

SCOREBOARD

**BASKETBALL**  
**THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS**

Anselmo-Merna 48, Arcadia-Loup City 36  
Auburn 55, Plattsmouth 40  
Beatrice 86, Nebraska City 41  
Bennington 54, Wahoo 31  
Bishop Neumann 83, St. Albert, Council Bluffs, Iowa 41  
Burwell 54, Fullerton 42  
Cambridge 47, Hitchcock County 36  
Central 51, David City 44  
Cottonburg 61, Lexington 44  
Hastings 60, Seward 45  
Hastings St. Cecilia 49, Columbus Scotus 46  
Heartland Lutheran 65, Spalding Academy 46  
Mullen 66, Stapleton 18  
Omaha Brownell-Talbot 50, Nebraska Lutheran 33  
Palmer 43, Central Valley 42  
Platteview 59, Fort Calhoun 42  
Republic County, Kan. 66, Thayer Central 45  
Wilcox-Hildreth 72, Elwood 39  
York 59, Rainston 12

**Early Bird Challenge**  
Fremont 76, Papillion-LaVista South 51  
Lincoln Southeast 72, Omaha Westside 70  
Grand Island Central Catholic Tournament  
Elkhorn Mount Michael 57, Parkview Christian 54, OT  
Grelha 75, Norfolk Catholic 47  
Omaha Skutt Catholic 56, Kearney Catholic 49

**I-80 Shootout**  
Lincoln East 25, Millard North 21

**Kearney Tournament**  
Kearney 69, Omaha Creighton Prep 64

**North Platte Tournament**  
Lincoln Southwest 66, North Platte 40

**Western Conference Tournament**  
**First Round**  
Greeley West, Colo. 59, Scottsbluff 56

**THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS**

Anselmo-Merna 33, Arcadia-Loup City 31, 20T  
Arapahoe 45, Overton 44  
Blue Hill 33, Kenesaw 29  
Centennial 25, David City 22  
Cozad 46, Chase County 45  
Crete 44, Columbus Lakeview 38  
Cross County 38, McCool Junction 26  
Exeter/Milligan 47, Deshler 23  
Fullerton 57, Burwell 25  
Grand Island Northwest 46, Central City 28  
Harvard 46, Gilmer 35  
Hastings St. Cecilia 53, Columbus Scotus 33  
Humphrey St. Francis 30, Osceola 20  
Louisville 60, Conestoga 37  
Millard West 50, Lincoln Northeast 33  
Minden 55, Southern Valley 23  
Mullen 46, Stapleton 21  
Nebraska Lutheran 75, Omaha Brownell-Talbot 7  
Plainview 42, Winside 7  
Platteview 73, Fort Calhoun 28  
Republic County, Kan. 56, Thayer Central 18  
Wahoo 53, Bennington 17

**FOOTBALL**

**NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION PLAYOFFS**

**SECOND ROUND**

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
William & Mary (9-3) at Richmond (8-3), 11 a.m.

The Citadel (9-3) at Charleston Southern (9-2), noon  
Colgate (8-4) at James Madison (9-2), noon  
Western Illinois (7-5) at Illinois State (9-2), 1 p.m.

Chattanooga (9-3) at Jacksonville State (10-1), 1 p.m.  
Montana (8-4) at North Dakota State (9-2), 2:30 p.m.

Sam Houston State (9-3) at McNeese State (10-0), 6 p.m.

Northern Iowa (8-4) at Portland State (9-2), 9 p.m.

**NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS**

**Quarterfinals, Saturday, Dec. 5**  
Slippery Rock (12-1) at Shepherd (11-0), 11 a.m.

Tuskegee (10-2) at West Georgia (10-1), 11 a.m.

Emporia State (10-2) at Northwest Missouri State (11-0), noon

Colorado State-Pueblo (12-1) vs. Grand Valley State (11-2), 1 p.m.

