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Not your average Joe

MONTANA vs. Cal Poly
The rise and fall and rise of Joe Glenn

Story By Casey Temple

One afternoon, 14 years ago, a couple of neighborhood kids approached Joe Glenn with a simple request: They needed a coach for their Little Grizzly football team.

One can't dispute their logic. Why not get a fun football coach to run your pee-wee team? He had the credentials: four years as head coach for Doane College in Nebraska, six years as a Griz assistant, four of which were spent as an offensive coordinator at a time when the Griz broke 89 offensive school records.

But despite this success, when the boys approached him, Glenn wasn't coaching football.

He had been fired along with the rest of Larry Donovan's staff after the Griz went 3-8 in 1985. Glenn left the profession altogether and took a job at Zig Beverage, working as a beer and wine salesman. His heart was no longer in football and he didn't want to seek other coaching jobs until his wife, Michelle, finished her degree in education at UM.

When the super little grizzlies came to his door asking for a coach, Glenn was still "devastated" from being fired and wanted to spend more time with his family. And how do you turn down an offering from an offensive coordinator of a college football program to coach a pee-wee team?

After rejecting their offer, he shut the door and locked it.

"I had that look on my face, that puppy dog look, and she said, 'Tell them you'll coach,'" Glenn says, "and I quickly opened the door and I yelled, 'What time's practice?'" He was out of shape from being fired and just wanted to spend more time with his family.

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"I had that look on my face, that puppy dog look, and she said, 'Tell them you'll coach,'" Glenn says. "And I had my clipboard, my hat, my whistle already on and I was out the door."

In 1986, with Glenn as their offensive coordinator, the Burger King Falcons lost in the Little Grizzly championship game.

"It was a priceless season," Glenn says. "It kick-started my heart again towards knowing (as a coach) you have the chance to impact people's lives.

And impacting people's lives is why Glenn got into coaching to begin with.

"I knew after coaching pee-wees that something was missing in my life," Glenn says. "And it was giving back to youth that I missed."

After all, he owes an education and career to the game of football and he fully intends to give to the game—to give to other young men the experiences he has had. He wants to be a role model, a positive influence in their lives. To be more than just their football coach, be their buddy, someone who will provide support as well as confidence and discipline.

"He's the first one to pat you on the butt after you've done something good," says junior running back Vahance Humphrey. "And if there's anything bothering you or any problems, everyone on the team knows they can go to him to talk."

No regular Joe

Glenn is definitely not your ordinary little league coach. He's about bone-crushing hits and war analogies to fire up the team.

"He's all right in front and isn't afraid to tell you what he thinks, without excuses or the sports cliches that usually spew from the mouths of those in his line of work. His office is simple, housing family photos, scouting reports and one team photo—the 1986 Burger King Falcons.

"He's definitely not your typical football coach," says Glenn's son, Casey, who played defensive end for the Griz. "He always looks out for the little guy. He's very straightforward and isn't afraid to tell you what he thinks. He always upholds, always confident and that confidence rubs off, no matter if it's in football or day-to-day life."

Glenn's former boss, Northern Colorado athletics director Jim Fellis agrees.

"Joe won't give up on you," Fellis says. "You'll give up on yourself before he'll give up on you. And once you get to know Joe, you love Joe and you don't want to disappoint Joe."

The Griz responded to Glenn's outgoing, personable style from day one.

"We liked him from the get-go," Humphrey says. "I definitely like him better than (Mark) Donnay. He relates to the players better. He's definitely a player's coach."

"He's our guy," says UM defensive coordinator Mike Breske, who has coached with Glenn for 14 years. "In football there's a lot of peaks and valleys, and he's the guy that keeps the staff headed straight ahead, regardless of what happens."

When you meet him, as UM athletics director Wayne Hogan explains, "You feel like you have known him your whole life."

