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The team has held opponents to 44.7 points per game this season, and has not allowed more than 42 points in a game in the post-season.

"We're going to have to play good defense, which has been a trademark of our district and region games," Glanzer said. "We're going to have to do something like that with the Faith team. They have a lot of scorers, are putting up a lot of points, so we're going to have to defend and rebound. If you play good defense and don't rebound, it doesn't matter, they just get another shot."

TDA will also need to handle its business on the offensive end.

"We going to have to be efficient with the basketball," Glanzer added. "We can't facilitate their running game by turning it over and letting them go on runouts, because any easy baskets they get will just compound our problems."

In first-round games earlier today, White River (21-2) draws Colman-Egan (12-10) at 1 p.m., followed by Sully Buttes (20-3) against Viborg (20-3). Hitchcock-Tulare (22-1) faces James Valley Christian (16-6) in the early game of the evening session, a 7 p.m. start.

The tournament runs through Saturday at the Barnett Center.



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Tripp-Delmont-Armour's Michael Nour, left, goes up for a shot during the Region 6B Championship game. Tripp-Delmont-Armour is headed to state for the third time in four years, and will face Faith in the opening round today (Thursday) at 8:45 p.m.

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struck out four and walked five.

In Game 2, USD struck first again. Senior Michelle Jones singled, and was bunted to second on a sacrifice by senior Callie Roan. Rudeen singled to left center scoring Jones with the game's first run.

USD took that lead into the bottom of the second before

Nebraska tied the game. The Huskers took the lead with a single run in the third inning, and extended the lead to 5-1 with three runs in the fourth.

The Coyotes came back in the fifth. Roan walked, and Rudeen crushed an RBI double that hit off the top of the fence, bringing USD within 5-2.

Nebraska extended the lead to 9-2 with four runs in the fifth. The Coyotes got as close 9-3 thanks to another RBI double by Rudeen in the sixth.

Rudeen led USD at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Novotny was 2-for-4 with an RBI, while senior Jasey Goedeken (Columbus, Neb.) was 2-for-4. Jones, Roan, Johnson and Lussman added hits for the Coyotes, who finished with 11 in the game.

Freshman Melissa Blackburn took the loss, going the distance. She struck out three and walked two while allowing nine runs (eight earned).

USD resumes action Saturday at Iowa. The doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. in Iowa City, Iowa.

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USD is at Central Florida on Sept. 4 and at Minnesota on Sept. 11.

"The nice thing about USD is that I have great coaches to work with," Morrell said. "You've got

to have guys around you can count on, and even in my short time here, I've already seen that. I'm excited to work with this program."

Morrell — whose father Russ is an assistant coach at Wagner High School — figures to focus specifically on the USD secondary, which was at times suspect last season.

However, the Coyotes ranked first last season in the Great West Conference in scoring defense (27.2 points per game) and rushing defense (108.1 yds), and was second in total defense (388.9 yds).

"I can already tell the guys are excited and ready to work," Morrell said. "And I'm ready to get going too."

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"It's a career that you never know what to expect," he said. "Sometimes you get breaks and they go for and against you. You need to learn from those, and that's something that can also carry over to your life and the lives of the people around you."

Maybe Hennies' greatest break in his career was in the late 1980's when he coached a group of kids who were committed to winning a state title.

That team didn't win a state

title — they won two — as Hennies guided the squad to back-to-back state titles in 1988 and 1989.

"What happened is that we had a special group of kids who were committed, intelligent and know how to play the game," said Hennies of his two championship teams. "They made it enjoyable to have success with those kinds of people."

Hennies still lives in Vermillion, but during the winter he travels down to Arizona for a good period of time.

However, he is still able to make it to a few Vermillion basketball games along with University of South Dakota games.

"I will see the Tanagers play when I come back over the holidays, and I follow them all year long, along with USD," he said.

Hennies also stays in connect with a number of his former players.

"A lot of the kids that I was around are into their profession and some of them even became coaches," he said. "It's certainly nice to see the success those young people have had in their careers."

Hennies will be honored this weekend in Sioux Falls during the South Dakota State High School Boys' Basketball Class A Championships in the Arena.

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"We've shown in the last few games, in the post-season and even at the end of the regular season, that different people could step up at different times and lead us in scoring."

Freshman Trevor Jacobsen (3.6 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 1.8 apg), sophomore Ryan Kludt (2.7 ppg, 1.6 rpg), senior Nathan Glanzer (1.6 ppg, 1.0 rpg) and junior John Tirrel (1.1 rpg) have all been contributors off the bench.

"Trevor Jacobsen, he basically plays starter minutes for us, depending on the foul situation," Schoenefeld said. "Ryan Kludt and Nathan Glanzer, even John Tirrel has given us some good minutes off the bench this year."

Sophomore Matt Jensen and freshmen Andrew Hora and Seth Anderson have also see court time for the Vikings.

The Vikings have shown the ability to adapt their offense to

take advantage of other teams, whether that means turning the basketball court into a track or slowing it down and moving the ball in the half-court.

"Earlier in the year we were putting up some higher scoring numbers because we were able to get out in transition. It's something I think we are good at and like to do," Schoenefeld said. "Then if teams do try to slow it down, if they're sending two and three guys back when they put the shot up to not allow us to fast break, we're not afraid to play a halfcourt game. Having the experience that we have, and the versatility that we have, makes us tough to handle in the halfcourt game as well."

Viborg has also demonstrated prowess on the defensive end, as well, holding opponents to 36.1 points per game while scoring 63.4 points a game.

"Some of that maybe is the style of play that teams are choosing to use against us but, especially late in the season, things have come together as far as our defensive effort goes," Schoenefeld said. "I've been real-

ly pleased with our defense. At the beginning of the year, one of the goals was to set a new scoring defense record for the school."

For the Vikings to achieve their goal of a state championship, Schoenefeld feels the team needs to remain on task.

"I think we had really good focus the last couple games of the regular season and into the post-season," he said. "If we can continue that focus, obviously play together on the offensive end and continue to play defense like we've played the last few games, I think we'll have a good shot."

Viborg and Sully Buttes play the 2:45 p.m. game today, the second of four games on tap in the tournament. Top-seeded White River (21-2) opens the tournament against Colman-Egan (12-10) at 1 p.m. In the evening session, Hitchcock-Tulare (22-1) faces James Valley Christian (16-6) at 7 p.m., followed by Faith (21-2) against Tripp-Delmont-Armour (18-5) at 8:45 p.m.

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