

Husker Fan Or Not, Crofton's Peitz Ready For Jacks-Husker Showdown

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Tom Peitz grew up in Husker country. He was raised to know the name Tom Osborne; to know who Tommie Frazier and Scott Frost were. That doesn't mean, however, Peitz was a Nebraska football fan. "For some reason, I was the odd-ball out," he said Monday. Peitz, a Crofton, Neb., native, will nonetheless take the field Saturday at Memorial Stadium as a redshirt freshman linebacker for South Dakota State. The Jackrabbits and Huskers will meet at 2:30 p.m. Given that high school players across the state of Nebraska likely envision themselves playing at Memorial Stadium, yeah, not being a Husker fan is strange, Tom joked.

"That's everyone's dream," said Peitz, who has recorded seven tackles and one interception for SDSU this season. "They all want to go play for the Huskers. I just didn't see myself there at all." And not because he wasn't capable of suiting up for coach Bo Pelini's squad, but mostly because such opportunities are typically unlikely, according to Crofton High School football coach Tony Hoffman. "Even just the dream of playing college football is a stretch," Hoffman said. "But to play for the Huskers, yeah, that's really rare." Once players reach high school and realize Nebraska coaches won't be calling, reality sets in, Hoffman said. "Heck, I'm still waiting for my call," he joked. "Everybody wants to

wear that red at some point in time." And the Peitz family is no different. Tom is the fourth Peitz brother to go on to play college football, following in the footsteps of Greg (SDSU, 2002-04), Eric (Colorado State, 2007-10) and Matt (current SDSU senior long-snapper). The quartet — another brother, Mike, didn't play college football — joins a long list of former Crofton Warriors to continue their playing careers beyond the small northeast Nebraska school. They were all, also, coached by Hoffman. "It doesn't matter where you go to, those are kids who put in the time; the effort and are determined to get better," Hoffman said. "We have former players in the NAIA, and it's the same thing."

For the younger Peitz, he will now take the field against a program surrounded in turmoil this week — the UCLA loss last Saturday was coupled Monday with the disclosure of damning 2-year-old audio of Pelini. "They're going to come out firing. They want to make a statement," Peitz said. "For us, it's just another game, but we want to show the world that SDSU is for real." Three years ago, the Jackrabbits nearly pulled the upset in Lincoln, falling to the Huskers by a 17-3 score. "Come Saturday, we've got to try to do what we did in 2010," SDSU head coach John Stiegelmeier said Tuesday. "Play a good game and hopefully have a chance to stay close and maybe win it in the fourth quarter."

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Jimmies Rally Past MMC

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The University of Jamestown came into the 2013 season ranked 16th in the NAIA men's soccer pre-season poll. For 60 minutes, Mount Marty College played right with them. Jamestown scored twice in a seven-minute span in the second half and added a late goal for a 4-1 victory over the Lancers on Tuesday at Easton Field. "They are a very talented team. They have good size and speed at every position," Mount Marty head coach Nathan Epp said of the Jimmies. "They pass extremely well." Jamestown took an early lead when Zach O'Dell stole the ball deep in Lancer territory and fed Dominic O'Connor for a goal. But the Mount Marty defense settled in and kept Jamestown at bay the rest of the half. The more experienced Jimmies had just an 8-5 edge in shots in the opening stanza. "We came out in the first half and had one of our better efforts," Epp said. "I was happy with the defense, but we had to be more aggressive



Mount Marty's Ricardo Marroquin goes up to head the ball during the second half of the Lancers' matchup with Jamestown on Tuesday at Easton Field. Jamestown scored three second half goals to claim a 4-1 victory.

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Jamestown Blanks Mount Marty Women 3-0

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With injuries sidelining a couple of key players, the Mount Marty College women's soccer team continued to look for answers. Defensively, the squad found some of them, allowing just three goals as Jamestown had 14 shots on goal and eight corner kicks. Offensively, though, the Lancers continued to look for answers in a 3-0 shutout loss to the Jimmies on Tuesday at Easton Field. "I thought we played solid defense, but we struggled connecting passes," said Mount Marty head coach Nathan Epp. "We had a couple of opportunities, but we struggled to get shots on goal. We never tested their keeper." Jamestown possessed the ball on Mount Marty's side of the field for much of the first half, but didn't break into the scoring column until Tiffany

Jackson headed in a cross from Josselin Cosio for the goal. In the second half, Jamestown's Kara Wahl broke away and put away a pass from teammate Monica Noria for a goal in the 54th minute. Five minutes later, Hannah Langseth stole the ball near the Lancer goal and put it away. The Lancers did not have a shot on goal in the second half. "In the last 20 minutes, we lost our energy," Epp said. "We gave them several opportunities." Mount Marty goalkeeper Courtney True stopped 11 shots in the match. "She did a fantastic job," Epp said of the sophomore from Yankton. "In the last 20 minutes, she really held us together." True said that the Lancers are working hard to deal with some early-season injuries. "Everyone's trying hard," she said. "We're starting to step up as a team."