Where it all started

Glenn will tell you he's the archetypal sixth child out of 12 children. He'll tell you that his mom was Catholic and his dad was careless and that he grew up in a loving family in Lincoln, Neb., the home of the University of Nebraska, one of college football's most prestigious programs. There was always something going on in the Glenn household, whether it was football games at the park or fighting for seconds at the dinner table or songs on the piano.

"There was a lot of love and support growing up that has continued throughout my life," Glenn says.

While his six brothers and five sisters went into careers in law, medicine, education at UM.

After a couple of frustrating seasons, Glenn took an assistant coaching job with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League.

After graduating, Glenn served two years in the army before beginning his coaching career as an assistant at South Dakota and then at Northern Arizona.

At age 27, he was offered a head coaching job at Doane College.

"I had a lot to learn," Glenn says about his experience at Doane. "But (I) learned so much. It's one of those schools where you teach, you coach, you recruit. You fund raise, you hire your own officials, you hire people to park the cars and turn lights on and off in the stadium. You wash your own equipment. You basically learn how to do everything."

Then came the days at UM as the quarterbacks/receivers coach. There were a few good seasons, but it was the pre-Washington Grizzly Stadium days. And Glenn says it was hard recruiting athletes to play in sub-par facilities.

"I didn't want to see the stadium after being fired and having a semi-successful stint in the Little Grizzly coaching ranks, Glenn was offered a job at Northern Colorado as a quarterbacks/receivers coach.

Upon arriving at Northern Colorado he was confronted with the obstacle of building a football program from scratch. There was a lot of apathy towards football in Greeley.

The stadium was old and the players on the sidelines obstructed the view from the first eight rows. There was no band. No cheerleaders. No football tradition.

"It was pathetic at best," Glenn says.

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For years he had left for the job, he was offered the head coaching job at Northern Colorado.

Eleven straight winning seasons, seven playoff appearances, two national championships and being named one of Colorado's greatest coaches by the Denver Post followed.

"We got the program going," Glenn says. "And we got all the things (bands, cheerleaders, pep rallies) that I think come with college football."

But what Glenn did for Northern Colorado went far beyond the playing field.

"Joe could run for mayor and not have to spend a dime on campaign," Fellis says. "Joe's such a great individual. He always looks out for the little guy and people just love being around him.

Glenn worked with numerous charity organizations in Greeley, mainly as a spokesperson for The United Way. There were numerous endorsements continued on page 8
Chad Dundas
GameDay Kaimin

If Portland State head coach Tim Walsh isn't acting like the happiest man on the planet this week, it might be time for Jimmy Blanchard and the boys to start price checking Pronac.

It's been less than a year since the Vikings (2-0) muzzled Montana in overtime and, except for a few minor setbacks along the way, Mr. Bluebird has been able to harness the momentum from the victory over the Grizzlies and vault into the national spotlight.

This season the legend of the Viking horde is still on the rise. Two games into the season, PSU traveled to the Big Island and whipped Division-I-A Hawaii 45-16 in front of 45,455 of the Rainbows' own.

In the process, strong safety Steve Morse garnered co-player of the week honors in the Big Sky by almost single-handedly turning the tide against Hawaii. In the first half, while Portland was still struggling to jump-start its offense, Morse stripped Rainbow receiver Craig Stutzman, allowing linebacker Tim Retamoso to scoop up the runaway ball and rumble 67 yards for the Vikings' first score. In the next quarter, Morse picked off a pass and returned it 17 yards for his own six points. After that, there was no looking back.

The win raised eyebrows across the country and was good enough to thrust Portland into the No. 9 position in the national polls. This leaves the rest of the Big Sky, including No. 10 Montana, behind the Vikings in the line for the Division I-AA lunch counter.

PSU's senior leaders have certainly given Walsh every reason to whistle while he works this year. Running back Charles Dunn moved into second place on the Big Sky's all-time rushing list this week after adding 154 yards to his personal collection at Hawaii. Quarterback Blanchard is 28 of 48 for 644 yards, passing. Range receiver Terry Charles, who tormented the Grizzlies in their meeting last season, has allotted 309 yards and three touchdowns. Charles was also huge against the Rainbows, hauling in 5 passes for 168 yards.

