

# Nebraska Sweeps BYU To Advance To NCAA Regional Final

LEXINGTON, Ky. - The fourth-seeded Nebraska volleyball team moved within one win of Omaha by sweeping 13th-seeded BYU, 26-24, 25-17, 25-23, on Friday at Memorial Coliseum.

The Huskers improved to 29-4 with their 13th win in a row and advanced to a regional final for the fourth straight year. Nebraska will face fifth-seeded Washington on Saturday at 3 p.m. (CT) in the NCAA regional final, with the winner advancing to the NCAA semifinals in Omaha next week. Saturday's regional final match will

be televised on ESPN and streamed online at ESPN3.com.

The Huskers hit .279 - including marks of .391 and .303 in the first two sets - and held BYU to .191 - including .067 and .160 in sets two and three. The Huskers posted 10.5 blocks, 9.5 of which came in sets two and three. BYU entered the match 17th nationally in blocking, but got to NU just seven times.

Nebraska was efficient and balanced offensively with three players at 12 kills. Amber Rolfsen had 12 kills and five blocks, while Kadie

Rolfsen had 12 kills and 12 digs for her eighth straight postseason double-double. Kelsey Fien tallied 12 kills, with eight coming in the first set, and a .310 hitting percentage. Mikaela Foecke had eight kills and four blocks, and Cecilia Hall had five kills and five blocks.

Kelly Hunter tallied 48 assists on NU's 51 kills. Hunter also had seven digs. Justine Wong-Orantes guided the Huskers' floor defense with 23 digs. Annika Albrecht had 14 digs and two kills. Kentucky native Kenzie Maloney had four digs.

BYU (28-4) got 18 kills from two-time West Coast Conference Player of the Year Alexa Gray, but the Huskers held the BYU star to .182 hitting, well below her season average of .302. Amy Boswell had eight kills and five blocks for the Cougars.

Friday evening in the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball National Championships played in Tampa, Florida at the Bob Martinez Athletics Center. The Wildcats end their greatest season in school history with a 28-8 record while the Swordfish advance to Saturday's national championship match against Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) with a 31-4 mark.

Katie Hughes led Wayne State College with 17 kills followed by Michaela Mestl with eight. Alyssa Fraundorfer had a team-high three blocks while Bree Ackermann

finished with two of Wayne State's four service aces.

Also for WSC, setter Leisa McClintock handed out 33 set assists. Libero Courtney VanGroningen had 20 digs with Mestl adding 13.

"They controlled the serve and pass battle most of the night," said WSC head coach Scott Kneiff following the match. "I'm proud of our kids as they battled and battled but it just wasn't our night."

The Wildcats have advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament 10 of the last 11 seasons.



VERMILION'S TWILA SWEENEY, 42, tries to haul in a loose ball between two Bon Homme defenders during Friday night's game in Tyndall.

## Creighton Girls Outlast Neligh-Oakdale

CREIGHTON, Neb. - Creighton outscored Neligh-Oakdale 21-14 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 55-50 victory over the Warriors in girls' basketball action on Tuesday.

Cassidy Moeller posted 16 points and nine rebounds, and Sydney Walton had 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead Creighton. Kasey Kuhl added 11 points in the victory.

No statistics were reported for Neligh-Oakdale, which led 36-34 after three quarters.

Creighton travels to Osmond on Tuesday. Neligh-Oakdale hosts O'Neill St. Mary's on Tuesday.

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|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| NELIGH-OAKDALE (1-3) | 14 | 24 | 36 | 50 |
| CREIGHTON (1-2)      | 9  | 25 | 34 | 55 |

**Homer 44, Allen 41**

ALLEN, Neb. - The Homer Knights outscored Allen 18-11 in the fourth quarter to rally to a 44-41 victory over the Eagles in Lewis & Clark Conference girls' basketball action on Friday.

No statistics were reported for Homer, which trailed 30-26 after three quarters.

Gabby Sullivan had 16 points, nine rebounds and six steals for Allen. Kaylen Smith netted 10 points.

Homer, 2-1, hosts Wynot on Tuesday. Allen, 2-3, hosts Hartington-Newcastle on Tuesday.

