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South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn, right, will announce his retirement at a press conference today (Monday) in Vermillion. Glenn, a USD Hall of Famer as a player, returned to Vermillion to coach the Coyotes in 2011 and led them to a 12-34 mark in four seasons. USD was 5-6 this season, including a victory at North Dakota State.

## USD Coach Glenn Will Announce Retirement Today

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Joe Glenn is stepping aside. The University of South Dakota football coach will announce his retirement at an 11 a.m. press conference today (Monday) in Vermillion, the school announced in a press release Sunday afternoon.

Glenn, 66, went 12-34 in his four seasons at his alma mater, helping nudge the Coyotes closer this season toward the FCS playoffs. Having gone winless in the Missouri Valley Football Conference a year ago, USD won three league games this season – including the signature upset at North Dakota State. The season, though, ended with consecutive losses to South Dakota State and Illinois State.

In 28 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Glenn won 200 games (the 76th coach in NCAA history to reach that mark) and won three national championships (two at Northern Colorado, one at Montana).

He was hired at USD in 2011 to help turn the program around as it headed

into the Missouri Valley. In his first season (2012), the Coyotes went 1-10, with an 0-8 record in conference play. A year later, they went 4-8, and then came a 2-10 record in 2014 – with another winless record in Valley action.

Outside of the win this season over the Bison, the signature moment in 2015 came two weeks ago when Glenn won his 200th career game as the Coyotes rallied past Southern Illinois. Asked later about the accomplishment, Glenn predictably deflected praise onto his staff, players and other supporters.

“You remember not so much the wins, but the players, the people that support you, people you work with to get the wins and help you,” he told the media that day.

Senior linebacker Keyen Lage was also asked about helping Glenn reach win No. 200, and the Sioux Falls native said, “He just cares so much about us. He doesn’t care about that 200 wins, he just cares so much about his players. And I think it’s rubbing off on the players, and that’s what makes it so special for us.” USD announced that Glenn and

athletic director David Herbstler would have no further comment until today’s press conference. Players, though, took to social media to express their gratitude for Glenn.

Sophomore offensive lineman Ed Kennedy: “It’s been such an honor to play for Coach Glenn for the past 3 years. What an incredible man, leader, and role model.”

Senior defensive lineman Drew Idings: “It was an honor to get to play with him as my coach! Hope nothing but the best for him!”

Senior offensive lineman Thomas McGuire: “A great coach and an even better man. Thank you Coach Glenn!”

Senior offensive lineman Derek Chancellor: “It’s been an honor to play for Coach Glenn these past 4 years. He’s been a role model for me. I’m proud to know him.”

The *Press & Dakotan* will have full coverage of Monday’s press conference online at yankton.net and in Tuesday’s paper.

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## Coprigh, Redbirds Soar Past South Dakota 46-0

NORMAL, Ill.—Illinois State senior running back Marshaun Coprich carried 30 times for 251 yards and scored four touchdowns in snowy and windy conditions to lead the sixth-ranked Redbirds to a 46-0 win against South Dakota Saturday at Hancock Stadium.

Coprigh, the nation’s third-leading rusher, scored touchdowns on runs of 12, 45, 12 and 74 yards to essentially wrap up his second consecutive Missouri Valley Offensive Player of the Year Award. Illinois State (9-2, 7-1 MVFC) wrapped up at least a share of its second straight

Valley championship. The defending national runner-up Redbirds will likely be a top-eight seed when tomorrow’s FCS playoff field is announced.

South Dakota (5-6, 3-5) completed 4 of 23 passes and totaled 155 yards against a defense that was allowing 380 on average entering the weekend. The Coyotes played without leading receiver Brandt Van Roekel and had leading rusher Michael Fredrick carry five times for nine yards. South Dakota was shut out for the first time since the season opener at Kansas

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## Jackrabbits To Play At Montana To Open FCS Playoffs

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BROOKINGS – Silence. That was the reaction from the South Dakota State University football team as it learned its playoff fate Sunday morning while watching the Football Championship Subdivision Selection Show on ESPNU.

The No. 10 ranked Jackrabbits, fresh off an overtime loss at Western Illinois on Saturday, will travel to Missoula to take on No. 16-ranked Montana this coming Saturday. Game time is 2 p.m. Central Time.

