

Volleyball: Class AA All-State Team Announced

Yankton's Frick Named To Second Team

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A portion of this article was inadvertently omitted from Thursday's edition. We apologize for the error.

The power shift in Class AA volleyball to the Eastern South Dakota Conference in 2015 was reflected by the makeup of the All-State honor squads as nominated and voted on by the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association.

Six of the seven first-team selections hailed from the ESD, led by Aberdeen Central's Brianna Kusler, who helped lead the Golden Eagles to the state championship and added the title of Class AA Miss Volleyball, as well.

Joining Kusler on the honor squad are Alex Anderson of Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Sarah Carr of Huron, Macy Denzer of Watertown, Hanna Jellema of Brandon Valley, Samantha Slaughter of Harrisburg and Sara Tvedt of Brookings.

The second team's lineup included Becky Frick of Yankton, Rylie Kooima of Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Becca Koehn and Taylor Thorson of Brandon Valley, Rachel Nelson and Avery Thorson of Harrisburg and Anezka Szabo of Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Brianna Kusler, OH, Aberdeen Central Kusler has already committed to join Curt Frederickson's Northern State basketball team, but she went out with a bang to end her volleyball career.

"Sarah has been on the varsity for four years, playing key roles for the past two seasons," said Huron head coach Shelly Buddenhagen. "Last year, she played middle blocker on a team which placed third at the state tournament, but she moved to the outside hitter position in the midst of this current season in order to provide a young, inexperienced team with power, while increasing our termination probability both from the back and front row. As she grew into the position, so did the team.

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Macy Denzer, OH, Watertown The 5-5 senior, who has already committed to compete for North Dakota State in track and field, finished the regular season with 222 kills, 283 digs, 19 service aces, 18 blocks (eight solo) and four set assists.

"Macy is a four-year starter for the Arrows and has proven to be an important asset to the team not only for her athletic ability but also for her knowledge of the game," said Watertown head coach Kim Rohde. "She is a smart player; she reads the court well and gives 110 percent effort each game while leading the Arrows in kills."

Hanna Jellema, RS, Brandon Valley As one of only two juniors on the honor squad, the 5-11 right-side hitter helped lead the Lynx to a runner-up finish at the 2015 AA State Tournament.

She finished with 204 kills, 29 blocks (three solo), 72 digs, 21 aces and 15 set assists during the regular season before adding 43 kills, 13 digs, four assists, a solo block and two assisted blocks in earning all-tournament honors.

"Hanna is a force anywhere along the net and the back row; her dedication and work ethic has resulted in her success this year on the court with her being one of the top dominant hitters in the state," said Brandon Valley head coach Lindsey Smith. "She can turn any set into a kill and also contributes as one of our primary

passers in serve receive. Her versatility has contributed to our offensive success at having a spread offense."

Samantha Slaughter, MH/OH, Harrisburg The 6-1 junior helped lead the Tigers to a fourth-place finish at this year's state tournament.

She had 271 kills, 38 solo blocks, 56 block assists, 26 service aces, 105 digs and three set assists during the regular season and then added 36 kills, 11 block assists, nine digs, five aces and two solo blocks during state tournament play.

"Sami is one of the best middle/outside hitters in the state right now," said Harrisburg head coach Ronette Costain. "She has a powerful arm and great vertical, which allows her to get the kills at will. She is hard working and can hit several different kinds of hits, from quicks to slides, which adds to our offense and she works hard during the off season to take her skills to the next level.

"She has started playing back row for us this year so we can utilize her strong serving and her passing is coming along with experience. Sami is being recruited by several DI schools and is dedicated to being the best she can be."

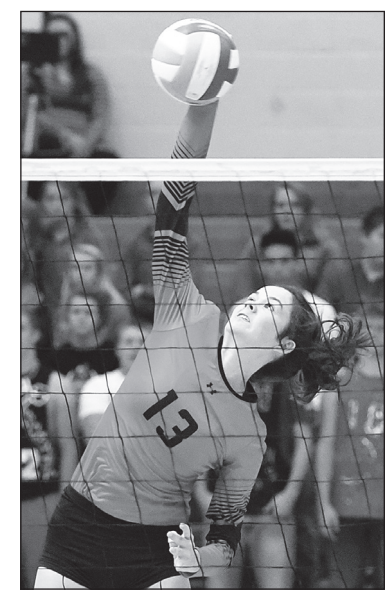
Sara Tvedt, OH, Brookings Although the 6-2 senior had a big year for the Bobcats on the volleyball floor, she will join Kusler on the hardwood at Northern State.

