### SCOREBOARD

### **BASKETBALL**

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS 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 34 Centennial 51, David City 44
Gothenburg 61, Lexington 44
Hastings 60, Seward 45
Hastings St. Cecilia 49, Columbus

Scotus 46 Heartland Lutheran 65, Spalding

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

Wilcox-Hildreth 72, Elwood 39 Fremont 76, Papillion-LaVista

Lincoln Southeast 72, Omaha West-Grand Island Central Catholic Tour-

nament Elkhorn Mount Michael 57, Parkview Christian 54, OT Gretna 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

North Platte Tournament Lincoln Southwest 66, North Platte Western Conference Tournament

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Greeley West, Colo. 59, Scottsbluff

Anselmo-Merna 33, Arcadia-Loup City 31, 2OT 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 Junc-Exeter/Milligan 47, Deshler 23 Fullerton 57, Burwell 25 Grand Island Northwest 46, Central

Harvard 46. Giltner 35 Hastings St. Cecilia 53, Columbus Scotus 33 Humphrey St. Francis 30, Osceola

Louisville 60, Conestoga 37 Minden 55, Southern Valley 23

Mullen 46. Stapleton 21 Nebraska Lutheran 75, Omaha Platteview 73, Fort Calhoun 28 Republic County, Kan. 56, Thayer Wahoo 53, Bennington 17

West Point-Beemer 69, Arlington 27 Wilcox-Hildreth 41, Elwood 34 Early Bird Challenge Omaha Westside 64. Lincoln South-

Kearney Tournament Kearney 51, Omaha Marian 45 Lourdes Central Catholic LAA Yutan 57, Elmwood-Murdock 53 North Platte Tournament

Lincoln Southwest 66. North Platte Omaha Public School Tournament

Western Conference Tournament Scottsbluff 65, Greeley West, Colo.

FOOTBALL

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPION-SHIP SUBDIVISION PLAYOFFS

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

(4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, MEN'S JV In-Western Illinois (7-5) at Illinois State 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) 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 Mc-Neese State (10-0), 6 p.m. Northern Iowa (8-4) at Portland BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S JV MMC Alumni at MMC (11 a.m.) BASKETBALL, BOYS' Cedar State (9-2), 9 p.m. Bluffs at Allen: O'Neill St. Marv's ngton-Newcastle; Wausa a Boyd County BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Cedar

Kansas City

Philadelphia

Dallas

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-

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Baltimore

Cleveland

Green Bay at Detroit, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 Arizona at St. Louis, noon

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### AREA CALENDAR

Bluffs at Allen; O'Neill St. Mary's at Hartington-Newcastle; Ponca a Wakefield; Crofton at Laurel-Con-cord-Coleridge; Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Ver-digre; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Boone Central-Newman Grove; Lawton-Bronson; Wausa at Boyd FÓOTBALL. COLLEGE FCS lyofts Second Round

GYMNASTICS, PREP S.F. Lin-Hartington-Newcastle at Ponca; Osmond at Randolph: Plainview at coln Inv. (YHS, 11 a.m.); Milbank Tourn. (Wagner-Bon Homme, 11 Wausa; Santee at Omaha Nation; West Holt at Creighton; Winside

Catholic at Boone Central-Newman

Grove; Hartington-Newcastle at Ponca; Osmond at Randolph; Pla-

inview at Wausa; Santee at Omaha Nation; West Holt at Creighton;

Winside at Wynot
BOWLING, CLUB HS
O'Gorman vs. Vermillion at Yankton
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Brook-

ings at Yankton (8 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM S.F. West

at Minnesota (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, BTN Plus); Oglala Lakota at MMC

BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD

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South

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Sioux Center at Yankton (4:30 p.m.) HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Allen at Wakefield; Crofton at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge; Elgin Public-Pope John vs. Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdigre; Hartington Cedar Brookings (1:30 p.m.)

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

> OUTDOOR Fremont Half-Marathon (MMC)
> WRESTLING, PREP Water-town Dual Tourn. (YHS, 10 a.m.); Canton Dual Tourn. (Bon Homme-Scotland, 10 a.m.); Creighton Inv. (Creighton, Crofton-Bloomfield, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigre, Randolph, 10:15 a.m.); Dell Rapids Tourn. (Alcester-Hudson, Beresford Jakota Valley Parker Beresford, Dakota Valley, Parker, 10 a.m.); Flandreau Inv. (Elk Point-Jefferson, 10 a.m.); Howells-

Dodge Inv. (Ponca); KWLPG Inv. at Kimball (Andes Central-Dakota

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE

OUTDOOR Fremont Half-Marathor

Christian, Kimball-White Lake Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman Parkston, Wagner, 9:30 a.m.); S.F Sunday, December 6
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S
IMC at Dakota State (6 p.m.,
YNT-AM) Roosevelt Inv. (Vermillion, 9 a.m.)