Jamestown's Nicole Ladoucer stopped two shots in goal in the shutout. Mount Marty, now 0-6-1, begins Great Plains Athletic Conference play at Concordia on Saturday. As league play begins, the Lancers are still looking for some answers, Epp noted. "We're moving things around, trying people in different positions," he said. "It takes practice and game experience to get used to it, but I think we're putting players in a better position to help us down the road." And despite the injuries, True said the team is now lowering their expectations. "We're hoping for a 'W,'" she said. "We're finally figuring out what we need to do, and we're hoping to prove a bunch of people wrong this year."

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Mount Marty's Courtney True dives after a Jamestown shot during their women's soccer match on Tuesday at Easton Field. Jamestown blanked the Lancers 3-0.

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Volleyball: Lynx Rally Past Yankton; Wagner Blanks Lady Pirates

BRANDON — Despite a big night from Yankton's Becky Frick, Brandon Valley beat the Gazelles 23-25, 25-20, 25-18, 28-26 in volleyball action Tuesday night in Brandon. Frick recorded 16 kills, 15 digs and three ace serves for the Gazelles (1-6), while Emily Bos added 10 kills. Paige Thieman posted 37 set assists, four ace serves and 11 digs, while Haley Mines had 21 digs. "We played really well in set one, but the remainder of the match we made some mistakes," YHS coach Tiffany Beste said. "We started second-guessing ourselves and starting making mistakes we don't normally make." In sub varsity action, Brandon Valley won the JV match 25-17, 25-21. Kaylee Wootton had 12 digs for Yankton, while Morgyn Jaquith added six set assists. The hometown Lynx won the sophomore match 25-17, 25-22. Lindsey Hale led the Gazelels with four kills and

No. 12 Raiders Sweep MMC

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — No. 12-ranked Northwestern swept Mount Marty College 3-0 in Tuesday night's Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball opener for both teams in Orange City, Iowa. The Red Raiders (17-1) won by set scores of 25-13, 25-16, 25-18. Sierra Kloth led the six digs, while Ellie Fedders had five set assists. Presley Pasco added three ace serves. Brandon Valley won both freshman matches, as well, 25-21, 25-17 in the 'A' showdown. Hale had four kills and four digs for Yankton. The Lynx won the 'B' match 25-21, 25-18 despite five set assists from Katie Hauser and five digs from Jacey Anderberg. Yankton is off until a trip to top-ranked Sioux Falls Roosevelt next Thursday.

Wagner 3, Avon 0

AVON — The Wagner Red Raiders beat the Avon Lady Pirates in three sets 25-21, 25-16, 25-12 in volleyball action Tuesday. In the win for the Red Raiders (6-2), Ali Kuca had nine kills, four blocks and four aces. Gina Soukup had eight kills and made five digs. Kim Koupal also had eight kills and made seven digs and four aces. Kayla Deurmier led the team in assists with 16 for the game. In the loss for the Lady Pi-

rates (2-4), Chesney Nagel had six kills and made nine digs. Hanna Powers led the team with 13 assists and Sammy DeJong made seven digs. WAGNER (6-2) 25 25 25
AVON (2-4) 21 16 12

Scotland 3, Andes Central 1

LAKE ANDES — Carley Skorepa pounded home 18 kills to lead Scotland past Andes Central 25-22, 20-25, 25-14, 25-15 on Tuesday night in Lake Andes. Jessica Thum and Kayla Rokusek each added six kills for the Lady Highlanders (4-1), while Amber Alvey posted 21 set assists and four ace serves. For the hometown Eagles (2-3), Payton Johanneson had 12 kills, 10 set assists, seven digs and six ace serves. Denisha Johanneson chipped in with 10 kills, 14 set assists and nine digs. Andes Central plays



Wagner's Tayleigh Kaup, right, tries to get around the block of Avon's Chesney Nagel during their match Tuesday night in Avon.

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