

Edgemont (30-1), 7:45 p.m.

NEBRASKA STATE TOURN.

Papillion-LaVista South def. Omaha Marian,

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showed yet again that the playoff format could use a little work.

The East-West imbalance reared its ugly head again Friday night.
While a Yankton team that ranked fourth of the 16 Class AA programs in power points were eliminated by the team ranked fifth, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, the seventh-ranked team, Mitchell, had their way with number 13 Rapid City Central. Number seven O'Gorman's rout to state went through number nine Watertown Granted, the situation for Yankton was set up by a couple of upsets — Yankton's loss to Washington in the first round and Roosevelt's loss to O'Gorman in the District 1AA final — set up the scenario, but the situation

I was talking with Yankton boys' basketball coach Randy Gross prior to Friday's match, and he brought up a playoff proposal that had been brought up a time or two over the years, but shot down by schools like Mitchell and Huron that benefit from the District 1AA vs. 2AA, 3AA vs. 4AA format. Here it is: Take the eight teams alive after districts and seed them 1-8. The winners of those games go to state.

In this situation, a Yankton team that finished the season at 16-5 would have played a Watertown team they would have handled easily, while Mitchell would have had to play Roosevelt in the 4-5 game. Granted, I feel that both of those teams belong at state, but Huron winning District 3AA threw that scenario for a loop.

Between Districts 3AA and 4AA, there are not always four teams deserving of a trip to state, while there are typically more than that in Districts 1AA and 2AA. Maybe it's time to take a look at how the playoffs are set up and make a change.

## SCOREBOARD

#### **VOLLEYBALL** S.D. POST-SEASON

Region Matches, Nov. 11 Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Watertown, 20-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-27, 15-7

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Yankton, 25-15, 28-26, 25-19, 25-18 Class B Semifinal
Grand Island Northwest def. Omaha Skutt
Catholic, 25-13, 20-25, 25-12, 25-27, 15-11
Lincoln Pius X def. Elkhorn South, 25-23, Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis, 25-14, 25-5, 25-16 Mitchell def. Rapid City Central, 25-18, 25-25-19, 25-16

State First Round, Nov. 17 #1 R.C. Stevens (20-2) vs. #8 Huron (11-11), noon #5 S.F. Washington (14-7) vs. #4 S.F. Roosevelt (19-8), 1:45 p.m Catholic, 25-15, 22-25, 25-23, 16-25, 15-13

Thomas More (29-5), 1:45 p.m

#7 Elk Point-Jefferson (19-10) vs. #2 Mo-bridge-Pollock (25-2), 7:45 p.m.

CLASS B

#3 Arlington (28-4) vs. #6 Hanson (24-4), 6

#7 James Valley Christian (21-5) vs. #2

Class C-2 Semifinal Lutheran High Northeast def. Twin River, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17 #3 S.F. Lincoln (21-4) vs. #6 Mitchell (15-8), 6 p.m #7 S.F. O'Gorman (11-10) vs. #2 Aberdeen Central (18-4), 7:45 p.m. Ord def. Hastings St. Cecilia, 9-25, 23-25, CLASS A
State First Round, Nov. 17
#1 S.F. Christian (25-2) vs. #8 RedfieldDoland (18-10), noon
#5 Aberdeen Roncalli (23-5) vs. #4 St. 27-25, 25-14, 15-12

Class D-1 Semifinal
Exeter/Milligan def. BruningDavenport/Shickley, 25-14, 26-24, 16-25, 25-17
Humphrey def. Guardian Angels, 25-17, 25-19. 25-18 Class D-2 Semifinal
Bertrand def. Stuart, 25-21, 25-10, 25-17
Howells def. Brady, 20-25, 25-20, 25-22, 20-#3 Wagner (29-3) vs. #6 Gregory (21-6), 6

## **FOOTBALL**

State First Round, Nov. 17 #1 Parker vs. #8 Faith (23-7), noon #5 Herried-Selby Area (26-4) vs. #4 North-western (28-4), 1:45 p.m. S.D. PLAYOFFS FINALS, Nov. 10-12 at Vermillion Thursday, Nov. 10

