



Coyotes Head To UNI For Next Big Test

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VERMILLION – With the chance at another attention-grabbing road win, the University of South Dakota football team knows exactly the scenario it faces today (Saturday) at Northern Iowa.

Win and your postseason hopes get a significant jolt. Lose and those hopes take a big hit.

“It’s an opportunity to see if we belong in the top-25,” USD head coach Joe Glenn said this week.

“I’m trying to figure out some of the teams that are in there, but we’ve got a couple good wins put together of late.”

Having won consecutive games over North Dakota State and Mis-

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then – USD lost its next 14 Missouri Valley Conference games and Northern Iowa reached the second round of the FCS playoffs last year – but what hasn’t changed for the Coyotes is the confidence after the win in Fargo.

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souri State, the Coyotes (4-3, 2-2) will return to the site – UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls – of another one of their key wins, back in 2013.

Certainly a lot has changed since then – USD lost its next 14 Missouri Valley Conference games and Northern Iowa reached the second round of the FCS playoffs last year – but what hasn’t changed for the Coyotes is the confidence after the win in Fargo.

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team. You go to practice and some-thing’s changed.”

Northern Iowa (3-4, 1-3), meanwhile, got its season back on track with a 10-7 victory a week ago at South Dakota State. The Panthers weren’t exactly ready to think what today’s game with USD means for any playoff consideration.

“My philosophy has always been, that takes care of itself by the end of the season,” head coach Mark Farley said.

“Right now, with the schedule we’ve had, I’m just trying to get ready for South Dakota.”

And the Coyotes, conversely, have been readying themselves this week for the challenge of facing Northern Iowa’s dual threat quarter-back Aaron Bailey.

Considered by some to be an NFL prospect at running back, Bailey – a transfer from Illinois – has three times this season rushed for over 100 yards in a game. Last week in Brookings, he ran for 169 yards and passed for 113.

“He’s a bruiser and he’s fast,” Glenn said. “As he goes, they go. But their numbers aren’t huge offensively, so if we can hold him in check a little bit and keep their offense down, I don’t see it being a real high-scoring game.”

Bailey was helped a week ago by defensive starters Deiondre’ Hall and Makinton Dorleant taking snaps at wide receiver (Hall had one catch for 25 yards), proof that the Panthers pulled out all the stops to kick-start its offense.

Defense, though, has again been a strength for Northern Iowa.

The Panthers recorded 12 tackles for loss a week ago in Brookings and held the Jackrabbits to 71 total yards in the first half – UNI previously held North Dakota State to 138 yards in the first half.

If the Coyotes can pull out another win in Cedar Falls, their potential playoff hopes would again be boosted – and USD would still have games against ranked South Dakota State and ranked Illinois State.

“We’re not looking ahead to anybody, but we know how important this game is,” Glenn said. “It’s a stepping stone to what we want.”

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Versatility A Strength For Sutera

Bon Homme
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In The Post, On
The Perimeter
For Lancers

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Versatility has always been a strength for Raquel Sutera.

Dangerous at the net and from the back row in volleyball. Dangerous down low and from outside in basketball.

It was just a matter of what sport the Bon Homme High School grad would pursue in college, and where.

That’s when Mount Marty College women’s basketball coach Tom Schlimgen started calling.

“A lot,” said a smiling Sutera, now a 21-year-old senior for the Lancers.

“Coach seemed the most interested in me, and I was going to go somewhere where somebody really wanted me,” she added.

Thrust into the varsity rotation right away as a freshman, Sutera enters her final season with 810 points and 502 rebounds in her career for Mount Marty, which opens its season next Friday.

While she certainly wasn’t the only freshman in 2012 who would be counted on for immediate production, Sutera nonetheless suddenly found herself at a whole different level.

Nov. 2, 2012. Corn Palace. Mitchell.

Sutera’s first collegiate game came in a blowout victory over Oglala Lakota College, and while that was a rather stress-free way to begin a college career, it was clear right away, she said, that she was going to have to catch up quickly.

“My first game, I was really nervous,” Sutera said. “I was scared. Even in practices, you could tell how much faster the game goes.”

The Lancers won 16



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Mount Marty senior Raquel Sutera enters her senior season with 810 points and 502 rebounds. The Bon Homme grad has hit 100 career three-pointers.

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Recognizing A Local Face

Withrow Named Howling Pack Scholarship Winner

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Hannah Withrow is jokingly referred to as ‘mom’ by her University of South Dakota golf teammates.

It’s not that the Yankton native is so much older than everyone else – she is one of three seniors – or that she has necessarily been playing for longer than anyone, it’s just that she is looked to as the leader.

