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ple of years that will.

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Is Bo Pelini's Job In Jeopardy At Nebraska?

happening any time soon with Pelini as your program's face, then perhaps you too see a change

It's not so much the losing that hurts Husker land, it's the big losses in big games; the embarrassments on a national stage Remember last year, when the Huskers lost by 25 at Ohio State, lost by 29 in the Big Ten champi-

onship to Wisconsin, and then lost by 14 to Georgia in the Capital One Bowl? Remember when opposing defenses ripped apart the so-called 'Blackshirts'?

Remember in 2011 when the Huskers lost by 31 at Wisconsin, lost by 28 at Michigan, then lost by 17 to South Carolina in the Capital One Bowl?

Programs with high aspirations don't have performances like that.

In many ways, my opinion about Pelini mirrors my views on Ron Gardenhire with the Minnesota Twins. No, the head coach (or manager) is not entirely to blame for everything's that gone wrong.

Some will argue that it's not Pelini's fault his offensive line can't stop anybody (did you watch Fri-day's game?) or that his secondary continually gets thrashed. But on the other hand, he a) recruited those players, and b) it's his coaching staff's job to help them improve.

Ultimately, though, the head coach or manager is in charge. You're in charge of your players and you're responsible for your coaching staff. If your team doesn't win, that's on you.

You never want to call for a coach to be fired, but all I'm saying is that it's time to realistically look at the results.

SCOREBOARD

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AREA CALENDAR

Right now as I type this, the Iowa-Nebraska football game is still in the third quarter. (The Hawkeyes are in front 24-10. They would later win 38-17).

But I don't need this game to be over to know that the Huskers need a new head coach. Even you

His fate, by all accounts, had already been sealed one way or the other before Friday's game with

If you discount for a second everything off the football field that drives people nuts about Pelini, his

lowa. So a loss to the Hawkeyes wasn't going to get him fired. It's everything's happened the last cou-

team's on-the-field performances haven't won you anything, Husker fans. If you look purely at wins

and losses, sure, Pelini will win you 8-9 games a year, but where has that gotten you? Nebraska folks, from the administration on down to the fans, need to really take a step back and think

realistically about where they want this program. If you can't compete with the upper echelon of the Big

Ten Conference, how can you compete for a national championship? Or heck, the Rose Bowl?

diehard NU fans know, deep down, you're not going to win a national title any time soon, especially with

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American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed Darel Russell and Michael Thomas. to terms with senior vice president of

Major League Soccer TORONTO FC — Exercised 2014 contract options on Gs Joe Bendik, Chris Konopka and Quillan Roberts; Ds Gale Agbossoumonde, Mark Bloom and Ryan Ricther; Ms Kyle Bekker, Reggie Lambe

and Jeremy Hall; and Fs Bright Dike, Emery Welshman and Andrew Wiede-man. Declined options on Fs Robert Earnshaw and Bobby Convey and Ms

BY ROGER MERRIAM Watertown Public Opinion WATERTOWN (AP) - Five

of the leaders who helped Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan's team return to the top of Class 9AA ranks this fall spearhead the division's All-State football team as selected by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

Junior fullback Jordan Grosdidier, senior running back Wade Miller, senior guard Tyler Myers, sophomore defensive end Camden Myers and senior defensive back Blake Bartscher each have been named to the 24-player squad for the Seahawks, who capped an 11-1 season with their third state Class 9AA championship in four years under head coach Jeff VanLeur.

The All-State squad — 17 seniors, five juniors and two sophomores - also includes four players each from state runner-up Arlington (junior quarterback Andrew King, junior guard Kyle Stegeman, junior defensive tackle Brody Gilbertson and sophomore special teams player Luke Weber) and 2012 state cham-

pion Deubrook Area (senior running back Riley Hanson, senior center Clayton Dahl, senior defensive end Quinn Peterson and senior punter

Dustin Trooien). Arlington finished 10-2 and Deubrook Area 9-2, with both losses coming to Arlington including one in the state semifi-

nals. The rest of the offense includes senior wide receivers Andrew Taggart of Gregory and Dylan Lehr of Menno-Marion and senior tight end Chandler Holland of Webster Area.

