

Nielson Named New Head Football Coach At USD



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Bob Nielson, in tie, has been named the 30th head coach in University of South Dakota football history. Nielson, who spent the past three seasons at Western Illinois and won two national championships at Minnesota-Duluth, replaces Joe Glenn, who announced his retirement after the 2015 season.

Former Western Illinois, UMD Mentor To Be Introduced Today

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Ethan Roth had been checking every possible outlet he could for news on his future football coach at the University of South Dakota.

The defensive lineman from Harrisburg, who had committed to USD last summer, frequently kept tabs on social media, message boards and other websites. Anywhere he could think of for any possible hint.

His three-week wait ended Monday morning. Bob Nielson was announced as USD's next coach.

This season's Missouri Valley Football Conference Coach of the Year at Western Illinois will be introduced today (Tuesday) at a 1 p.m. press conference.

"I can't tell you how many times I checked social media or wherever to see what was going on," Roth said Monday afternoon. "I was checking everywhere I could."

"I'm definitely really glad it's over. I'm just really pumped."

The 56-year-old Nielson compiled a 16-21 record in three seasons at Western Illinois, but guided the Leathernecks to the FCS playoffs this season – the program's first postseason appearance since 2010.

Nielson, who boasts a career record of 186-80-1, has guided teams at every NCAA level to the playoffs: Wartburg, Iowa (Division III), Wisconsin-Eau Claire (D-III), Minnesota-Duluth (D-II) and Western Illinois (D-I). He led Minnesota-Duluth to national championships in 2008 and 2010.

"I can't say I wasn't expecting somebody like that," Roth said.

"He showed success at every level," Roth added. "I'm sure he'll do the same for the Coyotes."

Thrust in a rare situation to take over another program in the same conference, Nielson takes over the USD reins from Joe Glenn who retired three weeks ago. Glenn had led the Coyotes to a 12-34 record in four seasons, and this past season guided USD to a 5-6 record – just outside of the playoff picture.

The search for Glenn's replacement began immediately, with USD athletic director David Herbster saying he wanted to

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Bob Nielson
VITALS: Sept. 28, 1959 (age 56)
COLLEGE: Wartburg College (Waverly, Iowa), 1982 graduate; Master's degree, Northern Iowa, 1988
CAREER: 186-80-1 (23 seasons)
SCHOOLS: Wartburg (1991-95), Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1996-98), Minnesota-Duluth (1999-2003, 2008-12), Western Illinois (2013-15)
PLAYOFFS: Wartburg (1993, 1994), Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1998), Minnesota-Duluth (2002, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012), Western Illinois (2015)
CHAMPIONSHIPS: 2, Minnesota-Duluth (2008, 2010)
FAMILY: Wife, Terri; daughters, Amanda, Kasey; son, Kyle

Lancers Surge Past Grace

MMC Ties School Record With 44 Three-Point Attempts

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The three-point shot has always been a key piece to the Mount Marty Lancers offense. On Monday, it was a very important piece.

The Lancers (7-5) tied a school record with 44 attempted three-point field goals in a 72-53 victory over the Grace Royals (3-12). MMC converted on 15 of those shots for an average of 34 percent, which is just below their season average (35 percent) that ranks 27th in the nation.

"They were strong inside, and we had a tough time finishing around the rim," said MMC head coach Tom Schlimgen. "We had a lot of open looks from the outside, and we started to execute them late."

MMC also attempted 44 three-pointers in a contest against the University of Sioux Falls, then a Great Plains Athletic Conference foe, in the 2002-03 season.

While the previous meeting between the two teams on Nov. 6 was a lopsided affair that featured a 73-43 Lancer victory, Monday's contest was much closer through three quarters.

At halftime MMC had a four-point advantage, and built that lead to 48-41 heading into the final quarter.

"At points our offense lacked flow," said Schlimgen. "They were finishing inside, and making some difficult shots on the perimeter."

In the fourth quarter the Lancer offense exploded for 24 points to seal the 72-53 point victory.

