

USD Heads To No. 4 Montana In Search Of 'Signature Win'

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VERMILLION — Joe Glenn was quick to point out that he "has a lot of respect" for the Montana football program, one he led to an FCS title in 2001.

In the same breath, however, the University of South Dakota head coach realizes where his current program needs to go.

"We're in search of that signature win," Glenn said this week, in preparation for today's (Saturday) game at No. 4-ranked Montana. "I thought maybe Northern Iowa was it last year, but then we got all beat up and limped in."

"We're looking for that win, and somewhere we have to get it."

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get an FCS test.

Which means USD will finally be able to judge its offense — particularly on the ground, where it averages 263 yards — against a similar peer.

"We know we can run the ball; we proved that last week," senior offensive lineman Matt Huffer said this week. "We just have to do it again."

This game would certainly qualify.

Coming off the up-and-down nature of an FBS game at Oregon followed by a home game with NAIA William Penn, the Coyotes (1-1) will finally

In last year's meeting with Montana, the Coyotes out-gained the Grizzlies 223-52 on the ground. And that was without Jasper Sanders, who is back this season.

What else has made the difference for USD through two games? "It's our attitude," Huffer said. "It's coming out and knowing we're going to come down hill on people."

At the same time, though, the Coyotes aren't exactly about to run 75 percent of the time in Missoula.

A year ago, USD passed 45 times, and even with sophomore Ryan Saeger in at quarterback (in place of injured Kevin Earl), the Coyotes will still open things up, Glenn said.

"Balance is the key," he said.

"But we want to keep the ball and protect our defense."

"This will be a battle," he added. "I think our kids believe we belong, but we just can't give up a bunch of big plays."

That was exactly what happened a year against the Grizzlies.

In a game played in Vermillion, Montana returned a fumble for a touchdown and later, following a Coyote go-ahead touchdown, returned a kickoff 98 yards for the game-winning score with under two minutes remaining.

"That's just horrible to lose like that," Glenn said.

Montana (1-1) will return quarterback Jordan Johnson for tonight's game, after he missed last week following a concussion. A year ago in Vermillion, he passed for 337 yards, but was intercepted three

times and sacked four times.

Ultimately, though, his Grizzlies left South Dakota with a 31-27 victory.

"That was a fun game, but they made bigger plays at the end," Huffer said. "We're ready this year, and excited to get them again."

Much like USD, Montana will be playing its first FCS game of the season tonight. The Grizzlies, though, have the advantage of playing at home — where they beat the Coyotes two years ago.

"That stadium is loud and rowdy, but you have to concentrate on the game and get it done," Huffer said.

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Guthmiller Wins Title

Bucks Beat Lynx In OT

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Coming into Friday's Yankton Boys Invitational, senior Jace Guthmiller had never won an invite on his home turf.

After 21 holes, and a three hole playoff with O'Gorman's freshman Bryce Hammer, Guthmiller was able to win with a 73 on his last home meet as a Yankton Buck at Hillcrest Golf Course.

"It feels great," Guthmiller said. "I knew if I went out and played how I did this summer, that I would have a good chance. It wasn't exactly how I wanted it to go at the end, but it is what it is and I dodged a few bullets."

Sioux Falls O'Gorman won the team title by shooting a 313.

"I thought we played as well as could be expected with the conditions," O'Gorman coach Rod Garrison said. "I thought there were going to be some lower scores, as well. The fairways were in great shape. The roughs were very long, which made it tough to play, and it showed it."

Garrison was impressed with his top and bottom two golfers.

"I thought our bottom two and top two played very well," he said. "If you looked at the scores, there's a lot of good scores out there from across the state. There are a lot of teams that are definitely in the hunt for the state tournament."

Sioux Falls Lincoln earned second with a 318, while Brandon Valley was in third



Yankton's Jace Guthmiller hits an approach shot toward the No. 9 green during his round in the Yankton Invitational boys' golf tournament on Friday at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. Guthmiller shot a 1-over 73 and won a 3-hole playoff to claim medalist honors in the event.

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Soccer: Wyoming Stuff South Dakota 2-1

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VERMILLION — Mandy Green was not happy.