Other defensive players honored are Clark-Willow Lake senior tackle Nick Young; senior linebackers Nick Gortmaker of Menno-Marion, Cote Hinker of Mt. Vernon-Plankintoni and

Blasius of Kimball-White Lake and senior back Garret Anderson of Irene-Wakonda. Other specialty players are Garretson senior long snapper Alex Thorson and Elkton-Lake

Corey Schlotte of Webster

Benton senior kicker Andrew Kirshenman. Trooien, Taggart and Kirshenman are repeat selections

from 2012. A brief summary of each of

the players named to the team: OFFENSE — QB King — Passed for 1,252 yards and 14 touchdowns and also ran for 772 yards and 17 TDs.

"Andrew is a leader and a playmaker," said Arling-ton head coach Steve Gilbertson. "He makes things happen on the field." — FB Grosdidier — Rushed for 1,041 yards and 15

TDs. ".lordan works tremendously hard at all times " said

VanLeur. "He is very coachable and sets an example for our younger players." — RB Miller — Rushed for 1,655 yards and 26 TDs and also caught 10 passes for 301 yards and three TDs.

and also caught to passes for 301 yards and three TDS. "Wade is a hard-working athlefe who stepped in big this year to fill a huge hole," said VanLeur. — RB Hanson — Rushed for 2,365 yards and 34 TDs, three two TD passes and caught one and also scored four times on kickoff and punt returns. He finished his career with 6,131 yards (rushing, receiving

and returns) and 61 TDs. "Riley is the best playmaker I have ever coached," said Deubrook Area head coach Adolph Shepardson. "He had one of the best nine-man careers this state has

ever seen." WR Taggart — Caught 11 passes for 261 yards and five TDs and also hauled in three conversion passes. Finished his career with 28 receptions for 634 yards and 12 TDs.

- WR Lehr - Hauled in 16 passes for 454 vards

and eight TDs. "He's super-fast," said Menno-Marion co-head coach Todd Obele. — TE Holland — A good blocker who also caught

seven passes for 112 yards and four TDs. "We were a run-dominated team so we used him a lot of a blocking tight end," said Webster Area head coach Terry Anderson. "The added bonus was his threat as a receive

— G T. Mvers — The main offensive lineman for a squad that rushed for 3,449 yards and passed for an-other 632.

"Tyler has been a great leader for us," said Van-Leur. "He's very coachable, works hard and always has

time to help our younger players." — G Stegeman, — The 6-foot-7, 295-pound Stege-man was a big factor in what Arlington got accomplished

on both sides of the ball. "He's a very intelligent individual who is technically and fundamentally sound," said Gilbertson. "He was

dominating at times." — C Dahl — Led and made the calls for Deubrook Area's offensive line, which paved the way for Hanson's huge season.

"Clayton is a great leader who has great energy." said Shepardson. "He's been the heart and soul of our line the last three seasons." DEFENSE — DT Young — Made 44 solo tackles, including 20

Dave Nwaba and Jamal Johnson (ca-

reer-high) both picked up 13 points each

and Chris Eversley pulled in 11 rebounds

as the Mustangs shot 50.9 percent (28 of

55) from the floor in the opening game of

quarterback sacks, and also recovered a fumble and blocked three puts. Finished his career with 68 solo tackles, 47 assists and 25 sacks. "In my 29 years of coaching football, Nick would

have to be one of the top linemen that I have ever coached," said CWL head coach Joel Huber. "He has a Area: junior linebacker Turner great combination of size, strength and agility." — DT Gilbertson — A run stuffer who finished with 45 tackles including three quarterback sacks. "Brody is a smart player who is very fundamentally sound," said Gilbertson.