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at HOCKEY, BOYS' JV Yankton ertown (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

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

onday, Dec. 7 Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Arizona, 7:25 p.m 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

Atlanta at Carolina, noon Seattle at Baltimore, noon Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.

Dallas at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

New England at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon

Thursday, Dec. 10

## 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 Guthmiler 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 finsished 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

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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; 5, 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; 4, 8.85, Mitchell

ell, Josie Dierks Bars: 1, 8.75, Mitchell, Quinci Herll; 2, 8.45, Parkston, McKenzie Prunty; 3, 8.35, Mitchell, Josie

Dierks: 3, 8,35, Mitchell, Emily Prill: 5, 8,25, Yankton, Jaiden Boomsma, 5, 8,25, Mitchell, Bailey Roder 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 H JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

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

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.

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, Madisyn Lux; 4, 28, Mitchell, Caitlin Ostbye; 5, 26.85, Yankton, Lauren Vik.

Vault: 1, 8.45, Yankton, Samantha Kortan: 2, 8.3. Yankton, 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, Madisyn Lux; 5, 6.5, Mitchell, Mercedes Duf-

Beam: 1, 7,95, Mitchell, Masy Mock: 2, 7,8, Mitchell, Kailee Henglefelt; 3, 7.2, Yankton, Hailey Gokie 4, 7.05, Mitchell, Madisyn Lux; 5, 6.65, Yankton, Storm

Yaggie Floor: 1, 8.3, Mitchell, Mercedes Duffek; 2, 8, Yankton, Samantha Kortan; 3, 7.9, Mitchell, Masy Mock; 4, 7.75, Mitchell, Madisyn Lux; 5, 7.65, Yankton,

## Hoops

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over Niobrara-Verdigre 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-Verdigre, Danielle Beaudette led the scoring with 11 points. Both Emily Knust and Brittany Eisenhauer had doubledoubles 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-Verdigre will host Elgin Public/Pope John tonight (Friday).
NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE (0-1)... STUART (1-0)

## Gretna 60,

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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

13 rebounds. Both teams will continue Early Season Tournament.

with 13 points, and a team-high play today (Friday) in the GICC

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

Both teams will play again tonight (Friday) in Grand Island. GRETNA (1-0). GRETNA (1-0)......21 41 58 75 NORFOLK CATHOLIC (0-1)......7 24 39 47

Gretna.

# SDSU Women Hold Off Portland State

BROOKINGS - The South Dakota State University women's basketball team's scoring balance powered the Jackrabbits to a 74-65 nonconference win over Portland State Thursday night in front of 1,509

fans at Frost Arena. The Jackrabbits, now 5-2, were led by Clarissa Ober's 19 points and career-high 13 rebounds. Ober also added three blocked shots. Freshman guard Madison Guebert scored a career-high 12 points while sophomore guard Macy Miller added 11 points and 9

Young snared a career-high 12 rebounds. Chloe Cornemann (Yankton) added five points, three assists and three rebounds in the victory.

Portland State, now 0-6, was led Kian McNair's 13 points. Ashley Torres and Corey James added 12 and 11 points, respectively. Michaela Kay re-

corded 6 assists and 10 points. South Dakota State opened the game on an 18-5 run as five Jackrabbits scored in the first 5:45. The Jackrabbits eventually pushed their lead to 20, 42-22, when Miller scored with

11 points, respectively, in the first 20 minutes. Portland State opened the second half on a 14-2 run to cut

Ober and Miller scored 12 and

the Jacks' lead to 45-41, when McNair scored with 6:24 left in the third quarter. SDSU then scored four-straight points to make it 49-41 with 5:17 remaining. The Jackrabbits eventually pushed the lead to 15, 60-45, when Young scored at 1:38 left in the quarter.

South Dakota State plays Northern Colorado at 4 p.m. Saturday in Frost Arena in the

## **Coyotes**

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In a game that saw each team make a clutch threepointer 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 Covotes (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

With the back-and-forth nature and all the clutch shots between two highquality programs, it had to feel like a tournament atmo-

sphere, 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 as-

sists.

"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 goahead 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.'

soul of our defense."

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.

Against a long, athletic

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 Covotes host Portland State on Saturday

afternoon. Wendell scored a gamehigh 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 Donahuge 7-11 1-1 15; Maddy Dean 6-14 5-6 18; Sammie Bachrodt 1-5 2-2 5; Cattlin 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; Cortni 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 8-9 24; Jasmine Trimboli 0-2 0-0 

57, 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 car-

ries 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 Stadem. 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 prospec 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 Sim, Lincoln – After losing a bevy of starters from back-toback championship teams in 2013 and '14, Sims was a steadying force in the trenches. "Outstanding pulling lineman, zone blocker and pass protector in high school football," said coach Aaron

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

Stadem.

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. "Joev was the consistent anchor on our defensive line the past two seasons," said coach Chad Stadem.

