

Talent showcased in USD spring game

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Tim Tebow made the jump pass famous at Florida, but Jasper Sanders is now a perfect 1-for-1 on the trick play.

Take the hand-off, run hard to the line, stop, jump up in the air and throw the ball over the middle to a teammate, hope for something to happen.

Mission accomplished for Sanders, a senior running back for the University of South Dakota football team, in Saturday's annual spring game in the DakotaDome.

The play, implemented a day earlier by offensive coordinator Wes Beschorn, resulted in an 18-yard touchdown to tight end Kayl Barkley — with a push from the line over the final five yards.

"We wanted a name for it, but we couldn't think of one," Sanders said. "I was excited, because I didn't think he'd get it."

Barkley, a sophomore, did to cap off USD's second series, both of which resulted in touchdowns for the offense on a day that resulted in a 28-28 tie.

"It was a mess the first time he tried it," head coach Joe Glenn said, chuckling. "Jasper was a high school quarterback, so I think he was lobbying."

From there, however, there weren't many offensive highlights for the Coyotes, coming off a 1-10 record a year ago.

The defense made seven stops on third down, recorded six sacks, intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble — all resulting in points.

Aside from a 75-yard drive to start the game, the defense settled down and began to frustrate its offensive teammates.

"That's huge, especially on third down," said senior linebacker Tyler Starr, who led with six tackles and two sacks. "Any time you have a chance to get off the field, it's got to happen."

In an hour-long game broken down into three quarters, the offense jumped early 19-11 after six series. The defense rallied to tie the game at 22 on a sack by Tyler Richardson (two points) and a third down stop (one point).

Devin Taverna intercepted a pass after a halftime break and a sack by Starr made it 28-22 in favor of the defense. Junior quarterback Josh Vander Maten closed the game with a 5-yard touchdown run — his second of the day.

"It was very competitive, even up a notch from our scrimmages," said Vander Maten, who finished 8-of-12 passing for 112 yards. "It was really good to see."

Another of the defensive standouts was junior defensive back Steve Tellefsen. He finished three tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery in the end zone.

"The number one goal was to stop the offense, and we did that," Tellefsen said.

Of course, frustrating your offensive teammates was extra special, he said.

"It's always nice to get those offensive guys mad," Tellefsen said. "We're always talking, every day. Those are the only people we see, so it was fun."

The final quarter and a half weren't so much fun for the offense. Frequently a problem last year, three pre-snap penalties — two false starts and a holding — halted any momentum. There was one series in particular where USD went consecutive plays of false start, interception, delay of game.

"Our discipline last year was horrible. And we've gone all spring and two scrimmages without a pre-snap penalty and today we had three of them," Glenn said. "That can't happen."

"Those are little things we need to work on."

An area that does appear to be an improvement for the offense is at running back. Sanders led with 41 yards, followed by senior Earv Archambeau (an Avon native) with 40, redshirt freshman Trevor Bouma with 20 and redshirt freshman Jordan Roberts with 19.

Archambeau, whom Glenn calls a "hider" because of his small stature at 5-foot-10, averaged 10 yards per carry, highlighted by a 30-yarder in the final series.

"It was good. It's been a while," Archambeau said. "I've been waiting in line for a while for that to happen."

Now that spring practice is behind them, the Coyotes will have a while to wait to resume to the field — Aug. 4. USD, which opens its season Aug. 31 at home against UC Davis, is making steps toward improvement, Archambeau said.

"We worked extremely hard this off-season to make ourselves better, and I think it's paying off," he said.

Extra additions will also help that goal. Glenn said the defense needs to build depth — only 19 guys played Saturday — and that the addition of 34 newcomers in the fall will provide such competition at certain spots, like linebacker and kicker/punter.

"The goods won the game," Glenn said. "The first team offense and first team defense, and that's the way it should be."

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South Dakota's Devin Taverna is congratulated by defensive line coach Kurt Troutman after Taverna picked off a pass in the USD spring football game on Saturday at the DakotaDome.

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VHS golfers get 2 days in before snow

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

It may be difficult to remember two consecutive days suitable for playing golf, but that's what happened to the Vermillion High girls golf team last week — they played meets on two straight days!