If anything (other than Montana, that is) derails PSU's plans for a victorious post-season pizza party, it'll likely happen during the next three weeks. The Vikings begin conference play Saturday, and their first two opponents just happen to be the two very same teams who fouled up PSU's march toward a conference crown last year: Sac State and Northern Arizona.

If anything, this week's game versus Cal Poly could be the most important game of the season for PSU. The Hornets' bolstered D should help the team establish itself as more than just the "Charles Roberts Show." Roberts, who needs just 1,571 yards to become the all time rushing leader in college football for all divisions, typically succeeds in grabbing nearly all the headlines wherever his team plays. In recent years, Sac State had become something of a one-trick pony, which proved not to be good enough in the Big Sky, even if the team's pony can fly.

The Big Sky on the whole is busy this weekend with every team except Montana State beginning conference play. Idaho State, off to a hot 1-0 start after crushing Montana Tech 54-10, travels to Cheney to take on Eastern Washington (1-1). EWU's two-pronged attack features backs Jesse Chatman and Jovan Griffith who have combined for almost half of the Eagles' 651 total yards of offense. EWU will have to soup up its attack if it wants to protect its eight-game home winning streak.

Northern Arizona (1-0) travels to California to meet Cal State-Northridge (1-1). Weber State (1-1) is in Bozeman taking on the winless Montana State Bobcats.

Adam Boomer, left, and Tyler Martin tackle a Vandal during their game in Pullman, Wash. last Saturday.

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**Offense**

**Jimmy Farris**
Wide Receiver
6-0, 190 Senior from Lewiston, Idaho.

Jimmy Farris sure wasn't contained by the team he grew up cheering for. An Idaho Vandal fan in Lewiston, Farris had a career catch of 53 yards agaisnt Cal Poly. Farris is sure to have a big day Saturday. Farris is quickly becoming quarterback Drew Miller's favorite target. Some may say it's because of his speed or great hands, but GDK thinks it's the hairdo he's been sport­ing this season.

**Matt Steinau**
Linebacker
6-1, 220 junior from El Toro, Calif.

Matt Steinau is used to sharing time at outside linebacker with Jacob Yor, but after Yor blew out his knee in last week's victory over Idaho, Steinau had 88 career tackles and three career interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown against Weber State.

**Defense**

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**GameDay Kaimin, Saturday, September 16, 2000**

