

University of South Dakota looks to put past behind them

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Inside the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision record book, there is a section entitled "Annual Most-Improved Teams."

The greatest 1-year jumps are listed in order of most games improved, as are the teams from 2011 that righted the ship in quick fashion.

With the FCS playoffs set to expand this year from 20 to 24 teams (and teams needing only six Division I wins instead of seven), the USD football team — 1-10 a year ago — isn't ready to declare itself ready to make one of those historic jumps.

At least not yet. "We got close in a lot of games last year, and my whole thing is, we've got to get better," head coach Joe Glenn said during Aug. 15's media day gathering in Vermillion.

After pointing out that his 1982 Montana team was picked to finish last in the Big Sky Conference but won the league, Glenn added, "It's been done; it can be done."

As the NCAA record book shows, teams have made quick turnarounds from one or two wins into a playoff berth the next season.

Eastern Illinois and Villanova both made the FCS playoff field last fall after 2-9 records in 2011. Towson had a more dramatic increase, from 1-10 in 2010 to a 9-3 playoff season the next year.



USD head football coach Joe Glenn, left, describes a formation to freshman running back Khorey Kilgore during Thursday morning's practice inside the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Kilgore is one of three running backs expected to see significant time this season, along with redshirt freshmen Trevor Bouma and Jordan Roberts.

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Additionally, Weber State (2005), Bucknell (2006) and Liberty (2006) all jumped up to six wins after going 1-10 the previous season.

For reference sake, the 1984 Montana State Bobcats boast the biggest increase in FCS history, a 9.5-game leap from a 1-10 record in 1983 to a 12-2 finish in 1984.

That might be asking too much of the Coyotes, who were winless in eight Missouri Valley Football Conference games last fall, but players Thursday referenced the challenge of building toward playoff consideration.

"This our team, this is our legacy, we want to be that team that broke the mold," said

junior quarterback Josh Vander Maten, owner of 2,157 combined yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

"We'll try our absolute best."

Part of that mold-breaking will come in winning close games, as Glenn pointed out. USD lost five games last season by a touchdown or less — four by three points.

The program spent a bulk of the off-season on developing the 'Band of Brothers' tagline, which involved improved conditioning techniques and more team bonding exercises, among other things. Such camaraderie can only help in those tight games, according to senior offensive lineman Marc Murtha.

"We just need to come together, have enthusiasm, play hard each play, and I think we can definitely reach the playoffs within the next couple years," he said. "Or even this year."

"Some people disagree with that, but I always have a stern head," he added. "I take the bull by the horns. We think what we can do, not what we can't."

While road wins have been hard to come by for the Coyotes, they have six home games to develop some momentum, according to senior linebacker Tyler Starr.

USD opens with UC Davis on Aug. 31, and will also host Missouri State, Indiana State, Youngstown State, Montana and South Dakota State.

"Having six home games greenlights in your mind, like, 'We're good at home, we have a history here,'" Starr, a preseason All-American, said. "It gives you the extra motivation to give it everything you've got."

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USD women's soccer defeats Viterbo 3-0

Jenny Teslow scored an early goal and freshman Corey Strang netted two goals in a span of four minutes as the University of South Dakota won an exhibition match against Viterbo 3-0 Sunday, Aug. 18, at USD Soccer Complex. It is the Coyotes' lone tune-up prior to Friday's season and home opener against Loyola.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mackenzie Viktor returned to the pitch for the first time since early in 2012 when she sustained a season-ending injury. Viktor shook off some rust, played all 90 minutes and made five saves, including two she had to punch high of the net. She also denied Molly Machometa, a 31-goal scorer as a freshman last year, on what would

have been a game-tying goal 10 minutes before halftime. Machometa totaled eight minutes Sunday while nursing a leg injury.

Teslow, USD's lone senior, and sophomore Danielle Anderson led the Coyotes' in points last season and teamed together for the first goal Sunday. Anderson found Teslow in the middle of the

box and Teslow dribbled quickly to her left before drilling a shot past Alicia Seachord 13 minutes into the contest. Teslow had five goals last season. She played 41 minutes Sunday.

Strang, who scored 12 goals as a senior last year at Chaparral High School in southern California, earned a start and was one of four first-year Coyotes who gained their first

collegiate experience. Strang's first collegiate goal came off another sharp pass by Anderson. Strang made the reception near the top of the box and smoothly played a shot that rolled into the right corner of the net. Kyle Willer was also credited with an assist on the play that made it 2-0.

Strang made it 3-0 in the 74th minute by

drilling a shot into the top of the net from the right side of the box. Teslow made a steal along the sideline and dribbled away before sending a cross to Strang.

The Coyotes and Viterbo rotated in 21 players each in a contest that allowed unlimited substitutions. USD out-shot Viterbo 19-13.

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