She finished with 346 kills, 248 digs and 22 service aces to go along with 53 blocks (six solo).

"Since moving to outside hitter this season, Sara has consistently led our team in total kills, as well as hitting percentage," said Brookings head coach Jodi Melius. "Her leadership has been an equally great contribution - she makes her teammates better by continually encouraging them, and then leads by example.

"She has the offensive power to earn kills from any position on the court, and her defensive skills have improved greatly this year."

Second Team Rachel Nelson, 5-4, So., L, Harrisburg:



P&D FILE PHOTO
Yankton's Becky Frick was named second-team all-state by the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association.

454 digs, 21 aces, 10 set assists, 1 kill
Becky Frick, 5-11, Sr., OH, Yankton: 209 kills (.197), 52 aces, 43 blocks (10 solo), 268 digs

Avery Thorson, 5-9, So., S/R, Harrisburg: 418 set assists, 88 kills, 22 aces, 39 blocks (5 solo), 165 digs

Becca Koehn, 5-8, Jr., S, Brandon Valley: 707 assists, 39 kills, 59 aces, 19 blocks (4 solo), 105 digs

Rylie Kooima, 5-6, Sr., L, S.F. Roosevelt: 503 digs, 43 aces, 43 assists, 1 kill

Anezka Szabo, 6-2, Jr., RS, S.F. Lincoln: 240 kills, 134 blocks (39 solo), 37 aces, 220 digs, 6 assists

Taylor Thorson, 5-5, Sr., L, Brandon Valley: 389 digs, 16 aces, 12 assists

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Giilette Tournament
Cheyenne East, Wyo. 52, Rapid City Central 38

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Andes Central/Dakota Christian 38, Colome 28
Castlewold 63, Deuel 37
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 44, Moberg-Polskog 35
Deurbrook 50, Lake Preston 25
Dupree 51, Stanley County 23
Estelline 38, Dell Rapids St. Mary 33
Fairmount-Campbell-Tintah, N.D. 42, Sisseton 39
Freeman 58, Parker 50
Girton Area 62, Ipswich 46
James Valley Christian 46, Wessington Springs 28
Kadoka Area 51, White River 49
Northwestern 61, Aberdeen Christian 19
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 43, Colman-Egan 36
Rosholt 36, Great Plains Lutheran 35
Sioux Valley 77, Howard 34
St. Francis Indian 82, Bennett County 42
St. Thomas More 50, Spearfish 35
Tri-Valley 52, Garretson 26
Waubesa/Summit 48, Willmont 39

Giilette Tournament

Rapid City Central 67, Rock Springs, Wyo. 56

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Allen 42, Ewing 33
Anselmo-Merna 82, Stapleton 30
Blue Hill 67, Superior 33
Boone Central/Newman Grove 81, Central City 54
Boyd County 59, Crofton 45
Central Valley 70, Fullerton 40

Omaha Marian 71, Papillion-LaVista South 68

Omaha Nation 82, Winnebago 60
Ord 54, Ravenna 49
Platteview 56, Omaha Mercy 37
Ponca 53, Randolph 30
Sandy Creek 28, Centennial 10
South Sioux City 68, Sioux City, North Iowa 24
Southern Valley 66, Gothenburg 62
Superior 47, Blue Hill 36
Sutton 45, Cross County 22
Syracuse 56, Johnson County Central 20
Weeping Water 41, Boys Town 31
West Point-Beemer 48, North Bend Central 41
Wilcox-Hildreth 53, Shelton 18
Wisner-Pilger 53, Stanton 50, 2OT
Wood River 58, St. Paul 38
York 41, Waverly 38, 2OT
Goodland Tournament
Goodland, Kan. 52, McCook 47

WOLLEBALL

YANKTON PARKS & REC

MEV'S LEAGUE

RESULTS: Verdesian Life Sciences def. Top Guns 21-15, 21-12, 21-15; Verdesian Life Sciences def. Murdo's 21-16, 21-14, 21-21; KPI Crushers def. Chico's Ball Bonds 11-9, 21-17, 12-21
STANDINGS: Verdesian Life Sciences 6-0, Murdo's 4-2, Chico's Ball Bonds 2-4, KPI Crushers 2-4, Top Guns 1-5

FOOTBALL

NEB. DISTRICT D1-3

ALL-DISTRICT

BLOOMFIELD: Cole Bruns (OL-DL); Tyler Holz (QB-LB); McQuire Mackeprang (TE-DE); Quinten Moles (RB-CB); Wilson Wagner (TE-DE)
CROIGHTON: Brook Baller (RB-OL-DL)