CLASS 11B: Tri-Valley 18, McCook Central-Friday, Nov. 11 CLASS 9B: Waverly-South Shore 58. Avon

CLASS 9A: Canistota 66, Wall 6 CLASS 9AA: Bridgewater-Emery 36, Kimball/White Lake 24 Saturday, Nov. 12

CLASS 11AA: Sioux Falls Roosevelt (10-1) vs. Sioux Falls Washington (9-2), 7:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS CLASS A nifinal, Nov. 11 Kearney Catholic def. Grand Island Central

CLASS B Semifinal, Nov. 11 Crete 20, Gretna 15 Elkhorn 41, Adams Central 7 CLASS C1

Semifinals, Nov. 15 Minden (11-0) at Norfolk Catholic (11-0), 4 Wahoo (9-2) at Platteview (10-1), 7 p.m. CLASS C2 Semifinals, Nov. 15 Lincoln Christian (10-1) at Aquinas Catholic (11-0), 7 p.m. Kearney C Kearney Catholic (10-1) at North Platte St. Patrick (10-1), 6 p.m. CLASS D1

Semifinals, Nov. 14 Creighton (9-2) at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (10-1), 5:30 p.m. Elgin Public/Pope John (11-0) at Kenesaw N.Y. Giants

(11-0), 5 p.m. CLASS D2 Semifinals, Nov. 14
Howells (11-0) at Clarkson (7-4), 6 p.m.
Loomis (9-2) at Sargent (11-0), 6 p.m. SIX-MAN TOURNAMENT

State Championship, Nov. 11 Arthur County 54, Hitchcock County 6 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

New England at N.Y. Jets. 7:20 p.m Monday, Nov. 14 Minnesota at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia

Tampa Bay

San Francisco 7

Thursday, Nov. 10 Oakland 24, San Diego 17

Sunday, Nov. 13 Buffalo at Dallas, noon Denver at Kansas City, noon Washington at Miami, noon

St. Louis at Cleveland, noon

Arizona at Philadelphia, noon

Houston at Tampa Bay, noon

New Orleans at Atlanta, noon

Detroit at Chicago, 3:15 p.m.

lacksonville at Indianapolis, noon

Baltimore at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17 N.Y. Jets at Denver, 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon Oakland at Minnesota, noon Carolina at Detroit, noon

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West

Dallas at Washington, noon Jacksonville at Cleveland, noor Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m. Seattle at St. Louis, 3:05 p.m.

San Diego at Chicago, 3:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 7:20 p.m. Open: Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans

Monday, Nov. 21 Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed RHP Jared Burton and OF/INF Brian Dinkelman to minor-

league contracts. NEW YORK METS — Assigned INF/OF Nick Evans and OF Jason Pridie to Buffalo (IL). American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS — Signed OF JJ Muse.

Frontier League
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed INF
Zach Messer, C Kyle Shaffer and LHP Randy Sturgill to contract extensions.

National Football League NFL — Fined Denver LB Von Miller \$15,000,

### AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 12 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Clarke at MMC (4 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Jamestown

at MMC (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)

CHEER & DANCE, PREP S.D. State Meet at Brandon (9 a.m.)
FOOTBALL, COLLEGE Missouri S&T at
USD (noon, Midco Sports Net, KYNT-AM,

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Finals at Vermillion (Class 11AA — S.F. Washington vs. S.F. Roosevelt, 7:30 p.m.) SWIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE Wis-

consin Border Battle (USD, 5 p.m.) SWIMMING-DIVING, YOUTH Yankton VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD at S.D.

volleyball, GIRLS' Neb. State

Tourn at Grand Island
Sunday, November 13
SWIMMING-DIVING, COLLEGE Wisconsin Border Battle (USD, 10 a.m.) Monday, November 14 FOOTBALL PREP Neb Playoffs Semi-

finals: Class D1 — Creighton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (5:30 p.m.)

Pittsburgh S Ryan Clark \$40,000 and Baltimore LB Ray Lewis \$20,000 for their actions in last week's games.

