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| Experience was a huge part of it, wasn't it? <br> Big time, yeah. It's always nice to have guys in front of us like Colin (Mertlik), Drew (Iddings), Nick (Jacobs) and Sean (BredI); older guys, guys that have seen what Valley football is like. <br> How much of it is needing to go through this league a couple times? <br> It's always very helpful. Coach (Jason) Petrino and coach (Wes) Beschorner always preach film, so having that experience from film and then on the field is always nice <br> Has the new 4-3 scheme had an impact? <br> Yeah it has a lot. The bodies we have fit a $4-3$ better |
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| than what we did with the 3-4. <br> That's been nice. <br> What did you think of last week? Those turnovers by the offense certainly gave Youngstown State some short fields. Did you feel like overall, the defense did what it needed to do? <br> I feel like we did, yeah. We still have some areas where we can definitely improve, and coach Petrino pointed that out right away on Monday. We're really never satisfied. We still have way too many missed assignments that we can continue to work on, but I feel like it's a step in the right direction. <br> It looks like there have been fewer missed assignments, not as many big plays. Have you noticed that as well? <br> Yeah, exactly. That's what we preach every week, eliminate the big plays. That's what |
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we can do that, it's successful
defensive football.
What's it going to take to
beat Western Illinois? The itg thing for us is
stopping the run. We've alw stopping the run. We've always
struggled with doing that. If we
can do that and eliminate the can do that and eliminate the
big plays, well definitely have a shot.
Did you feel like stopping
the run was a key last week?
They have really They have really good run-
ning backs and they're really experienced, and you could tell
they wanted to run the ball. A they wanted to run the ball. A
lot of the teams in the Valley
do. It's the same with Western dol It's the same with Western
(Illinois) if you can stop the
run, it puts your defense in a run, it puts your defense
good position.
That's the key in this
league, isn't it? league, isn't it?
Exactly. If yo you can be a pretty successfuu
defense.

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## Zach Johnson Inv.

 DES MOINES, Iowa-South Dakotasenior goler Jordan Rykal backed up
his win
 Place finish a t Drake's Zach Johnson
Invititiona h held Monday and Tuesday
at Glen at Glen Oaks countriay Club. The 54-5hole
event featured event teatured 54 golfers from nine
teams
Rykal Rykal was in 2 27t place following
an o onening round 77 (t). He carded
four birdies against one bogev in
 intit third place. II was the e oforth top-five
finish for Rykal in his last two seasons.