Those final regular-season rankings might have something to do with that awkward silence – as in how is it that a 10th-ranked team has to travel to a 16th-ranked team. Players also tend to keep an eye on social media as well.

“We had a potential to be a top-8 seed,” coach John Stiegelmeier said Sunday. “Publications said we still had a chance (after Saturday’s loss), so there’s that glimmer of hope. Players shouldn’t look at that crap.” This marks SDSU’s fourth

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## Leathernecks Upset Jacks 30-24 In Double OT

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South Dakota State’s Jackrabbits will be going to the playoffs, just not the way they wanted to.

The Jackrabbits, who could have secured a top-8 seed in the Football Championship Subdivision postseason with a win Saturday, instead stumbled against Western Illinois, losing 30-24 in two overtimes in Macomb, Ill.

The loss dropped SDSU to 8-3 overall, 5-3 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. There’s still a chance the Jackrabbits could claim a top-8 seed,

but a win against the Fighting Leathernecks would have made such an advantage a sure thing.

South Dakota State learned Sunday morning that it will travel to Montana for next Saturday’s first round of the FCS playoffs. Western Illinois also got an at-large bid, and will travel to Dayton in the first round.

Western Illinois quarterback Sean McGuire scored on a 7-yard run in the second overtime to win the game for the Leathernecks and put an exclamation point on what turned out to be a lousy weekend for the Jackrabbits.

Saturday’s game was delayed 90

minutes after SDSU spent almost two hours in traffic because of accidents and wintery weather. That came less than 24 hours after the team spent 10 hours Friday at Sioux Falls Regional Airport waiting for a snowstorm to pass.

“You have to play with confidence,” coach John Stiegelmeier said in his postgame radio interview. “You have to put behind all the travel stuff and just play in the present, and we didn’t do that. (I’m) disappointed for our fans and our boosters.”

Despite all of the hassles, the Jack-

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## Parker Overcomes Sully Buttes For Third In Class B

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SIoux FALLS – When the Parker Pheasants lost Hannah Herlyn, their second-leading hitter, to an injury in the district semifinals, the Pheasants responded with a thrilling five-set victory over a talented Freeman Academy squad. Parker head coach Jill Christensen hoped her team would again step up to the challenge when leading hitter Rylie Christensen was ruled out for the third place match of the South Dakota State Class B Volleyball Tournament.

The Pheasants did just that, outlasting Sully Buttes 25-18, 17-25, 21-25, 25-15, 15-13 on Saturday at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. It marked the second straight season the Pheasants beat the Chargers for third place at state, and the fourth time in five seasons that Parker placed third

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said. “Raelin Jurgens came up really big when we put her in, got some kills right away for us. We had two freshmen outside hitters in there at the end. People had to step up, and they did.”

Contessa Harold, the Pheasants’ 6-4 senior middle, had 17 kills and three blocks (one solo), and setter Makenzie Dean had 43 assists, two ace serves, 19 digs and four kills to lead the way. Gabby Herlyn had nine kills and a team-high six blocks (one solo).

“Our middles came up big at the end with some blocks and some key hits,” Coach Christensen said. “I thought

our back row was phenomenal.”

Freshman Grace Leberman, who predominantly played defensive specialist during the season and came into the match with just eight kills on the season, posted 13 kills, as well as 19 digs and four assisted blocks. Jurgens had five kills. Sophomore Hannah Viet, who stepped into the lineup after Hannah Herlyn’s injury in districts, also had five kills. Libero Lexi Olson, a junior, had a match-high 29 digs. Senior Hannah Carlson added 21 digs for the Pheasants.

Racquel Wientjes had 26 kills, Chloe Lamb had 14 kills and 21 digs, and Olivia Rausch had 13 kills and 20 digs to lead the Sully Buttes offense. Veronica Kinkler had 45 assists. Deidre Lamb added 21 digs for the Chargers.

Parker took control early, taking a 19-9 lead on the way to claiming the opening set.

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Parker head coach Jill Christensen, right, celebrates with her team after the Pheasants beat Sully Buttes in the third place match of the South Dakota State Class B Volleyball Tournament on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

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