota football coach took 15 minutes to address his team after a practice this week.

The message was clear: If you want respect, go out and earn it.

Glenn, whose Coyotes (2-1) open Missouri Valley Conference action today (Saturday) against Youngstown State, was asked later what it will take to beat the No. 10-ranked Penguins. His response? A win.

“Nothing else would fill that hole,” Glenn said. Wins in the Missouri Valley – which boasts six ranked teams this week – have, however, been elusive for the Coyotes. Twice, USD has gone winless in league play, and the program's record in the conference is 3-21.

“If we want to be respected in this league, we have to go into the Valley and win some games to earn respect.”

NILE BANKS, USD OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Picked to finish last, by a wide margin, the Coyotes have long since realized that close losses mean little in the big picture.

“We have no reason to think we should be respected in the MVFC at this point, from what we've done in the last three years,” junior offensive lineman Nile Banks said.

It's not as though the Coyotes are wholly unfamiliar with competing with the best of the best in what is arguably the best FCS league. There were signs (four league losses by a touchdown or less in 2012). There was progress (three league wins in 2013). But then there was a step backward (the closest league loss in 2014 was seven points).

Developing confidence was a key area of focus, perhaps the first step in many, according to sophomore

receiver Brandt Van Roekel. “Overall, we got people to buy into the program and not worry about what other people think,” he said. “That's got the culture flipped around; got people believing.

“And that's the first part of the battle. When we believe we can do it, we'll be able to.”

On the other hand, though, the Coyotes couldn't exactly afford to concern themselves with outside perception, as tempting as it may be to find out what people think.

Wins, not solid performances in a loss, is what USD what will be judged on, as Van Roekel pointed out.

“We know we can do it, it's just a matter of going out and proving to everyone else we

Jacks Look To Upend Defending Champs

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BROOKINGS — A rivalry game. A sell-out crowd. Both teams ranked in the top 10 in the two biggest FCS polls. The Dakota Marker up for grabs.

That's what fans get this week when the seventh-ranked South Dakota State Jackrabbits (3-0) host second-ranked North Dakota State (2-1) in the Missouri Valley Conference football opener at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

The excitement generated by this game is off the charts, and SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier knows that. He wants his players to “get up” for a game like this, but also wants his players to focus on the things they can control, not the things they can't.

“Our deal is to play the best we can,” Stiegelmeier said. “It isn't about getting caught up in the matchups or the opponent. It's about how well can I play against this opponent. Almost like, ‘I don't’ care who the opponent is.”

NDSU coach Chris Klieman shares that mindset.

“I don't think you're going to change what we do offensively, change what they do offensively, or defensively for that matter,” Klieman said in his weekly press conference. “They're going to play how they play and we're going to do what we do. It's going to come down to being able to execute.”

Recent history has not been kind to the Jacks. SDSU's last win over NDSU came during the 2009 season. By the time Saturday's opening kick is sent sailing, it will be 2,000 days since the last time the Jacks topped the Bison on the football field.

That game also was played at Coughlin-Alumni, which will be hosting this rivalry for the final time before the Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium is completed next summer.

SDSU senior linebacker T.J. Lally has played in five games against the Bison and would like to help send his fellow seniors out on top of this rivalry for a change.

“Our senior class has played them five times (including the playoffs) and only one time at Coughlin-Alumni,” Lally said. “This will probably be the last time we play them and we want to leave on the right note.”

To finally end the drought, the Jacks will rely on the offensive duo of junior quarterback Zach Lujan, who ranks 14th in the nation in passing yards, and sophomore wide receiver Jake Wieneke, who ranks second in the nation in receiving yards.

So far this season, Wieneke accounts for 26 of Lujan's 61 completions, 528 of his 1,002 passing yards and six of his eight touchdown passes. So it's safe to say they have a strong on-field connection.

Opening up the offense will be key for the Jacks to upend the Bison. Part of that will come from the two-pronged rushing attack in sophomore Brady Mengarelli and freshman Isaac Wallace. Stiegelmeier says those two will “without a doubt” help each other in going against a Bison defense that ranks second in the nation, allowing just 55 rush yards per game.

Together, the duo has combined for 473 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground.

One wrinkle to the Jacks' offense attack, which ranks sixth in the nation in total yards per game, is the emergence of junior wide receiver Connor Landberg and the return of senior receiver Brandon Andrews.

Landberg caught five passes for 75 yards in last Saturday's win over Robert Morris, while Andrews returned to the lineup after missing the first two games of the season. He caught three balls for 40 yards and one touchdown.

SDSU's offense has been a powerhouse, but Lally says it's up to the defense to do

Knights Fly Past Yankton

O'G's Kueter Ties YHS Great Hawk Atop S.D. All-Time Wins List

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A handful more turnovers weren't the larger issue facing the Yankton football team.

It's confidence, according to head coach Arlin Likness.

“You need to have confidence enough to put the ball in the end zone,” said Likness, whose Bucks committed four turnovers in a 35-0 loss to Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Friday night at Crane-Youngworth Field.