Arena Football League ORLANDO PREDATORS — Re-signed CB Travis Coleman. Added OL Marc Cile to the ros-

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled LW
Vladimir Zharkov from Albany (AHL). ST. LOUIS BLUES — Traded D Nikita Nikitin

to Columbus for D Kris Russell.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Assigned F
Brayden Irwin from Toronto (AHL) to Reading WINNIPEG JETS — Activated G Chris

Mason from injured reserve. Rea Peter Mannino to St. John's (AHL).

**ECHL**READING ROYALS — Released F Richard

Central Hockey League FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Signed D Jamie

RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed F Patrick TULSA OILERS — Waived F Jason Weeks.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Placed Oklahoma on three years probation and fined the school \$15,000 for major violations in its men's basketball program. Suspended Marquette freshman Juan Anderson for

the three games for accepting a free ticket to a Milwaukee Brewers playoff game. GEORGIA TECH—Suspended junior F Glen Rice Jr. for three games for an undisclosed violation of team rules. PENN STATE — Placed assistant football

coach Mike McQueary on administrative leave.
PFEIFFER — Named Allie Marshall assistant softball coach.

## **Lancer Men Open With Victory**

BY KEITH A. BROCKBERG

P&D Correspondent

The Lancers of Mount Marty opened their 2011-12 season in thrilling fashion with a 67-61 win over Ashford University's Saints Friday night at Laddie Ě. Cimpl Arena, avenging a 66-56 loss to Ashford last season.

The two teams combined for 45 fouls in the physical and fastpaced contest, but the Lancers responded with composure and

clutch points down the stretch. "It was a battle – not for the faint of heart," Mount Marty head coach Jim Thorson said. "I'm pleased with the way we've progressed and we played the game

the right wav.'

Mount Marty was sparked at the onset by Mitch Ackelson, who dropped in three free throws, and Spencer Yackley, who scored six early points as the Lancers took a 17-11 lead.

Austin Harms contributed to the Lancer scoring with a baseline drive, and Joe Hieb laced in a reverse lay-up.

The Lancers were efficient from the field through the first 15 minutes, hitting on 11 of 17 shots for 64.7-percent and a 25-24 lead. Similarly, the Saints were shooting at a 50-percent pace as

Joseph Lightfoot III came off the bench to drain a 3-pointer and score seven points, and by Jason Landry, who responded to an early benching by scoring nine

The Saints took a 32-29 lead at the break as Landry popped in a lay-up to beat the buzzer.

Ackelson sparked the Lancers to initiate the second half as well. The senior transfer from Missouri-St. Louis tipped in his own miss to put Mount Marty back in

a trey for a 36-32 Lancer lead. However, Lightfoot III sparked

front, 33-32, and then cued up for

## the Saints again.

The junior from Kankakee, Ill. scored the first points of the half for the Saints with a trey and added four free throws to keep Ashford close at 40-39.

Jonathan Wyatt put the Saints back in front at 45-42 with back-toback 3-pointers – his first points of the game.

With the Lancers needing an answer, Ackelson popped in a short jumper, and, on the next possession, went to the floor to get the ball ahead to Jeff Viereck for a lay-in, trimming Ashford's lead to 54-53.

Ackelson put the Lancers back in front 57-56 with a pair of free throws at the 3:21 mark.

Joe Hieb, who scored 10 points in the second half, kept the pressure on the Saints by swishing from downtown for a 60-56 lead.

Matthias Burns passed into Peter Tanzillo to pull Ashford to within 60-59 with 1:22, but Tom Kahler answered with a short jumper to keep MMC in the lead for good at 62-59.

The Lancers made four of seven free throws in the final 36 seconds to ice the win.

Ackelson tied Hieb with 16 points to lead the Lancers while fighting for eight rebounds at 6-0.

"At this point, I really have to credit Mitch Ackelson," Thorson said. "It's amazing how one player can set the tone." At the point position, Ackelson

was able to keep the Lancers within themselves when the pressure was at its peak. "He's a floor general – a guy

who gets us into the offense,' Thorson said. "Defensively, he's just so tough.' As a team, the Lancers were able to respond in crunch time – a

response that eluded them in

close games last season.