**1999 Record • 9-3 Overall, 7-1 Big Sky (1st)**

Grizzly Offense

Grizzly Defense

**Numerical Roster**

1 Tanner Hancock WR 5-8 175 SR
2 Michael Westbrook WR/KOR 6-0 190 JR
3 Trey Young FS 6-0 190 SO
4 Dave Decollite FS 6-1 180 FR
5 John Edwards GB 6-1 200 SO
6 Andy Thompson CB/RS 6-3 190 SO
7 Drew Miller QB 6-1 190 SR
8 Joe Farris WR/RS 6-0 190 SR
9 Jason Miller WR 6-2 195 FR
10 Chris Lumpkin WR 6-1 185 FR
11 Courtney Johnson CBL 6-0 210 SO
12 Brandt Mayes WR 6-2 190 FR
13 Calvin Coleman CB/KOR 5-10 180 JR
14Daemonious Williams SS 6-4 170 FR
15 Howard Wanklin FB 5-11 185 SO
16 Etu Milden WR/KOR 5-10 170 JR
17 T.J. Oelkers WR/PK 5-8 170 JR
18 Duncan Perez WR 5-8 160 FR
19 Yohance Humphrey RB 5-10 190 JR
20 Mike Corsin FB 5-10 200 FR
21 Kyle Schiele SS 6-0 184 FR
22 Tony Brown FB 5-10 180 FR
23 Darrin Williams RB 5-10 190 JR
24 Chris Snyder K/P 6-0 190 FR
25 Ivan Hanicot RB 6-1 190 FR
26 Brandon Majolico RB 5-10 170 FR
27 Joel Rosenberg CB 5-10 180 FR
28 Brad Westen LB 6-1 220 FR
29 Ben Chmara RB 6-1 190 JR
30 Andy Patel RB 5-10 190 FR
31 Peter Hanor WR 5-10 200 FR
32 Mike Maloney CB 5-10 170 FR
33 Jacob Yoro WR 5-10 180 FR
34 Adam Boomer LB 5-10 200 JR
35 Spencer Freckel TE 6-3 220 FR
36 John Pelc TE 6-3 220 JR
37 Jacob Yor LB 5-10 210 FR
38 Jake Luton LB 5-11 220 FR
39 Steve Harrison LB 5-11 210 FR
40 Matt Steinau LB 5-11 220 JR
41 Bryant Pelc LB 5-11 220 JR
42 Jason Miller CB 6-4 225 FR
43 Jim Loffler LB 5-11 220 FR
44 Nate Hill OL 6-5 255 FR
45 Joel Rosenberg CB 5-10 190 JR
46 Brandt Mayes OL 6-3 235 FR
47 Jacob Yoro OL 6-3 235 FR
48 Dan DeColle OL 6-3 235 FR
49 James White OL 6-3 235 FR
50 Jeremiah Btheschen OL 6-3 235 FR
51 Casey Rogn CB 6-4 255 FR
52 Keith Rees CB 6-4 230 FR
53 Dana Ecker CB 6-4 220 FR
54 Matt Thuesen LB 5-11 220 FR
55 Brian Pelc LB 5-11 220 FR
56 Brian Pelc LB 5-11 220 FR
57 Kircskare Kaimulsa LB 5-10 230 FR
58 Joe Hoffner LB 6-3 235 FR
59 Cory Shot LB 6-3 235 JR
60 Dylan McFarland LB 6-3 235 JR
61 gamer, who waves his arms in the air and gestures to his team to get up and play TAB.
Cal Poly Defense

**Offense**

Seth Burford  
Quarterback  
6-3, 225, Junior from Oakdale, Calif.

So Cal Burford passed for 1,641 yards in two seasons for Idaho State before transferring to Cal Poly. GDK thinks the move here is a move up for the bearded junior. After being part of a team that was an automatic doormat in the Big Sky Conference, Burford transferred to Cal Poly. GDK thinks he won’t have to worry about finishing last. And GDK is sure the winters in San Luis Obispo are much better than Pocatello.

Steve Prejean  
Defensive End  
6-0, 253, Senior from Los Angeles, Calif.