The University of South Dakota head soccer coach had just finished watching her team drop a 2-1 home game to Wyoming on Friday in Vermillion.

Then came a nearly 15-

minute post-game conversation with her Coyotes (4-3), who were out-shot 14-5 and scored their only goal seven minutes into the game.

"Not one thing we worked on in practice was shown in the game," Green said.

The Coyotes, who came into Friday 2-2 in Division I games this season, struggled to build much of anything

against a Cowgirls team with one win to their resume.

What was the biggest issue for USD?

"There was a lack of connection," said junior Taylor Nivala, whose team-leading fifth goal 6:54 into the game gave the Coyotes an early lead.

"We weren't really seeing each other well."

The struggles have gone beyond that, Green said.

"I'm disappointed with the senior leadership," she said. "I have no idea what they're doing before the game, but they're not getting us ready to play."

South Dakota's defense, however, held strong for the first 56 minutes.

Wyoming tied the game in

the 57th minute on a goal from Alisha Bass, and 75 seconds later, Laurel Ramer's goal gave the visitors a 2-1 lead.

From there, the bulk of the action stayed in the USD corner, as Wyoming managed six corner kicks after halftime.

"We've got some (things)

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Gayville-Volin Rolls Past Tripp-Delmont-Armour

GAYVILLE — Alec Barta made sure homecoming night was capped off with a victory.

The Gayville-Volin running back accounted for 234 total yards and four touchdowns to lead the Raiders to a 55-0 rout over Tripp-Delmont-Armour in high school football action Friday night.

The game ended in the third quarter after a 26-yard touchdown run by Luke Hummel.

Zach Anderson snatched two interceptions, including a 30-yard touchdown. He also returned a kickoff 75 yards for a score in the third quarter, and finished the game with 92 yards rushing.

Garret Hirsch scored G-V's other touchdown, a 5-yard run in the second quarter.

Brandon VanOsdal and C.J. Lee each had eight tackles, and Zach Anderson took down six.

Next Friday, Gayville-Volin hits the road for a game against Burke-South Central, and Tripp-Delmont-Armour hosts Avon.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (0-3).....0 0 0-0
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (2-0).....28 14 13-55

Hartington-New. 24, Niobrara-Verdigre 14

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Hartington-Newcastle

downed Niobrara-Verdigre 24-14 Friday night in Hartington. Chris Pavlik took a 31-yard touchdown run for Hartington-Newcastle to score first. Kolby Jueden scored again in the third quarter on a 14 yard run. In the final quarter Avery Chrastil recovered a fumble in the end zone.

The last points of the game were on a safety.

Chase Dendinger had 10 carries for 62 yards, while Chris Pavlik had seven tackles to lead the defense.

Hartington-Newcastle hits the road for Elgin Pope John next Friday. Niobrara-Verdigre host Boyd County on Sept. 26.

NIORARA-VERDIGRE (0-3).....0 14 0-14
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (2-0).....6 0 8 10-24

Avon 40, Scotland 14

SCOTLAND — Devin Tolsma rushed for 138 yards and a touchdown as the Avon Pirates beat Scotland 40-14 on Friday night in Scotland.

Logan Mudder completed 6-of-11 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and

also had a 22-yard touchdown run. Tayler Berendsen added a 21-yard touchdown run, while Jacob Knodel caught a touchdown pass from Mudder.

Both teams had three turnovers.

In the loss for the Highlanders, Alex Kotalik rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown, while Shaye Bloch passed for 133 yards. Chandler Dieder had the other touchdown, on a 3-yard run.

AVON.....16 16 8 0-40
SCOTLAND.....0 0 7 7-14

McCook Cent.-Mont. 41, Bon Homme 0

TYNDALL — Jerry Kappenman rushed for 67 yards and two touchdowns to help lead McCook Central-Montrose over Bon Homme 41-0 on Friday night in Tyndall.

Kappenman had scoring runs for 3 and 6 yards for MCM (2-0), while Collin Cleveland added 84 yards and a touchdown on the ground.

Also for the Fighting Cougars, Kylar Hansen had a 17-yard touchdown pass to



Gayville-Volin quarterback Grant Rice stiff-arms his way through the Tripp-Delmont-Armour defense for a long gain during Friday night's game in Gayville.

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