

Football: Glenn, USD Turn Page To SDSU Game

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VERMILLION — Minutes after voicing his frustration and disappointment in his team's continued mistakes, Joe Glenn turned the page to one of his favorite topics: Playing South Dakota State.

There aren't likely many people out there more anxious to close a 9-year gap in the long rivalry between the University of South Dakota and its counterpart north on Interstate 29 than Glenn, the head coach of the Coyotes.

"This is the ultimate for me, as far as a Coyote fan and a Coyote alum," Glenn said Saturday after his team lost 24-21 at home to Northern Iowa. "To line up and go against South Dakota State, it's the ultimate in competition for every kid that's on our team."

As the week turned to Sunday and later

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past issues aside and get 'up' for the Jackrabbits?

"It's a big rivalry, but I think we'll have no problem getting ready for that," sophomore quarterback Josh Vander Maten said. "After a tough loss like this, all you want to do is get back out on the field, so I think

the team will be ready to go play."

Nine years later, so is the state. The two schools haven't played each other in football since 2003, the year before SDSU made the jump to the Division I waters. Other sports like cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball and track have competed against each other, especially when the Coyotes joined the Summit League, but the football programs went in separate directions since that last meeting.

SDSU joined the Great West Football Conference in 2004 and later the Gateway Football Conference (later the Missouri Valley) in 2008, while USD jumped to the Division I level and to the Great West in 2008. This fall is USD's first season in the Missouri Valley.

The matchup was then set with the two schools in the same league.

"Getting a win is going to mean the

world to me," USD senior receiver Will Powell said. "First off, because we haven't won in the conference yet, but just getting that rivalry back is so awesome for this state. To get people exited about football again in South Dakota."

There hasn't been much to get excited about in the world of Coyote football this season. Despite losing five conference games by a touchdown or less, penalties and other mistakes have plagued USD.

Not that one loss can salvage an otherwise frustrating season, but Glenn was adamant Saturday that beating the Jackrabbits will hold significance beyond a 2-9 record for the Coyotes.

"Every fan that we got, everybody that's part of this team, part of this university, this is it," Glenn said. "This game means more than anything. To us, if we were playing North Dakota State for a conference championship, that would be the

ultimate.

"But other than that, this is for all the marbles in our state."

It's also for way more than that for the 21st-ranked Jackrabbits, who come in 7-3 overall and 5-2 in the Missouri Valley. SDSU, which lost at top-ranked North Dakota State last Saturday, needs a win to reach the FCS playoffs.

That's all the motivation the Coyotes need.

"Looking at the season now, it's easy to say it, but if there was one game that I wanted to win, it's this one," junior linebacker Tyler Starr said. "You have to establish dominance in this state before you think about being known across the nation."

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Four From MMC Honored



LEAGUE HONORS

Two members of the Mount Marty College men's soccer team and two members of the MMC women's soccer team were named to the Great Plains Athletic Conference honorable mention all-GPAC squads.

Honorees include (clockwise, from top left) Jose Marquez, Peter Shepherd, Hannah Miller and Julie Nelson. Marquez, Shepherd and Miller are seniors, Nelson is a junior.

The complete list of all-GPAC honorees is in today's Scoreboard, Page 9.

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Marquez, Shepherd, Miller, Nelson Each Earn HM All-GPAC Selections

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One of the all-time leading scorers in Lancer men's soccer history, a tough defender and two players who helped begin to lead the Lancer women's soccer program to relevance were honored by the Great Plains Athletic Conference for their efforts on Monday.

The GPAC named seniors Jose "Chepo" Marquez and Peter Shepherd to the men's honorable mention squad, and senior Hannah Miller and Julie Nelson to the women's honorable mention squad.

Marquez led the Lancers with six goals on the season, including a 3-3 effort on penalty kicks. He also recorded an assist to finish with a team-best 13 points.

"Chepo has done a great job all the way through," said Mount Marty men's and women's soccer coach Nathan Epp. "He's a hard worker and a great role model."

Shepherd played in 16 matches this season,

a steady force in the Lancer backfield.

"Peter is a great guy. Everyone has a lot of respect for him," Epp said. "He played through injuries most of the season. He wasn't 100 percent, but he always wanted to play."

Miller had two goals and an assist for the Lancers, helping steady a young Mount Marty squad from her attacking midfield position.

