

Upcoming Sports Schedule

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| Tanager boys and girls basketball at Harrisburg | 4 p.m. Dec. 9 | USD Swimming & Diving hosts South Dakota State | 1 p.m. Dec. 10 |
| USD Swimming & Diving (men only) at Morningside | 6 p.m. Dec. 9 | Tanager wrestling at Yankton | 11 a.m. Dec. 10 |
| USD Swimming & Diving (women only) at Nebraska-Omaha | 6 p.m. Dec. 9 | Tanager wrestling at Wagner | Noon Dec. 10 |
| USD Men's Basketball at Morehead State | 6 p.m. Dec. 10 | Tanager boys basketball hosts Lennox | 5 p.m. Dec. 13 |
| USD Women's Basketball hosts Northern Colorado | 7 p.m. Dec. 10 | Tanager girls basketball hosts SSC | 4:30 p.m. Dec. 15 |
| | | Tanager boys basketball at Madison | 4:45 p.m. Dec. 15 |

Fans, players say Glenn is the right fit for Coyote Football

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The faces have changed, the competition level has increased and there's a new football stadium, but Joe Glenn is back home in Vermillion after nearly 40 years.

This time, however, the 62-year-old returns as the head coach at his alma mater University of South Dakota.

And for those who either remember Glenn from his previous stay at the University of South Dakota or are new to his style, they all say the same thing: "Cowboy Joe" – the nickname he's earned over the years for his straight-shooting, energetic style – is a magnetic personality.

"We spent a lot of time together, he and I, so I came to know and love the guy," said Vermillion High School football coach Gary Culver, who was a defensive back at USD in 1974 when Glenn was an assistant coach.

"And you know, he really hasn't changed at all."

Culver was a three-year letterman for the Coyotes, who won three straight North Central Conference titles in his career. Since taking over the Tanagers in 1976, right after graduation, he has guided the school to five state titles.

Saying he was "surprised" to see Glenn as the new Coyote coach, Culver pointed out that USD is getting a man who, despite his age, is the same youthful coach he was in the mid-70's.

"Throughout all these years, he's the same Joe Glenn I remember," Culver said.

For what he accomplished after his USD days, Glenn is far from the same.

In 24 years as a head coach over three different levels (NAIA, Division II and D-I), Glenn won three national championships – two at Northern Colorado and one 1-AA crown at Montana.

He was hired by Wyoming in 2003, guided the Cowboys to a 2004 bowl

victory over UCLA, but was fired after a 4-8 season in 2008.

It was that track record that fit the mold of USD's next coach, after Ed Meierkort was fired on Nov. 22, according to tight end Jay Burns.

"I wanted someone who was an established winner, someone who's proven themselves; not just an assistant somewhere," said Burns, who caught five passes for 32 yards as a junior this season. "On paper, he obviously knows how to win."

"He knows what it takes."

The energy that Glenn brought to his job as a color analyst for football games on the WAC Sports Network the last two seasons will no doubt translate to his new player at USD, Wes Beschorner said.

"Players will sense that the coach is doing and how he's giving them energy, and I think our players have done that well in the past," said Beschorner, who served as interim head coach for the past two weeks.

"It's a different coach, but he'll send a great message."

That message is something Glenn spent a good portion of his introductory press conference Monday talking about. He said his style of motivation is best described as "Make me feel and I will produce."

He talked at length about treating players the right way and giving them the motivation to want to succeed.

That coaching style – falling under the "leadership" umbrella – is one David Saylor said he was searching for.

"His ability to tackle things is pretty unmatched, so I'm excited to see how excited the players will be to work with him," Saylor said.

So, will the energy from their new head coach trickle down to the players?

"It's got to," Burns said. "You're either going to buy into it or you're not going to be here."

There are still areas to be ironed out with Glenn's hiring, specifically a coaching staff, a salary and recruiting.



Newly-named University of South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn, right, leads a rendition of the school's fight song during his introductory press conference Monday afternoon in Vermillion. Glenn, a 1971 USD graduate, has three national championships to his 24-year head coaching resume, which includes stops at Doane (NE), Northern Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. The 62-year-old Glenn takes over for former USD coach Ed Meierkort, who was fired last month.

