

# USD's Herbster Opens Up About Football Program

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University of South Dakota athletic director David Herbster made clear Wednesday that no, football coach Joe Glenn is not going anywhere, and yes, certain things need to be addressed.

Herbster was in Yankton on Wednesday to speak at the Yankton Quarterback Club luncheon, and spent the first five minutes of his 30-minute conversation talking about the state of the football program. The Coyotes went 2-10 this past season, including 0-8 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference — their second winless league season in three years.

Following his speech, Herbster sat down with the *Press & Dakotan* for a candid chat about the football program.

**During your speech, you talked about Joe Glenn's commitment to staying on to "finish this out."**

He is committed. Joe's a national championship coach, and he knows

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The player development and the future of the program is in the kids. If you look at what we've got coming back, wow, that side is promising. We always say, 'Rome wasn't built in a day.' You'd have to look back at our record before Joe got here and where the wins and losses came from. And then really take a look at where we're winning and losing now. It doesn't help that you're trying to build a program in the toughest conference in the country.

**That's part of the challenge, isn't it? Having to build a program in a**

league with seven ranked teams, five who went to the playoffs.

Absolutely. Getting the traction, getting the recruits in here, practicing your system, and being healthy. Let's be honest. You start the season 2-2, go into a bye week, still fairly healthy, lose at Southern Illinois, and that's when guys started getting hurt. Everybody gets moved around. And we haven't developed our depth yet. Our starting center the last few games had never started a game before in his life. It's really kind of pinballed back and forth, but you've got to be committed to what you know is right. And what the integrity and character of the coach you've got, and there's no question of that with Joe. There have been a lot of conversations that start, 'You're 2-10, there has to be change.' If you change it right now, you set the program back even further. You want to let the maturity and progress continue.

**You talked about there being fewer distractions with the program, fewer off-the-field issues. How important was not having some of**

those things to worry about?

The only distraction we had was losing. When you look at this team at the end of the year, you didn't have a ton of finger pointing. You didn't have a ton of drama. You almost wish there was, that you'd have leaders within that group that would step up and challenge everybody. That's what we need. That's got to come from within. The players need to look within themselves and don't be afraid to lead.

**Does that come with experience?**

It's a learned trait, it really is. Some are just natural at it, and others it has to be learned. You'd like to think your captains would have that about them, and if not, we need to teach them. Take it on your shoulders, that's what it's all about.

**Are there plans to address the financial support for the football staff, whether salary or added positions?**

It will get addressed, it has to be. It's two-fold. It's the number of full-time assistants we have; when you don't have as much as everybody

else, you're asking younger more experienced individuals to do more with less. You're asking a 24-year-old to act like a 34-year-old and make some of those calls or judgments. And frankly, so does our head coaching salary. It's the lowest in the league. Missouri State and Youngstown State are looking for a coach, and I've got to believe Missouri State is going to up the ante. They were the lowest and then they passed us, and we took the badge of honor. That has to change. Those are the things you ask these guys to do, to be the coaches and mentors for these players. I love our guys to death. I don't question their work ethic or abilities or knowledge, but there's just less of them. Those are things we will address. The things we're doing isn't like Indiana trying to catch up with Michigan. The gap isn't so daunting that we can't manage it. And as soon as you or I win the lottery, it gets done a lot quicker.

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# Raider Men Power Past MMC MMC To Start Men's Tennis Program

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When nearly every statistical category was about even, what was the difference in another lopsided loss for the Mount Marty College men's basketball team?

"Effort, probably," freshman Jake Anderson said after Wednesday night's 92-71 Great Plains Athletic Conference loss to unranked Northwestern at Cimpr Arena.

"We get in slumps and put our heads down, and the other team keeps their head up," Anderson added. "We have to stay positive."

Still winless in league play, the Lancers (1-9, 0-5) allowed at least 80 points for the seventh time this season — including in each of the five GPAC games.

Even with mostly freshmen playing significant minutes, Mount Marty wasn't exactly run out of the gym.

Northwestern shot 45 percent (MMC finished at 40), made four more three-pointers, one more free throw and was plus-3 in rebounding.

And yet, the Red Raiders (6-3, 1-2) controlled most of the game.

"Part of that is our defensive ability right now," MMC head coach Andrew Baker said. "We're still learning how to move and close out and guard the post."

"Our young guys are still learning."

Of the 12 players who saw the court for the Lancers, only three — Bud Smith, Lorenzo Davis and Alex Irvine — were with the program last season.

There are times when the Lancers had four newcomers on the floor, many times three freshmen.

"We have our ups and downs; our moments, but then we can't stop anyone," said Anderson, who had 10 points and five rebounds.