"She was a strong driving force for the team," Epp said. "She played through injuries. She wanted to spend every minute on the field."

For her career, she finished with seven goals and four assists. She also played two matches in goal in 2010.

"She understands the game very well," Epp said. "This transition season could have been tough for a senior, but she handled it well."

Nelson recorded an assist on the season, spending most of her time at outside midfield. It was her first career assist, as the junior notched a career high eight shots, four on goal.

"Julie probably was our most consistent player," Epp said. "I'm not sure if she missed

any minutes this season. I know she played more minutes than anyone on the team."

Nelson, a defender last season, also provided some versatility for a team that needed it.

"She played every position other than keeper this year," Epp said. "She understands the game and did a fantastic job."

Nelson will be the only GPAC honoree to return for the Lancers next season. MMC was young in both the men's and women's programs in 2012, going 2-16 on the men's side and 4-12-1 on the women's side. The Lancer women's four victories was the most for the team since 2004, and the team set a program record for points on the season and in conference play.

"We're going to miss our seniors," Epp said. "But we've got a lot of young talent coming back. We're looking forward to an improved team next season."

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Trout, Harper Voted Major League Baseball's Rookies Of The Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels became the youngest AL Rookie of the Year on Monday and Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals was voted the second-youngest winner of the NL honor.

Trout, who turned 21 on Aug. 7, received all 28 first-place votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America's AL panel. The center fielder was the eighth unanimous AL pick and the first since Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria

in 2008.

Trout, who hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, received the maximum 140 points. Oakland outfielder Yoenis Cespedes was second with 63, followed by Texas pitcher Yu Darvish (46), who joined Trout as the only players listed on every ballot.

In addition to Trout and Longoria, the only other unanimous AL winners were Nomar Garciaparra, Derek Jeter, Tim Salmon, Sandy Alomar Jr., Mark McGwire and Carlton Fisk.

Harper turned 20 on Oct. 16. The outfielder got 16 of 32 first-place votes and 112 points from the NL panel. Arizona pitcher Wade Miley was second with 12 first-place votes and 105 points, followed by Cincinnati slugger Todd Frazier with three firsts and 45 points.

Harper was the top pick of the 2010 amateur draft and batted .270 with 22 home runs and 59 RBIs as Washington brought postseason play to the nation's capital for the first time

since 1933. Only Tony Conigliaro (24) hit more home runs as a teenager.

Harper became the youngest position player in All-Star history. At 20 years, 27 days on Monday, he was 24 days older than New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden when he won the NL award in 1984.

At this time last year, Trout and Harper were teammates on the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League. The pair were among a record five rookie All-Stars.

Nebraska's Pelini: Sideline Argument No Big Deal

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Bo Pelini says he can't change his ways and fans might as well accept that yelling and confrontations between him and his players are going to happen on the sidelines.

The latest incident came Saturday, when Pelini and safety Daimion Stafford got into a heated exchange following a Penn State touchdown — a confrontation caught on camera for the ABC-televised game.

Stafford pointed his right index finger in Pelini's face, turned around and then came back to yell and point some more as Pelini leaned toward him. Pelini's back was to the camera for the duration of the video.

Pelini said Monday that he has a disciplined team that represents the state and university well and that he didn't think Stafford was being disrespectful. "The only thing you can criticize Daimion Stafford for was wanting to win so bad," Pelini said. "He was upset. He should be upset. We gave up a touchdown."

Pelini said he was trying to calm Stafford, who later in the game made a key interception and fumble recovery. No. 16 Nebraska won 32-23.

"I love the guy. He's an emotional leader," Pelini said. "Let me tell you, it's an emotional game. That stuff happens. That's not the first time that's ever happened. That happens on the practice field. It's no big deal to me."

The Stafford incident was similar to one that happened Oct. 20 against Northwestern. That time, an ABC camera captured cornerback Antonio Bell screaming at Pelini after Bell was removed from the game for committing a penalty. Bell had to be held back from the coach by a teammate. Bell was dismissed from the team the next week, but Pelini said it was not because of that incident.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman supported Pelini in an email to the Associated Press.

"I think at this point Bo is a victim of his reputation and is unfairly singled out by the news media," Perlman wrote. "He has noticeably controlled his sideline behavior this year. Unless there is evidence that he is losing his team's respect, which I do not see, I think within reason you have to accept him for who he is."

