

Coyotes ‘Excited’ To Open Glenn Era At Montana

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VERMILLION — A team familiar with winning at home is headed to a place where the home team boasts a significantly higher rate of success.

In face of these odds, it begs the question: Can the University of South Dakota begin the Joe Glenn era with a victory today (Saturday) at Montana?

The Coyotes, with a new coach and FCS playoff eligible for the first time, open their season this afternoon at 10th-ranked Montana. Confidence is not lacking for the visitors, however.

“We couldn’t be more excited,” senior receiver Will Powell said. “They’re one of the most well-known programs at our level. They don’t lose much at home, so we know we have our backs against the wall. We wouldn’t want it any other way, honestly, because we know we have every potential to win the game.”

Fifth Annual Triple V Set For Sunday

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Early Sunday morning, Lewis and Clark Lake will come alive with hundreds of splashing arms and legs as the fifth annual Triple V Triathlon kicks off at 8 a.m.

Both individuals and teams will take part in the one-quarter mile swim, 14.3 mile bike ride, and 3.1 mile run.

The Triple V, which is an abbreviation of the Latin phrase “veni, vidi, vici,” standing for “I came, I saw, I conquered,” was the brainchild of triathlete and local resident Larry Leon. Leon, the Triple V race director, decided that the recreation area by the lake would be the perfect spot for a triathlon.

“I had been doing them (triathlons) for about 10 years and thought it would be nice to bring the sport to the community,” Leon said. “This is a great triathlon because the venue is all here — from the lake to the dam to cross (on the bike portion) and biking to Nebraska and then back over the Discovery Bridge — and it is an unique flat, fast course.”

Last year 200 individuals and teams competed in the action and this year’s number of athletes should be at least that many.

One of the most unique aspects of the race, besides the course and state-border crossing it involves, is the name.

“We thought what a great name,” Leon said. “This race is really about each individual person; each person is racing and challenging themselves. It is fun to see them at the finish line.”

Even though Leon admitted that he has given a lot personally to make this race a success, he was quick to praise his sponsor and partners to make the Triple V Triathlon an annual event.

“Scott Family Dentistry, Orthopedic Institute, Sioux Falls Open MRI, and CorTrust Bank have really helped to make this event happen,” Leon said.

Leon added that Lynn Peterson of CorTrust has been his biggest supporter and a large part of the motivation to put this race together.

ACE Bike and Fitness of Yankton is adding to the excitement by donating a Trek bicycle to be given away in a random drawing of all race participants. Registration for the race is still available at www.allsportcentral.com.

Action starts with the swim portion of the event this Sunday, September 2 at 8 a.m. at Hobie Cat Beach just west of the marina.

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one game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium since 2008.

Considering the odds stacked against the Coyotes, Glenn — like Powell — was confident in his team’s mindset as he spoke Wednesday at Yankton’s Quarterback Club.

“We’re not going to Montana for a check,” he said. “This is a big game for us.”

Montana returns seven starters from a team

Was that a prediction?

Powell smiled and replied, “We’re going to go up there in front of 30,000 people and win the game.”

Doing so would require USD to reverse recent history.

Montana, a regular in the FCS post-season picture, is 74-8 at home in the last decade. The Grizzlies have lost just



Yankton's Maria Binder sets the ball during the Gazelles' Eastern South Dakota Conference volleyball match Friday against Pierre. Binder recorded 25 assists in her first start at setter this season, leading Yankton to a 25-12, 25-18, 25-22 victory.

Hartington Avenges Playoff Loss To Bees

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington defeated rival Bloomfield 27-20 in a close prep football game Friday night at Russ Hochstein Field in Hartington, Neb.

For Hartington (2-0), Alec Fuelberth rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns. Nick Miller rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

Cody Beckmann rushed for 101 yards and Reece Pedersen had 16 tackles for the visiting Bees (1-1).

Bloomfield hosts Pender next week and Hartington will host Wynot.

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South Sioux 28, Vermillion 20

VERMILLION — Tanner Anderson caught a touchdown pass with 9:02 left in the game to bring the Vermillion Tanagers within one point, but they could get no closer.