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|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| HOMER (2-1) | 11 | 22 | 26 | 44 |
| ALLEN (2-3) | 8  | 22 | 30 | 41 |

**Avon 57, Gregory 26**

GREGORY - Lauren Sees recorded a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds as Avon rolled past Gregory 57-26 on Friday night in Gregory.

Kacie Mudder and Cheylee Nagel each reached double digits in points for Avon with 12 and 10, respec-

tively. Mudder also grabbed 11 rebounds to complete a double-double, while Heidi Cap added 12 rebounds and team-high five assists.

For Gregory, Emma Schweigert led the team with five points and Lauren Svatos led with seven rebounds.

Avon's next game will be at Corsica-Stickney on Tuesday, while Gregory will host Platte-Geddes on Dec 18.

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|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| AVON (1-0)    | 15 | 25 | 45 | 57 |
| GREGORY (0-1) | 6  | 16 | 18 | 26 |

**Elkhorn Valley 65, Santee 24**

SANTEE, Neb. - Elkhorn Valley jumped out to a 22-6 lead after one quarter and pulled away to a 65-24 victory over Santee in girls' basketball action on Friday.

Sierra Rystrom had 20 points, and Hannah Ollendick posted 11 points and six steals for Elkhorn Valley. Amber Miller added five assists in the victory.

No statistics were reported for Santee.

Elkhorn Valley, 3-1, travels to Chambers-Wheeler Central today (Saturday). Santee faces the first of back-to-back South Dakota opponents, Marty, today at home.

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| ELKHORN VALLEY (3-1) | 22 | 38 | 55 | 65 |
| SANTEE (0-3)         | 6  | 9  | 21 | 24 |

**Emerson-Hubb. 61, Laurel-Con.-Col.24**

EMERSON, Neb. - Emerson-Hubbard jumped out to a 26-2 first quarter lead on their way to a 61-24 victory over the Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Bears on Friday night in Emerson.

Katie Leapley led the Bears, posting 10 points, seven rebounds, and five blocks. Bryn Schutte added five points, while Bayley Hol-loway added four rebounds.

No stats available for Emerson-Hubbard.

LCC will travel to Randolph tonight (Saturday), while Emerson-Hubbard will have a road game with Hartington-Newcastle on Monday.

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| LAUREL-CONCORD-COL (0-3) | 2  | 11 | 19 | 24 |
| EMERSON-HUBBARD (3-1)    | 26 | 37 | 49 | 61 |

**Elk Point-Jeff. 66, Canton 21**

ELK POINT - Payton Donnelly recorded 13 points, seven steals, and four assists in Elk Point-Jefferson's 66-21 win over Canton on Friday in Elk Point.

For the Huskies, Elsie Aslesen finished with 17 points, while McKenzie Mennenga totaled 13 points while adding five steals. Morgan Flynn led EPJ in rebounding with a game-high 13 rebounds.

Canton was led by Kristen Jennings, who finished with 10 of the C-Hawks 21 points. Bailey Johnson added seven points and five rebounds.

EPJ will travel to Madison tonight (Friday), while Canton travels to Garretson on Tuesday.

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|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| CANTON (0-2)              | 5  | 9  | 17 | 21 |
| ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (2-0) | 19 | 30 | 51 | 66 |

**Clearwater-Orch. 48, Niobrara-Verdigre 25**

CLEARWATER, Neb. - Clearwater-Orchard handed Niobrara-Verdigre a 48-25 loss Friday night in Clearwater.

No stats were provided for Clearwater-Orchard (2-2).

In the loss for Niobrara-Verdigre (0-4), Emily Knust scored 12 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Ashley Guenther scored seven points and had two rebounds.

Niobrara-Verdigre's next game is against Bloomfield at

## Boys

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hosts Viborg-Hurley on Monday.

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|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| BURKE-SOUTH CENTRAL (1-0) | 13 | 31 | 38 | 47 |
| SCOTLAND (0-1)            | 11 | 19 | 28 | 43 |

**Winner 55, Wagner 34**

WINNER - In the season opener for both teams, Winner defeated Wagner 55-34 in Winner on Friday.

For Winner, Krockett Krolikowski led the team with 13 points and added seven rebounds. Devon Leiferman scored 12 and had a team-high nine rebounds. Winner shot 50 percent (23-46) from the field in the win.

For Wagner, Chase Zephier led the all players with 16 points.