Pelini said what happens on the Nebraska sideline is no different than on any other in college football.

He said he knows cameras are pointed at him because he becomes animated when he's

upset. He said he doesn't worry or care about the cameras' presence.

"People are going to try to focus on the negatives of my personality and whatever else," he said. "I believe in who I am and I'm not changing. I couldn't change if I tried. I'm a passionate guy, I love what I do, I love my players. We have a great relationship."

The situation with Stafford stemmed from Matt McGloin's 10-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jesse James that gave Penn State a 17-6 lead. Pelini said Stafford and other players were upset because of communication problems with the coaches on the sideline. The defensive calls came in too slowly, and players weren't able to get lined up right before the ball was snapped. Also, the calls weren't always the correct ones.

"It probably was my fault. I know it was," Pelini said.

Stafford confirmed Pelini's account.

"People are making something out of nothing," Stafford said. "Me and Bo both, we know what's going on. We know we're good. That's all that really matters. We're one big family. Family members fight. I fight with my dad. I fight with my mom. It's nothing. I love Bo, that's why I came here."

Pelini said he and Stafford ended up laughing about the incident at halftime.

"The players know this with me: I treat them like a man until they give me a reason not to," he said. "I've had players in my office, and I've lit them up in my office. Usually by the end of that, the next thing I do is walk over and put my arm around them and tell them I'm doing this because I care about you."

Pelini's behavior has been dissected on social media and radio shows since he took over at Nebraska five years ago. His biggest outburst came in a 2010 game at Texas A&M when he dressed down quarterback Taylor Martinez on the sideline and spent much of the game berating officials. His behavior drew a reprimand from Perlman, and Pelini made a public apology.

"When you have a mutual understanding between players and coaches, and the players understand you truly care about them as human beings, then you can get away with it," Pelini said. "If they think you're a selfish guy and you're in it for you — my players understand myself and the staff are not in it for us — you can have those types of exchanges. Someone from the outside might not understand and, to be honest with you, I don't care if they understand it."

Athletic director Tom Osborne was out of town and unavailable for comment.

No. 1 Hoosiers Roll Past NDSU

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Cody Zeller scored 22 points and Remy Abell added a career-high 14 to lead No. 1 Indiana past pesky North Dakota State 87-61 on Monday night.

This was no typical game for the Hoosiers (2-0), whose offense struggled to get in sync against the foul-prone Bison (1-1).

It all seemed to be part of North Dakota State's plan.

Rather than allowing Indiana to run its up-tempo, inside-out offense, the Bison slowed things down by challenging shots and repeatedly sending Indiana to the free-throw line. And with Indiana's outside shooters struggling in the first half, the game plan worked.

Everything changed early in the second half after the Bison closed to 48-38. Zeller and Abell combined for 15 points in a 23-13 run, finally turning the contest into a rout.

North Dakota State was led by Marshall Bjorklund with 16 points and Mike Felt with 11.

IOWA 73, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 61: IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Devyn Marble scored 18 points and Mike Gesell added 15 as Iowa beat Central Michigan 73-61 on Monday night.

Aaron White had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Hawkeyes (2-0), who couldn't pull away against the inexperienced Chippewas until a 14-3 run midway through the second half. Gesell powered the key stretch for the Hawkeyes, hitting two 3-pointers and assisting on another.

Kyle Randall scored 17 points for Central Michigan (0-1). The Chippewas cut the lead to seven points with 4:12 minutes left, but got no closer.

IOWA ST. 98, ALABAMA A&M 40: AMES, Iowa (AP) — Tyrus McGee led five Cyclones in double figures with 18 points and Iowa State blasted over-matched Alabama A&M 98-40 on Monday night.

Freshman Georges Niang had 17 points and Melvin Ejim added 16 for the Cyclones (2-0), who opened the game on a 35-10 run and recorded their sixth-largest margin of victory in school history.

MINNESOTA 82, TOLEDO 58: MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rodney Williams had 12 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Austin Hollins scored 10 of his 13 points in the game's first five minutes and Minnesota blew by Toledo 82-58 on Monday night.

Joe Coleman finished with 15 points and six rebounds despite eight turnovers, and Oto Osonieles pitched in eight points off the bench for the Gophers (2-0), who played so sharply and confidently in the first half their occasional sloppiness down the stretch didn't matter.

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