“I’m the mother of the group,” Withrow said, smiling.

And mom is about to be recognized for who she is.

Withrow, a 2012 Yankton High School graduate, has been named the first-ever Yankton Howling Pack Great Expectations Scholar Athlete. She will be recognized during next Thursday night’s Coyote Athletics Social at Minerva’s in Yankton.

The news came out of the blue for

Withrow, who has twice been named to the Summit League Honor Roll.

“I honestly didn’t know too much about it, so I was pretty shocked,” she said. “It was quite an honor, especially from the golf team when we have so many deserving athletes.”

The Yankton Howling Pack – a chapter of USD’s fundraising program for student-athlete scholarships – raised enough money (\$18,726 to be exact) at a USD golf outing in Yankton in May to reach the top level (Great Expectations) of the Howling Pack.

That donation level is then matched to a student-athlete, according to Jon Schemmel’s, USD senior associate Athletic Director for Development. The Great Expectations level allows a chapter to award a named scholarship, which Yankton’s did with Withrow.

“If you look at what the match program is designed to do, we want to

do it in a meaningful way that means something to the student athlete and to the donors,” Schemmel said.

The ability to sponsor a named scholarship – the Yankton golf outing far exceeded the \$12,000 Great Expectations level – and have that recognize a Yankton athlete was “extra special,” according to Jeremy Kudera.

“It puts a personal feel on the whole thing, when you can see a local kid from Yankton benefiting from this,” said Kudera, who with his wife, Jennifer, has helped spearhead the Yankton Howling Pack.

Withrow echoed those thoughts.

“It’s super special, coming from home and that home-town support,” she said. “And just knowing they could have picked anyone but they chose someone from Yankton.”

Withrow, though, was the athlete selected.

The former Yankton Gazelle put together a standout high school career – highlighted by an individual state title as a sophomore. She then competed in six of 10 tournaments as a freshman at USD, redshirted her sophomore year and last season competed in two events during the fall.

It’s those athletic accomplishments along with everything else that separates Withrow, according to Schemmel.

“She competes and works hard and gets the most out of her abilities,” he said. “She’s a great student, and a fantastic person, and someone we’re proud to put in front of donors.”

Jeremy Kudera has known the Withrow family for a long time – since med school, he said – and Withrow has babysat the Kudera’s children for

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Boilermakers, Cornhuskers Hungry For A Halloween Win

BY JEFF WASHBURN
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Maybe it’s appropriate that Nebraska is playing Purdue on Halloween.

The season has been a bit of a horror show for both teams at the bottom of the Big Ten West Division.

While the Cornhuskers are 17-1 in games played on Halloween, this team has lost five times this season by a combined total of 13 points.

According to STATS, Nebraska is only the second FBS team since 2006 to lose four games in which the opponent scored the winning points during the final 10 seconds or in overtime (SMU, 2007).

As if it couldn’t get any worse, Huskers quarterback Tommy Armstrong, who has 10 career games with at least 250 passing yards, has an injured right foot and will not play Saturday at Ross-Ade Stadium. Ryker Fyfe will be the starter for Nebraska (3-5, 1-3 Big Ten).

Purdue (1-6, 0-3) had chances during the final two minutes to defeat Marshall, Bowling Green and Michigan State — and lost all three. Another loss will eliminate Purdue from any shot at a bowl game.

“Very bizarre year for Nebraska football right now,” Purdue coach Darrell Hazell said. “You watch their games, all phases, and you shake your head at the last three minutes of about four or five of those games where they had a chance to win and fell short. They still have a lot of good players on the field, and they can hurt you. I’m sure coach (Mike) Riley is pulling his hair out because of some of those losses that they’ve had.”

Purdue senior center Robert Kugler figures the same could be said about the Boilermakers.

“We know we are 1-6 and have to win some games,” Kugler said. “(Nebraska) is a very good team that could have won any one of the games they have lost. We are preparing for them as if they are a great team.”

Some things to watch: PURDUE’S MASH UNIT

Purdue’s leading tackler, linebacker Ja’Whaun Bentley, is out after surgery to repair a torn ACL and Hazell said starting linebacker Jimmy Herman (hamstring) and second-leading rusher D.J. Knox (ankle sprain) are unlikely to play.

STILL SEARCHING

Purdue is 0-9 in Big Ten home games during Hazell’s three seasons. In addition to Nebraska, the Boilermakers have remaining home games against Illinois (Nov. 7) and Indiana (Nov. 28).

ROAD WARRIORS

Including a 44-7 victory at Purdue during the 2013 season, Nebraska is 11-7 in Big Ten road games since joining the conference in 2011. The Cornhuskers were 3-1 in Big Ten road games in

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