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, December 11

BASKETBALL, BOYS' YHS at Mitchell (8 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Burke-South Central at Scotland; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Freeman vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Laurel-Concord-Colegide at Emerson-Hubbard; Lower Brule at Marty; Neigh-Laurel-Concord-Colegide at Brandon; Marton vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Wausa at Osmond
BASKETBALL, BOYS' JV YHS at Mitchell (3:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' 9TH YHS at Mitchell (3:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' YHS at Mitchell (6:15 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM); Baltic at Gayville-Volin; Bloomfield at Winside; Canton at Elk Point-Jefferson; Elkhorn Valley at Santee; Freeman Academy at Alcester-Hudson; Gregory at Avon; Hartington Cedar Catholic at O'Neill; Homer at Allen; Laurel-Concord-Colegide at Emerson-Hubbard; Lower Brule at Marty; Neigh-Oakdale at Creighton; Niobrara-Verdige at Clearwater-Orchard; Tea Area at Dakota Valley; Wagner at Winner; Wausa at Winner; Wausa at Wakefield; Wynot at Osmond
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV YHS at Mitchell (3:30 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' SOPH YHS at Mitchell (4:45 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' 9TH

at Mitchell (4 p.m.)
BOWLING, CLUB HS Yankton at Dell Rapids; S.F. Roosevelt vs. Vermillion at Yankton
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals
Saturday, December 12
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Concordia (4 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN, ESPN3.com)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Concordia (2 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN, ESPN3.com)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' Tea Classic (Vermillion vs. Colome, 1:30 p.m.; KVTK-AM; Centerville); Alcester-Hudson at West Sioux; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Platt-Geddes; Brandon at Marton; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Homer at Allen; Laurel-Concord-Colegide at Randolph; Marty at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Parker; Niobrara-Verdige at Bloomfield; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Ponca vs. Irene-Wakonda at Irene; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Tea Classic (Vermillion vs. Aberdeen-Roncalli, noon; KVTK-AM; Centerville); Alcester-Hudson at West Sioux; Andes Central-Dakota Christian at Platt-Geddes; Beresford vs. Bridgewater-Emery at Emery; Crofton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic; Dakota Valley at Gayville-Volin; Elk Point-Jefferson at Madison; Laurel-Concord-Colegide at Brandon; Marton vs. Viborg-Hurley at Viborg; Parker at Santee; McCook Central-Montrose at Marty; Niobrara-Verdige at

Bloomfield; Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Freeman Academy; Ponca at Irene-Wakonda; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Menno
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals
GYMNASTICS, PREP Wagner-Bon Homme Inv. (Parkson-Ethan-Hanson, Vermillion, Wagner-Bon Homme, noon)
HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Aberdeen (8 p.m.)
HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV Yankton at Brookings (DH, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at Aberdeen (4:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, PEEWEE 5-E East at Yankton B (DH, 1:15 & 5 p.m.); Sioux Falls at Yankton C (DH, 3 & 6:45 p.m.)
WRESTLING, PREP Akron-Westfield Inv. (Creighton, Crofton-Bloomfield, Elk Point-Jefferson, Ponca, 10 a.m.); Burke-Crofton Inv. at Gregory (Andes Central-Dakota Christian, Bon Homme-Scotland, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, 9 a.m.); Howard Turm. (Beresford, Parker, Parkston, Wagner, 10 a.m.); North Bend Central Inv. (Niobrara-Verdige); Stanton Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Colegide); West Point-Beemer Inv. (Randolph)
WRESTLING, MS Brookings Jamboree (YMS, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, December 13

HOCKEY, BOYS' Yankton at Aberdeen (12:30 p.m.)
HOCKEY, BANTAM Yankton at Aberdeen (10:30 a.m.)

NAIA PLAYOFFS

Jacksonville 4 8 0 333 275 341
Tennessee 3 9 0 250 245 296
Championship, Friday, Dec. 19
at Daytona Beach, Fla.
Southern Oregon (11-2) vs. Marian (Ind.) (11-2), 5 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
Denver 10 2 0 833 375 247
Kansas City 7 5 0 583 321 240
Oakland 5 7 0 417 284 314
San Diego 3 9 0 250 247 324
West
W L T Pct PF PA
Green Bay 8 4 0 667 289 238
Minnesota 8 5 0 615 258 255
Chicago 5 7 0 417 251 290
Atlanta 4 8 0 333 253 315
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
Washington 5 7 0 417 257 286
Philadelphia 5 7 0 417 278 302
N.Y. Giants 5 7 0 417 307 296

Thursday, Dec. 10

Arizona 23, Minnesota 20
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, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 14
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Girls

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three steals, and Bre Allen chipped in with 11 points and three steals. Katie Petersen and Haley Arens both hauled in four rebounds.

