

USD Moves Forward Without Bruiser Bouma In Backfield



P&D FILE PHOTO

South Dakota running back Trevor Bouma, 21, fights through the defense during a home game earlier this season. Bouma will miss the rest of the season due to injury. USD hosts Missouri State on Saturday.

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With the high of Saturday's win at North Dakota State came the unfortunate news for the University of South Dakota that running back Trevor Bouma suffered a season-ending injury.

The junior and leading rusher for the Coyotes – who has missed time with injury in all three of his years – aggravated a surgically-repaired arm on his final carry in Fargo, where USD won for the first time since 1978.

Head coach Joe Glenn – whose team hosts Missouri State on Saturday – confirmed Bouma's status during Tuesday's Missouri Valley teleconference.

"He's devastated, of course," Glenn said. "He tells me, 'I'll be at every practice, at every meeting, be on the bus,' doing everything he can to help us win. 'He's got his heart and soul into it.'"

Bouma, from LeMars, Iowa, had been

leading the Coyotes with 72 carries for 435 yards and six touchdowns. He put together back-to-back performances of 186 and 117 yards in wins over UC Davis and Drake, but then was held to 21 yards over two league games prior to Saturday – when he rushed for 94 yards against the Bison.

In short, whenever Bouma was productive, the Coyotes (3-3, 1-2) tended to play better.

"It won't change what we do, it might change what we're better at," Glenn said. "You are what you are."

And what that is, particularly this year, is a deep rushing attack.

South Dakota, 36th nationally in rushing offense (180.7 yards per game), will now turn to a pair of freshmen to

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carry the load in Bouma's absence.

Michael Fredrick (59 carries, 222 yards, 1 TD) is listed as the top back on the depth chart, while Nate Gunn (25 carries, 108 yards, 1 TD) is the main back-up. Junior quarterback Ryan Saegeer also figures prominently in the run game, with 67 carries.

"It might be by committee a little bit," Glenn said.

Such depth is certainly a new feature this season for USD, as Glenn pointed out – he also referenced junior fullback Drew Potter as another possibility out of the backfield.

"It's not like other years I've been here, where we put a receiver at tailback, or a quarterback at tailback, and they haven't really played the position," Glenn said.

By having options, the Coyotes – while certainly disappointed – remain optimistic that they can move forward

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High School Volleyball

Growing Up Red Raider

Wagner VB Seniors Learned The Ropes As Managers For The Program

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WAGNER — When Wagner head volleyball coach Amy Tyler picked out managers for her 2008 and 2009 state championship teams, little did she know she was grooming a future varsity lineup.

Four Red Raider starters and five varsity players overall got their start with the program as student managers, many of which were on the bench as the Red Raiders won back-to-back Class A titles. Her 2014 team had two more former managers as well.

"You get used to seeing those kids every day," Tyler said. "They become a part of your life."

One of the job requirements for manager is a "ride home." For senior Ali Kuca, that "ride home" was her cousin Jilanne Doom, an all-stater who went on to compete in track and field at the University of South Dakota.

"I thought it would be fun, and I wanted to be around the girls," said Kuca, a manager on both title teams. "I loved being around sports."

Besides fulfilling the managerial duties of filling water bottles and running down loose volleyballs, there was also time for practicing the sport themselves.

"While they were practicing, if they saw Adrian (Weber) or me doing something wrong, they let us know," Kuca said. "It helped us to be where we are at today."

Weber, who was a manager in 2008, noted that it wasn't always about volleyball for the managers.

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ABOVE: Wagner freshman Faith Tyler, left, Schylar Juffer, Ali Kuca, Adrian Weber and Sierra Juffer each started their participation in the Red Raider volleyball program as managers. Several were part of the program for one or both of the Red Raiders' back-to-back state championship teams in 2008 and 2009.

LOWER LEFT: Wagner manager Madisyn Knebel hits the ball into the wall as Red Raider players warm up for Tuesday's match against Wagner. Knebel, the daughter of Wagner assistant coach Stacey Knebel, is learning the game the same way many of the current Red Raider players did, being with the team every day as a manager for the program.

LOWER RIGHT: Wagner's Schylar, left, and Sierra Juffer stand behind Wagner assistant coach Stacey Knebel during the 2009 South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament. The pair, now sophomores for the Red Raiders, were managers for the back-to-back state championship teams for Wagner in 2008 and 2009.



NDSU's Wentz Out 6-8 Weeks With Broken Bone

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State starting quarterback Carson Wentz will miss the rest of the regular season after breaking a bone in his throwing wrist, the school announced Tuesday.