"He was the leader of our offensive and defensive lines." . — DE Peterson — Recorded 96 tackles, including

four sacks, and also forced two fumbles and recover another. "Quinn is 100-percent heart, effort and desire," said

Shepardson. "He worked his tail off to become a great football player." — DE C, Myers — Involved in 102 tackles this sea-

son (39 solos, 63 assists) and also had 15 sacks and two fumble recoveries. Camden worked hard to make himself and the

team better this season," said VanLeur. — LB Gortmaker — Recorded 60 tackles including a sack and also picked off two passes and recovered fumble.

"Nick is a very hard worker and has set the bar high for future Razorbacks," said Obele. "He never wanted to leave the field."

- LB Hinker — Hinker lead his team in tackles for the third straight season, posting 87 tackles and two sacks.

 LB Schlotte — Averaged 11 tackles per game this fall and had five tackles for a loss, three fumble re-coveries and a forced fumble.

"Corey was our sparkplug and our captain on de-fense," said Anderson. "We never had to worry if everyone was where they should be because Corey took care of it."

- LB Blasius - Was involved in 95 tackles this season, recording three quarterbacks sacks and recovering five fumbles.

"Turner is a true example of a football player." said head coach Dale Taylor. "He is the weight room at least five days a week, if not more." — DB Bartscher — Bartscher made 25 solo tackles

and assisted on 40 others this season. He also picked off seven passes, pushing his career total to 13 inter

Blake is a very smart player who is very coachable and works hard during the season and offseason," said VanLeur.

 DB Anderson — Posted 68 solo tackles and 19 assists this fall to go with one interception, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles.

"Garret was used to cover the opponent's best receiver or to take away the wide side of the field. He did a great job of doing his duty," said IW head coach Brent Mutchelknaus.

SPECIAL TEAMS

 Long Snapper Thorson — Served as Garret-son's long snapper each of the last two seasons and not only had success snapping, but also lead the punt m in tackles

'He's one of those athletes you won't find in the stat column, but you can't take him off the field," said Garretson head coach Kevin Steckler.

— K Kirschenman — Repeated as the team's all-state kicker by averaging 50.2 yards per kickoff.?Con-verted 34 of 38 extra-point kicks and five of seven field-goal attempts.

'He's the hardest-working kicker I've ever coached," said ELB head coach Tal Farnham P Trooien — An All-State receiver as a junior, Trooien played all over the field for the Dolphins and av-

eraged 36.5 yards-per-punt. "Dustin is a ballhawk who is tough as nails," said Shepardson. "He's a great player and great kid." — ST Player Weber — The 142-pounder played bigger than his size, leaving his mark on offense, dese and special teams (averaging 27 yards per kick-

off return with three TDs). "Luke is a very tough kid for his size," said Gilbert-son. "He is a very good all-around athlete who is a joy to coach.

Hawkeyes (7-0), who have already won

five times this season by at least 31

points, Iowa will meet either Kansas or

Villanova for the tournament title on Sat-

After needing overtime to beat Xavier

Julian Washburn scored 13 for UTEP

Cyclones

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REVOLVING QBS: West Virginia has endured a season-long shuffle at quarterback that will live another day on Saturday. Clint Trick-

and missed the next game at

Kansas but has been cleared

He's started five games. Paul

Millard has three starts and

named a starter for this week

but said Childress isn't ready

to return from a chest muscle

RÉADY ROHACH: Iowa

State redshirt freshman Grant

Rohach is due to make his

fourth straight start. He's

coming off a season-high 300

yards passing against Kansas.