Yankton (3-3) was held off the scoreboard for the second week in a row, which marks the first time in the playoff era — since 1981 — that has happened for the program.

O'Gorman unofficially ran for 355 yards, 221 in the first half, to help coach Steve Kueter tie Yankton legend Max Hawk for first place (284) on



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Alex Withrow, 52, tries to pull down O'Gorman quarterback Luke Fritsch during their football game on Friday at Crane-Youngworth Field.

Bon Homme Powers Past Colman-Egan 42-20

TYNDALL – Bon Homme jumped out to a quick lead on Friday night and they didn't look back as they were able to beat Colman-Egan 42-20 in nine-man football action.

Bon Homme led the first quarter 22-0 and took a 36-0 lead into halftime. Colman-Egan would score 20 points in the fourth quarter but it would not be enough to beat the Cavaliers.

In the win for Bon Homme, Chase Kortan rushed for 109 yards and had three rushing touchdowns. Bryce Scieszinski passed for 174 yards and two passing touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Nathan Schenkel had six tackles.

In the loss for Colman-Egan, Bodee Groos had 60 yards rushing and one touchdown.

Bon Homme's next game is against Wolsey Wessington and Colman Egan's next game is Castewood-Estelline.

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BON HOMME (4-1).....22 14 6 0-42

Irene-Wakonda 60, Centerville 8

CENTERVILLE – Gabe King passed for six touchdowns to lead Irene-Wakonda to a 60-8

victory over Centerville on Friday in Centerville.

To go along with six touchdowns, King completed 11 of 16 passes for 176 yards passing. Justin Kaskie led the Eagles ground attack with 85 yards and a touchdown. Tate Gale caught two touchdowns for 65 yards, and Josh Healy had seven tackles in the win.

For Centerville, Trace Skinnik threw for 100 yards and completed a touchdown pass to Tyrell Martz.

Irene-Wakonda will travel to Garretton next Friday, while Centerville will have a bye next Friday, and will play

Hanson the following week.

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CENTERVILLE (0-6).....0 8 0-8

Gayville-Volin 35, Tripp-Delmont-Arm. 6

ARMOUR – Zach Anderson rushed for four touchdowns to help Gayville-Volin defeat Tripp-Delmont-Armour 35-6 on Friday night in Armour.

Anderson finished the game with 116 yards on the ground to go along with his four touchdowns. Gayville-Volin was lead defensively by Taven McKee, who totaled eight tackles.

For Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Pascal Paravan rushed for 65 yards to lead the rushing attack. TDA quarterback Alex Fishcer rushed for the lone touchdown.

Gayville-Volin will have a road game next Friday with Scotland, while TDA will travel to Corsica-Stickney next Friday.

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TRIPP-DELMONT-ARM. (1-4).....0 0 0 6-6

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Penalty Kick Sinks South Dakota 1-0

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VERMILLION – A penalty kick score early in the second half proved to be the difference as Oral Roberts University defeated the University of South Dakota 1-0 on Friday in Vermillion in the Summit League women's soccer opener for each team.

Oral Roberts head coach Roger Bush was happy with his team's performance in the opener.

“It's huge for us, obviously getting points on the road is a big deal,” Bush said. “South Dakota is a great team so getting points against them is huge.”

A cold day in Vermillion led to a slower game on the field as neither team scored in the first half. Oral Roberts thought they were on the board in the ninth minute, but Maria Stordahl's goal was erased by a late offside call. Most of the play in the first half remained in the midfield.

With two minutes remaining in the half, the Coyotes earned a corner kick and sent the pass deep to the opposite side of the box. The ball landed at Elena Tsakakis's feet and she whipped a shot into the top corner for a goal, but was later taken off the board by an offside call.

“I wish we had instant replay, I thought there was someone on the post,” USD head coach Mandy Green said. “I didn't believe it was offside, but that's what they called so that's what it is.”

The game remained scoreless at half with the Golden Eagles outshooting the Coyotes 4-2.

To start the second half, Oral Roberts made a change at the goalkeeper position, choosing to put redshirt freshman, Keely Hohenberger in net in favor of the senior, Maddie Rhodes, who started the game.

“We've been doing that all year, that's just for us pretty customary and standard,”

Bush said. “They are both good keepers and there is not a huge difference between the two, so they both get to play.”

Two minutes into the second half, Oral Roberts was awarded a penalty shot, which Ashley Martin was able to put past South Dakota goalkeeper, Sydney Hardin. Both teams were kept out of the net for the remainder of the game, and the Golden Eagles earned their first Summit League win of the year.

The best chances for another goal were a shot by Taylor Nivala for the Coyotes that went right into the keepers hands, and a Kylie Dellis header that was saved by Hardin.

A big factor in the win was the play of the Oral Roberts midfielders, who collected the multiple South Dakota turnovers.

“I was really happy with all three of our midfielders



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota's Sammie Villwock, right, tries to hold off Oral Roberts' Mariah Morgan during their Summit League women's soccer match on Friday at the USD Soccer Field in Vermillion.