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DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.

SCOREBOARD

| VOLLEYBALL | Edgemont (30-1), 7:45 p.m. | 0 | (11-0), 5 p.m. | Philadelp ^h Washing ^g | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 203 | 182 |
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| S.D. POST-SEASON | | | | | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| CLASS AA | | | | | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 287 | 205 |
| Region Matches, Nov. 11 | | | | | Atlanta | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 189 |
| Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Watertown, 20-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-27, 15-7 | | | | | Tampa Bay | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 147 |
| Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Yankton, 25-15, 25-19, 25-21 | | | | | Carolina | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 187 |
| Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis, 25-14, 25-5, 25-16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mitchell def. Rapid City Central, 25-18, 25-21, 25-21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| State First Round, Nov. 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| #1 R.C. Stevens (21-4) vs. #8 Huron (11-11), noon | | | | | | | | | | |
| #5 S.F. Washington (14-7) vs. #4 S.F. Roosevelt (19-8), 1:45 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| #3 S.F. O'Gorman (21-4) vs. #6 Mitchell (15-8), 6 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| CLASS A | | | | | | | | | | |
| State First Round, Nov. 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| #1 S.F. Christian (25-2) vs. #8 Redfield-Doland (18-10), noon | | | | | | | | | | |
| #5 Aberdeen Roncalli (23-5) vs. #4 St. Thomas More (29-5), 1:45 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| #3 Wagner (29-3) vs. #6 Gregory (21-6), 6 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| #7 Elk Point-Jefferson (19-10) vs. #2 Moberg-Polkow (25-2), 7:45 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| CLASS B | | | | | | | | | | |
| State First Round, Nov. 17 | | | | | | | | | | |
| #1 Parker vs. #8 Faith (23-7), noon | | | | | | | | | | |
| #5 Harried-Sabey Area (26-4) vs. #4 North-western (28-4), 1:45 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| #3 Arlington (28-4) vs. #6 Hanson (24-4), 6 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| #7 James Valley Christian (21-5) vs. #2 | | | | | | | | | | |

NEBRASKA STATE TOURN.

Class A Semifinal
Omaha Burke def. Lincoln Northeast 25-22, 25-16, 25-22
Papillion-LaVista South def. Omaha Mar-rian, 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 Plus X def. Elkhorn South, 25-23, 25-19, 25-16

Class C-1 Semifinal
Columbus Scotus def. Minden, 25-15, 25-21, 25-16
Kearney Catholic def. Grand Island Central Catholic, 25-15, 22-25, 25-23, 16-25, 15-13

Class C-2 Semifinal
Lutheran High def. Twin River, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17
Ord def. Hastings St. Cecilia, 9-25, 23-25, 27-25, 25-14, 15-12

Class D-1 Semifinal
Exeter/Milligan def. Bruning-Davenport/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, 20-25, 15-13

FOOTBALL

S.D. PLAYOFFS

FINALS, Nov. 10-12 at Vermillion
Thursday, Nov. 10
CLASS 11A: Burke Dell Rapids 35, West Central

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

Time To Rethink 'AA' Post-Season Setup

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 Avera 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 the playoffs are set up and make a change.

AREA CALENDAR

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| 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, KYBB-FM) 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 Inv. VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S USD at S.D. State (7 p.m.) 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 Semifinals: Class D1 — Creighton at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (5:30 p.m.) |
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Pittsburgh S Ryan Clark \$40,000 and Baltimore LB Ray Lewis \$20,000 for their actions in last week's games.

Central Hockey League
FORT WORTH KOMETS — Signed D Jamie Lovell.
RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed F Patrick Knowlton.
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.

PEIFFER — Named Allie Marshall assistant softball coach.

ECHL
READING ROYALS — Released F Richard Purslow.

Class 9A

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kle with 12. Alex Robertson recorded two interceptions, with Cody Burger 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 totaled 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.

WALL.....0 0 0 6 = 6
CANISOTA.....8 22 8 8 = 66
First Quarter
Can—Bunger 27 run (Schroeder pass from Burger), 3:16.

Second Quarter
Can—Schroeder 50 pass from Burger (run failed), 11:06.
Can—Robertson 3 run (Schroeder pass from Burger), 5:35.
Can—Schroeder 43 pass from Burger (Robertson run), 4:32.

Jesse Taylor capped a 10-play, 71-yard drive by hitting a streaking Trevor Reinesh for a 26 yard score to put the Wildcats 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 Wildcats (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 successful 2-point conversion run by Taylor further cut into the Seahawks.