It took Northwestern all of

11 minutes to build a double-digit lead and a total of eight three-pointers keyed the visitors to a 48-35 halftime lead.

The biggest difference was freshman Colton Kooima's 16 points — thanks to four 3's, which was as many as the Lancers hit.

Kooima hit back-to-back three-pointers early in the second half, and from the 16:00 mark on, Northwestern's lead was never under 20 points.

Kooima, the former Sioux Falls Roosevelt standout, finished with a game-high 22 points, while Jordan Baker (14), Taylor Francis (11) and T.J. Buyert (10) also reached double figures.

"Even when we were OK on defense, they made some great shots," coach Baker said. "And then we miss some open shots. That really hurts."

The Lancers got 14 points from Smith, 10 points and five rebounds from Irvine, and eight points and six rebounds from Jalen Hurley.

Mount Marty returns to action Saturday when it hosts Doane at 4 p.m.

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**NORTHWESTERN (6-3, 1-2)**  
Riley Francis 4-9 0-0 9; Colton Kooima 6-12 4-4 2; Taylor Francis 4-6 1-2 11; Nathan Wedel 2-5 4-8; Jordan Baker 6-12 2-4 14; Colin Henrich 0-0 0-0 0; T.J. Buyert 3-5 2-2 10; Bryce Moss 3-5 1-3 7; Isaiah Taylor 2-3 0-3 4; Levi Ettleman 0-3 1-2 1; Kolby Selby 0-1 0-0 0; Blake Rigger 0-2 0-0 0; Justin Van Kalsbeek 1-3 1-2 3; Gerasimos Mantalanos 0-0 3-4 3; Eli Ihnen 0-3 0-0 0. TOTALS 31-69 19-30 92.

**MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE (1-9, 0-5)**  
Jackson Seitzinger 1-7 4-5 6; Bud Smith 6-10 1-3 14; Jake Anderson 4-5 0-0 10; K.J. DeCristino 2-5 0-0 5; Taylor Millay 2-6 1-1 5; Deric Denning 0-1 0-2 0; Lorenzo Davis 0-4 0-0 0; Blake Bartscher 0-0 2-4 4; Seamus O'Malley 1-5 2-2 5; Jalen Hurley 3-6 2-3 8; Alex Irvine 2-4 6-8 10; Cody Willett 2-4 0-0 6. TOTALS 23-57 18-28 71.

Halftime: NW 48-35. Three-Pointers: NW 11-25 (Kooima 6-10, T. Francis 2-3, Buyert 2-4, R. Francis 1-4, Taylor 0-1, Ettleman 0-1, Selby 0-1, Ihnen 0-1), MMC 7-20 (Anderson 2-3, Willett 2-3, Smith 1-2, DeCristino 1-3, O'Malley 1-5, Denning 0-2, Hurley 0-1, Seitzinger 0-2). Total Rebounds: NW 43 (Baker 7), MMC 40 (Hurley 6). Assists: NW 18 (Kooima 5, T. Francis 5), MMC 12 (Bartscher 3). Personal Fouls: Both had 25. Turnovers: NW 7, MMC 15.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Mount Marty's Bud Smith beats Northwestern's Colton Kooima for a layup during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

# Northwestern Edges Lancer Women For First GPAC Win

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Northwestern College picked up their first Great Plains Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night with a 69-61 victory over the Mount Marty Lancers. The Lancers came into the outing with a three-game winning streak.

Karen Ettelman, who came into the game ranked fourth in the nation in individual scoring (23.8 ppg), led the Red Raiders with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"She is a really good player, and she does a great job of driving to the basket," said Mount Marty assistant coach Todd Schlimgen.

Both teams got off to a

slow start offensively, as Northwestern led Mount Marty 8-6 at the 13:40 mark.

The Lancers picked things up, and after an April Winne lay-up and a three pointer from Logan Wagner, the Lancers found themselves with a 16-15 lead with 6:45 remaining in the first half.

However, Northwestern finished with a run of their

own, taking a 30-27 advantage into the break.

Defensively the Lancers played some matchup 2-3 zone to go along with their man-to-man defense in the first half.

"Northwestern is a really good offensive team, and we tried to mix things up a little defensively against them," said Schlimgen.

Both teams picked up the scoring in the second half.

Northwestern went on a 6-0 run to take a 44-37 lead with 11:54 remaining. But after a Lancer timeout, Mount Marty went on an 18-4 run of their own to take 55-48 lead into the five minute mark.

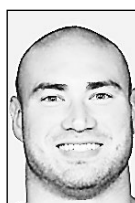
After back-and-forth scor-

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# Leber, Gottsleben, Nelson Among 21 To Enter S.D. Sports Hall

Five individuals with regional ties, including Yankton grad Chad Nelson and current University of South Dakota track and field coach Dave Gottsleben, are among the record 21 individuals set to be inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. The S.D. Sports Hall announced its 2015 class, a group that will be inducted April 11 in Sioux Falls, on Wednesday.