"We've been talking about the toughness but we also stayed

## within the plan and all of them un-

derstood and stood in there."

Thorson said. "They did what

they needed to at the end of the game to win." Yackley had 11 points and nine

rebounds. Javier Valdez, Landry and Lightfoot III each scored 14 points to pace the Saints (1-2).

The Lancers (1-0) will host Clarke University today at 4 p.m.
ASHFORD UNIVERSITY (1-1) Jonathan Wyatt 3-7 0-0 9,
Vesteinn Sveinsson 0-1 0-0 0, Javier Valdez 4-9 4-6 14, Jason
Landry 5-8 4-8 14, Peter Tanzillo 3-6 1-2 7, Joseph Lightfoot III
4-9 4-4 14, DeAndre Lowery 0-1 0-0 0, Dewin Enrich 0-0 -0.0,
Tevien Pinckney 0-1 0-0 0, Marin Backo 0-0 0-0 0, Matthias
Burns 1-5 1-1 3, Vladimir Eric 0-0 0-1 0. TOTALS: 20-47 15-22

MOUNT MARTY (0-0) Mitch Ackelson 4-9 7-10 16, Will Eddie 1-1 3-4 5, Tom Kahler 2-2 0-0 4, Chevy Fischer 1-6 0-0 2, Spencer Yackley 4-9 3-6 11, Scott Oderkirk 1-4 0-1 2, Austin Harms 3-4 1-2 7, Joe Hieb 3-7 9-11 16, Jeff Viereck 2-4 0-0 4. TOTALS: 21-46 23-34 67.

At the Half: AU 32, MMC 29: 3-Point Goals: AU 6-16 (Wyatt 3-7, Valdez 1-4, Lightfoot II 2-5), MMC 2-10 (Ackelson 103, Fischer 0-1, Harms 0-1, Hieb 1-5); Rebounds: mmc 35 (Yackley 9, Ackelson 8), AU 24 (Landry 6); Personal Fouls: AU 24, MMC 21 Fouled Out: Viereck; Assists: MMC 6, AU 4; Turnovers: MMC 14, AU 12; Blocked Shots: MMC 3, AU 3; Steals: MMC 8, AU 3.

#### North Dakota State 73, **San Francisco 65**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Taylor Braun scored a career-high 26 points with 10 rebounds and Lawrence Alexander added 13 points, eight assists and nine boards in his first collegiate game as North Dakota State beat San Francisco 73-65 on Friday night in the opener of the Hilltop Chal-

Perris Blackwell tallied a careerhigh 23 points and eight rebounds for the Dons, who overcame an 11point halftime deficit only to see the Bison pull away by scoring 11 consecutive points in the closing minutes of the season opener for

Braun, a sophomore guard, went 8-for-14 from the field to highlight the Bison's 49.1 percent shooting on the night. Alexander, a true freshman, fell just short of a triple-double while playing a teamhigh 37 minutes.

## Class 9A

kle with 12. Alex Robertson recorded two interceptions, with Cody Bunger picking off one. Trevor Schroeder also added a forced fumble on the day.

With the Eagles controlling the ball for more than half the game the offense didn't put up huge numbers. Lane Blasius completed 3 of 9 passes for 40 yards and three interceptions. Shull

only managed to total 39 yards on the night. Les Williams led the rushing category on only one rush of 41 yards. As a team they totalled 140 yards on the ground.

The Wall defense was led by Jess Williams with nine tackles followed by Tyler Trask and Tyler Peterson each with eight tackles. Taran Eisenbraun forced a fumble.

Wall finishes their season 11-1. First Quarter
Can—Bunger 27 run (Schroeder pass from Bunger), 3:16. Second Quarter
Can—Schroeder 50 pass from Bunger (run failed), 11:06.

