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Coyotes Aim To Chalk Up Win At Kansas



P&D FILE PHOTO
South Dakota's Ryan Hillier, 4, and Devin Taverna corral a UC Davis runner during USD's 10-7 victory over UC Davis on Aug. 31. The Coyotes travel to FBS Kansas today (Saturday).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeremy will be in Lawrence, Kan., for today's football game. He will provide updates on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

VERMILLION — As a young sports fan, Joe Glenn and his family were among the throngs of Kansas fans cheering "Rock Chalk Jayhawk."
"I had a dream at one time to coach at Kansas, but it never happened," said Glenn, whose USD football team will take its shot at the Jayhawks tonight (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in Lawrence, Kan.
"Now I'll get to at least coach a game there."
The question now becomes: Can the Coyotes (1-0) win there?

Only other Missouri Valley Football Conference team has — North Dakota State in 2010 — but last weekend was proof that upsets can happen. Two Big 12 Conference teams lost to FCS opponents in the first week, outcomes that led Kansas coach Charlie Weis this week to say his team took notice.
And yes, USD players are using that as motivation, according to sophomore linebacker Ryan Hillier.
"It gets you excited. It can be done, we saw it," said Hillier, one of five Kansas natives on the Coyote roster. "Beating those schools, you have to be fundamentally sound on both sides of the ball."
"If you can do that, you have a shot at any school."
While Kansas — 1-11 last year — will be making its season opener, the Coyotes are

Jayhawks Ready For Opener Against USD

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LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jake Heaps and Justin McCay could only watch last season as Year 1 under Charlie Weis at Kansas turned into a nightmare. The two high-profile transfers were forced to run the scout team while the Jayhawks scuffled along to a single win.

Now, Heaps and McCay finally get their chance to turn things around.

Heaps will start at quarterback and McCay at wide receiver on Saturday night when Kansas opens its season against South Dakota, a program from the Football Championship Subdivision.

Heaps set numerous freshman passing records at BYU before losing his job as a sophomore and electing to transfer. McCay was among the most highly sought prospects in the country coming out of high school, but struggled early at Oklahoma and decided to transfer closer to home.

"It's hard to describe how I feel," McCay said. "I just don't want to let anyone down, especially my team. If we come out with the win that's all I care about."

Looking back, Heaps believes the expectations that came with being one of the nation's top prep quarterbacks got to him at BYU. Now, he's more relaxed in a place where expectations — at least those outside of the program — are much lower. Kansas has won just six games total the last three years.

"That was always something that was there. You want to live up to those expectations," Heaps said. "For me, we desperately want to exceed expectations that are here. People don't expect us to win so we want to prove people wrong. But at the same time, you can't worry about that."

South Dakota also won just once last season, but the Coyotes are coming off a 10-7 season-opening win over UC Davis that filled them with confidence as they head to Lawrence.

"We played a lot of those games last year and didn't win," South Dakota coach Joe Glenn said. "This team shows a certain fight we maybe didn't have a year ago, a play-making ability we didn't have a year ago, and it showed at the end of the game."

This figures to be a much stiffer test for the Coyotes, though. Here are five things to look for as the Jayhawks welcome them for their season opener:

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James Named Interim Coach For USD Men

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As expected, Joey James was named Friday the interim men's basketball coach at USD, following the retirement Tuesday of long-time head coach Dave Boots.



James, who has spent 10 seasons on Boots' staff, was understandably relieved at Friday's announcement. "More than anything, I'm excited about the opportunity to still be apart of this program," James said shortly after the news came out. "I'm real happy about that. And I'm glad this process this week is over with, for sure."

Saying that Boots' resignation so close to the start of the season "makes an extensive national search an impossibility," athletic director David Herbster said a national search will be conducted after the 2013-14 season.

"His knowledge of the game, ability to recruit and to relate to the players makes him the right coach to lead the Coyote men this season," Herbster said in Friday's release.

Boots, who had guided the Coyotes to 503 wins in 25 seasons, was clear this week in his support for James to get the job.

"I hope for it," Boots said. "He's been a great, loyal guy to me. You'll always pull for your guys."

Herbster addressed the team Friday afternoon to announce James' promotion, the 36-year-old James said.

"The guys were excited about it," he said. "I knew I had their vote of confidence, and I'm glad they supported me."

From there, James addressed his players to discuss their goals and visions, which he said starts with climbing the ranks in the Summit League.

James, a native of Belle-

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Bucks Blast Raiders



BENJAMIN BRAYFIELD/RAPID CITY JOURNAL
Yankton's J.J. Hejna, 85, goes up between a pair of Stevens defenders to catch a pass during the Bucks' 52-36 victory over the Raiders on Friday in Rapid City. Hejna set a YHS school record with 217 yards receiving. Mason Strahl passed for a school-record 382 yards on 16-22 passing.