"I think it's a huge confidence

boost, especially in the way

played — the receivers mak-

ing great catches, the o-line

protected flawlessly through-

HOME FOR THE HOLI-

DAYS: West Virginia saw its

11-year streak of going to a

taineers will finish with their

worst record since going 3-8

in 2001, which was Rich Ro-

through injuries to six offen-

sive linemen, and Martinez,

the fourth-year starting quar-

terback, was limited to four

games because of a mysteri-

ous foot injury. Kellogg, who

threw the Hail Mary to beat

Northwestern and led an

overtime victory at Penn

State last week, got the call

ankle injury to Armstrong.

struggle with turnovers and

shoddy special-teams play.

Friday because of a lingering

The Huskers continued to

Pelini declined to answer

bowl game end with the

Kansas loss. The Moun-

driguez's first season as

out that whole game," Ro-

hach said.

the guys on the offense

Ford Childress two. Coach

Dana Holgorsen hasn't

injury

to play against Iowa State.

coach. Holgorsen is 21-16 in three seasons. Rhoads will have his worst record in five vears as Iowa State's coach. Under him the Cyclones went

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larger deficit



its first visit to West Virginia (4-7, 2-6) on Saturday.

Rhoads is best known to West Virginia fans as the architect of the Pitt defense that stopped the Mountaineers' march to the national championship game in December 2007. The Panthers held West Virginia to 183 yards and nine first downs and upset the thensecond ranked Mountaineers 13-9.

Rhoads' most recent trip to Morgantown was as Auburn's defensive coordinator in 2008, when the Tigers lost to West Virginia 34-17.

West Virginia is coming off a bye week after losing at last-place Kansas 31-19 two weeks ago, which broke the Jayhawks' 27-game conference losing streak.

'We don't want to lose to back-to-back teams at the bottom of the Big 12," said West Virginia linebacker Doug Rigg.

Here are five things to watch for when the Cyclones and Mountaineers play in their regular-season finale:

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turnovers into touchdowns.

Fifth-year quarterback Ron Kellogg III, who was making his first career start on senior day in place of injured Taylor Martinez and Tommy Armstrong Jr., threw interceptions on back-to-back possessions in the first quarter. The Huskers couldn't get anything going offensively until late in the first half, and by then they were down 14-0.

Kellogg passed 15 yards to Quincy Enunwa to pull the Huskers within 24-17 early in the fourth quarter. But Ameer Abdullah, plagued by fumble problems all season, lost the ball on the Huskers' next possession. The Hawkeyes took advantage of another short field to go up 14 points. Pelini's team battled

ett suffered a concussion in a to bowls in 2009, 2011 and 2012. Nov. 9 overtime loss at Texas

BYE-BYE SENIORS: Saturday marks the last regularseason game for 21 seniors at Iowa State and 14 at West Virginia. Mountaineers safety Darwin Cook, who is questionable with a groin injury, has played in 49 games with 34 starts, both team highs. "I can't miss this senior game,' Cook said. "I'm hurting, but you can't miss the game." Cyclones safety Deon Broomfield is appearing in his 50th game and safety Jacques Washington is making his 38th start.

DEFENSIVE WOES: West Virginia and Iowa State rank at the bottom of the Big 12 in several defensive categories. Iowa State is last in points (39) and rushing yards (243) allowed per game. The Mountaineers have the worst pass defense at 291 yards and total defense at 503. Iowa State is next-to-last in total defense at 473 yards. A positive on defense for West Virginia has been its 22 forced turnovers, second to Oklahoma State's 24.

a third lower-level game this season) can present its own directly when asked if he had challenges, James said.

made a case to keep his job. 'The issue with some of 'You guys have chose to these NAIA games is, like we make a story of it all year," he told the guys, you can never said. "It's impacted our footlook past these guys. They ball team. It's hurt our footwant to come in here and want to knock off a D-I team," he said. "You have to make Junior receiver Kenny Bell said he and his teammates sure you respect whoever support Pelini's return.

you play.' I would play for Bo Pelini Graceland, at 6-2, comes in with not only more game experience than the Coyotes, but close to twice as many points.

