

# Football prepares for conference rival Friends

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It will be the first time ever that Southwestern will host a Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference opponent at Richard L. Jantz Stadium on Saturday as the team takes on Friends University. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in Winfield. The Builders will have their hands full as they take on the pre-season favorite to win the conference.

The Builders currently have the No. 1 ranked rushing offense in the KCAC. The team has a total of 346 yards on the ground in their first two games and average 173 rushing yards per game. Michael Coppock, senior running back, has been the catalyst, carrying the ball 49 times for 339 yards on the season.

"The running game is coming together really well," said Coppock. "The guys up front blocking are working together really well and we are more experienced than we have been in the past."

Despite being ranked at the top of the KCAC in football, the Falcons lost their opening game at home Sept. 11 against McPherson 52-20. The usually potent Friends offense mustered just 244 yards of total offense in the losing effort, including a miserable 38 yards on the ground.

"Friends is always a really good team," said Jeff Schaefer, senior wide receiver. "We know they are a beatable team, but they are also going to come into the game against us agitated and upset."

Jayme Brislow, sophomore

quarterback for the Falcons, completed 21 of 42 passes during the game and threw for two touchdowns. Brislow was also picked off three times.

"We are going to have to create turnovers," said Nick Koch, senior defensive back. "The more opportunities we have to get off the field and give our offense a chance to put some points up, the better."

Builder football opened KCAC play Saturday in Sterling against the Warriors. Despite a second half push, Southwestern fell to Sterling 28-17 in a game that the Warriors led throughout.

Both sides struggled offensively early. The Warriors were the first to find success with 2:19 remaining in the first quarter, driving 71 yards on six plays. Rashard Colquitt, senior running back, capped off the drive with a 35-yard touchdown run to give Sterling the early lead.

The Builders came back with a drive of their own early in the second quarter as they drove deep into Warrior territory on an 11-play, 66-yard drive. They could not get into the end zone, however, and settled for a 19-yard field goal by Austin Ledy, sophomore kicker, to shorten the lead to 7-3 Warriors.

Sterling did not let up after the Builder score. The Warriors scored on a one-yard touchdown run by Colquitt with 1:31 remaining in the first half. On the ensuing Builder possession, Matt Tria, sophomore punter, botched the snap on a punt and the Warriors recovered with great field position. With 13 seconds remaining in the half, Matt James, junior wide

receiver, caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Keoki Burbank, senior quarterback, in front of Southwestern's Macklin Nusz, senior defensive back. The score gave the Warriors a 21-3 lead going into the locker rooms.

"If we didn't give up the score at the end of the half, it would have been a different ball game," said Koch. "We would just keep giving up big plays that would shatter our momentum."

The Builders stayed strong in the third quarter as Jordan Barrett, sophomore quarterback, threw a six-yard touchdown toss

to Alex Hutchins, senior tight end, to cut the Warrior lead to 21-10 with 8:13 to go in the quarter.

Just when it looked as though the Builders had the momentum on their side, the Warriors struck back. Joey Garcia, senior quarterback, ran the ball in for a Sterling touchdown with 10:56 left in the game to put the Warriors back up for good.

The Builders drove the ball 89 yards on nine plays, ending the drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Barrett to Cody Melby, junior wide receiver.

"We have a deep receiving

group," said Schaefer. "Melby and Wayne [Clutter, sophomore wide receiver] have been great in practice can really stretch the field."

The score came too little too late as Southwestern fell to 0-2.

Sterling was outgained by the Builders in total offensive yards 319 to 291 and also in first downs 20 to 14. The Southwestern defense also forced and recovered four fumbles on the game.

Despite throwing two touchdowns, Barrett struggled to complete his passes, connecting on just 13 of 35 attempts. Barrett

also threw three interceptions.

"We just have to eliminate our mistakes," said Coppock. "We shine at moments and we shoot ourselves in the foot in others."

Coppock had his second consecutive game with more than 160 yards on the ground. Coppock finished with 179 yards on 30 carries.

Nathan Richter, senior linebacker, led the Builder defense with 13 total tackles.

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Michael Coppock, senior running back, drags a Warrior defender with him as he runs with the ball during Saturday's game in Sterling. Coppock finished the game with 179 rushing yards on 30 carries and is second in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in rushing yards per game and third in total rushing yards.

## Golf opens season Monday at home

By Erin Morris  
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After a great season last year, the men's golf team has a lot to live up to. They finished last year with a four tournament conference, bringing home the KCAC Conference championship title. Raleigh Hughes, business marketing junior, received recognition as Player of the Year.

"Last season was a great year and this year's team looks to be just as good if not better," said Hughes.

The men's team is larger this year, boasting 10 players, five of which are new to Southwest-

ern. Transfers Cale O'Hair, Billy Stone, and Dylan Porter are welcome additions to the roster. Daniel Diaz and Luke Arneson will take their first swings as freshmen at the team's first tournament on Sept. 20 at the South Central Kansas Fall Invitational at the Winfield Country Club.

"What we lost last year in graduating seniors we have gained in this year's experienced sophomores and juniors," said Brad Sexson, head golf coach.

The women's team is looking forward to a new season. Sexson said last year was a time of rebuilding for the women, but this

season, key players have been added and the team is solid. The team consists of two experienced players, Kaydee Johnson and Courtney Huppert, and six freshmen, Catie Bahret, Hannah Watkins, Jacquelyn McCauley, Jessica Kurth, Megan Summers, and Natalie Eldridge.