"We ran the floor well and started to capitalize on open looks," said senior guard Cassidy Gebhart. "Hopefully we can build off our strong fourth quarter going into Saturday."

The Lancer offense received a spark from their bench. Logan Wagner, Erica Dreckman, and Brittini Bormann totaled 40 points off the bench, while shooting 10-21 from three-point land.

Wagner finished with a team-high 18 points, while Raquel Sutera added a season-high 14 rebounds.

"Although we struggled too shoot the ball at times, I thought our effort was always there," said Schlimgen. "We were mentally ready and worked hard."

A contributing factor to MMC's three point attempts was a strong interior defense from Grace. The Royals combined for eight block shots, with four of them coming from Kayla Bloodsworth.

Grace also got a strong performance from Karen Orozco, who finished the contest with 32 points. Orozco played in all 40 minutes of Monday's contest.

The Lancers face a tough test on Saturday, as they host the number three team in the nation, the Hastings Broncos (11-1, 5-1 GPAC).

"We will need to play a full four quarters of solid basketball if we want to be successful on Saturday," said Schlimgen.

Saturday's GPAC match-up against Hastings is set for 2 p.m. with a boys' game to follow.

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MOUNT MARTY (7-5)
 Alex Kneeland 5-13 0-2 12; Cassidy Gebhart 0-3 0-0 0; Denae Velkamp 0-3 0-0 0; Raquel Sutera 2-13 0-0 6; Samantha Blake 1-6 1-2 3; Logan Wagner 7-13 0-0 18; Erica Dreckman 5-9 0-0 13; Brittini Bormann 3-5 0-0 11; Karissa Chamley 0-2 0-0 0; Mikayla Prouty 2-3 0-0 5; Kelle Winokler 0-1 0-0 0; Sammie Kasowski 3-3 0-0 6. TOTALS: 28-74 14-72.
GRACE (3-11)
 Gabby Worley 1-6 1-2 4; Karen Orozco 11-20 5-5 32; Katrina Hughes 1-4 0-0 2; Kayla Bloodsworth 2-6 0-0 4; Myeshia Ward 4-11 3-3 11; Diane Ouedraogo 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 19-47 9-10 53
GRACE (3-11)..... 20 34 48 72
MOUNT MARTY..... 15 23 42 54
 Three-Pointers: MMC 15-44 (Wagner 4-10, Dreckman 3-7, Bormann 3-4, Kneeland 2-8, R. Sutera 2-6, Prouty 1-2, Gebhart 0-3, Velkamp 0-3, Chamley 0-1), GU 6-12 (Orozco 5-9, Worley 1-2, Bloodsworth 0-1). Rebounds: MMC 45 (R. Sutera 14), GU 31 (Orozco 5). Personal Fouls: MMC 9, GU 8. Fouled Out: None. Assists: MMC 21 (Gebhart 6), GU 2. Turnovers: GU 13. MMC 7. Blocked Shots: GU 8 (Bloodworth 4), MMC 0. Steals: MMC 6 (Kneeland 2, Bormann 2), GU 6 (Orozco 2, Bloodworth 2). Attendance: 187.



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Mount Marty's Erica Dreckman, 10, pulls up for a shot during the first half of the Lancers' women's basketball game on Monday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena. Dreckman finished with 13 points in a 72-53 victory for the Lancers. MMC tied a school record with 44 three-point attempts in the contest, hitting 15 of them.

Gazelles Top Wagner-Bon Homme In Dual

WAGNER – Yankton used strong showings on bars and floor to beat Wagner-Bon Homme 130.8 to 121.2 in a girls' gymnastics dual on Monday in Wagner.

Yankton's Haleigh Diede (33.0) and Kaitlin Guthmiller (32.75) finished 1-2 in the all-around. Diede also won on bars (8.0) and floor (8.8). Wagner-Bon Homme's Rachel Dion won on vault (8.4), while W-BH's Krista Dvorak won on beam (8.5).