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 30 yard scamper. Connor's pass to Kyle Poltreisz 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

Third Quarter
Can—Hofer 7 run (Tieszen pass from Burger), 9:35.
Can—Hofer 64 punt return (Robertson run), 7:12.
Can—Hofer 8 run (kick failed), 5:10.
Can—Schroeder 19 pass from Burger (run failed), 2:30.

Fourth Quarter
Can—Bunger 3 run (Bunger run), 7:55.
Wall—Blasius 4 run (run failed), :34.

| | Wall | Canisota |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| First downs | 8 | 17 |
| Rushes-yards | 43-81 | 43-311 |
| Passing yards | 40 | 174 |
| Return yards | 9-101 | 7-205 |
| Passes | 3-11-3 | 3-5-0 |
| Punts | 6-34-5 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 6-36 | 11-87 |
| Time of Possession | 28:54 | 18:32 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kwal, L. Williams 1-41, J. Williams 4-19, Trask 16-7, Blasius 5-9, Jerstad 4-1, Eisenbraun 2-10, Shull 16-10, Johnston 2-minus 5; Can, Burger 7-161, T. Hofer 12-82, Robertson 16-49, N. Hofer 4-30, Seubert 1-minus 2, Buseman 2-minus 7).

PASSING—Kwal, 3-3-40, Johnston 0-1-0-0, Shull 0-1-0-0; Can, Burger 3-5-0-174.

RECEIVING—Wall, Linn 2-23, Trask 1-17; Can, Schroeder 3-174.

they (B/E-E) did," said Kimball-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.

KIMBALL-WHITE LAKE.....0 8 8 8 = 24
BIDGEWATER-EMERY-ETHAN.....8 22 6 0 = 36

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.

Fourth Quarter
KWL—Reinish 33 pass from Taylor (Norwood run), :04.

| | KWL | BEE |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| First downs | 23 | 15 |
| Rushes-yards | 48-239 | 40-288 |
| Passing yards | 145 | 62 |
| Return yards | 6-61 | 9-182 |
| Passes | 12-19-1 | 3-6-0 |
| Punts | 0-0 | 3-26 |
| Penalties-yards | 9-76 | 7-57 |
| Time of Possession | 29:01 | 18:55 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—KWL, Connor 1-79, Reinish 1-79, Reinish 1-79, 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 1-18, 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 the ball 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 attain 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 launched 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 responded — 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 over them."

With the game all but in hand, 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 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 Waverly-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 game) trip in 10 years, so we've got a nice little run going. We've got some young kids, so we've got a good shot to be back here next year."

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| AVON6 6 6 6 = 24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| WAVERLY-SOUTH SHORE20 16 8 14 = 58 | | | | | | | | | | |
| First Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSS—Tyson Zemlicka 26 pass from Taylor Zemlicka (run failed), 9:56. | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSS—Tyson Zemlicka 18 pass from Taylor Zemlicka (Brent Zemlicka run), 5:52. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avon—VanGerpen 26 pass from Poppe (run failed), 3:43. | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSS—Tyson Zemlicka 80 kickoff return (Taylor Zemlicka run), 3:29. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSS—Brent Zemlicka 48 run (Arthur pass from Taylor Zemlicka), 4:54. | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSS—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. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | | | | | | | | | | |

| | Avon | WSS |
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| First downs | 16 | 21 |
| Rushes-yards | 48-237 | 38-337 |
| Passing yards | 69 | 170 |
| Return yards | 9-185 | 6-127 |
| Passes | 4-8-0 | 6-11-0 |
| Punts | 3-37 | 2-27 |
| Penalties-yards | 2-9 | 2-18 |
| Time of Possession | 23:48 | 24:12 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Avon, Powers 15-105, Poppe 10-70, Ducheneaux 13-43, Koomich 4-11, Beeson 4-5, Tolmsa 2-3; WSS, Taylor Zemlicka 21-196, Brent Zemlicka 14-145.

PASSING—Avon, Poppe 4-8-69; WSS, Taylor Zemlicka 6-11-0-170.

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

It wasn't so much that the 26.7-second clip was bad, it was just that second-chance opportunities were extremely rare.

Nebraska scored 20 of its 31 first-half points in the paint, and used a significant height — and length — advantage to halt USD's surge late.

A put-back layup and free



AM 1450

MORNING COFFEE

WEEKDAYS 7:40 AM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY


Yankton's Home Team!

throw by Steve Tecker pulled the Coyotes within 20-16 at the 6:02 mark. The Huskers responded with four straight buckets to go up 28-18.

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 out."

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



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Avera's Digital Art Gallery

Did you know Avera McKennan has the first community digital art gallery in the region? Located in the Prairie