Wentz will have surgery Wednesday on the wrist he hurt Saturday during the team's 24-21 loss to South Dakota, Bison athletic department spokesman Ryan Perreault said. Wentz has a "non-displaced fracture" and is expected to miss six to eight weeks. The team hasn't ruled out a possible return in the postseason.

"Carson means a lot to this program both on and off the field, and nobody on this team is more disappointed about this setback than he is," said coach Chris Klieman. "We're still going to count on him to help lead this team and mentor our younger players."

Initially thought to be a sprain, further tests Monday and Tuesday confirmed the fracture.

NDSU is the four-time defending Football Championship Subdivision champion. The Bison are 4-2 this season and ranked No. 8 in both national polls after the upset loss to the Coyotes ended their 26-game home winning streak.

Wentz, a 6-foot-6, 235-pound senior from Bismarck, is a two-year starter. His backup is redshirt freshman Easton Stick, of Omaha, Nebraska.

In six games this season, Wentz has thrown for 1,454 yards — an average of about 242 per game — with 16 touchdowns and two interceptions. He also has rushed for 215 yards and four scores.

Last season, he threw for 3,111 yards and 25 touchdowns, with 10 interceptions, and set NDSU single-season records for passing attempts, completions, yards and total offense. He scored the winning touchdown in last season's FCS championship game in which the Bison downed Illinois State 29-27 and was named most valuable player.

NDSU travels to Indiana State (4-2) on Saturday. The Sycamores are ranked No. 18 and No. 21 in the two national polls.

Royals, Mets Move To Brink Of World Series Berths

TORONTO (AP) — Whether it's a long ball by Ben Zobrist, a slashing single from Lorenzo Cain or another exhilarating trip around the bases for Alcides Escobar, these Kansas City Royals are relentless — and one win from a return trip to the World Series.

Zobrist hit a two-run homer on knuckleballer R.A. Dickey's

fourth pitch of the game, Alex Rios connected an inning later against his former team and the Royals romped past the Toronto Blue Jays 14-2 Tuesday for a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship Series.

"We're very confident," Rios said. "We have a very well-balanced team from top to bottom."

Cain scored on a passed ball and Mike Moustakas had a sacrifice fly in an LCS-record four-run top of the first.

Escobar had four RBIs and Cain drove in three runs as the Royals bounced back from an 11-8 loss Monday. Kansas City led 5-2 in the seventh before breaking away.

Blue Jays infielder Cliff Pen-

nington relieved in the ninth inning, becoming the first primarily position player to pitch in the postseason, STATS said. Greeted by cheers, he allowed two hits and got one out.

"The circumstances aren't what you want," Pennington of his first pitching appearance.

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Irene-Wakonda Clips Cougars 3-1

HURLEY — Irene-Wakonda defeated Viborg-Hurley 25-18, 17-25, 25-17, 25-15 in high school volleyball action on Tuesday in Hurley.

For Irene-Wakonda, Taylor Lee and Caitlin Hinseth led the attack with 16 and 14 kills, respectively. Hinseth also added four blocks. Ashley Emmick recorded 26 digs to lead all players, and Hannah Anderson was tops in the game with 29 assists and five aces.

For Viborg-Hurley, Abby Hora led with 12 kills and 22 digs, while Shelby Simonsen led the team in assists with 10.

Irene-Wakonda will travel to Marion on Monday to finish the regular season, while Hurley will host Bon Homme on Friday.

Viborg-Hurley won the JV match 25-23, 25-21.
IRENE-WAKONDA (9-11).....25 17 25 25
VIBORG-HURLEY (8-16).....18 25 17 15

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Crofton 2, Niobrara-Verd. 0
CROFTON- In the championship match,

Crofton beat Niobrara Verdigre 25-23 and 25-11.

No stats were provided for either team.

Crofton, now 16-7, next plays in the Mid-State Conference Tournament starting next Monday. Crofton, the second seed, plays Battle Creek at 7:30 p.m. in Norfolk.

Creighton 2, Bloomfield 1

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Creighton and Bloomfield faced off Tuesday to determine third and fourth in the Knox County Tournament in Creighton. Creighton defended their home court and defeated Bloomfield. The final scores of the matches were 25-20, 25-22, and 25-14.

In the win for Creighton, Sydney Walton had eight attacks and eight digs. Maycey Forker had nine attacks and six digs.

For Bloomfield, Karly Jensen had 36 attacks and 23 digs. Sarah Castaneda recorded 28 attacks and 18 digs.

CREIGHTON.....25 22 25
BLOOMFIELD.....20 25 14

Wausa 2, Santee 0

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Santee and Wausa faced off Tuesday night for fifth and sixth place at the Knox County Tournament in

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Wagner's Rachel Dion passes the ball during the Red Raiders' match with Winner on Tuesday in Wagner.