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1. Kassim Osgood WR 6-4 200 SO  
2. Chris Jones WR 6-3 180 JR  
3. Travis Minor WR 5-10 175 FR  
4. Weighn Jarratt RB 6-0 190 SO  
5. Raj Thompson RB 5-1 190 FR  
6. Spencer Faddis CB 6-0 190 SO  
7. Kurt Rubin DB 6-0 200 JR  
8. Jonathan McKinnon DB 6-1 185 FR  
9. Dave Woods CB 6-1 200 SO  
10. Kevin Cooper CB 6-0 185 JR  
11. Seth Burford DB 5-6 175 JR  
12. Jeff Coven WR 6-3 200 JR  
13. Larry Wilson WR 6-3 180 FR  
14. Nick Follis CB 6-0 175 FR  
15. Joe Wilson FB 5-10 220 JR  
16. Omar Breiman WR 6-3 180 JR  
17. Kurt Ivy RB 5-11 190 JR  
18. Tony Brown CB 6-3 190 FR  
19. David Richardson RB 5-11 200 JR  
20. John Lloyd LB 6-0 210 FR  
21. Seth Burford QB 5-3 190 JR  
22. Ian Johnson LB 6-1 220 JR  
23. Ameer Ross DB 5-9 175 FR  
24. Ameer Ross LB 6-4 210 JR  
25. Ryan Blanchi FB 5-10 185 FR  
26. Davis Brach DB 5-9 185 FR  
27. Luke Schaffer FB 6-1 200 FR  
28. Jeff Salt FB 5-11 200 JR  
29. Brett Baker LB 6-1 215 JR  
30. Matt Schraak LB 5-10 190 FR  
31. Justin Eshman WR 5-10 180 FR  
32. Adam Herzing WR 6-3 180 JR  
33. Casey Williams WR 6-4 180 JR  
34. Blake Coley LB 6-2 215 FR  
35. Mike Hayes LB 5-10 210 FR  
36. Mark Jahns DB 6-0 190 FR  
37. Taylor Williams LB 6-0 215 FR  
38. Ryan Selkind LB 6-0 190 JR  
39. Santicio Riccobono LB 6-1 175 FR  
40. Nick Dulli LB 6-0 190 JR  
41. Ron Cooper LB 6-1 215 JR  
42. Mike Touissant LB 6-0 190 JR  
43. Matt Merritt LB 6-1 215 JR  
44. Dan Howie LB 6-0 205 JR  
45. Ben Cobban LB 6-0 190 JR  
46. Neil Goodwin LB 6-0 210 SR  
47. Ryan Ricke LB 6-1 220 FR  
48. Joe Martinez LB 6-1 220 JR  
49. Jason Kimm LB 6-1 185 FR  
50. Brian Dummer LB 6-1 230 JR  
51. Harrison Stewart LB 6-1 230 JR  
52. John Lloyd LB 6-2 220 JR  
53. Tim Collins LB 5-11 185 JR  
54. Dan Hovle LB 6-2 205 FR  
55. Seth Burford LB 5-3 200 SR  
56. Keighan LB 6-2 205 JR  
57. Jason Sherr DB 6-3 180 FR  
58. Matt Merritt DB 6-3 205 FR  
59. Mark Jahns DB 6-0 190 FR  
60. Ryan Selkind DB 6-0 180 FR  
61. Travis White DB 6-2 205 JR  
62. Brian Walsh DB 6-2 195 FR  
63. Matt Merritt DB 5-11 185 FR  
64. Daniel Curtis DB 6-2 180 JR  
65. Jay Rehr DB 5-9 175 FR  
66. Joe Martinez DB 6-0 175 FR  
67. Kevin Cooper DB 6-1 215 JR  
68. Mike Touissant DB 6-0 190 JR  
69. Seth Burford DB 6-1 225 FR  
70. Matt Merritt DB 6-3 205 FR  
71. Dan Hovle DB 6-0 205 JR  
72. Seth Burford DB 6-0 180 JR  
73. Greg Madonna DB 5-10 200 FR  
74. Ryan Pinnott DB 6-0 190 JR  
75. Neil Goodwin DB 6-0 210 SR  
76. Ryan Pinnott DB 6-0 205 JR  
77. Dustin Kroker DB 6-5 205 SR  
78. Bruce Schwartz LB 6-3 200 FR  
79. David Junod LB 6-6 200 JR  
80. Jim Knaul LB 6-6 200 JR  
81. Ryan McCarty LB 6-0 180 FR  
82. Chaz Kanases LB 6-4 195 FR  
83. Russ Haverin LB 6-3 200 FR  
84. Ryan Tank LB 6-1 215 JR  
85. Adam Armstrong LB 6-0 205 FR  
86. Seth Burford LB 6-0 190 JR  
87. Tim Thompson LB 6-0 190 JR  
88. Joe Martinez LB 5-11 190 JR  
89. Sam Carlson LB 6-0 210 SR  
90. Seth Burford LB 6-0 180 JR  
91. Billy Beitz LB 6-0 210 FR  
92. Ken Story LB 6-0 205 FR  
93. Dan Armstrong LB 6-6 210 FR  
94. Adam Armstrong LB 6-6 200 FR  
95. John Lloyd LB 6-2 215 JR  
96. Matt Merritt LB 6-3 205 JR  
97. Sam Carlson LB 6-0 210 SR  
98. Ben Cobban LB 6-0 190 JR  
99. Seth Burford LB 5-10 185 JR  
100. Seth Burford LB 5-3 180 JR  

**Cal Poly 2000 Record • 0-1  
1999 Record • 5-8 Overall**

**Cal Poly Offense**

**Cal Poly Defense**

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A former defensive back, Vic Greco was on the team in locker last year, including one game where he had a fumble recovery which was a career-high for the senior. Greco had a fumble recovery last season against the Aggies.