Yankton also finished on top in JV action, 100.935 to 81.3. Yankton's Miranda Schulte (26.635) and Hailey Gokie (23.56) went 1-2 in the all-around. Gokie won on bars (5.8), while Yankton's Samantha Kortan won on beam (7.95), floor (8.25) and vault (8.0).

Yankton concludes the pre-Christmas portion of its schedule on Friday at the Jill McCormick Invitational at Mitchell. Start time for Friday's session in the two-day event is 5:30 p.m.

VARSIITY: Yankton 130.8, Wagner-Bon Homme 121.2

ALL-AROUND: Haleigh Diede Y 33.0, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 32.75, Krista Dvorak WBH 31.7, Rachel Dion WBH 30.3, Trinity Goeman Y 29.8, Joanna Soukup WBH 29.0

BAR: Haleigh Diede 8.0, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 7.9, Samantha Kortan Y 7.65, Trinity Goeman Y 7.5, Krista Dvorak WBH 7.45, Morgan Mason Y 7.45

BEAM: Krista Dvorak WBH 8.5, Cameryn Specht Y 8.4, Sophie Bisgard Y 8.2, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.1, Haleigh Diede Y 8.1, Breanna Kotab WBH 7.9

FLOOR: Haleigh Diede Y 8.8, Sophie Bisgard Y 8.7, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.45, Rachel Dion WBH 8.4, Krista Dvorak WBH 8.15, Cameryn Specht Y 8.1

VAULT: Rachel Dion WBH 8.4, Cameryn Specht Y 8.3, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.3, Jensen Holzbauer WBH 8.2, Sophie Bisgard Y 8.2, Trinity Goeman Y 8.1, Haleigh Diede Y 8.1

JV: Yankton 100.935, Wagner-Bon Homme 81.3
 ALL-AROUND: Miranda Schulte Y 26.635, Hailey Gokie Y 23.56, Ashiah Zepher WBH 19.3, Mahto Raymond WBH 13.95

BAR: Hailey Gokie Y 5.8, Miranda Schulte Y 5.785, Jensen Holzbauer WBH 4.05, Alexis Dion WBH 3.55, Madison Stahly Y 3.4, Mackenzie Havranek Y 2.6

BEAM: Samantha Kortan Y 7.95, Miranda Schulte Y 6.25, Ashiah Zepher WBH 5.15, Mackenzie Havranek Y 6.0, Hollie Smejkal WBH 5.6, Mahto Raymond WBH 4.9

FLOOR: Samantha Kortan Y 8.25, Morgan Mason Y 6.95, Keanna Ligtner WBH 6.8, Alexis Dion WBH 6.75, Miranda Schulte Y 6.7, Hailey Gokie Y 6.7

VAULT: Samantha Kortan Y 8.0, Miranda Schulte Y 7.9, Megan Merkwon WBH 7.5, Hailey Gokie Y 7.4, Keanna Ligtner WBH 7.0, Hollie Smejkal WBH 6.8

Cougars Sweep Yankton Boys

ABERDEEN – Caleb Kranzler scored a hat trick to lead Aberdeen past Yankton 7-3 in boys' hockey action on Sunday.

Isaac Casanova had a goal and two assists, and Desmond Dean had three assists in the victory.

Zane Weidenbach, Oakley Palmer and Colby Benson each scored a goal for Yankton. Bryce Jensen, Treyton Bakke and Austin Barger each had an assist.

Landon Danielson made 16 saves for Aberdeen. Isaac Nedved made 27 saves for Yankton.

Yankton plays in the Brookings Tournament Dec. 19-20.

ABERDEEN 5, YANKTON 4: Kolton Carlson had two saves and Desmond Dean had a goal and an assist as Aberdeen downed Yankton 5-4 in boys' hockey action on Saturday.

Michael Perman and Derek Hunstad each had a goal in the victory.

Bryce Jensen had two goals and an assist, and Colby Benson had a goal and an assist for Yankton. Austin Barger also scored a goal for the Bucks.

Landon Danielson had 23 saves for Aberdeen. Isaac Nedved made 23 saves for Yankton.

