

Golf League Standings

Ladies Scramble Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. Leos Ice Hole-in-one	57.5	19.5	75
2. Leos: Party of Fore	50.5	26.5	66
3. Flighty Five	57.5	30.5	65
4. Tee-Chers	46	31	60
5. Kiss My Putt	44	33	57
6. LG's	50	38	57
7. Belles w/ Balls	48.5	39.5	55
8. Birdie Bound	41	36	53
9. Varsity Divas	46	42	52
10. Maloney Real Estate	41.5	46.5	47
11. Fast Auto Glass	39	49	44
12. Bogeylicious	33	44	43
13. Toby's	37.5	50.5	43
14. Old Lumber Co.	31.5	45.5	41
15. Chix with Stix	32.5	55.5	37
16. Wild Things	26.5	50.5	34
17. Sandbaggers	21.5	66.5	24

Men's Scramble American League Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. The Gayville Boys	90.5	52.5	63.3
2. The Double Eagles	83	60	58
3. Americlean	82	61	57.3
4. Wheres The Booze Cart	81.5	61.5	57
5. First Bank & Trust	80	63	55.9
6. Boomer Sooners	78	65	54.5
7. Nygren's True Value	77.5	65.5	54.2
8. The Chippers	77	66	53.8
9. Cherry Pit Stop	75.5	67.5	52.8
10. 3-Some	75	68	52.4
11. Leisure Lawn	75	68	52.4
12. Old Lumber Co.	74.5	68.5	52.1
13. Bogey +1	70	73	49
14. Dakota PC 2	70	73	49
15. The Hot Dogs	68.5	74.5	47.9
16. The Lynch Boys	66	77	46.2
17. Varsity	66	77	46.2
18. Greg & Sons	63.5	79.5	44.4
19. Leo's 3	61.5	81.5	43
20. PBIBS	56.5	86.5	39.5
21. Captain Morgan	51	92	35.7
22. USD Swim	50.5	92.5	35.3

Men's Scramble American League Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. Toby's	92	51	64.3
2. First Dakota	90	53	62.9
3. Carey's Lite	88	55	61.5
4. Leo's 4	85	58	59.4
5. Leo's Sports Bar	83	60	58
6. Marks Construction	81.5	61.5	57
7. Bogey +3	81	62	56.6
8. Bunyans	76	67	53.1
9. Dakota PC Warehouse	75	68	52.4
10. Wolfpack	74.5	68.5	52.1
11. Bluffs Boys	71	72	49.7
12. Fairway to Heaven	69.5	73.5	48.6
13. We Need Strokes	68	75	47.6
14. PIK	67	76	46.9
15. Tigers Wood	65.5	77.5	45.8
16. Bogey +2	65.5	77.5	45.8
17. Eagles 2	64.5	78.5	45.1
18. Carey's Crew	48.5	94.5	33.9
19. Builders Choice	48	95	33.6
20. VCDC	36.5	106.5	25.5

Coyotes Announce 2015 Cross Country Schedule

South Dakota head cross country coach Dan Fitzsimmons has released the program's 2015 schedule, a slate which begins on Sept. 4 and races through November as the program aims for its first NCAA Championship berth as a team.

"We intentionally made this season's schedule comparable to last year to build off the success we had," said Fitzsimmons. "By racing on courses that provide continuity and consistency, we are able to measure fitness levels between seasons. At the same time, I am excited for the athletes to experience Rim Rock Farm when they race at the NCAA Regional."

The regular season begins with the NDSU Bison Open on Sept. 4, a rivalry triple-dual showdown at Rose Creek Golf Course in Fargo, N.D. South Dakota will battle North Dakota State, North Dakota and South Dakota State.

After a two week hiatus, the Coyotes travel to St. Paul, Minn., for the 30th annual Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 26. On the women's side, 2014 National Champion Michigan State, runner-up Iowa State and five NCAA qualifying teams made appearances at the meet a year ago. Five NCAA qualifying men's teams also ran at the Griak last season. The meet will provide an opportunity for the Coyotes to boost national rankings.

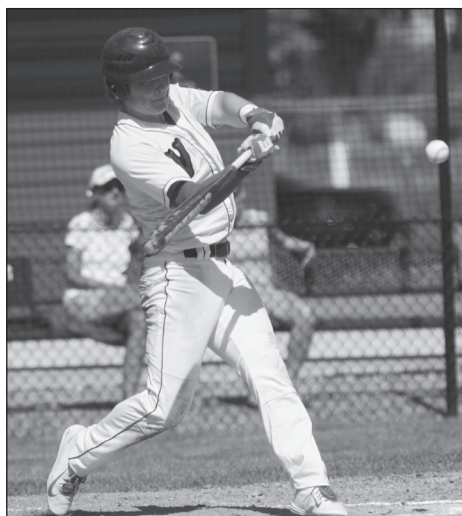
South Dakota takes an early look at the league championship course by racing the SDSU Classic on Oct. 3 in Brookings, S.D.

To close out the regular season, the Coyotes return to the Bradley "Pink" Classic in Peoria, Ill., on Oct. 16. As another large meet with nearly 30 teams, the Bradley "Pink" Classic will serve as a second opportunity to improve national rankings heading into the postseason.

In the sequel to a successful 2014 Summit League Championship meet, the Coyote women aspire to repeat as Summit League Champions on Oct. 31 at the Edgebrook Golf Course in Brookings, while the men shoot for their first program title.