For Boyd County (1-2), Rebecca Hiatt scored 12 points.

Crofton, which has now won 57 straight games, visits Guardian Angels Central Catholic for a key Class C2 showdown on Saturday. Boyd County hosts Clearwater-Orchard on Saturday.
BOYD COUNTY (1-2) 6 12 21 26
CROFTON (4-0) 15 38 57 63

Ewing 61, Allen 34

EWING, Neb - Ewing picked up a dominating 61-34 victory over Allen on Thursday night in Ewing.

Allen had a balanced scoring attack led by Bri Hingst, who totaled nine points. Gabby Sullivan finished with eight points, and Mariah Keiser had seven points. Lexi Oswald led Allen in rebounds with seven boards.

No stats available for Ewing.

Allen will host Homer tonight (Friday), while Ewing will have a road contest with Niobrara-Verdige next Tuesday.
ALLEN (2-0) 9 21 23 34
EWING (1-3) 17 23 36 61

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 45, Kimball-White Lake 36

ARMOUR - Tripp-Delmont-Armour used a 21 point second quarter to defeat Kimball-White Lake by a score of 45-36 on Thursday night in Armour.

Erika Koster led TDA with 22 points and five steals. Mattilyn Reiner recorded a game-high 13 rebounds in the win.

Kimball-White Lake's Carly Beckmann scored 14 points, and Cassie Watrig added nine rebounds. Nikki Realand had four assists, while Whitney Hinker had three steals.

TDA will have a road game with Menno on Saturday, while Kimball-White Lake will take on Platte-Geddes in

Platte on Tuesday.
KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE (0-2) 6 17 26 36
TRIPP-DELMONT-ARM. (2-0) 7 28 37 45

West Pt-Beemer 48, North Bend Cent. 41

WEST POINT, Neb. - West Point-Beemer handed North Bend Central its first loss of the season with a 48-41 victory in high school girls' basketball action on Thursday in West Point, Nebraska.

Senior Amanda Hansen led the way for WP-B scoring with 23 points with 13 coming from the free throw line and 2-of-2 shooting beyond the arc. McKenzie Bruce contributed 12 points and tied for team-high seven rebounds with Jade Duhsmann. Taylor Weddle was tops in assists for WP-B with five.

No stats were reported for North Bend Central
West Point-Beemer will travel to play Howells-Dodge on Tuesday, North Bend Central will return home to play Stanton on Tuesday.
NORTH BEND CENTRAL (3-1) 2 8 22 41
WEST POINT-BEEMER (3-1) 19 26 33 48

Tri-Valley 52, Garretson 26

COLTON - Brooke Kulzer led the game in points, rebounds, and blocks as the Tri-Valley Mustangs defeated the Garretson Blue Dragons 52-26 in girls' basketball action in Colton on Thursday.

Kulzer finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Mustangs. Kaylee Wingen added 11 points, while Taylor Will grabbed eight rebounds.

For the Blue Dragons, Jaden Bly led the team with 12 points and 10 assists to earn the double-double, while Morgan Gloe notched seven rebounds.

Tri-Valley will play its next game at Sisseton on Saturday, while Garretson will visit Chester Area the same day.
GARETSON (1-1) 13 23 26
TRI-VALLEY (2-0) 13 26 39 52

Sioux Valley 77, Howard 38

VOLGA - Four players were in double figures for Sioux Valley as they beat Howard 77-38 in girls' basketball action on Thursday in

Volga.
Kaylee Granum scored 22, Carter Peterson scored 20, Andrea Benson scored 11, and Jessica Pepperman added 10 as the Cossacks nabbed nine steals en route to victory. Granum was a perfect 4-for-4 from behind the three-point line and at the free throw line.

For Howard, Bailey Rudebusch, Macy Erickson, and Hillary Albrecht tied for the team lead with eight points.
Sioux Valley will host Clark/Willow Lake Saturday in its next game, while Howard will travel to Chester Area on Tuesday.
HOWARD (0-1) 10 14 27 34
SIOUX VALLEY (2-0) 23 40 64 77

Estelline 38, Dell Rapids St. Mary 33

DELL RAPIDS - Estelline edged out the Dell Rapids St. Mary Cardinals by a score of 38-33 on Thursday night in Dell Rapids.

