

# 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."

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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 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

that went 11-3 last season, won the Big Sky Conference title and advanced to the FCS playoffs semifinals — losing to Sam Houston State.

Since then, however, the Grizzlies have been engulfed in scandal.

An investigation found that football players were involved in sexual assaults between September 2010 and December 2011, news that were prominent in the firings of the athletic director and football coach Robin Pflugard.

Naturally, the Grizzlies are looking to move on from that past under new coach Mick Delaney. Helping in that effort figures to be a loud crowd, according to Glenn — who estimated that the homefield advantage "is worth 10 points."

"It's crazy. You have twenty-five thousand people sitting right on top of the two teams," Glenn said. "It makes so darn much when we have the ball that we have to use signals and hold hands at the line of scrimmage."

The key for the Coyotes, according to Powell, is responding to such adversity.

"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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## 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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Some teams might prefer to play more than once a week, but the 2012 version of the Yankton Gazelles volleyball team actually wants it that way.

With only two returning players with significant varsity experience, it makes sense that the Gazelles would want extra time after a season-opening loss last weekend.

Yankton put that defeat behind them by sweeping Pierre 25-12, 25-18, 25-22 in an Eastern South Dakota Conference (ESD) volleyball match Friday night at the Summit Center.

"We couldn't have planned that any better," YHS coach Leasa Woodward said of the schedule, which gives the Gazelles a full week since the opener and a week until their next match. "It's awesome for the group we have, with all the inexperience," she added. "That's how we'd like it; to have a test and then a week of homework."

Seniors Kelsey Fitzgerald (11) and Mikala Hora (10) combined for 21 kills in the victory, which saw the Gazelles come out strong in the opening set — at one point leading 20-8.

"We had a really good week of practice, and that definitely helped us," Fitzgerald said. "That's what we need to have, more time to work on stuff."

Gazelles had more of a challenge in the second set (including a time-out after a sluggish start), but controlled the net late to win.

"Yankton came out really physically and it doesn't help when we don't play much defense," Pierre coach Kacy Kienholz said. "That didn't attack when we put together a few points."

"Just way too many mental errors, which tells me we weren't ready to play."

One of the biggest weapons for Yankton aside from the senior-led hitting was serving. The Gazelles recorded nine ace serves, led by six from senior Maria binder.

"Pierre has some great hitters, but we did a good job keeping their offense back," Woodward said of the serving. "That's something we worked on a ton lately."

Yankton struggled early in the third set, but rallied to pull in front 21-20 and cruising from there, 25-22.

Binder led the offense with 25 set assists, while freshman Becky Frick had four kills. Defensively, junior Brooke Wuebben had nine digs, while junior Rylee Smith, Hora and Fitzgerald all had eight digs.

"We were scrappy, that's how I would call it," Fitzgerald said. "We got after every single ball out there."

Pierre hosts Brookings next Tuesday, while the Gazelles are off

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## Gazelles Sweep Pierre



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

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 Averages 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.

BLOOMFIELD (1-1) ..... 6 6 8 0 - 27  
HARTINGTON (2-0) ..... 0 15 0 12 - 20

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 Osborn made 13 tackles and Anthony Leber added nine stops.

Next week, Vermillion visits Tea Area and South Sioux City hosts Wayne (Neb.).  
SOUTH SIOUX CITY (2-0) ..... 7 14 0 7 - 28

VERMILLION (0-2) ..... 0 7 7 6 - 20

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.

PLATTE-GEDDES/DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (0-2) ..... 0 0 0 0 - 0  
BON HOMME (1-1) ..... 0 7 6 7 - 20

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.

Next week, Parker will host Centerville and Centerville will host Parkston.

The next game for Parker will be against Vibron/Hurler, Centerville will host Gayville-Volin in its next contest.  
PARKER (2-0) ..... 28 8 0 0 - 36  
CENTERVILLE (1-1) ..... 0 0 0 6 - 6

Hanson 30, Avon 14

ALEXANDRIA — Jacob Paradeis rushed for 91 yards and two scores to lead Hanson past Avon 30-14 in a battle of nine-man powers Friday night in Alexandria.

The Beavers (2-0) rushed for a total of 233 yards on the night, while Jordan Marquardt added 96 of those including a touchdown.

Quarterback Tyler Pringle passed for 100 yards and a touchdown for Hanson, which broke open a tie game to lead 22-14 after three quarters.

In the loss for Avon (1-1), Brandon Kochmich had a pair of touchdown runs and Logan Mudder rushed for 56 yards. Kochmich also led the defense with 16 tackles and Devin Tolmsa added 14 stops.

Next week, Hanson hosts Freeman and Avon plays Gregory at the University of Sioux Falls stadium.

AVON (1-1) ..... 6 0 8 0 - 14  
HANSON (2-0) ..... 6 0 0 8 - 30

Alcester-Hudson 36, Gayville Volin 0

ALCESTER — The Alcester-Hudson Cubs (1-0) defeated the Gayville-Volin Raiders (0-2) 36-0 Friday night.

Leading the Cubs rushing was Colin Walth with 117 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries. Grant Johnson, who went four of seven with 98 yards passing and a touchdown also picked up 101 yards rushing on seven carries. Erik Barnes had one reception for a touchdown, which was 48 yards.

For Gayville-Volin, Alec Barta had 31 yards on 18 carries. Barta also had two receptions for 46 yards. Brandon VanOsdal was four of 10 with 59 yards and three interceptions.

Next week, Alcester-Hudson will host Parkston and Gayville-Volin will host Parkston.

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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 sixth-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 offensively 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



MIKE CARROLL/HURON PLAINSMAN

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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