Winners next game will be Dec 18 at home against Miller, Wagner will continue its season today (Saturday) at home against Beresford.

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| WAGNER (0-1) | 7  | 13 | 20 | 34 |
| WINNER (1-0) | 14 | 32 | 45 | 55 |

**Baltic 55, Gayville-Volin 48**

GAYVILLE - Baltic defeated Gayville-Volin 55-48 in G-V's home opener for high school boys' basketball in Gayville on Friday.

For Baltic, Brock Aaker led the team with 16 and Chaden Roggow added 14.

For G-V, Brook Van Osvel and Grant Rice combined to score 41 of the teams 48 points with 24 and 17, respectively.

Baltic's next game will be at Parker on Tuesday, while Gayville-Volin will travel to play Wausa, NE on the same day.

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| BALTIC (1-0)         | 12 | 24 | 37 | 55 |
| GAYVILLE-VOLIN (0-1) | 12 | 24 | 35 | 48 |

**Freeman 67, Viborg-Hurley 54**

VIBORG - Freeman defeated Viborg-Hurley 67-54 on the opening night of the high school boys' basketball season in Viborg on Friday.

For Freeman, Zachary Roth led all players in points with 21, while Greg Engbrecht added 17. Levi Waldhauser scored 11 while leading the team in rebounds and assists with five of each.

For V-H, Ryan Doorn led the team with 12 points and Dillon Sawyer led with nine rebounds.

Freeman will play again Thursdays at Canistota and V-H's next game is Monday at Scotland

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|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| FREEMAN (1-0)       | 11 | 28 | 43 | 67 |
| VIBORG-HURLEY (0-1) | 17 | 33 | 40 | 54 |

**Alcester Hudson 82, Freeman Academy 25**

ALCESTER - Alcester Hudson had a dominating performance on Friday night as the Cubs beat Freeman Academy 82-25 in Alcester.

In the win for Alcester Hudson, Gaven Doering scored 23 points and had seven rebounds. Grant Johnson scored 14 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, and had seven assists.

For Freeman Academy, Stephen Waltner scored 12 points.

Alcester Hudson's next game will be against West Sioux on Saturday in Hawarden, Iowa. Freeman Academy's next game will be against Oldham-Ramona/Rutland in Ramona.

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| FREEMAN ACADEMY (0-1) | 9  | 8  | 5  | 25 |
| ALCESTER-HUDSON (1-0) | 22 | 22 | 23 | 82 |

**O'Neill 64, Hartington Cedar Catholic 42**

O'NEILL, Neb. - The O'Neill Eagles used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Hartington Cedar Catholic by a score of 64-42 on Friday in O'Neill.

For the Eagles, Tyler Regan had 15 points, and Jake Young added 14 points. Alex Thramer finished with 10 points, while Justin Appleby had nine points.

No stats available for Hartington Cedar Catholic.

O'Neill will be in action tonight (Saturday), as they travel to Madison. HCC will play host to the Crofton Warriors on Tuesday.

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| CEAR CATHOLIC (1-2) | 14 | 21 | 36 | 42 |
| O'NEILL (2-0)       | 12 | 38 | 53 | 64 |

**Homer 45, Allen 16**

ALLEN, Neb. - Homer dominated Allen on Friday night, picking up a 45-16 road victory in Allen.

Austin Crom was the leading scorer for Allen, totaling six points. Tayler Kumm had four points and four rebounds, while Logan Nelson finished with three points and three rebounds.

No stats available for Homer.

Homer will play host to Wynot on Monday, while Allen will also be at home Monday against Hartington-Newcastle.

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| HOMER (1-3) | 10 | 24 | 33 | 45 |
| ALLEN (1-3) | 4  | 7  | 12 | 16 |

**Norfolk 75, Lincoln Southeast 60**

NORFOLK, Neb. - The Norfolk boys' basketball team defeated Lincoln Southeast 75-60 on Friday in Norfolk, Nebraska.

For Norfolk, Brandon Vilalpando led the team with 20 points, while Logan Strom added 19 and a team-high three steals. Christian Eisenhauer led the team with five assists.

No stats were reported for Lincoln Southeast

Norfolk's next game will be at Omaha Benson today (Saturday), while Lincoln Southeast will host Lincoln North Star Tuesday.

