

Coyotes Earn Costly Paycheck In Loss To Oregon

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EUGENE, Ore. — The University of South Dakota football program left the Pacific Northwest with not only a hefty paycheck, but a potentially serious injury to its starting quarterback.

Junior Kevin Earl left Saturday night's matchup with No. 3-ranked Oregon in the third quarter after hitting his right hand on a defender's helmet. Earl was taken into the locker room for an on-site x-ray and was later seen wearing a cast on the hand during the fourth quarter.

Although USD head coach Joe Glenn said in a post-game radio in-

terview that Earl could be out 6-7 weeks, the veteran coach later slowed that prognosis during his media press conference.

"We'll take him back to Sanford (Hospital), where we know they know what's right, and take a look at it there," Glenn said following his team's 62-13 defeat. "The initial diagnosis is that he's got a fracture in his thumb. We'll get the real look at it as soon as we can."

There was no update on Earl's status Monday.

If that early diagnosis proves to be true, Coyote fans will soon get a real look at Ryan Saeger.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore from Hartland, Wisconsin, will inherit an offense that was able to roll up 370

yards against a Pac-12 Conference defense on Saturday night.

Saeger, who missed all of spring drills because of a groin injury, emerged in fall camp as the team's backup quarterback. Prior to Saturday night, Saeger had only served as a holder on extra point and field goal attempts in his previous two full seasons with the program.

In his time on the field Saturday, Earl completed 13-of-26 passes for 136 yards, and led the Coyotes on all three of their scoring drives — two Miles Bergner field goals and a Trevor Bouma touchdown run.

Saeger then led the Coyotes on two drives, completing 5-of-8 passes for 62 yards, including a final drive that got all the way down inside the

Oregon 10-yard line before coming up short of scoring.

Not exactly a bad debut, Glenn said later.

"He's very cultured, a very sharp kid. He was a good high school quarterback who can run and throw it," Glenn said. "He just needs to get some reps if he's the guy."

"He'll pick it up in a hurry. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

If Saeger does have to take over for Earl beginning with next Saturday's home opener with NIAA William Penn, the Coyotes may be in luck, according to senior Jasper Sanders. USD, with a stable of four running backs, rushed for 172 yards against the Ducks.

"Saeger's pretty good, but I think we'll be fine running the ball," Sanders said. "We've got a strong running game."

Facing Marcus Mariota

The Coyotes may have gotten an early look at the 2014 Heisman Trophy winner.

Thought by many national outlets to be in the trophy discussion, Oregon junior quarterback Marcus Mariota didn't exactly disappoint in Saturday's game, according to Glenn.

"He's who I thought he was; he's really good," the USD coach said.

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Bucks Power Past Mitchell 30-2

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MITCHELL — Coming into Yankton's season opener at Mitchell, Bucks head coach Arlin Likness knew his team needed to control the ball and win the turnover battle.

The Bucks were able to accomplish those things, as they thumped the Mitchell Kernels 30-2 in Eastern South Dakota football action on Saturday evening at Joe Quintal Field.

"We didn't play as well as I would have liked," Yankton head coach Arlin Likness said. "But, it was a win and it was a start. We know what we have to work on."

Mitchell (0-1) started the contest on a roll with three big run plays, however, didn't get anything from it on a missed 17-yard field goal.

"That was really what we prepared for," Mitchell head coach Kent Van Overschelde said. "It seemed like we lost our confidence and really stopped with what we were believing in after that drive."

After that series, Yankton (1-0) looked like a different team.

"That was huge," Likness said. "It gave us great field position and I was on edge after that first possession. That intensified me, which intensified the players."

Deep in their own territory, Mitchell committed the first turnover of the game. Punter Kanin Nelson's punt was blocked, which gave the Bucks the ball on the three yard line.

The ensuing play, senior fullback Jordan Lightner powered his first rushing touchdown of the season. The point after was good from Brady Hale, which gave Yankton a 7-0 lead heading into the second quarter.

Halfway through the second quarter, senior corner Ryan Sternhagen snagged an interception from Nelson. This gave Yankton great field position inside the Kernel 20.

With 5:55 left in the half, Mason Strahl threw a sniper threw three defenders to Lightner, which doubled the Buck score to 14-0.

The next drive for Mitchell, Yankton's Matt Fitzgerald and Tim Cross both recorded sacks, which



ABOVE: Yankton's Ryan Sternhagen hauls in a pass for an interception after tipping the pass intended for Mitchell's Beau Brown, 20, during their Eastern South Dakota Conference football game on Saturday in Mitchell.

