

Hoeck: Former YHS Coach Hawk Still Knows His Football

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Max Hawk still knows his football.

And he still likes to talk about the game that made him a legend in the South Dakota football coaching world.

Hawk, now 82 and still living in Yankton, has not coached a high school football game in 21 years. Yet, his name is back in the news as his all-time wins record is about to fall.

Sioux Falls O'Gorman coach Steve Kueter tied Hawk's record at 284 — oddly enough, in Yankton on Friday night — and will likely break the record next week in Rapid City.

When I ran into Max on Saturday at the University



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of South Dakota football game at the DakotaDome — where he won all those state titles with the Bucks — I

naturally brought

up the record.

A smile came across his face when I asked if we could set up an interview for next week.

"I thought all that was over," he said.

Almost, Max, almost, I replied.

Though I've been working

for the Press & Dakotan for nine years, I've never had more than a casual chat with Hawk. And I really don't know why. I certainly see him enough around Yankton and at USD games.

That's why I relished the opportunity to sit and talk with him Saturday in Vermillion.

He ventured up to the press box and sat between me and another reporter during the first half. There were no shortage of great one-liners.

"They're going behind right guard on this one," he said at one point in the first quarter.

Sure enough, Youngstown State's Martin Ruiz followed the right guard for a short gain.

Hawk looked over and smiled.

"You know how I knew that?" he asks me. No, I said. "The quarterback tapped the right guard on the butt," he says.

Those are things only a coach would notice. Sure, it wasn't something he guessed would happen. Nostradamus, he's not.

But that quick observation proved that while he's getting up there in age — he jokes that if he ever fell down, he may never get up — he still knows his football. It's still in his blood.

He likes to remind people, even those like me who have heard it before, that he coached the first-ever football game in the DakotaDome. "I still remember the first



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Former Yankton High School football coach Max Hawk (front) watches the action during Saturday's University of South Dakota football game at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

touchdown and what the play was," he says, before describing a 63-yard running play by a kid named Fred Boyles — a

YHS Hall of Famer.

See, he's as sharp as ever.

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SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

SDHSAA PLAYOFFS

CLASS AA BOYS

Quarterfinals, Oct. 3

R.C. Stevens 2, Washington 1, OT
Brookings 1, Huron
Aberdeen Central 4, Roosevelt 1
S.F. Lincoln 1, Yankton 0, OT

Semifinals, Oct. 6

Brookings at R.C. Stevens
S.F. Lincoln at Aberdeen Central

CLASS AA GIRLS

R.C. Stevens 4, S.F. Roosevelt 0
R.C. Central 1, Pierre 0
S.F. Lincoln 5, S.F. Washington 0
O'Gorman 3, Aberdeen Central 1

Semifinals, Oct. 6

R.C. Central at R.C. Stevens
S.F. Lincoln at S.F. O'Gorman

CLASS A BOYS

Spearfish 3, James Valley Christian 0
S.F. Christian 2, Tea Area 0
Championship, Oct. 10 at Mitchell
S.F. Christian vs. Spearfish, 5 p.m.

CLASS A GIRLS

Tea Area 4, West Central 1
St. Thomas More 3, Spearfish 0
Championship, Oct. 10 at Mitchell
St. Thomas More vs. Tea Area, 7 p.m.

CHEER & DANCE

DAKOTA VALLEY INV.

DANCE

GRAND CHAMPION: Dakota Valley
167.17, Winner 136, Gregory 96
HIP-HOP: Winner 143.5, Gregory 88
JAZZ: Dakota Valley 164, Gregory 85.5

KICK: Dakota Valley 169.5, Winner 140, Gregory 114.5
POM: Dakota Valley 168, Winner 124.5

CHEER

GRAND CHAMPION: Dakota Valley
139.5, Bon Homme 131.5, Dell Rapids 129, Winner 120.5, Dell Rapids St. Mary 111.5, Wagner 84.5, Gregory 72.5

VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY'S AREA SCORES

Marty Indian def. Crazy Horse, 25-18, 25-22, 10-25, 25-19
Wagner def. Tri-Valley, 19-25, 25-17, 25-16, 25-22

Tri-Valley Conference Tournament
SEVENTH: Irene-Wakonda def. Centerville, 25-8, 25-9, 25-16

FIFTH: Alcester-Hudson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-9, 24-26, 28-26, 25-12
THIRD: Baltic def. Gayville-Volin, 25-11, 25-18, 25-15

FIRST: Ponca, Neb. def. Freeman Academy, 25-23, 25-16, 25-18
Wayne Triangular
Wakefield def. Laurel-Concord

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W L T Pct PF PA
New England 3 0 0 1.000 119 70
N.Y. Jets 3 1 0 .750 95 55
Buffalo 2 2 0 .500 110 92
Miami 1 3 0 .250 65 101

South

W L T Pct PF PA
Indianapolis 2 2 0 .500 72 93
Tennessee 1 2 0 .333 89 77
Houston 3 0 .250 67 108
Jacksonville 1 3 0 .250 62 107

North

W L T Pct PF PA
Cincinnati 4 0 0 1.000 121 77
Pittsburgh 2 2 0 .500 96 75
Cleveland 1 3 0 .250 93 104

West

W L T Pct PF PA
Denver 4 0 0 1.000 97 69
Oakland 2 2 0 .500 96 108
San Diego 2 2 0 .500 96 110
Kansas City 3 0 .250 100 125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W L T Pct PF PA
Dallas 2 1 0 .667 75 75
N.Y. Giants 2 2 0 .500 102 82
Washington 2 2 0 .500 78 79
Philadelphia 1 3 0 .250 78 86

East

W L T Pct PF PA
Carolina 4 0 0 1.000 108 71
Atlanta 4 0 0 1.000 137 93
Pittsburgh 3 0 .250 72 117
New Orleans 0 3 0 .000 60 84

North

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St. Louis 4 0 0 1.000 113 71
Chicago 2 2 0 .500 80 73
Detroit 1 3 0 .250 68 125

West

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Arizona 3 1 0 .750 148 73
St. Louis 2 2 0 .500 74 89
Seattle 1 2 0 .333 74 61
San Francisco 1 3 0 .250 48 110

Thursday, Oct. 1

Baltimore 23, Pittsburgh 20, OT
Sunday, Oct. 4
N.Y. Jets 27, Miami 14
Chicago 22, Oakland 20
Indianapolis 16, Jacksonville 13, OT
N.Y. Giants 24, Buffalo 10
Carolina 37, Tampa Bay 23
Washington 23, Philadelphia 20
Atlanta 48, Houston 21
Cincinnati 36, Kansas City 21
San Diego 30, Cleveland 27
Green Bay 17, San Francisco 3
St. Louis 24, Arizona 22
Denver 23, Minnesota 20
Dallas at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

x-Kansas City 95, 67 586 —
Minnesota 83 79 512 12
Cleveland 81 80 503 13%
Chicago 76 86 469 19
Detroit 74 87 460 20%

West Division

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BASEBALL

MLB POST-SEASON

WILD CARD

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Houston (Keuchel 20-8) at New York (Tanaka 12-7), 7:08 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Chicago (Arrieta 22-6) at Pittsburgh (Cole 19-8), 7:08 p.m. (TBS)

Division Series

(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
Thursday, Oct. 8
New York Yankees-Houston winner at Kansas City (FOX, FS1 or MLB.N)
Texas at Toronto (Price 18-5) (FOX, FS1 or MLB.N)

Friday, Oct. 9

New York Mets (deGrom 14-8) at Los Angeles Dodgers
New York Yankees-Houston winner at Kansas City (FOX, FS1 or MLB.N)
Pittsburgh-Chicago Cubs winner at St. Louis
Texas at Toronto (FOX, FS1 or MLB.N)

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