Since then? Not so much. A Monday dual against Lennox at The Bluffs went off on schedule, and the Tanagers responded with a 192-246 trouncing of the Orioles.

Vermillion had the top four scores in the dual, led by Brooke Schwasinger's 44. Elly Miller came in with a 436, Kyleigh Moran played the course in 50 strokes, and Kayla Stammer carded a 52. The best for Lennox was Kaitlyn Gundvaldson's 58.

A rescheduled invitational meet hosted by Dakota Valley High School at the Two Rivers course was played Tuesday, and VHS tied with the host Panthers for second place with a 387 score. Parkston, with four of the top six individual scores, ran away with the team title with a 327 score.

Allison Heine led the Tanagers with a 94, tying her for 11th place. Elly Miller tied for 16th at 97. Schwasinger's 99 gave her a 19th-place tie. Kate Brockevelt had a 109, good for a tie for 31st.

Parkston's Sydney Bormann blew away the field with a 72 for medalist honors, beating teammate Jordan Bormann by seven strokes.

In junior varsity competition Vermillion was the winner over Harrisburg and Dell Rapids with a 403 score, besting the Tigers by 55 strokes. Stammer tied for second with a 97, Audry Miller had a 98 for fourth and Katie Herrera a 101 for fifth. Allison Odens had a 120.

If The Bluffs is playable by Monday, VHS will host its invitational tournament there that day. The Big 8 Conference meet is slated for Madison next Friday.

Weather wreaks havoc with Tanager baseball schedule

By Parker Knox
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Desperate times demand desperate measures, so with the extended winter weather prevailing over southeastern South Dakota in recent days and weeks, just a little bit of scheduling pressure was taken off high school baseball coaches this week by the governing body of high school baseball in the state.

Vermillion High, for example, after playing five games between March 26 and April 7, has been able to play a scheduled game only once since then, squeezing in an April 15 home win

over Bon Homme between snow and ice storms.

In a normal situation a Class "B" baseball team such as Vermillion is required to play each team in its division twice--once at home and once away--as well as each team in the other division within its region once. But numerous postponements and cancellations in recent days have left too many games to be made up and not enough days in which to do so since postseason tournament play has to begin the weekend of May 12-14.

So the powers-that-be have ruled that, because of the persistent winter, a

team no longer has to play each team in the other division within its region if such games can't be rescheduled. Further, the association has declared that it is possible to cancel a game against a team from the other division if that date must be used for the rescheduling of a game against an intra-divisional team.

Vermillion has already played its two required games against Elk Point-Jefferson, winning them both. The Tanagers have also played Dakota Valley once and are due to play the Panthers on the road on May 2. That leaves Beresford to be played twice. Last week's snowed-out game at

Beresford was rescheduled for last night (Thursday), and the Watchdogs will play at Prentis Park next Wednesday. Those reschedulings will take at least take care of the required games.

The Tanagers were also weathered out of a rematch against Bon Homme to be played at Tabor last Friday. That contest is now set for next Monday at 5 p.m. with a JV game to follow.

This week a Monday home game against Mount Vernon was cancelled by a heavy snowfall and will not be made up. A Wednesday game against Hanson County at Emery was also called off.

Therefore, the defending state "B" champion Tanagers, who stand at 5-1, after next week's three games, will have two regular-season contests left--at Parkston on May 5 and at home against Wagner on May 9.

Postseason play is supposed to be held May 12-14 for the Region 1B Eastern Division semifinals, between May 15 and 18 for the division championship game and between May 19 and 22 for the regional championship contest. The state "B" semifinals and title games will be played in Sioux Falls on Memorial Day.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

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Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuharth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

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Concordia Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School - Sunday, 9:20 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH: Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday - 9:00 or 10:30am; During school year: Impact for Kids (5-11), Wed - 6:00pm-7:30pm; For more information Check us out at Cornerstones.org or (605)624-8809

DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Rehger. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

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Elk Point Baptist Church. Sunday worship at 11:00am, Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981

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Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/PO Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th

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GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

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