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Saturday’s game featuring the Grizzlies and the Cal Poly Mustangs has all the ingredients for either an easy win or a big disappointment.

Think about it: A thrilling yet emotionally draining 45-38 win over Idaho last week, a bye next week, the beginning of the Big Sky conference season just two weeks away and a young but talented Mustang team. Sprinkle in the fact that Cal Poly has never beaten Montana in six tries. The possibility of a letdown seems very real.

“Tell me about it,” said UM head coach Joe Glenn. “We just come off a big win, real emotional, a really big high for the team. And anytime that happens you have to be on guard for an emotional letdown.”

All week Glenn and his staff have pushed the Griz, reminding them not to look past the Mustangs. “Our kids know that they have to be focused and ready,” Glenn said.

While most would look at the schedule and consider the game a breather after playing I-AA power Hofstra and I-A Idaho, Glenn and the Grizzlies are taking nothing for granted, especially after UM’s last loss to Sac State.

Cal Poly finished last season 3-8, playing a brutal schedule between the first and second meeting with the Griz and having to push the Grizzlies in both games. “We need to,” Glenn said. “We need to.”

“They look to have the potential to be a good team,” Glenn said. “They totally arrive last year,” Glenn said of Prejean. “I looked at the film of last season’s game. And the first 12 times Montana threw the ball, seven of the times Drew was flat on his back. And those weren’t just shove down hits. They were blasts in the face.”

While protecting Miller will be a key for the Grizzlies this game, Glenn hopes that an inconsistent running game will return to last season’s form to take some of the pressure off the receivers.

“I’m hoping that we pick up the running game a little bit,” Glenn said. “We need to.”

Glenn’s depth took a hit earlier this week when Jacob Yoro was found to have a torn ACL and is out for the season. Starting defensive tackle Corey Mertes is not expected to suit up because of broken ribs and neither is starting offensive end Justin Klein (ankle). Starting linebacker Dan DeCote remains questionable with a bad shoulder along with reserve linebacker Brock Sunderland who is fighting a bad knee.

Regardless of past records or last week’s victory over Idaho, Glenn still considers Cal Poly a very dangerous team.

“They look to have the potential to be a good team,” Glenn said. “When they totally arrive remains to be seen, but they made some big steps in the first game they played against Sac State.”

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Back to Missoula

Though he received coaching offers from several Big Sky Conference schools while at Northern Colorado, Glenn promised Casey and his sister Erin that he wouldn't take another job until they graduated high school.

Then one late night, while Glenn and Brease were on a recruiting trip in Colorado Springs, Glenn received a phone call informing him that UM football coach Mick Dennney had left for the head coaching job at Utah State.

"I just laid down and turned light out and phone rings and it's the Kaimin," Glenn says. "That was the first I heard about it and I didn't know what to think. I didn't know if I was awake or not."

By this time, Erin was married and working in Washington, D.C. as a director of the National Association for Children's Museums and Casey was in college, so the morning after the phone call, Glenn consulted Michelle about the prospect of moving back to Missoula.

For Hogan, Glenn was the ideal candidate to be the next Grizzly head coach. "In this day in a head coach must have a variety of different skills, not just the x's and o's," Hogan says about why he chose Glenn. "They must be community-oriented, be a salesperson, experienced with the media. Joe brought all of these things to the table, as well as being upbeat and having the skills to work with kids."

It was a no-brainer for Breske to follow Glenn to Missoula as his defensive coordinator.

"He's the best boss a coach could have," Breske says. "I've been fortunate to have worked with him for 14 years. He lets his coaches coach and that's what makes this fun."