**NAIA PLAYOFFS**

**Semifinals, Saturday, Dec. 5**  
Marian (Ind.) (10-2) at Saint Francis (Ind.) (11-0), 11 a.m.

Southern Oregon (10-2) at Morning-side Iowa (12-1), noon

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
New England 10 1 0 909 347 212  
N.Y. Jets 5 0 545 272 228  
Buffalo 5 6 0 455 266 257  
Miami 4 7 0 364 225 287

**South**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Houston 6 5 0 545 249 260  
Jacksonville 4 7 0 364 236 299  
Tennessee 2 9 0 182 203 257

**North**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Plainview 9 2 0 818 297 193  
Cincinnati 6 5 0 545 266 230  
Pittsburgh 4 7 0 364 259 276  
Cleveland 2 9 0 182 213 310

**West**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Denver 9 2 0 818 252 207  
Kansas City 6 5 0 545 287 220  
Oakland 5 6 0 455 264 280  
San Diego 3 8 0 273 244 307

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Washington 5 6 0 455 241 267  
N.Y. Giants 5 6 0 455 287 273  
Philadelphia 4 7 0 364 243 274  
Dallas 3 8 0 273 204 261

**South**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Carolina 11 0 0 1,000 332 205  
Atlanta 6 5 0 545 260 234  
Tampa Bay 5 6 0 455 248 279  
New Orleans 4 7 0 364 261 339

**North**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Minnesota 8 3 0 727 231 194  
Green Bay 7 4 0 636 262 215  
Chicago 5 6 0 455 231 264  
Detroit 4 7 0 364 230 288

**West**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Arizona 9 2 0 818 355 229  
Seattle 6 5 0 545 267 222  
St. Louis 4 7 0 364 186 230  
San Francisco 3 8 0 273 152 271

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
Green Bay at Detroit, 7:25 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
Arizona at St. Louis, noon  
Seattle at Minnesota, noon

AREA CALENDAR

**Friday, December 4**

**BASKETBALL, BOYS'** Allen at Wakefield; Crofton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobrara-Verdigré at Verdigré; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Boone Central-Newman Grove; Hartington-Newcastle at Ponca; Osmond at Randolph; Plainview at Wausa; Santee at Omaha Nation; West Holt at Creighton; Winside at Wynot

**BASKETBALL, GIRLS'** Allen at Wakefield; Crofton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobrara-Verdigré at Verdigré; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Boone Central-Newman Grove; Hartington-Newcastle at Ponca; Osmond at Randolph; Plainview at Wausa; Santee at Omaha Nation; West Holt at Creighton; Winside at Wynot

**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** USD at Minnesota (2 p.m.); KVHT-FM, BTN Plus; Oglala Lakota at MMC (4 p.m.)

**BASKETBALL, MEN'S JV** Independent at MMC (11 a.m.)

**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** Portland State at USD (2 p.m.); KVTK-AM; College of St. Mary at MMC (2 p.m.); KYNT-AM

**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S JV** MMC Alumni at MMC (11 a.m.)

**HOCKEY, BOYS'** Cedar Bluffs at Allen; O'Neill St. Mary's at Hartington-Newcastle; Wausa at Lawton-Bronson; Wausa at Boyd County

**HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV** Sioux Center at Yankton (4:30 p.m.)

**HOCKEY, BANTAM** Yankton at Brookings (1:30 p.m.)

**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE** INDOOR South Dakota State Holiday Inv. (MMC)

**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE** OUTDOOR Fremont Half-Marathon (MMC)

**WRESTLING, PREP** Watertown Dual Tour. (YHS, 10 a.m.); Canton Dual Tour. (Bon Homme-Scotland, 10 a.m.); Creighton Inv. (Creighton, Crofton-Bloomfield, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigré, Randolph, 10:15 a.m.); Dell Rapids Tour. (Kestser-Hudson, Bersford, Dakota Valley, Parker, 10 a.m.); Flandreau Inv. (Elk Point-Jefferson, 10 a.m.); Howells-Dodge Inv. (Ponca); KWLP Inv. at Kimball (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Gardes, Marion-Freeman, Parkston, Wagner, 9:30 a.m.); S.F. Roosevelt Inv. (Vermilion, 9 a.m.)