Can—Robertson 3 run (Schroeder pass from Bunger), 5:35. Can—Schroeder 43 pass from Bunger (Robertson run),

Third Quarter
Can—Hofer 7 run (Tieszen pass from Bunger), 9:35.
Can—Hofer 64 punt return (Robertson run), 7:12. Can—Schroeder 19 pass from Bunger (run failed), 2:30. Fourth Quarter Can—Bunger 3 run (Bunger run), 7:55. Wall—Blasius 4 run (run failed), :34.

Canistota First downs 43-311 174 7-205 3-5-0 0-0 43-81 Return yards 8-34.5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING—Wal, L. Williams 1-41, J. Williams 4-19, Trask 6-17, Blasius 5-9, Kjerstad 4-1, Eisenbraun 2-0, Shull 19-(minus 1), Johnston 2-(minus 5); Can, Bunger 7-161, T. Hofer 12-82, Robertson 16-49, N. Hofer 4-30, Seubert 1-(minus 2), Buseman

2-(minus 7). PASSING—Wal, Blasius 3-9-3-40, Johnston 0-1-0-0, Shull 0-1-0-0; Can, Bunger 3-5-0-174. RECEIVING—Wal, Linn 2-23, Trask 1-17; Can, Schroeder

## Class 9AA

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quick score after junior linebacker Anthony Huber scooped up a Jesse Taylor fumble and ran it in for the 22-0 lead. Another sucessful ground score on the 2point conversation made it 24-0 in favor of the Seahawks.

"When we had the momentum, we had it. But when we didn't, you could tell," said VanLeu

After a Kimball-White Lake turnover on downs, B/E-E used their aerial attack to move the ball down the field in a hurry. A 30-yard pass from Connor to Hanks brought the ball all the way to the Wildkat 12-yard line. After another holding call against the Seahawks took away a touchdown run, Connor responded with a 16-yard quarterback keeper into the corner of the endzone to stretch the Seahawk lead to 30-0. Connor was brought down in the backfield on the in-

suing 2-point conversion attemp. As the second half drew to a close, Kimball-White Lake was finally able to sustain a long drive down the field. Quarterback

Jesse Taylor capped a 10-play, 71yard drive by hitting a streaking Trevor Reinesh for a 26 yard score to put the Wildkats on the board with 19 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Taylor scored on a quarterback keeper on the 2-point conversion to close the gap to 30-8.

After trading possessions to open the second half, the Wildkats (9-3) controlled the ball for almost five minutes on their way to another score. A 1 yard touchdown plunge by Reinesh made it a 2-score game. The sucessful 2point conversion run by Taylor further cut into the Seahawks' lead 30-16.

B/E-E immediately answered with a score of their own. It took only two minutes for the Seahawks to cover 57 yards and score on a Kendall Lindeman 30yard scamper. Connor's pass to Kyle Pollreisz on the PAT was incomplete. After three quarters of play, the Seahawks led 36-16.

Kimball-White Lake made a final push with 00:04 seconds remaining with a 33 yard touchdown pass to Trevor Reinesh from Jesse Taylor. Willie Nordwood added the PAT to make the final score 36-24.

"Overall, it was a close game. We didn't get the big plays but

they (B/E-E) did," said Kiimball-White Lake coach Dale Taylor. "Our boys did great tonight, we just didn't have the big plays,' said Taylor.

B/E-E finished the night with 345 yards of offense. Kimball-White Lake finished with 384 yards.

Jace Conner won the Joe Robbie MVP award for the second consecutive year. Conner finished the night with 13 rushes for 127 yards, and 62 yards through the air.

First Quarter
BEE—Wethor 18 pass from Connor (Lindeman run), 10:04.

Second Quarter
BEE—Lindeman 1 run (Hanks pass from Connor), 10:43.
BEE—Huber 60 fumble return (Huber run), 6:51. BEE—Connor 16 run (pass failed), 3:38. KWL—Reinish 26 pass from Taylor (Taylor run), :19.

Third Quarter KWL—Reinish 1 run (Taylor run), 4:32. BEE-Lindeman 30 run (pass failed), 2:25

BEE 15 40-283 Rushes-yards Passing yards 62 9-182 Time of Possession 29:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—WIL, Carsten 21-84, Taylor 11-79, Reinish 1471, Konechne 1-5, Peters 1-0; BEE, Connor 13-127, Lindeman 11-123, Huber 13-36, Herrick 1-0. PASSING—KWL, Taylor 12-18-1-145; Reinish 0-1-0-0; BEE, Connor 3-6-0-62.