BELOW: Yankton's Tanner Frick finds an opening in the Mitchell defense during their Eastern South Dakota Conference football game on Saturday in Mitchell.



Aquinas Catholic Edges Cedar Catholic In Overtime

DAVID CITY, Neb. — Aquinas Catholic's Trev Semrad found teammate Nathan Kovar for a 13-yard touchdown in overtime, the only score in a 7-0 victory over Hartington Cedar Catholic on Friday.

Cedar Catholic finished with 190 yards of total offense, 53 yards more than Aquinas Catholic.

Aquinas Catholic hosts Columbus Scotus next. Cedar Catholic hosts Laurel-Concord-Coleridge next.

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Plainview 28, Wausa 26

PLAINVIEW, Neb. — Despite big games from Wausa's Aidan Kleinschmit and Austin Hegge, the Plainview Pirates edged the Vikings 28-26 in last Friday night's football opener for both teams.

The difference in the game was a two-point conversion by Plainview following a touchdown in the third quarter.

Kleinschmit passed for 257 yards and two touchdowns for Wausa, with six of those passes and 223 yards going to Hegge, who scored three times. The Vikings also rushed for 88 yards, led by Jordan Burns with 37 yards.

Ryan Kumm led the Wausa defense with nine tackles, and also had an interception and a fumble recovery.

Plainview stays home to host Pender on Saturday. Wausa is off this week and will host Allen on Sept. 12.

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Parkston 42, Groton 0

PARKSTON — Wes Dvorak and Blake Bietz each scored two touchdowns as the Parkston Trojans rolled past Groton 42-0 on Friday in the football season opener for both teams.

Dvorak scored on runs of 20 and one yard. Bietz caught a 30-yard pass and scored on a 19-yard run. Miles Semmler scored on a 42-yard run and Ethan Murtha added a 4-yard touchdown run for the Trojans.

Parkston finished with 290 yards of total offense, including 2-2 passing for 53 yards and a score. Groton had just 46 yards of total offense.

Semmler, Brady Reiff and Austin Bertram each had three stops for the Parkston defense. Jackson Doden had 10 stops for Groton.

Parkston travels to Canton on Sept. 5, a rematch of last season's Class 11B title game. Canton won that game 20-14.

Groton hosts Aberdeen Roncalli on Sept. 5.

Alcester-Hudson 34, Baltic 6

BALTIC — Grant Johnson passed for three touchdowns and rushed for two more in a 34-6 rout of Baltic in prep football action on Friday.

Johnson connected with Colin Walth on all three passing scores, of six, 30 and 23 yards. He finished 12-18 passing for 299 yards, with Walth catching four passes for 67 yards. Christopher Klemme

caught two passes for a team-best 73 yards.

Walth also rushed for 90 yards on nine carries, with Johnson rushing for 87 yards.

Kadin Wolff had the lone Baltic score, a 26-yard pass from Fredrick Hansen.

Defensively, Jaylen Dickau made a team-best 15 stops, including two for loss. Mitchell Johnson had 11 stops.

Wolff led Baltic with 15 stops and an interception.

Alcester-Hudson hosts Irene-Wakonda next. Baltic travels to Centerville next.

Andes Central 28,

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 12

TRIPP — Cedric Courmoyer and Leo Hopkins combined to rush for nearly 300 yards as Andes Central downed Tripp-Delmont-Armour 28-12 in prep football action on Friday.

Courmoyer rushed for 150 yards, and Hopkins rushed for 145 yards and passed for 21 more to lead the victorious Eagles.

Tyson Gregerson led TDA with 114 yards on the ground.

Defensively, Hopkins had six tackles and Hayden Medicine Horn had five tackles for the Eagles.

Austin Fischer led TDA with eight tackles. Gregerson and Gunnar Dally each had seven tackles.

Andes Central hosts Colome next. TDA hosts Scotland next.

Creighton 72,

Niobrara-Verdigre 8

VERDIGRE, Neb. — Reid Liska rushed for 156 yards and three touchdowns, and Austin Diedrichsen connected with Beau Schindler on a pair of scores as Creighton routed Niobrara-Verdigre 72-8 in prep football action on Friday.

Lane Walton rushed for 98 yards and two scores for Creighton. Diedrichsen was 4-5 passing for 77 yards, with three passes to Schindler for 67 yards and two scores.