**Sunday, December 6**

**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** MMC at Dakota State (6 p.m.; KYNT-AM)

**HOCKEY, BOYS'** Yankton at Watertown (4 p.m.)

**HOCKEY, BOYS' JV** Yankton at Watertown (2 p.m.)

Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon  
San Francisco at Chicago, noon  
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon  
Houston at Buffalo, noon  
Baltimore at Miami, noon  
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon  
Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.  
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.  
Philadelphia at New England, 3:25 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 7**  
Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
Minnesota at Arizona, 7:25 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 13**  
Detroit at St. Louis, noon  
San Diego at Kansas City, noon  
Washington at Chicago, noon  
Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon  
San Francisco at Cleveland, noon  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon  
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon  
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon  
Atlanta at Carolina, noon  
Seattle at Baltimore, noon  
Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.  
Dallas at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.  
New England at Houston, 7:25 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 14**  
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Tri

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Hanson Head Coach Bridget Munterfering.

The Yankton Gazelles finished second in two events with Diede finishing behind Herll in the vault and Kaitlin Guthmiller finishing behind Prill in the floor exercise.

"As long as we can do better than the last meet and keep moving forward, then that is all that I care about," said Munterfering.

This was the first meet of the season for all three teams and the setting could not be more perfect. For Mitchell, it was a meet to see where they could improve and what they do well. Yankton used it as a gauge to see where they compare with the best in the state. Parkston-Ethan-Hanson took it lightly as a practice before competing in bigger events.

"Our goal was to pick up if not improve on where we finished last year and a lot of girls did that, there were a lot of places where we were able to make some jumps ahead of where we finished last year," said Youmans.

Mitchell and Yankton also had their JV teams compete. Mitchell took first with a score of 123.15 and Yankton followed with a score of 107.85. Masy Mock, a seventh grader, had the best overall score of 31.25. Lauren Vik was the only Gazelle to make the top five with a score of 26.85.

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**Varsity**  
Team: Mitchell 142.0, Yankton 135.2, Parkston-Ethan-Hanson 95.2.

All Around: 1, 35.75, Mitchell, Quinci Herll; 2, 35.6, Mitchell, Emily Prill; 3, 34.95, Mitchell, Josie Dierks; 4, 34.05, Yankton, Haleigh Diede; 5, 34.05, Yankton, Jaiden Boomsma; 6, 34.05, Parkston, McKenzie Prunty.

Vault: 1, 9.35, Mitchell, Quinci Herll; 2, 9.15, Yankton, Haleigh Diede; 3, 8.95, Yankton, Jaiden Boomsma; 4, 8.85, Mitchell, Maria Krall; 5, 8.85, Mitchell, Josie Dierks.

Bars: 1, 8.75, Mitchell, Quinci Herll; 2, 8.45, Parkston, McKenzie Prunty; 3, 8.35, Mitchell, Josie Dierks; 4, 8.35, Mitchell, Emily Prill; 5, 8.25, Yankton, Jaiden Boomsma; 6, 8.25, Mitchell, Bailey Roden.

Beam: 1, 9.35, Mitchell, Maria Krall; 2, 9.25, Mitchell, Emily Prill; 3, 8.85, Yankton, Jaiden Boomsma; 4, 8.7, Mitchell, Bailey Roden; 4, 8.7, Mitchell, Josie Dierks.



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**Yankton's Jaiden Boomsma competes on the balance beam during a home gymnastics triangular on Thursday at the Summit Center.**

**Dierks**  
Floor: 1, 9.25, Mitchell, Emily Prill; 2, 9.2, Yankton, Kaitlin Guthmiller; 2, 9.2, Mitchell, Maria Krall; 4, 9.05, Yankton, Haleigh Diede; 4, 9.05, Mitchell, Josie Dierks.

**JV**  
Team: Mitchell 123.15, Yankton 107.85.

All Around: 1, 31.25, Mitchell, Masy Mock; 2, 29.5, Mitchell, Mercedes Duffek; 3, 28.9, Mitchell, Madsyn Lux; 4, 28, Mitchell, Caitlin Ostbye; 5, 26.85, Yankton, Lauren Vik.