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|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| LINCOLN SOUTHEAST (2-2) | 10 | 20 | 35 | 60 |
| NORFOLK (2-1)           | 17 | 30 | 46 | 75 |

**Dell Rapids 82, West Central 70**

HARTFORD - The Dell Rapids Quarriers won a shootout over West Central by a final score of 82-70 on Friday night in Hartford.

Ty Hoglund had a game-high 36 points for the Quarriers, while Sheldon Siemonsma added 14 points and nine rebounds. Mason Schmidt finished with 12 points, while Sam White totaled eight rebounds.

For West Central Noah Vetrus posted a team-high in points and rebounds with 33 points and eight boards. Nick Nagel added 17 points, while Jackson Miller finished with six rebounds.

Dell Rapids will host Tea Area next Friday, while West Central travels to Sioux Falls Christian tonight (Saturday).

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|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
| DELL RAPIDS (1-0)  | 22 | 43 | 66 | 82 |
| WEST CENTRAL (0-1) | 13 | 26 | 54 | 70 |

**Watertown 45, Huron 42**

HURON - After trailing by five at halftime, the Watertown Arrows defeated Huron by a score of 45-42 on Friday night in Huron.

Nate Davis had 15 points and five rebounds for the Arrows, while Spencer Waega added 11 points and six rebounds. Alex Gauer finished with five assists in the win.

For Huron, Hyland Heinz

totalled a game-high 17 points, while Tye Evers and Clay Korkow each finished with eight points. Peyton Carr led Huron with nine rebounds.

Watertown will play host to O'Gorman next Thursday, while Huron hosts Brandon Valley tonight (Saturday).

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| WATERTOWN (1-0) | 8 | 19 | 33 | 45 |
| HURON (0-1)     | 9 | 23 | 31 | 42 |

**Battle Creek 57, Madison 45**

BATTLE CREEK, Neb. - Battle Creek's Kobe Lade scored 26 points to lead the Braves to a 57-45 victory over the Madison Dragons on Friday in Battle Creek.

Josh Schick added eight points for the Braves, while Aaron Rudloff and Mason Mettler each finished with seven points. The Braves used a 21 point second quarter to propel them to victory.

No stats available for Madison.

Both teams will be at home tonight (Saturday) with Battle Creek hosting Norfolk Catholic, and Madison playing host to O'Neill.

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|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
| MADISON (2-2)      | 12 | 22 | 34 | 45 |
| BATTLE CREEK (5-0) | 12 | 34 | 48 | 57 |

**Sioux Valley 69, Howard 12**

HOWARD - Sioux Valley had a dominating performance against Howard in Howard on Friday night as they won 69-12 in the season opener for both teams.

Collin Kramer led Sioux Valley in scoring with 18 points and he also had seven rebounds. Trevor Hanson also scored 14 points.

No stats were provided for Howard.

Howard's next game will be against Chester on Tuesday in Chester. Sioux Valley plays Saturday in Volga against Clark/Willow Lake in a double header.

**Tri Valley 58, Garretson 43**

COLTON - Will Steineke scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Friday night as Tri valley got past Garretson 58-43 in Tri Valley.

In the win for Tri Valley, Cade Falor scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Jayden Burggraaf scored 10 in the win.

For Garretson, Cole Fiegen scored 27 points and had 12 rebounds. Shay Gibson scored nine points.

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| GARRETSON (0-1)  | 8  | 20 | 32 | 43 |
| TRI VALLEY (0-1) | 16 | 27 | 40 | 58 |

**Thursday**

**Allen 42, Ewing 33**

EWING, Neb. - Allen claimed its first win of the season in a 42-33 victory over Ewing in prep boys' basketball action on Thursday in Ewing, Nebraska.

Tayler Kumm led Allen with 16 points and nine rebounds. Nate Bausch added 15 points in the victory.


For Ewing, Bryce Summers led the team with 11 points while Skylar Reynolds added nine.

Allen's next game will be at home against Homer today (Saturday), while Ewing will travel to Niobrara-Verdigre on Tuesday.

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|-------------|---|----|----|----|
| ALLEN (1-2) | 9 | 18 | 29 | 13 |
| EWING (0-4) | 2 | 8  | 23 | 33 |

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