Nelson and Gottsleben will be Vermillion native Ben Leber and Freeman natives Neysa Villa and Jane (Wipf) Wiebe. Also chosen for induction were athletes Battling Nelson (boxing), Phyllis Hunter (tennis), Jill (Theeler) Schlekeway (track), Grover Potts (football), Oliver "Flop" Garnier (baseball), Dale Palmer (track/football), A.B. "Bud" Tyler (polo), Alice Bauer (golf) and Billy Etbauer (rodeo), coaches Ward "Piggy" Lambert (basketball), David Gottsleben (track), Vic Godfrey (track) and Rollie Greeno (track/others), contributors Bob Laskowski (media), Doug Evans (physical education) and Neysa Villa (volunteer) and athlete/coach/contributor Paul Sheeks in a number of sports.



Leber

Nelson, a 1974 Yankton High grad, was one of the few South Dakotans drafted by a pro basketball team. The 6-foot-11 Nelson was a ninth-round pick of the New Orleans (now Utah) Jazz in 1978 and a 10th-round pick of the Atlanta Hawks in 1979. He did not play in the NBA, but he did play professionally in Israel for four seasons.

At Drake, he was second-team all-Missouri Valley Conference as a senior in 1979. In three seasons at Drake, he scored 955 points (12.1 a game) and had 512 rebounds (6.5). He played one season at the University of Minnesota before transferring to Drake.

In high school, Nelson led the Bucks to the state finals three years in a row (YHS was runner-up in 1972 and '73 and champion in '74) and he was a three-time first-team all-stater. He was a Parade All-American, chosen as one of the top 40 preps in the nation in 1974. He still shares the record for

most points scored in a Class AA state semifinal (36, in 1973). He still holds Yankton records for points in a game (41) and career (1,668) and rebounds in a season (387) and career (1,197). In high school, he also was a standout football player and was a state champion in the discus and shot put. He was chosen the S.D. High School Athlete of the Year for 1974 by the S.D. Sportswriters Association.

Leber, a 1997 Vermillion High grad, played 10 seasons as a linebacker in the NFL, mostly as a starter. The 6-foot-3, 244-pounder was a third-round draft pick of the San Diego Chargers in 2002 and was an immediate standout as he was named to the Pro Football Weekly and Football Digest All-Rookie teams, finishing the year with 50 tackles, five sacks and three forced fumbles. He had 80 and 60 tackles the next two seasons before injuries limited him to 22 tackles in 2005. As an unrestricted free agent, he signed with the Vikings in 2006. That season, he had 46 tackles, three sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries, including one in the end zone against the Detroit Lions for the only touchdown of his career.

The next season was even better with 67 tackles and five sacks. In 2008 he had 64 tackles and he had 46 in 2009 and '10. He played briefly for the St. Louis Rams in 2011 before retiring. In his career, he had 496 tackles, 24 sacks, 12 forced fumbles and five interceptions.

At Kansas State, he was a two-time All-Big 12 linebacker and finished his career with 216 tackles - fifth most in school history. As a senior, he was an AP third-team All-American.

At Vermillion, he rushed for 1,404 yards as a junior and 1,350 as a senior.

Gottsleben, a Brookings native and 1971 Montrose High and 1975 South Dakota State grad, is in his 31st season as the University of South Dakota men's track and field coach. While at USD, he's been a conference coach of the year a total of 17 times (in the North Central Conference, Great West and Summit League) and he was an eight-time regional coach of the year at the Division II level and twice a national coach of the year (1997 and 2006). He has guided the Coyotes to 15 conference titles (three each in the Summit and Great West and nine in

the NCC).

Gottsleben not only built the program into a power at the NCAA Division II level but has guided USD through a successful transition to Division I status. Gottsleben's Coyotes won Summit indoor titles in 2013 and '14 and their first Summit outdoor title, also in 2014. This was the first outdoor team title since the NCC meet in 2006. After establishing the Coyotes as one of the top programs in the Division II NCC, Gottsleben continued that success when USD joined NCAA Division I and the Great West Conference. He guided USD to three straight indoor titles. The Coyotes finished second all three years at the outdoor conference meet. At USD he has coached athletes who have earned 164 All-American honors, as well as six national champions. He led his squads to eight top-10 finishes, including third at the 1997 Division II indoor meet and 2000 outdoor meet and fourth at the 2001 indoor meet and the 2006 outdoor meet. In 1994 he received the NCAA Division II Men's

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