

# Nebraska Downs Cold-Shooting Coyotes

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LINCOLN, Neb. — If shots aren't falling against a major conference opponent, life is difficult.

The South Dakota men found that out again first-hand Friday night.

For a second consecutive season, cold shooting plagued USD in a season-opening loss at Nebraska. This time it was a 65-48 victory by the Huskers at the Bob Devaney Center in Lincoln, Neb.

As was the case last season, the Coyotes (0-1) had a hard time getting clean looks underneath.

"They've got some big bodies down there and are pretty long. They altered a couple of my shots, as you could

tell," said sophomore forward Trevor Gruis, with a smirk. Gruis was limited to nine points on 3-of-12 shooting.

"I guess it's something you learn from a game like this."

USD, with four starters back, hit just 30.9 percent from the field (17-of-55) and had trouble doing much of anything positive in the paint against the long-armed Huskers — with starters at 6-foot-10 and 6-11.

"When we'd drive to the basket, it was like all five guys would collapse and smother the ball," USD senior Charlie Westbrook said. "That made it tough for us drivers, so we had to try to shoot our way out of it."

"I think we'll be fine, though."

Nebraska, playing its first game as a member of the Big Ten Conference,

held advantages in many categories.

Yet, the biggest edge was in rebounds (45-29). The margin on offensive boards was only 14-10, proof that USD wasn't pounded out of the gym.

"We did some things we were better at than last year," coach Dave Boots said. "Defensively, a year ago, we had very few chances to let our defense win a game for us. Tonight we played well enough defensively to compete, but we didn't get it done on the offense end."

USD was within 10 points, at 42-32, with 12:14 to play, but watched the Huskers reel off a 12-5 run to pull away.

After that surge, the Coyotes weren't able to string together consecutive baskets for the remainder of the game.

After shooting just 26.7 percent in the first half, USD hit 36 percent in the second half and was only out-scored by five points.

"Their perimeter kids are really physical and it was hard to get by them," Boots said. "We probably had more open looks in the second half and played better offensively in the second half."

"Once we took away some of the turnovers, I thought it was a defensive game."

The Huskers' defense was especially tough on the USD guard combo of Louie Krogman and Westbrook. Though the senior tandem combined

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## Rough Riders End Yankton's Season

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SIoux FALLS — The Yankton Gazelles volleyball season came to a sudden stop when they ran into a fired up Sioux Falls Roosevelt squad Friday night, falling 25-15, 25-19, 25-21.

"This is just a very disappointing finish to the season because we do have nine seniors on the team and it is frustrating that they are going to go out and never get to play at a state volleyball tournament," said head coach Leasa Woodward. "Our seniors are great kids, all of them. A lot of them are now going to go on to the basketball court and hopefully they learned something from this situation and will not get themselves in this position that they are in right now come March."

Woodward said Roosevelt was able to establish a rhythm that the Gazelles didn't have an answer for.

"I thought Roosevelt played extremely well," Woodward said. "From my stats they only had six errors on the night. It did seem like when they did shank a ball, they were able to chase it down, get it back and get it over the net."

Woodward said she felt the Gazelles played aggressive on the night, but just couldn't get enough touches on the ball.

"Coming into the match I thought the key for us was going to be to block and serve well," she said. "I thought we served pretty aggressively for the most part. We just could never get the ball down and make them uncomfortable. They have some great athletes, they were firing on all cylinders and we just didn't have an answer for it."

Leading the way for the Gazelles was Mikala Hora with 15 kills, Emily Fedders with 22 assists, Chloe Cornemann with 16 digs and Kelsey Fitzgerald with three blocks.

For Roosevelt, who moves on to play Washington in the first round of the state tournament next Thursday, the match was the second time the upended the Gazelles this season.

They were led by Maggie DeJong with seven blocks and 10 kills. Haley Chambers added five blocks, 13 digs and nine kills. Tagyn Larson had 13 digs, Heather Beaner had 10 kills and Erinn Temple 44 assists.

The Gazelles finish the season with a 16-5 record.

## Valley City State Stops MMC Women

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Valley City State harassed the Mount Marty Lancers and held them to 14 field goals as they held on for a 54-51 non-conference win over the Lancers at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena Friday night.

"It was a frustrating night," Mount Marty head coach Tom Schlimgen said. "We had 26 turnovers against a half-court defense, we could go on and on; we just didn't get the job done — hats off to them."