Sports Hardwood 19 points in the first 20 minutes, after a 10-1 rally right before the break cut the Cal-Poly held UND's Troy Huff to six

points and 20 percent from the field (2 of 10). Huff was named the Big Sky Player 89-53 on Friday night.

> That big run was a huge spark for us. We got that fumble and his run. That's what we needed out there." IOWA 38, NEBRASKA 17 IOWA..... NEBRASKA..7 7 10 14 — 380 3 7 7 - 17

First Quarter lowa—Fiedorowicz 10 pass from Rudock (Meyer kick), :16. Second Quarter

- lowa—Weisman 1 run (Meyer kick), 5:15. Neb—FG Smith 33, :31.
- Neb—Abdullah 5 run (Smith kick), 10:14. Iowa—FG Meyer 31, 6:04. Iowa—Martin-Manley 24 pass from Rudock (Meyer

kick), 4:46. Fourth Quarter

- 11:25.

The Yellowjackets are averaging 90.1 points (but giv-ing up 87), thanks in large part to 21 three-point attempts per game.

Graceland — which won seven games all of last season - boasts four players in double figures, with Jamal Lawson (16.3), Austin Danner (15.0), Carl Martin (12.0) and Drew Emmert (10.3).

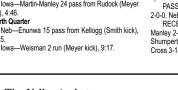
"You can tell they're spreading the ball around. That's where we want to be," James said. "We're not there yet with the consistency." Size, of course, will play

significantly into USD's favor. "The thing with these

guys is, you don't see the 6-9, 6-10 guys we've been seeing

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Kent M. Patrick, M.D.



every game," James said. "When teams play small like that, it's a little bit of an adjustment.

"It's about us, though, and how we play," he added. "We want to control and dictate the game."

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world.



against Satan himself," Bell

said, "and a team of demons

at the gates of the under-

Huskers

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The Huskers had come from behind in the fourth quarter in each of their three November wins, but it wasn't meant to be.

"It's Big Ten football, and you're going to have to grind it out," Weisman said. "Nothing's going to come easy. It didn't today. Props to Jordan.

Coyotes

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in the quarterfinals, lowa took care of this NO. 23 IOWA 89, TEXAS-EL PASO 53: PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP) one early. A 13-0 run in the opening min-Aaron White scored 17 points, Zach utes put the Hawkeyes in control, and McCabe added 14 and No. 23 lowa rolled lowa's first 20-point lead came a mere 14 into the championship game of the Battle minutes into the contest. 4 Atlantis, easily beating Texas-El Paso

Peter Jok scored 14 and Melsahn Basabe finished with 10 for the

(4-3), which will play in the third-place game Saturday. No other Miner finished with more than seven.

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	lowa	Ne
First downs	14	2
Rushes-yards	44-155	37-8
Passing	126	19
Comp-Att-Int	9-17-0	19-37-
Return Yards	18	
Punts-Avg.	7-40.3	6-37.
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-4
Time of Possession	30:59	29:0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING—lowa, Weisman 24-72, Canzeri 6-59, Rudock 7-13, Cox 2-7, Beathard 1-4, Daniels 1-0, Bul-lock 3-0. Nebraska, Abdullah 23-85, Cross 3-7, T.Newby 1-5, Enunwa 1-1, Kellogg 8-(minus 1), Foltz 1-(minus

PASSING—Iowa, Rudock 9-15-0-126, Beathard 0-2-0. Nebraska, Kellogg 19-37-2-199. RECEIVING—Iowa, Fiedorowicz 3-23, Martin-

Manley 2-60, Canzeri 1-29, Duzey 1-5, Weisman 1-5, Shumpert 1-4, Nebraska, Bell 7-67, Enunwa 3-46, Cross 3-14, J.Long 2-28, Abdullah 2-23, Carter 2-21.

lowa-Weisman 2 run (Meyer kick), 9:17.

of the Week on Tuesday after averaging 34.5 points per game in a two-game split.