Vault: 1, 8.45, Yankton, Samantha Kortan; 2, 8.3, Lauren Vik; 3, 8.1, Mitchell, Mercedes Duffek; 4, 8.05, Mitchell, Caitlin Ostbye; 4, 8.05, Mitchell, Bailey Roden.

Bars: 1, 7.85, Mitchell, Maria Krall; 2, 7.6, Mitchell, Caitlin Ostbye; 3, 7.55, Mitchell, Masy Mock; 4, 7.3, Mitchell, Madsyn Lux; 5, 6.5, Mitchell, Mercedes Duffek.

Beam: 1, 7.95, Mitchell, Masy Mock; 2, 7.8, Mitchell, Kailee Hengtleffel; 3, 7.2, Yankton, Haily Gokie; 4, 7.05, Mitchell, Madsyn Lux; 5, 6.65, Yankton, Storm Yagge.

Floor: 1, 8.3, Mitchell, Mercedes Duffek; 2, 8, Yankton, Samantha Kortan; 3, 7.9, Mitchell, Masy Mock; 4, 7.75, Mitchell, Madsyn Lux; 5, 7.65, Yankton, Trinity Goeman.

Hoops

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over Niobrara-Verdigré on Thursday night in Stuart. Hailey Paxton added 11 points and nine rebounds for Stuart, while Harlee Fischer totaled nine points and three steals in the win.

For Niobrara-Verdigré, Danielle Beaudette led the scoring with 11 points. Both Emily Knust and Brittany Eisenhauer had double-doubles for the Cougars, as Knust had 10 points and 15 rebounds, while Eisenhauer finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Next action for Stuart will be a road game against Central Valley on Saturday, while Niobrara-Verdigré will

host Elgin Public/Pope John tonight (Friday).  
**NIORBARA-VERDIGRE (8-1).....11 21 35 48**  
**STUART (1-0).....9 22 30 52**

**Gretna 60,**

**Norfolk Catholic 50**

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. – Gretna defeated Norfolk Catholic 60-50 in each teams opening game of the season in The GICC Early Season Tournament in Grand Island on Thursday.

No stats were reported for Gretna.

For Norfolk Catholic, Maddie Love finished with 14 points, six rebounds, and two blocks. Bailey Ehlers finished with 13 points, and a team-high 13 rebounds.

Both teams will continue play today (Friday) in the GICC Early Season Tournament.  
**GRETNA (1-0).....18 27 41 60**  
**NORFOLK CATHOLIC (0-1).....13 29 36 50**

Boys

**Gretna 75,**

**Norfolk Catholic 47**

GRAND ISLAND, Neb – Gretna picked up a 75-47 road win in their season opener against Norfolk Catholic in the Grand Island Central Catholic Early Season Tourney on Thursday night.

Jacob Molacek had a team-high 17 points for Norfolk Catholic. Matt Miller recorded a double-double for the Knights with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Ethan Piper also added 10 rebounds for Norfolk Catholic.

No stats available for Gretna.

Both teams will play again tonight (Friday) in Grand Island.  
**GRETNA (1-0).....21 41 59 75**  
**NORFOLK CATHOLIC (0-1).....7 24 39 47**

Coyotes

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In a game that saw each team make a clutch three-pointer in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter, USD did enough at the line — it made eight free throws in the final 1:17 of overtime — to come out with the win.

The Coyotes (4-3) have now turned a corner since starting the season with three straight losses.

"We haven't had the best year yet," said senior Nicole Seekamp, who recorded 24 points, five rebounds and five assists. "We started off slow

and built up our confidence, so I guess we had nothing to lose coming into the game."

It was three Seekamp free throws — the last two after she got her own rebound on a missed one — in a 4-second span that was the difference in overtime.

Drake's Lizzy Wendell, whose three-pointer forced overtime, hit a three-pointer with 17 seconds left to bring the Bulldogs within 88-87. But that was close as they would get.