Hofstra

The first major decision of the Joe Glenn era began on a fourth and short call at about mid-field during the first half against Hofstra. The Griz could either punt the ball and put the Dutchmen deep in their own territory or go for it and keep the drive going. Glenn decided to go for it. The Griz didn't get the first down.

"The players really wanted to go for it and you have to have faith in your team," Glenn says. "And I think the fans feel that way, too. I don't regret the decision I made and I'll make it again."

Despite the cold rain that day, the football stadium housed the largest attendance ever at a Griz football game, and the crowd had talk of an undefeated season on their lips.

"There was so much hype for that game, but we just didn't get the scoreboard right," Breske says, of the 10-9 loss to then No. 11 Hofstra.

"The pain hasn't stopped yet," Glenn says. "Heart-break is the best way I can explain it. To let it slip away at the end is how you imagine the game will turn out."

What followed was the thunderous noise of people jumping off the Griz bandwagon. There were complaints about the law enforcement output. The play-calling. Attacks on Glenn's job.

"I was pretty miffed at the people's reaction," Glenn says. "So many people gave up so quickly. Almost as if that one game cost us the national championship."

"I thought Montanans were tough. When the Griz got tough, you've got to get behind your coach and you have to get behind your team, too."

Carroll College had just lost late 14-3 to Rocky Mountain College in Carroll's first start as head coach. He heard the Griz lost to Hofstra.

"My family has a tradition," Casey says. "If we lose, we spend Saturday feeling bad. And if we win, we celebrate. But on Sunday, it's right back to the drawing board because you have to prepare for another game."

Glenn's positive influence kicked in, the Griz refocused, prepared and defeated Division I-A rival Idaho, 45-38.

"This means so much for the kids and Joe," Breske says. "If you saw Joe after the game you know he big win was. Everyone was going nuts. It's much better to begin the season 1-1 than 0-2."

But Glenn's philosophy remains the same -- celebrate the victory Saturday night and then return to the drawing board Sunday to prepare for a feisty Cal Poly squad.

Glenn is glad to have the first victory behind him, and he knows the Griz have work to do before they are a national championship-caliber team. He'll talk about how the Griz need to improve their short-yardage passing game and running attack, though he points out the Griz will remain a passing team.

Even while talking football Glenn is calm and confident, all smiles and jokes. He's a quick to turn the conversation away from football, even Ambrose novels or Colorado Rockies baseball or fishing ... Or his experiences as a Little Grizzly football coach.

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Scouting Report:

Troy State Trojans

Troy State University's assistant coach Wayne Bolt wants to make sure the Trojans play on their home field in December. "Hopefully you guys (Montana) will be down here," Bolt said referring to the possibility that the Trojans and Griz could meet in the I-AA playoffs. "My guys don't like playing in the snow."

If the national championship tournament began this week, Bolt would get his wish.

The Trojans (2-0) moved up to No.1 in the I-AA poll this week, bumping out powerhouse Georgia Southern. Oklahoma defeated now No. 7 Appalachian State.

"We're excited about the polls," Bolt said. "But, you've kind of got a bulls eye on your chest when you're in that position. They'll be gunnin' for us now."

Trojan opponents are going to have to bear sharp shooters. Troy State has made four straight appearances in the I-AA playoffs, from 1993 to 1996.

But if anybody has a chance to hit the mark, it's Alabama State - and they are shooting this weekend. Alabama State will be the toughest game of the season for the Trojans, Bolt said.

Troy State is fixin' to move up to Division I this season, so if they win the national I-AA championship this year, they will be only the second team in history to win a championship in three divisions. Montana State was the first.

But first, the Trojans have some kinks to work out. The 2000 season leaves the Troy State offensive sound with three-starter Brooks Nutt at quarterback, but the loss of five defenders and an offensive tackle leaves the Trojans needing protection in order to stay on top.

"We are playing a lot of young, inexperienced players, but we've got kids we think are going to do a great thing and they are getting better every week," Bolt said.

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