South Sioux City scored late to beat the Tanagers 28-20 in football action Friday night at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

Comstock rushed for 91 yards in the win for SSC (2-0), including a 12-yard run with 53 seconds left. Quarterback Scott Manley was 8-16 for 168 yards and two scores.

Kyle Weiss was 12-18 passing for 210 yards and two touchdowns for the Tanagers, with both scores going to Tanner Anderson — who had 96 yards receiving. Tyler Madsen caught six passes for 96 yards.

Defensively for Vermillion, Alex Osborne made 13 tackles and Anthony Leber added nine stops.

Next week, Vermillion visits Tea Area and South Sioux City hosts Wayne (Neb.).
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Wagner 15, Parkston 10

WAGNER — Noah St. Pierre rushed for 67 yards and a score as the Wagner Red Raiders edged Parkston 15-10 on Friday night at home.

David Kocer rushed for 70 yards and had 16 tackles for Wagner in its season opener.

For Parkston (0-2), Wesley Dvorak rushed for 45 yards.

Wagner will travel to Platte to play Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian, and Parkston will host St. Francis Indian next week.

Bon Homme 20,

Platte/Geddes/Dakota Chr. 0

TYNDALL — Bon Homme blanked Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian 20-0 on Friday night in Tyndall.

Leading the Cavaliers (1-1) was Blaze Vanacek with 19 rushes and 53 yards with 2 touchdowns. Vanacek also passed for 101 yards on seven completions. Ross Kortan added 73 yards on the ground. Cody Larson posted two touchdowns on 40 yards rushing.

PGDC (0-2) had 98 yards on the offensive side. 69 of those yards came on the ground.

Bon Homme's next contest will be at Winner on Sept. 7. PGDC will play Wagner in Platte also on Sept. 7.

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Parker 36, Centerville 6

CENTERVILLE — Parker moved to 2-0 with a 36-6 rout of Centerville on the road Friday night.

For Parker, Blake Reynolds rushed for 150 yards and a touchdown on thirteen carries. Seth Dykstra punched in two touchdowns and rushed for 51 yards on eight carries.

Luke Abbas lead Centerville (1-1) for rushing, with 49 yards on 13 carries and nine tackles and an interception. Shamus O'Malley completed 10 of 13 passes for 117 yards. Logan Hunter had six catches for 57 yards and 10 tackles.

“Things will go wrong and the fans will be on you, but that’s how good teams get it done; moving past all that stuff,” said Powell, who had 42 catches for 763 yards and five touchdowns a year ago.

Both teams will have a handful of new faces on each side of the ball. Montana replaces four starters on the defensive line and in the secondary, while USD has four new faces on the offensive line — not to mention a new quarterback.

It’ll be that new face, in sophomore Josh Vander Maten, that will go a long way toward determining today’s outcome, Glenn said.

“They’re the favorites, there’s no doubt,” he said. “We are close; really close. A lot of it will depend on Josh, we’re going to put it on him a little bit.

“If he can pull off what we think he can, we’re going to pull off some lightning in a bottle.”

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New-Look Jayhawks Led By Weis Finally Take Field

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — All the bluster is over for Charlie Weis.

He won the opening press conference, quickly endearing himself to a skeptical fan base at Kansas. He turned over most of the coaching staff and reworked a team that won two games a year ago, making all the right moves and saying all the right things every step of the way.

Now, it’s time to see whether the new-look Jayhawks led by the former Notre Dame coach have made progress in the short time that Weis has been at the helm.

Kansas opens its season Saturday night against South Dakota State.

“I’m really excited for our team, to see how they are going to play, more than anything else,” Weis said. “We have been talking about this stuff forever. Now it’s time to play and get an opportunity to see where we are.”

Just about anywhere would be better than where Kansas finished last season.

The Jayhawks started off with a pair of wins against McNeese State and Northern Illinois, a team that would eventually win 11 games. But Kansas followed that with 10 straight losses, allowing at least 60 points three times and getting shut out by Texas along the way.

Coach Turner Gill’s fate may have been sealed midway through the season, but a 24-10 loss to rival Missouri in what could be the final meeting for years encapsulated the state of the program.