Estelline used a balanced scoring attack with LeAnnah Tekrony, Kaitlyn Steffensen, and Jamie Begalka each scoring 10 points.

For the Cardinals, Lexi Klein had a team-high 10 points, and Kennedy Mullaney added six points.
Estelline (2-0) will be in action next Thursday, as they host Lake Preston. Dell Rapids St. Mary (0-2) will host Centerville next Tuesday.

Wisner-Pilger 53, Stanton 50, 2OT

STANTON, Neb. - It took double overtime, but Wisner-Pilger defeated Stanton 53-50 in high school girls' basketball on Thursday in Stanton, Nebraska.

Bailey Batenhorst led Wisner-Pilger with 19 points in the win, while Alexis Heller and Maci Batenhorst added nine.

No stats were reported for Stanton.
Wisner-Pilger will travel next to Tekamah-Herman Today (Friday), and Stanton will travel to North Bend Central on Tuesday.
WISNER-PILGER (2-1) 6 17 28 36 42 53
STANTON (1-3) 5 19 27 36 42 50

SPORTS DIGEST

Elks Hoop Shoot Dec. 19

The Yankton Elks Lodge #994 will host the local competition for the National Elks Hoop Shoot free throw competition on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Summit Center. The competition is open to Yankton and area boys and girls ages 8-13, with age as of April 1, 2016 used qualifying purposes.

Unlike past years, individuals do not have to qualify at the school level to participate in the local event. Registrations will be held from 9-9:30 a.m., with competition beginning at 10 a.m.

Divisions will be ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 for both boys and girls. Winners in each division will advance to the state competition, Jan. 16 at Pierre. Regional competition is set for March 12 in Rapid City. The national finals will be held April 16 in Chicago.

Contact local director Steven Pietilla at 605-760-4916 for more information. More information and rules are available at <http://www.elks.org/hoopshoot>.

Gruis Signs With The Leicester Riders Of The BBL

VERMILLION - Former South Dakota standout Trevor Gruis has signed a professional contract with the Leicester Riders of the British Basketball League for the 2015-16 season.

Gruis had been selected as the 10th draft pick by the Moncton Miracles of the National Basketball League of Canada, but ultimately chose to sign with Leicester for a chance to return to Europe.

"I am very excited to be able to join the Riders and continue my professional career in Europe," said Gruis. "I can't wait to get started with the team and build on the success they have already accomplished thus far in the season."

A native of Ellsworth, Minn., Gruis played for South Dakota from 2010-14. Gruis graduated with 102 consecutive starts in a Coyote uniform, the fourth-longest active streak at the time.

The 6-foot-10 center finished with 1,340 points, 767 rebounds, and 112 blocks for his collegiate career. He is one of eight players in program history with more than 1,300 points and 700 rebounds.

After graduation from South Dakota, Gruis traveled to Sweden to play with the Jämtland Basketbal Premier Team for the 2014-15 season. He started at center for Jämtland, averaging 13.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, and 1.0 blocks in 34 games.

Gruis returned to the United States at the end of the season and spent this past summer training at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls. He participated in the Sanford Pentagon's Pro Training Camp this August with another Coyote standout, Tyler Larson.

Gruis becomes the fourth American on the Leicester team, with two formerly of the Summit League. A native of Waterloo, Iowa, North Dakota State graduate TrayVonn Wright is in his second season with the Riders.

The Leicester Riders are the oldest club in Britain and are a charter member of the BBL. Leicester posted a 30-6 record last season to finish runner-up in the BBL regular season.

Wrestling

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Flandreau beat Alcester-Hudson 72-12 and then beat Deuel 69-12. In the other match, Deuel defeated Alcester-Hudson 36-18.

In the loss to Flandreau,

Volleyball

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That set up their regional semifinal against USC, which features national player-of-the-year contender Samantha Bricio. The Women of Troy dominated Creighton in a September match in Cedar Falls, Iowa, outscoring the Bluejays 25-8 in the third set to finish a sweep.

Bernthal Booth said she considers that match ancient history.

"We're not going to go in scared or intimidated," she said. "We know we're playing

a great team."

Creighton's roster features nine players from Nebraska, including All-Big East first-team picks in middle blocker Lauren Smith and Baumert, and five others who are starters or played the majority of sets. Bernthal Booth, the Big East coach of the year, and assistant coach Angie Oxley Behrens also are Nebraska natives.

Seven players for the Huskers are from Nebraska, including All-Big Ten outside hitter Kadie Rolfsen, all-conference middle blocker Amber Rolfsen and setter Kelly Hunter. Assistant coach Dani Busboom Kelly, a former