"I think since there are a lot of freshmen and we know each other pretty well, there's a lot of room for relationships," said Natalie Eldridge, business freshman.

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## Men's soccer begins season strong with wins over two non-conference opponents

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After three straight losses, the men's soccer team is trying to pick up where they started.

The men play Saturday at Mid America Christian College. They are 2-3 so far this season.

The men, coming off of a season in which they won only one game altogether (and zero in conference play), won their first two games this year and have already scored three-fourths the number of goals in all of their 2009 season.

Led by a core of players that includes five freshmen starters, Ruben Sanchez, head men's soccer coach, said he wasn't sure where the team would be when they began the season last weekend in Dallas, but he ended up being pleasantly surprised. They took out two non-conference opponents in their first two games.

Jason Bond, senior defender, said that the recruited freshmen players are one of the reasons for the team's success so far, but they still need leadership from the upperclassmen. "The youth are key to the team, but it's the veterans that have to set the tone," said Bond.

In their first game, the men shut out a weak Dallas Christian College team 3-0. They were led in goals by freshman forward Karlo Sanchez, who scored two. Jonathan Torres, freshman midfielder, scored the other. Daniel Forsyth, junior goalkeeper, ended up with eight saves and Edgar Gonzaga, freshman midfielder, had two assists.

In the second game against the much stronger Southwestern Assemblies of God University, the men pulled out a 2-1 win in double overtime. Andrew Bonvehi, senior forward, scored both goals for the Builders. Bonvehi was assisted by Torres and Jordan Silerio-Rivas, sophomore forward, with the goals. Forsyth had 15 saves.

"I thought that for the first weekend, we looked pretty good," said Sanchez. "I wasn't really sure what to expect for those games, but we went out and played hard, and the ball just kind of bounced our way."

In the men's loss Thursday evening to Oklahoma Wesleyan University, they went into halftime tied at 1-1. After that, though, the scoring was lopsided. They fell to OWU 3-1 for their first loss.

Then, on Saturday against 1-2 Bacone College, the men lost 2-0. They had five shots on goal, and Forsyth finished with five saves.

Still, with five games until conference play, Sanchez is hopeful.

"We have a lot of time from now until our first match that counts," he said. "We definitely want to win and we want to go in there with a pretty good record, but right now we're preparing."

Part of the preparation, he said, will be building a team bond. Sanchez brought in seven freshmen—and he's currently starting five of them. "That says a lot about the class that we brought in, talent-wise," said Sanchez. "Our main thing

is, we're still pretty young. We need to get better as a team. That's what I'm looking for."

Forsyth is the only Builder ranked in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He is currently eighth in the nation in saves per game with 8.75, and 12th in total saves with 35.

Bond said that as soon as the men can put it all together, he's excited about the team's potential. "If we play to our full ability, everything we want to happen will. That's how much talent we have."

The game against Mid America Christian will be at 4 p.m.

The men won't begin conference until Oct. 1 with an 8 p.m. game at Friends University.

"The [games] we are preparing for are the ones that count, and that's how we're looking at the games right now," said Sanchez.

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## Reputation matters



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It seems as though Reggie Bush, National Football League running back for the New Orleans Saints, has got himself into quite a fiasco. The professional football player is currently on the brink of having his Heisman Trophy, which he won in 2005 when he played for the University of Southern California, stripped from his possession. The allegations against Bush are that he accepted bribes from sports agents, while attending USC during his Heisman campaign.

Think of what it would be like if a fall athletic team on campus got into a similar controversy. Imagine if there was an issue that happened that triggered enough attention that consequences were inevitable. What consequences would certain athletics face?

We know that not only individuals, but the entire team can be punished. I don't care to talk about suspensions, ineligibility to play in a conference tournament or any

serious punishments like that. The punishment should be a little more imaginative.

First off, I think we all know that a great form of torture for us all would be to take away the brand new Richard L. Jantz Stadium. If that were to happen I get the image in my head of a mother and father taking away a massive toy train set from their 50-some children after one time playing with it.

The cross country teams certainly have a lot of championships that could be taken from them if they ever got into a bad situation, but that seems harsh. My guess is that if the cross country team went out of line, it would give the administration an opportunity to ban the odd short shorts that the men wear. Although they must be extremely comfortable, it is not the prettiest site to see when the team runs by during practice.

In some situations in soccer, it is strategic to kick the ball out of bounds intentionally. Therefore, the worst thing that could happen in a soccer game is to take away the people who get the balls once they are kicked out of bounds. I apologize, but I laugh to myself every time I picture a soccer player booting the ball out of bounds and then standing around like, "Well, I'm not going to go get it."

As for golf, you have to realize

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that not a lot of people find golf the most interesting sport. I personally think that if it involves strategy and athletic ability, then it is interesting to follow. Let us imagine that the golf team got in to trouble and could no longer use their golf clubs to play. I can just see one guy out on the green hitting the ball with a baseball bat and another with a broomstick. If it was me I would go for the crowbar. That curved end might get you some more air.

Volleyball was a tough sport to think of, to take something precious. In the end, I settled with the net, making it so that every play is pretty much a spike. I am pretty sure there would have to be some new pads made specifically for a volleyball players face if that happened.

Even though it might seem a little comedic to think of all the non-existent ways to punish a sports team here at Southwestern, the point is something much more serious. Whether you are a student athlete, a professional sports figure or an average student like me, we all have an image to uphold.

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Edgar Gonzaga, freshman defender, springs up to take the header during play Saturday at home against Bacone College. The men fell to Bacone 2-0.