With the back-and-forth nature and all the clutch shots between two high-quality programs, it had to feel like a tournament atmosphere, right?

"I was actually thinking

about that as I was playing," said USD senior guard Tia Hemiller, who had 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

"It was awesome to see our teammates making big plays," she added. "That's what it takes to be a championship team."

It also takes the kinds of big-time shots Caitlin Duffy made in the fourth quarter.

The junior newcomer made four three-pointers in the frame, including the go-ahead shot from the corner with 4.1 seconds remaining.

Wendell then answered, however, with a three-pointer of her own to send the game into overtime.

In that short of a span,

Duffy's shot went from being the biggest to this point in the season to simply just 'another' shot. In that span, USD went from a wild celebration to having to collect itself for another five minutes.

"We could see it, it was right there, and then they hit that three," Duffy said. "You have to find it within yourself to decide that we're going to win."

From there, USD found itself in déjà vu. Two weeks ago, the Coyotes suffered an 84-81 loss at Kansas State of the Big 12 Conference.

"We've been in this situation before," Seekamp said, referencing the Nov. 19 game. "We knew how it felt to be in that position."

Against a long, athletic Drake team, the Coyotes were able to out-rebound the Bulldogs 54-33, thanks to a dominating 27-3 edge in offensive rebounds. That margin played a key role in USD attempting 20 more shots in the game.

It was all effort, Williams said.

"We talk about that all the time about a relentless pursuit of offensive rebounds, and I thought our kids really bought into that," said Williams, whose Coyotes host Portland State on Saturday afternoon.

Wendell scored a game-high 26 points for Drake (6-1), while Emma Donahue had a double-double with 15 points

and 10 rebounds.

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**DRAKE (6-1)**  
Lizzy Wendell 8-15 5-6 26; Emma Donahue 7-11 1-1 15; Maddy Dean 6-14 5-18; Sammie Bachrodt 1-5 2-2 5; Caitlin Ingle 3-4 0-0 6; Paige Greiner 3-5 0-0 7; Madelyne Johnson 0-1 0-0 0; Nicole Miller 2-4 1-2 7; Corrin Rush 0-0 0-0 0; Sara Rhine 1-4 1-2 3. TOTALS 31-63 15-19 87.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (4-3)**  
Margaret McCloud 3-6 0-0 6; Tia Hemiller 3-10 3-6 10; Kelly Stewart 3-15 0-2 7; Caitlin Duffy 5-11 2-2 17; Nicole Seekamp 7-18 8-24; Jasmine Trimboli 0-2 0-0 0; Allison Arens 0-0 0-0 0; Jaycee Bradley 2-5 1-2 7; Bridget Arens 1-2 3-4 5; Madeline Homoly 1-2 0-0 2; Kate Liveringhouse 5-8 1-2 11; Heidi Hoff 0-2 0-0 0; Abigail Fogg 1-2 1-2 3. TOTALS 31-83 19-29 82.

**DRAKE.....20 31 52 79 87**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA.....28 37 49 79 92**

Three-Points: USD 11-33 (Duffy 5-8, Bradley 2-4, Seekamp 2-7, Stewart 1-5, Hemiller 1-6, McCloud 0-1, Trimboli 0-1, Hoff 0-1), Drake 10-26 (Wendell 5-10, Miller 2-3, Bachrodt 1-3, Dean 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Rhine 0-1, Donahue 0-2). Total Rebounds: USD 34 (B. Arens 7, Drake 33 (Donahue 10), Assists: Drake 21 (Ingle 11), USD 17 (Seekamp 5), Personal Fouls: Drake 25, USD 18. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: USD 19, Drake 23. Attendance: 1484.

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each player on the all-state team:

Offense

Quarterback – Luke Fritsch, O'Gorman – The 6-foot-1, 190-pound signal caller also excelled in the defensive backfield with three interceptions. At the helm of O'Gorman's offense, Fritsch commanded attention every play and finished his career with 2,645 yards rushing, 2,137 yards passing and 60 total touchdowns.