Yankton Rallies From 16-0 Deficit To Beat Stevens 52-36

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RAPID CITY — Rapid City Stevens is headed in the right direction.

Unfortunately for the Raiders, Yankton wide receiver J.J. Hejna went up and over the Raiders just a few too many times for it to matter.

Hejna helped the Bucks rally from an early 16-0 deficit with nine catches for school-record 217 yards and two touchdowns as No. 5-ranked Yankton topped the Raiders 52-36 in the opening game of the Rushmore Bowl at O'Harra Stadium on Friday.

Everything went right for the Raiders in the first quarter as they jumped out to a 16-point lead on a 6-yard scoring pass from Austin Hagen to Luke McLaughlin, a Trey McFarland safety and a 17-yard scoring scamper by Hagen, but once Hejna and Yankton quarterback Mason Strahl got clicking, there wasn't much to be done.

Stevens completely shut the Bucks down on their first two possessions — coincidentally when they were running a wingback offense similar to what the Raiders saw last week against Sioux Falls O'Gorman. On their third possession, Yankton went to a spread offense and Stevens never really slowed the Bucks down again. Hejna went up over the top of the Raider defense on 4th and 3 to catch a 10-yard fade and

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MMC Volleyball Splits Pair At Presentation

ABERDEEN — Mount Marty College split a pair of volleyball matches Friday in Aberdeen, losing to Presentation College in five sets and sweeping Dickinson State in three sets.

Presentation held off the Lancers 25-15, 25-20, 17-25, 7-25, 16-14 in a five-set thriller. Laura Groseth had 11 kills and

three aces in the loss, while Bailey Kuchta had 10 kills and four aces. Allison Cross chipped in with 10 kills and five blocks, Emily Schreur had five blocks and Amber Dysthe posted 36 set assists.

Against Dickinson State, Mount Marty won by scores of 25-14, 26-24, 25-

19. Schreur recorded 10 kills, Kuchta had nine kills, Cross had three blocks, Courtney Miller had 14 digs and Caitlyn Illg posted 34 assists.

Mount Marty, now 4-4 on the season, will play Jamestown College today (Saturday) at 1:30 p.m. in Aberdeen.

Pirates Plow Past Gregory

SIoux FALLS — Brandon Kochmich rushed for 225 yards and three touchdowns to lead Avon past Gregory 34-14 at the FCA Bowl on Friday afternoon in Sioux Falls.

Kochmich had scoring runs of 39, 80 and 59 yards, and also completed a 64-yard touchdown pass to Cody Namminga — Avon's only pass attempt of the game.

The Pirates (2-0) used two Kochmich touchdowns in the first quarter to build a 14-0 lead and never looked back.

Devin Tolsma led the Avon defense with 16 tackles, and he also added a 7-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Gregory (1-1) had 240 yards of total offense, keyed by 160 on the ground by Kurt Braun. Gavin Thomas had a 16-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Taggart, and Derek Stukel had a 1-yard scoring run.

Next Friday, Avon hosts Scotland and Gregory plays

Kimball-White Lake in White Lake.

AVON (2-0)	14	0	8	12	34
GREGORY (1-1)	0	8	6	0	14

Menno-Marion 50, Freeman 14

FREEMAN — The Menno-Marion Razorbacks beat the Freeman Flyers 50-14 in football action on Friday.

For the Razorbacks (2-0), Nick Gortmaker had 20 carries for the night totaling 264 yards with four touchdowns. Chet Peterson made 14 carries for 76 yards with three touchdowns. Tyrell Bertson led the Razorbacks defensively with eight tackles.

Freeman's Cole Paulson led the Flyers with 14 carries for four yards and one touchdown, five tackles with one interception and 28 attempted passes with 10 completions for 209 yards.

MENNO-MARION (2-0)	16	14	12	8	50
FREEMAN (0-2)	0	8	6	0	14

Dakota Valley 28, Lennox 13

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Blake Perryman ran for 101 yards and two touchdowns to lead Dakota Valley past Lennox 28-13 on Friday night in North Sioux City.

Perryman had scoring runs of 13 and 2 yards for DV (1-1), while Trevor McCade had a 55-yard touchdown run and Isaac Faldmo a 17-yard scoring burst.

Faldmo passed for 57 yards and rushed for 52. Ryan Lammers keyed the Panthers' defense with 13 tackles.

Trey Ferguson had an 11-yard touchdown run for Lennox (0-2) and John Odenkamp scored on a 36-yard run.

Next Friday, Dakota Valley hosts Madison and Lennox hosts Sioux Falls Christian.

LENNOX (0-2)	0	6	0	7	13
DAKOTA VALLEY (1-1)	0	14	0	14	28

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Winner's Shayden Drey is wrapped up by Bon Homme's Scott Wieseler, 8, and Hunter Young during the first quarter of their Southeast South Dakota Conference football game on Friday in Tyndall.