(James D. Cimburek/P&D)

To those areas:

- Glenn said one of his first orders of business is to hire a defensive coordinator. "I couldn't get my arms around a co-defensive coordinator thing," he said, referring to USD's format last season.
- On the issue of salary, Glenn's annual contract figures to be in the range of \$100,000, which is what

Meierkort made last season.

- And on recruiting, the new coach said he will remain true to looking at local and area recruits first, and looking elsewhere as needed.
- Either way, the exuberant attitude Glenn showed at Monday's press conference – specifically leading the crowd in a rendition of the school song – figures to be here to stay, Culver said.

"That's the amazing thing about him. He's always been like that," Culver said. "He's a youthful 60-year-old, to say the least, and I told him there are great opportunities for 60-year-olds. It's great to see him aboard and he'll certainly do a good job in the years to come."

Coyotes fall in Summit League opener at Oakland, 101-83

A fast start by Oakland University proved to be the difference as it posted a 101-83 victory over the University of South Dakota in the Coyotes' Summit League debut. With the loss, the Coyotes fell to 2-4 on the year and 0-1 in league play, while Oakland improved to 5-2 and 1-0 in conference play.

The Coyotes were led by three players in double figures as senior Louie Krogman (White River) posted as season-high 26 points on 9 of 17 from the field and 3 of 10 from beyond the arc to go along with a perfect 5 for 5 from the line. Sophomore Trevor Gruis (Ellsworth, MN) had a season-high 20 points on 7 of 10 from the field and 6 of 7 from the line with a team-high eight rebounds, while senior Charlie Westbrook (Milwaukee, WI) chipped in 19 points.

Oakland was led by 28

points from Travis Bader who was 10 of 16 from the field, including 8 of 13 from beyond the arc. He led four players in double figures as Drew Valentine narrowly missed a double-double with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Reggie Hamilton added 16 points and the conference's leading rebounder, Corey Petros, had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

From the opening tip, the Grizzlies caught fire as Bader hit three quick triples to put OU up 11-2 early as it started 4 of 5 from the field. Bader added his fourth triple for an 18-4 lead less than four minutes into the game.

"That kid can really shoot, he has done that to a lot of people, he has great size and it's hard to get up and contest him and we really couldn't stop their physical ability early," head coach Dave Boots said. "I do

like how some of our kids competed tonight, we were a bit short-handed without Ricardo (Andreotti) who is our best defender and rebounder and Steve (Tecker) broke his nose in the game."

Krogman knocked down two charity tosses cutting the deficit to 22-10 with 13 minutes remaining in the half. After the Coyotes hit their first bucket of the game, they went cold going just 1 for their next 12, while Oakland started 10 of 17, including 4 of 7 from beyond the arc.

The Coyotes settled down and a nice dish by Krogman to an open Westbrook in transition brought the Coyotes within 31-13 with 8:34 remaining in the half. Krogman followed with his first triple in eight tries off an offensive rebound by Gruis as

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the Coyotes cut the deficit to 18 at 36-18 moments later.

Another triple and jumper by Krogman and Westbrook, respectively, brought the Coyotes within 38-23 with four minutes remaining in the half. An and-one and a triple by junior Jordan Boots (Vermillion) brought the Coyotes within 14 at 51-37 with 31.4 seconds remaining in the half as the Coyotes used a 12-6

run over the final three minutes of the half. Oakland led 54-37 at intermission.

For the half, the Coyotes were led by 12 points apiece from Gruis and Krogman. South Dakota was 13 of 28 from the field for 46.4 percent. They were 4 of 11 from beyond the arc, which was the most makes since sinking eight triples against Nebraska-Omaha Nov. 20. The Coyotes

were 7 of 8 from the line and had 15 rebounds, but just two on the offensive end.

From the 8:34 mark and down 31-13, the Coyotes closed the half scoring 24 points as they began to catch fire and played even with OU as it scored 23 points during that span.

Conversely, Oakland was led

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