RECEIVING—KWL, Reinish 3-56, Peters 3-31, Carsten 2-22, Konechne 1-16, Blasius 2-11, Schroeder 1-9, BEE, Hanks 1-30, Wethor 1-18, Herrick 1-14.

## Class 9B

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ground, it didn't matter — everything worked for the Coyotes. Avon fumbled on its second

possession of the game, and shortly after, Waverly-South Shore got another touchdown pass from Taylor to Tyson. At the 5:52 mark of the first quarter, the Coyotes led 12-0 and never

looked back. Which, in a way, is the story

of their season. "This means everything to these kids, they've worked really hard and earned everything they've gotten," WSS coach Billy Kirch said. "We set our goals really high and worked hard to at-

tain those goals. The Pirates (10-2) showed some life late in the first quarter, when quarterback Nick Poppe hit tight end Luke Van Gerpen on a 26-yard touchdown.

However, Waverly-South

Shore's Tyson Zemlicka returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a score. The two-point conversion put the Coyotes ahead 20-6 "They've got good athletes and they spread it out a lot, so

it's tough to defend," Avon coach Tom Culver said. "And when you've got a good athlete at quarterback, it makes a big difference. "We played well, scored some

on them, but we couldn't stop them on offense.' After the Pirates turned the ball over on downs, Taylor Zemlicka ran a keeper up the middle and pitched the ball to cousin

Brent Zemlicka who ran it 52 yards for a touchdown.

"It wasn't meant to happen, but I wouldn't have it any other way," smiled Taylor, who finished the game with 196 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Avon fumbled the ball on its

next series and the Coyotes re-

sponded — six plays later —

with a Taylor Zemlicka 3-yard

touchdown run. The conversion pushed the score to 36-6. The Pirates got a 30-yard touchdown pass from Poppe to VanGerpen just before halftime, but the story of the first half was

Waverly-South Shore's offense. 'We knew we'd be able to score points because they run a cover one defense a lot," Taylor Zemlicka said. "They changed it up later, but in the first 3 quarters, we took care of it and ran all

the second half was marked by Waverly-South Shore's rushing attack. Taylor Zemlicka had a pair of scoring runs — 56 and 5 yards - and Brent added a 20-yard touchdown scamper. In all, Brent Zemlicka — one of

10 seniors for WSS — ran for 145

With the game all but in hand,

yards and two scores. "I think the big thing is that they could run the ball fairly well," Culver said. "We knew they would try to throw the ball, but we thought we could limit them a little bit running. But they did that well too.

That was probably the biggest surprise." What wasn't a surprise was the speed showcased by Wa-

verly-South Shore, which came in averaging 55.5 points per game. "We've got great athletes at

the skill positions, but it doesn't mean anything unless you can block the guy in front of you," Kirch said. "The kids did a great job with their responsibilities up front."

Avon, which will graduate

nine seniors, got 105 rushing

yards from Jackson Powers, while Poppe ran for 70 yards. Poppe, a senior, also completed 4-of-8 passes for 69 yards and three touchdowns. "It's nice getting back here, but it's a lot nicer to win," Culver said. "This is our seventh (title

got a good shot to be back here next year." WAVERLY-SOUTH SHORE ..... .....20 16 8 14 — 58 First Quarter
WSS—Tyson Zemlicka 26 pass from Taylor Zemlicka (run

game) trip in 10 years, so we've

got a nice little run going. We've

got some young kids, so we've

Zemlicka run), 5:52. Avon—VanGerpen 26 pass from Poppe (run failed), 3:43. WSS-Tyson Zemlicka 80 kickoff return (Taylor Zemlicka Second Quarter
WSS—Brent Zemlicka 48 run (Arthur pass from Taylor Zem-

Tyson Zemlicka 18 pass from Taylor Zemlicka (Brent

wss—Taylor Zemlicka 3 run (Taylor Zemlicka run), :38. Avon—VanGerpen 30 pass from Poppe (pass failed), :05. Third Quarter
WSS—Brent Zemlicka 20 run (Tyson Zemlicka pass from Taylor Zemlicka), 5:11. Avon—Wynia 3 pass from Poppe (run failed), 2:59.

licka), 4:54.