Fullback – Dodi Makwinja, O'Gorman – Makwinja was a 210-pound battering ram with home-run speed and led O'Gorman on the ground with 150 carries for 970 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Running back – Chayden Fitzsimmons, Washington – Working behind a mammoth offensive line, the diminutive Fitzsimmons – at 5-foot-5, 175 pounds – piled up 196 carries for 1,017 yards and 12 TDs as a senior. "He is not afraid of contact and is required to run for tough yards," said coach Chad Stadium.

Running back – Grant Youngblood, RC Stevens – Youngblood was often the Raiders' lifeblood, doing a little bit of everything in a stellar senior season. The 5-foot-11, 185-pound running back rushed for 1,080 yards and nine TDs. Youngblood added another threat in the return game (538 yards on kickoffs).

Wide receiver – Layne Tieszen, Aberdeen Central – Tieszen was unstoppable at times on the perimeter this season. Before an injury ended his season seven games in, Tieszen

posted 47 catches for 772 yards and 10 touchdowns. "Very good speed, runs great routes, and very good after the catch," said coach Mike Flakus.

Wide receiver – Lee Ransom, Lincoln – The 6-foot-4, 200-pound wideout was a big play machine with an astounding 25.4 yards per reception. In total he pulled in 45 catches for 1,141 yards and 12 touchdowns. "Lee was a go-to' guy in our offense," said coach Aaron Beavers. "Many teams schemed for his talents and he was still able to put some of the best statistics together by year end."

Tight end – Ty Smith, Washington – Like Ransom, Smith's natural basketball skills translated well to the gridiron. A matchup nightmare at 6-foot-4, 215 pounds, Smith did a lot of his work in the red zone. Smith had 29 catches for 479 yards and 10 touchdowns. On defense he added 40 tackles (10 for loss) at outside linebacker.

Tackle – DeyShon Davis, Lincoln – In two years as a starter, the 6-foot-3, 280-pound Davis earned plenty of favor with the quarterback group. That's because he never allowed a sack. "In my opinion, the best pass-protector in the area," said coach Aaron Beavers. "He has helped guide an offense that has been very good in rushing the ball as well as passing."

Tackle – Matt Farniok, Washington – Farniok dominated the opposition as a senior and led an offensive line that paved the way for 4,136 yards of total offense. A coveted Division I prospect with a prototype build at 6-foot-6, 315 pounds, Farniok was also an all-state selection in 2014.

Guard – Tyler Nelson, Brandon Valley – Nelson was a key cog in a balanced Lynx attack that posted 185 rushing yards and 163 passing yards

a game. "Tyler was our best offensive lineman this year," said coach Chad Garrow. "He has size, technique and aggressiveness we covet as coaches."

Guard – Kyle Sims, Lincoln – After losing a bevy of starters from back-to-back championship teams in 2013 and '14, Sims was a steady force in the trenches. "Outstanding pulling lineman, zone blocker and pass protector in high school football," said coach Aaron Beavers.

Center – Will Farniok, Washington – Following in the tradition of his accomplished older brothers, Farniok got the starting nod as a sophomore and shined. Farniok handled protection calls with aplomb and used superior agility to his advantage. "Will is a very athletic and intelligent player," said coach Chad Stadium.

Defense

End – Mato Standing Soldier, Lincoln – Standing Soldier often found himself in the middle of the action despite playing off the edge. The 6-foot-1, 220-pound senior posted 44 tackles and 6 sacks for the Patriots to go with All-City and All-Metro honors.

End – Joey Wehrkamp, Washington – Wehrkamp was a disruptive force for the Warriors with 71 tackles (16.5 for loss), 4.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and one recovery as a senior. "Joey was the consistent anchor on our defensive line the past two seasons," said coach Chad Stadium.

Tackle – Bryce Christie, Brandon Valley – The guy playing behind Christie, linebacker Andrew Sorensen, was often free to make plays on the ball because of his defensive tackle paving the way. Christie still turned in 41 tackles (8.5 for loss), 4 sacks and two forced fumbles.