The Vikings took a 15-10 lead as buckets were few and far between for the Lancers.

Alexa Berg opened the game with a 3-pointer from the wing, but Mount Marty was shooting

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## COYOTES FEEL AT HOME IN THE DOME



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Waverly-South Shore players celebrate with the Class 9B championship trophy after their 58-24 victory over Avon Friday at the DakotaDome. It was the first state championship and first finals appearance for the Coyotes.

## W-SS Beats Avon For 9B Title

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VERMILLION — It took Waverly-South Shore all of one play to set the tone.

And only one play to establish momentum needed to capture the school's first-ever football title.

Thanks to eight touchdowns from Taylor, Tyson and Brent Zemlicka, the Coyotes steam-rolled Avon 58-24 in Friday morning's Class 9B S.D. high school football championship game inside the DakotaDome.

Among the damage — 507 total yards — by the senior-laden Coyotes (12-0), it was a 74-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Taylor Zemlicka to brother Tyson Zemlicka on the first play from scrimmage that set the stage.

"We've had that play in there the entire week, and we were waiting to do it," said Taylor Zemlicka, who combined to score five touchdowns on the way to Joe Robbie MVP honors.

"I almost missed him, he was so wide open. But everything worked out well."

That it did for Waverly-South Shore, which ran for 337 total yards and completely dominated the line of scrimmage. Whether it was through the air or on the

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Avon running back Brandon Kocmich, center, looks for running room during the Pirates' Class 9B championship game matchup with Waverly-South Shore, Friday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

## Canistota Rolls Past Wall For To Second Straight State Title

### Class 9A: Hawks Put Up 66 Points In Consecutive Title Victories

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VERMILLION — Even with Wall's Chavis Shull posting over 2,300 yards of total offense this season, it wasn't enough to overcome an outstanding Canistota defense. Canistota ended their perfect season 12-0 with a 66-6 win over Wall Friday at the Dakota Dome.

Canistota has crushed their competition all year outscoring their opponents 402-55 in the regular season and 216-6 in the four post-season games. The rest of the night was history as Canistota went on to win the 9A championship game a year after winning the 9B championship game. "There a great group of kids with amazing skill," said Canistota Coach

Lenny Schroeder. "They're fortunate enough to win it two years in a row. Our defense stopped a potent offense. They played hard and shed blocks."

The game started ugly for both teams. Wall kicked off to Nick Hofer who fumbled the ball and Laketon McLaughlin recovered it for Wall. Three plays later Wall quarterback Lane Blasius was picked off by Canistota's Alex Robertson and returned it to the Wall 11-yard line but was called back to the 21 due to a block in the back penalty on Canistota.

Five plays later Canistota was knocking on the door being on the Wall 3-yard line but a bad pitch to Alex Robertson ends up being recovered by Wall's Coday Harris.

With three minutes to go in the first quarter Canistota quarterback Cody Bunger put the first points on the board. The play started as what seemed to be a handoff to the left, but Bunger kept it on the quarterback keep. As he rushed up the sideline three Wall defenders were ready to meet him when he slowed and cut back to run toward the other side of the field. Two of the Wall defenders were tripped up in the sudden change of direction and, with only one man to beat, Bunger showed his speed and finished the 73-yard touchdown run.

After the first quarter Canistota started to show life scoring on plays of 50, three and 43 yards.

Going in the second half with a 30-0 lead helped boost confidence

into Canistota as the started the third quarter strong blocking a punt on Wall's first possession downing it at the Canistota 43. Cody Bunger then scrambled for a 50-yard gain. Troy Hofer finished off the drive with a seven yard run on the next play to extend the lead even further.

Canistota's explosive offense totaled 332 yards rushing and 174 passing, most of those yards coming from quarterback Cody Bunger.

Bunger completed three of five passes for 174 yards and three touchdowns, going to Trevor Schroeder. Bunger also gained 161 yards rushing on seven carries with two touchdowns.

Leading the aggressive Canistota defense was Eric Tieszen with 17 tackles, followed by Jason VanWin-

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A quartet of Canistota players wrap up Wall's Chavis Shull during the Class 9A championship game, Friday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. The Canistota defense went until 34 seconds left in the final before giving up a point in the post-season, capping a 12-0 season with a 66-6 rout of the Eagles.



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