Kansas athletic director Sheahon Zenger promised he would make a bold hire, and the former football coach certainly did that. Weis was coming off a mediocre season as offensive coordinator at Florida, and his only stint as a head coach with the Fighting Irish ended in disappointment. He also boasts Super Bowl rings and is widely regarded as an offensive genius.

So while Weis was certainly off the radar, most people who make the Saturday pilgrimages to Mount Oread were content to sit back and let things play out.

Weis wasted little time changing every aspect of the program.

He booted a slew of players for various reasons, putting in place rules designed to impart on the team some semblance of accountability. He told new strength coach Scott Holsopple to put those left behind through the most grueling offseason workout they had ever experience.

Weis started recruiting, laying the groundwork for future seasons while also focusing on the immediate future. He took advantage of a still-new rule that allows athletes who have graduated to transfer elsewhere and be eligible to play immediately, and managed to lure several guys who had played for him ever so briefly at Notre Dame to Lawrence.

The biggest coup was Dayne Crist, a once-highly touted quarterback prospect.

Crist redshirted at Notre Dame, and then made four appearances as a freshman before a knee injury cut short his season. He started nine games as sophomore before another knee injury.

Weis was eventually fired, and new coach Brian Kelly’s system hardly fit what Crist does well — drop back and stand in the pocket. So after playing in four games as a junior, it became evident that Crist was out of chances in South Bend,

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ESD Football: Bucks Power Past Huron 30-7

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HURON — Yankton’s offense wasn’t always at its best Friday night against Huron. But the Bucks’ defense kept the Tigers under control.

Much like a week ago when Yankton forced four turnovers in its season-opening win against Pierre, the Bucks came up with five Huron turnovers in its 30-7 Eastern South Dakota Conference victory at Tigers Stadium.

“I think our defense is our mainstay. That’s where we step up,” Yankton senior safety Kolby LaCroix said. “Every time we need something, the defense steps up. That’s what we’re supposed to do. We play aggressive, fly around to the ball.”

James Hisek, JJ Hejna, CJ Warren and LaCroix each intercepted Huron quarterback Adam Zwanziger, with LaCroix returning his pick for a 20-yard fourth-quarter touchdown. The pick six was apart of 20 points that the Bucks

scored off Huron giveaways.

“The kids hung in there and capitalized,” Yankton coach Arlin Likness said. “We got up four turnovers last week (against Pierre) and we got five this week. That’s nice of our kids to stay on the positive side as far as getting the turnovers.”

Huron never got much going of-fensive against the Bucks’ aggressive defense. The Tigers were held to 187 yards of total offense, including 65 yards on a pair of long pass plays before halftime that resulted in the Tigers’ lone score – a 37-yard touchdown reception by Chris Brown from Zwanziger.

“I think it was just miscommunications between me and my cornerbacks,” LaCroix said of the two defensive break downs. “We definitely didn’t call in on that. There were doubles (wide receivers) on the outside and we crossed up and got confused and didn’t talk. Then that next play, I think it was just that we were still hanging our heads. That last play, that’s something we’ve got to work on with

flushing it and moving on.”

Yankton moved the ball effectively on the ground after Huron limited the Bucks’ spread passing attack. Although senior quarterback Michael Rucker threw for 101 yards to surpass Mike Stotz on the Yankton career passing list (2,336 from 1997-99) and become Yankton’s top passer (2,409), Rucker completed only 8-of-19 attempts after struggling to get in sync with his receivers.

“Huron really took away our empty set and our passing game,” Likness said. “I think part of it is speed-wise, they match up well. They played man-to-man and we didn’t recognize it.”

Going to the ground got the offense going.

Yankton rushed for 206 of its 319 yards of total offense. Senior running back Evan Schroeder carried the load, rushing for 152 yards and a touchdown on 20 attempts.

“Basically, our linemen actually did their jobs this week. They



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Yankton quarterback Michael Rucker hands off to fullback Jordan Lightner during the Bucks’ Eastern South Dakota Conference matchup at Huron on Friday. Rucker passed Mike Stotz as Yankton’s all-time career leader in passing yards, and Evan Schroeder (30) rushed for 152 yards as the Bucks claimed a 30-7 victory. Yankton, now 2-0 overall and in the ESD, takes on Watertown on Sept. 7 for the Bucks’ home opener. Game time is 7 p.m.

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