

## Joe Glenn's Curtain Call



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Joe Glenn cracks a smile during the press conference announcing his retirement as head coach of the University of South Dakota football program, held Monday at the Muenster University Center on the USD campus. Glenn, a USD Hall of Fame athlete, coached the Coyotes for four seasons.

# 'I Knew When It Was Time To Leave'

USD Hall Of Famer  
Steps Down After  
Four Seasons At Helm

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VERMILLION — On a November day in 2011, Joe Glenn welcomed two University of South Dakota athletic department officials into his Arizona home.

Shortly after playing the fight song for then-athletic director David Sayler and his associate, David Herbster, the conversation got real. USD wanted Glenn to come back to coach the Coyotes.

Eventually, the veteran coach — who had three national championship rings and 188 career wins — said yes.

“The chance to come home; to come back here and coach the Coyotes is a dream that I’ve had for a long time,” Glenn told a packed ballroom during a Monday morning press conference in Vermillion.

“I just hoped I was young enough to give it what it needed.”

Four years later, that same internal compass told the 66-year-old Glenn that it was time to go. And that’s exactly what Glenn officially announced Monday: He was stepping aside.

“But I knew when it was time to leave, too,” Glenn said.

The USD Hall of Fame inductee, who won a pair of national titles at Northern Colorado



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Joe Glenn leads the crowd in the USD fight song at the end of the press conference announcing his retirement.

## What Is Next For USD?

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VERMILLION — Wes Beschoner is back in familiar territory.

The former University of South Dakota record-setting quarterback and current assistant coach is thrust into another transition period between head coaches.

The natural question out of Monday’s retirement press conference for coach Joe Glenn was, what’s next for the Coyotes? Who takes the reins now?

“I want the new coach to be me,” Beschoner said after the press conference, matter-of-factly. “That’s it. That’s really what I want it to be.”

The 33-year-old Lohrville, Iowa, native said the same things four years ago when he was USD’s interim coach in the two weeks before Glenn was hired — as Glenn admitted again Monday, he had initially advocated for Beschoner to get the job.

Whether or not Beschoner — the associate head coach

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## High-Powered Langford Area Squad Dominates 9B All-State Selections

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Nobody this season could slow down the potent ground attack of the Langford Area Lions and the cornerstones of that unit are being honored today as the Class 9B All-State Football Team as selected by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association is announced.

Quarterback Chance Olson, running back Lincoln Gibbs and linemen Jordan Carson and Brady Wiekler all

made the offense of the honor unit after leading the Lions to a 12-0 season culminating in the 9B state championship. Teammate Eric Christofferson is the all-state kicker.

“To have it all play out like it did, it really was a dream year,” said Langford Area coach Paul Raasch. “Everything came together really well.”

Langford Area rushed for 508 yards in the state title game alone and finished with 4,461 yards rushing on the season.

“We knew going into the year

we had the ability to run the ball,” Raasch said, “but we took that to another level this year.”

The Lions also rose up on defense, especially when the going got tough in the post season.

“We had some big stops in the playoffs,” Raasch said. “We ran into some good offensive teams.”

Here is a capsule look at each player on the all-state squad:

**Offense**  
Tight end: Jarett Jensen, Harding County. Just

a junior, Jensen had 40 receptions for 682 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He now has 64 receptions for 1,046 yards and 17 touchdowns in his career. He was also a main blocker for the Ranchers. “Jarett is a three-year starter for our program,” said Harding County coach Jay Wammen. “He has extremely soft hands and catches anything in his direction. He is also one of our best run blockers.”

**Guard: Brady Wiekler, Langford Area.** This four-year starter played a key role in the Lions’ run to the state championship as Langford racked up more than 4,000 yards rushing as a team. “Brady was a devastating force for us on both sides of the ball,” said Langford Area coach Paul Raasch. “He moves well for his size and is quick off the ball. His strength separates him from most guys he faced. He was our emotional leader, too.”

**Guard: Jacob Frost, Dell Rapids St. Mary:** Frost helped pave the way for the Cardinals potent running attack this season. The four-year starter was a key reason why DRSM rushed for 2,979 yards and averaged 331 yards rushing per game. “Jacob was as dominating of a guard as we’ve had,” said Dell Rapids St. Mary coach Ross Flemmer. “He was who we ran behind when we needed the tough yards.”

**Center: Jordan Carson, Langford Area.** Carson was selected as the Outstanding Lineman in the 9B state championship game. The senior helped pave the way for one of the most dominant rushing attacks in the state. “Jordan helped anchor our line on both sides of the ball. He is a very smart player and has good size and strength to go with it,” said Lions coach Paul

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