Kansas plays host to the 2015 NCAA Midwest Regional meet on Nov. 13 at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan. Should either the men or women finish in the top two at that meet or receive a wildcard bid, they would advance to the 2015 NCAA National Championships held at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 21.

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Photos from Post 1 at the Class B Legion state baseball tournament in Salem last weekend.



Injury Derails South Dakota Quarterback Earl

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The reins will be permanently handed over to Ryan Saeger.

During Monday's Missouri Valley Football Conference pre-season coaches teleconference, University of South Dakota head coach Joe Glenn officially announced that quarterback Kevin Earl – who will be entering his senior campaign – will miss the 2015 season because of a lingering back injury.

Sure, it's an early blow for a program looking to gain traction in a league where it's won three games over three seasons, but the coaching staff remains confident the offense won't miss a beat with Saeger, a junior with starting experience.

"I'm excited about him," Glenn said. "He's got the leadership skills you look for in a quarterback, and our guys are all behind him. The more reps he gets, the better he's going to get."

Earl, who has already used up his redshirt season at USD, lasted just two practices into spring drills before the injury really started bothering him – it was ultimately determined to be to vertebrae in his lower back.

There had been renewed optimism around the program that the Coyote offense could turn a corner in 2015 with the return of Earl (who passed for 1,588 yards in eight games a year ago) and other key playmakers returning from injuries themselves.

Earl, however, went home to suburban Chicago to seek further treatment on his back, missing the rest of spring practices and the spring game. By the time he returned to Vermillion, the pain had intensified; so



PLAIN TALK FILE PHOTO
South Dakota quarterback Ryan Saeger (2), shown here during a home game last season, will take over the position full-time for the Coyotes this fall following an injury to starter Kevin Earl.

much so that he couldn't lift weights.

"He was unable to lift or do any of that stuff," Glenn said. "I think we all understand that."

Now, with USD players set to report for fall camp next week, the offensive reins go to Saeger.

Stepping in for an injured Earl is not a new situation for Saeger, however.

The 6-foot-4 Heartland, Wisconsin, native started four games last season after Earl suffered a broken thumb at Oregon. Saeger then guided the Coyotes to their only two wins of the season (William Penn and Northern Arizona) and finished the season with 660 passing yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

Having spent that kind

of time in game situations, coupled with his first-team reps during the spring, should help Saeger, according to Glenn.

"He's doing a great job, and our players, our coaches, we all have confidence in Ryan," Glenn said.

A large part of any success Saeger has will undoubtedly hinge on the health of his weapons, as was made clear Monday by Glenn. Running back Trevor Bouma (508 yards, 3 TD) suffered a broken arm last season, while wide receiver Brandt Van Roekel (13 rec., 167 yards, 1 TD) and tight end Aaron Ramsey (12 rec., 221 yards) also missed time with injuries.

With more time, Saeger will improve in certain key areas, Glenn said.

"He knows (Eric) Shufford is his prime target," the coach said. "He'll have to just be patient and read his plays out."

With Earl not available at all this season, the quarterback position behind Saeger has two other options: redshirt freshman Brian Woodward and high school recruit Austin Simmons.

There may not be much in the way of game depth at the quarterback spot, but at least the Coyotes have a guy in Saeger who looks the part, joked their coach.

"He's John Wayne. He looks good on a saddle," said Glenn, whose team opens the season Sept. 5 at Kansas State.

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USD Is Now FeaRed

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Fans of the University of South Dakota maybe familiar with their favorite teams slogans. Football used 'Rise Up', women's basketball was 'One team, one dream', and so on. Well, this year USD's athletic marketing department is going in a different direction with bringing all teams under one brand, FeaRed.

The FeaRed campaign will kick off this fall as a way to bring all Coyote together.

"I started working on a football marketing plan in March and April," said Joe Thuente, USD's director of marketing and promotions. "Part of that, I wanted to come up with a campaign that encompassed all the sports. Every sport kind of had its own thing, so we wanted to get everybody under one umbrella."

FeaRed will be consistent across all brands of Coyote sports in hopes that people will identify it with South Dakota.

"When you see it, you think USD athletics, that's the goal anyway. Like the Nike swoosh is Nike, we want this to be what you think of with us," Thuente said.

Thuente came up with the idea of one brand from his previous job at Northwestern University where they used the very successful Chicago Big 10 Team campaign. The idea is to market the school's athletic department as one organization, like a professional team.

"It's important that we have a signified mark," Thuente said. "To have one thing that will be identified as what we are I think is very valuable to push us in the direction of

being a strong unified Div. 1 competitive organization."

Thuente worked with the school's graphics designer Alison Buckman to come up with the name and design. The pair came up with "a ton" of different possibilities and whittled down the possibilities through trial and error.

The logo is already incorporated in all the media guide covers for the 2014-15 seasons and social media pages. The theme is also part of a larger effort to enhance the game day atmosphere for Coyote fans, who will be able to use the hashtag #FeaRed to get involved in the conversation during game days.

The logo will start to be available on merchandise sold at games by the alumni association this fall.

"It'll be directed to put on pretty much everything that we do that's outbound, external, to pound the point home that this is us," Thuente said.

Additionally, fan photos shared on Twitter or Instagram using #FeaRed have a chance to appear on the "Coyotes on Instagram" page in football and basketball programs.

"Now, we are South Dakota," Thuente said. "I think you can put a lot more mustard behind one coherent message with every sport than you can trying to sell each sport differently and that's going to be the biggest difference."