Tackle - Bryce Christie, Brandon Val-

ley - 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.

loss), 4 sacks and two forced fumbles

Christie still turned in 41 tackles (8.5 for

"Not only were his numbers very good, he was able to keep guys off Andrew so he could make more plays," said coach Chad Garrow.

Tackle - Manny Christopher, Roosevelt - One of three defensive first team selections for the Rough Riders, Christopher played the part of nuisance up front. At just 5-foot-10, 215 pounds, Christopher nevertheless racked up 60 tackles (11 for loss) and 8.5 sacks. "Great effort. Emotional leader. Love this guy," said coach Kim Nelson. "Heart and

Linebacker - Billy Daniel, O'Gorman

- Daniel wore a lot of hats as a team

captain and two-way standout, but his

biggest impact came at linebacker.

Daniel finished with 52 tackles, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions for an O'Gorman defense that steadily improved from start to finish. Linebacker - Brett Beyer, RC Stevens - Compact at 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, Beyer was a tackling machine for the Raiders, with 89 solo – and 120 total – to his credit this season, "Brett

day in practice and left it all out on the Linebacker - Sean Powell, Roosevelt - A returning all-state selection, Powell again led the Riders in tackling with 108 total (9 for loss). Powell flashed playmaking ability as well with 3.5 sacks, 3 INTs, 2 fumble recoveries and

has a great nose for the football," said

coach Scott Hagen. "He brought it every

a pair of defensive touchdowns. Linebacker – Andrew Sorensen. Brandon Valley - Sorensen was never far away from the action, as evidenced by his 120 total tackles (9 for loss) and 6.5 sacks as a senior. A sure bet to play on Saturdays, the two-time all-state selection ended his career as Brandon's all-time leading tackler (306). "Andrew

was the heart and soul of our defense," said coach Chad Garrow. Defensive back - Nate Davis, Watertown - Davis had to be accounted for at all times this season, which put pressure on teams considering he never left the field. At cornerback, Davis finished with 34 tackles, 2 INTs, and both a forced fumble and recovery. "Nate's defensive stats are excellent, especially when one considers that teams almost always threw away from his side of the field,

Defensive back - Justin Mueller. Roosevelt - Mueller made up for less-than-ideal size - the senior stands 5-foot-8 - with a physical style that wore on opponents. With four interceptions and a defensive touchdown, he also flashed playmaking ability and was a disciplined tackler on the edge (25 tackles). In his career, Mueller hauled in seven picks and reached the end zone

said coach John Hodorff.

three times. Defensive back - Logan Eckhoff Washington – Eckhoff added lots of value to the Warriors this season as a slot receiver, returner and safety. His penchant for timely big plays in the defensive backfield paid the biggest dividends. Eckhoff tallied 5 career interceptions for the Warriors. "He just doesn't come off the field," said coach Chad Stadem. "He is just that important to the team."

Defensive back - Antonio Casiello, O'Gorman - Casiello's season was proof that big things can come in small packages. The Knights used a hefty dose of the 5-foot-8, 150-pound senior on offense with gadget plays from the slot and out of the backfield. Casiello was arguably more valuable on the defensive perimeter. Playing against some of the state's premier receivers. Casiello had 32 tackles and 3 INTs in 2015.

Special Teams Kicker – Kristian Jakowicz, O'Gorman – The junior kicker was nearly perfect in 2015, making good on all four of his field goal attempts while

knocking in 51 of 53 extra points. Punter - Nathan Durfee, Roosevelt An all-state punter last season, Durfee was much more than just a strong leg. In his third year as a starter. Durfee had 56 tackles and 2 INTs at safety and tied a school record with a 73-yard punt (he averaged 39.4 yards a punt). "Very important to our program as a player and a

O'Gorman - Bauer's midseason return from injury was a major spark for the Knights. Bauer made an impact as a specialist and averaged over 20 yards a Long-snapper – Tyler Van Voorst.

punter," said coach Kim Nelson.

All-purpose – Boston Bauer,

punt return. Roosevelt – Van Voorst did a lot of the little things well for Roosevelt. As a receiver he hauled in 30 catches for 533 yards and 6 TDs and was a "relentless blocker," according to coach Kim Nelson. The All-City, All-Conference selection is also a member of Academic

## **Honorable Mention**

Jett Thune, Roosevelt; Jack Schelhaas, Washington; Corey Fichter, Lincoln; Tyson Jahn, Roosevelt; Ethan Thompson, O'Gorman; Derrick Tiller, RC Central; Jack Peery, O'Gorman; Gage Hillberg, O'Gorman; Carter Carstens, Roosevelt: Bryce LeBlanc, Watertown; Jared Gully, Washington; Jack Bren, Washington; Luke Ferdinand, RC Stevens; Chase Grode, Brandon Valley Isaiah Bowar, Roosevelt.