



The current issue of ESPN Magazine contains some very exciting news for our hometown Coyotes. ESPN Magazine released its list of the best and worst pro sports franchises. The Coyotes ranked the highest of the four Arizona sports franchises and ranked 28th on the list that included all 122 professional sports franchises in North America.

The rankings were based on both on- and off-the-field factors. Those included ticket prices and affordability, stadium and arena expenses for fans, team relations with supporters, and fans' perception of team management, players and coaches. The rankings included a fan survey as well as examinations of ticket prices and other performance measures.

This favorable ranking is very well-deserved. The Coyotes have had two consecutive winning seasons, both ending with playoff appearances. Management has worked hard to put a quality product on the ice and the coaches and players have not only been very successful, but they are also very popular with the fans.

The ranking is also an indication of the kind of passion the Coyote fans have for their team. There is a connection and relationship between the fans, the players, the coaches and the management that is rare in the world of professional sports. The Coyote coaches and players reach out to the fans through community events and their humility and genuine gratitude resonates with those of us who support the team.

I am proud of everyone involved in the Coyotes organization and I am confident that they will continue to flourish as one of the nation's best professional sports franchises.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins." Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.