Bantam ABERDEEN 3, YANKTON 1:

Aberdeen completed a weekend sweep of Yankton with a 3-1 decision in bantam 'A' hockey action on Sunday.

Trey Wagemann, Rylan Abel and Matt Johnson each scored a goal for Aberdeen.

Thomas Stewart scored Yankton's goal, converting a Luk Schulz pass.

Hunter Wilkie made three saves for Aberdeen. Christopher Sternhagen stopped 72 shots for Yankton.

Yankton heads to Rapid City to face Rushmore Jan. 2-3.

ABERDEEN 8, YANKTON 0: Matt

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Hoops Roundup: Scotland Boys Edge Viborg-Hurley

Huskies Sweep DH With Akron-Westfield

SCOTLAND — Logon Fischer scored 16 points in the victory for Scotland on Monday night as Scotland beat Viborg-Hurley 56-51.

In the win for Scotland, Travis Skorepa scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Chase Mogck scored 10 points in the win.

For Viborg-Hurley, Dillon Sawyer scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Viborg-Hurley recorded nine assists and 10 steals.

Scotland plays Bon Homme on Friday in Tyndall. Viborg-Hurley plays Irene-Wakonda on Friday in Irene.

VIBORG-HURLEY (0-2).....17 32 40 51
 SCOTLAND (0-2).....12 27 41 56

— Ethan Morten scored 20 points in the win for Hartington-Newcastle as Hartington-Newcastle beat Emerson-Hubbard 64-54 Monday night in Hartington.

In the win for Hartington-Newcastle, Jared Fuelberth scored 14 points and Dayne Morten scored 13 points.

For Emerson-Hubbard, Tyler Haberman scored 19 points and Blake Erickson scored 14 points.

Hartington-Newcastle plays Allen today (Tuesday) in Allen. Emerson-Hubbard plays Ponca in Emerson on Friday.

EMERSON-HUBBARD (0-5).....15 23 42 54
 HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (4-0).....19 30 43 64

Jefferson gave a dominating performance on Monday night in Elk Point as they beat Akron-Westfield 77-43.

In the win for Elk Point-Jefferson, Michael Murphy scored 26 points and had eight rebounds. Alex Grashoff scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

In the loss for Akron-Westfield, Austin Allard scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds. Derrin Sanchez scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds.

Elk Point-Jefferson will travel to Sioux Falls on Friday to play Sioux Falls Christian.

AKRON-WESTFIELD (1-3).....10 19 30 43
 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (2-1).....16 36 54 77

Girls Cedar Catholic 48, Norfolk Catholic 42

NORFOLK, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic went on the road and beat Norfolk Catholic 48-42 Monday night in Norfolk.

No stats were provided for Cedar Catholic.

For Norfolk Catholic, Madeline Love scored 13 points and recorded six rebounds. Alex Anderson scored nine points and had four assists.

Cedar Catholic plays at Avon on Thursday. Norfolk Catholic plays Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk on Thursday.

CEAR CATHOLIC (5-1).....15 28 32 48
 NORFOLK CATHOLIC (1-4).....15 18 25 42

Mennenga helped lead her team to victory Monday night against Akron Westfield in Elk Point as she scored 19 points and recorded five rebounds.

The final score was 55-38. In the win for Elk Point-Jefferson, Josie Heeren scored nine points and recorded five rebounds. Morgan Flynn had seven points and seven rebounds.

For Akron-Westfield, Danika Tyndall scored 10 points and had five rebounds in the loss. Bailey Davis scored nine points and had seven rebounds.

Elk Point-Jefferson will travel to Sioux Falls on Friday to play Sioux Falls Christian. Akron-Westfield will travel to Hawarden, Iowa to play today (Tuesday) against West Sioux.

AKRON-WESTFIELD (3-2).....6 13 29 38
 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (4-0).....12 28 46 55

Elk Point-Jeff. 55, Akron-Westfield 38

ELK POINT — McKenzie

Hartington-New. 64, Emerson-Hubbard 54

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