Ben Johnson rushed for 83 yards to lead Niobrara-Verdigre. Cade Kalkowski scored the lone Cougars touchdown.

Creighton hosts Elgin Public-Pope John next. Niobrara-Verdigre looks to bounce back at Bloomfield on Thursday.

Tri-Valley 45, Wagner 6

WAGNER — Tri-Valley scored 38 first-half points on the way to a 45-6 victory over Wagner in prep football action on Friday.

Nick Buchmann and Brenton Hanisch each scored twice for Tri-Valley. Buchmann scored on runs of 51 and 14 yards, finishing with 158 yards on eight carries. Hanisch scored on a 75-yard kickoff return and a 5-yard run.

The lone Wagner score came on a Trevor Lensing 14-yard touchdown catch from Caden Kazena.

Tri-Valley travels to Elk Point-Jefferson next. Wagner looks to regroup at McCook Central-Montrose next week.

Christiansen Scores 700th Win As Parker Takes C-Hawk Inv.



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Parkston's Sydney Weber, right, tries to attack against the defense of Wagner's Tayleigh Kaup during their matchup in the Parkston Early Bird volleyball tournament on Saturday.

CANTON — Parker head coach Jill Christiansen earned her 700th coaching victory as the Pheasants won the C-Hawk Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday in Canton.

Christiansen, the winningest coach in S.D. volleyball history, now sits at 702 victories after a 23-25, 25-16, 25-11, 25-15 victory over Sioux Falls Lincoln JV in the championship match.

Allison Sanner had 18 kills and 17 digs to lead Parker in the final. Contessa Harold had 16 kills and three blocks (1 solo). Hannah Herlyn finished with 12 kills. Gabby Herlyn posted 10 kills. Jenny Smith had 54 assists and 13 digs. Lexi Olson had 12 digs. Makenzie added 10 digs.

Dell Rapids beat West Central 18-25, 10-25, 25-23, 25-15, 15-9 for third place. West Sioux (Iowa) topped Garretson 25-14, 25-23, 25-22 for fifth. Lennox swept Canton 26-24, 25-15, 25-11 for seventh.

PARKER DEF. CANTON 25-6, 25-13: Allison Sanner had six kills, five digs and four ace serves. Kylea Lingen had four ace serves. Hannah Herlyn finished with five kills. Jenny Smith added 15 assists.

PARKER DEF. GARRETSON 25-15, 25-13: Allison Sanner had nine kills and six digs. Jenny Smith had 19 assists and eight digs. Gabby Herlyn added five kills and two solo blocks in the win.

PARKER DEF. DELL RAPIDS 25-20, 25-8: Jenny Smith had 21 assists and six

digs. Hannah Herlyn and Allison Sanner each had six kills. Lexi Olson added nine digs.

Parkston Inv.

PARKSTON — Northwestern edged Arlington 26-24, 26-24 to finish 4-0 in the Parkston Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday.

Both teams swept the other three entrants: Parkston, Wagner and McCook Central-Montrose. Those three teams each won one match: Wagner beat McCook Central-Montrose 23-25, 25-17, 25-17; Parkston beat Wagner 24-26, 25-22, 25-20; and McCook Central-Montrose beat Parkston 25-23, 25-18.

WAGNER DEF. MCM 23-25, 25-17, 25-17: Adrian Weber had 10 kills and Krista Dvorak had 22 assists to lead Wagner. Brooklyn Tolliver added 12 digs.

NORTHWESTERN DEF. WAGNER 25-17, 25-18: Brooklyn Tolliver had seven kills and three ace serves, and Adrian Weber and Karlee Schroeder had three kills each for Northwestern. Krista Dvorak and Sierra Juffer had six assists each.

PARKSTON DEF. WAGNER 24-26, 25-22, 25-20: Karlee Schroeder had nine kills. Emily Brunings had seven kills and Brooklyn Tolliver had 32 digs to lead Wagner. Krista Dvorak had nine assists, with Sierra Juffer recording eight assists. Ali Kuca and Rachel Dion each had 16 digs.

ARLINGTON DEF. WAGNER 25-23, 25-23: Adrian Weber had seven kills and Krista Dvorak had 10 assists to lead Wagner. Brooklyn Tolliver added nine digs.

Bon Homme 3, Avon 1

AVON — Three different Bon Homme hitters scored double-digit kills in a 25-23, 25-22, 24-26, 25-15 victory over Avon in

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