Fourth Quarter
WSS—Taylor Zemlicka 44 run (Tyson Zemlicka pass from Taylor Zemlicka), 11:47. Avon—Poppe 10 run (run failed), 9:08 WSS-Taylor Zemlicka 5 run (pass failed), 3:20. WSS 21 38-337 170 6-127 6-11-0 2-27 2-18 24:12 48-237 Rushes-yards Passing yards 23:48 Time of Possession

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Avon, Powers 15-105, Poppe 10-70, Ducheneaux 13-43, Kocmich 4-11, Beeson 4-5, Tolsma 2-3; WSS, Taylor Zemlicka 21-196, Brent Zemlicka 14-145. PASSING-Avon, Poppe 4-8-0-69; WSS, Taylor Zemlicka RECEIVING—Avon, VanGerpen 2-56, Beeson 1-10, Wynia 1-3; WSS, Tyson Zemlicka 3-101, Arthur 3-69.

## **Coyotes**

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to hit 10-of-27 shots, the rest of the team was 7-of-28. "The offense was really slow,

but that's something you can work out of," Gruis said. The first half, at least, might

more shots. It wasn't so much that the 26.7-percent clip was bad, it was just that second-chance opportu-

length — advantage to halt USD's surge late.



# up 28-18.

have been a different story if the Coyotes were able to hit a few

nities were extremely rare. Nebraska scored 20 of its 31 first-half points in the paint, and used a significant height — and

A put-back layup and free

# Thera

#### throw by Steve Tecker pulled the Coyotes within 20-16 at the 6:02 mark. The Huskers responded with four straight buckets to go NEBRASKA 65, S. DAKOTA 48

That was a constant theme at

the Devaney Center. "The good thing about playing a team like this is you find out your weaknesses right away,' Boots said. "It won't take five or 10 games for us to figure that

With its only major conference game out of the way early, the Coyotes will focus on rebounding next Tuesday at Eastern Washington.

"It was only our first game," Westbrook said. "We had new guys playing together and it was a new atmosphere. We'll get bet-

S. DAKOTA (0-1)
Andreotti 1-1 1-2 3, Saint-Gelais 1-6 0-0 2, Gruis 3-12 3-6
9, Westbrook 3-11 2-2 10, L. Krogman 7-16 0-0 16, Boots 0-4
0-0 0, Tecker 1-2 3-3 5, Bos 0-0 0-0 0, Bartling 0-0 0-0 0, Foley
0-0 0-0 0, Mabbutt 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 17-55 9-13 48. NEBRASKA (1-0) Ubel 2-7 0-0 4, Diaz 4-9 3-8 11, Richardson 3-6 2-3 10, Spencer 1-9 4-4 6, Walker 5-5 3-4 16, McCray 4-6 0-0 8, Rivers 0-1 0-0 0, Hilliard 0-0 0-0 0, Niemann 0-2 0-0 0, Talley 4-7 0-0 10, Fox 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-53 12-19 65.

10, Fox 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-53 12-19 65. Halfitme—Nebraska 31-19. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 5-21 (Westbrook 2-5, L. Krogman 2-8, Mabbutt 1-3, Tecker 0-1, Boots 0-2, Saint-Gelais 0-2), Nebraska 7-14 (Walker 3-3, Richardson 2-2, Talley 2-3, Rivers 0-1, Uble 0-1, Spencer 0-4), Foulde Out—None, Rebounds—S. Dakota 29 (Andreotti 7), Nebraska 45 (Talley 9), Assists—S. Dakota 5 (Andreotti, Saint-Gelais 2), Nebraska 9 (Talley 5). Total Fouls—S. Dakota 15, Nebraska 14. A—8,854.

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