SPORTS DIGEST

USD's Hertting, Testa Earn

Summit League Honors

and Greysen Hertting swept Summit League men's and women's Diver of the Week honors for the second time this season. Honors were announced on Tuesday Hertting extended her league record with her 22nd career

honor after posting runner-up finishes at a triangular with lowa State and Texas Christian. In the meet she improved her league-best mark in the one-meter dive to a 292.80. Testa earned top-three finishes in the triangular with ISU

and TCU, posting the second-best mark in the three-meter dive this season, with a 276.20. He also scored a 228.50 in the one-meter dive.

Carney At QB Club

The Yankton Quarterback Club will meet Wednesday

25-13, 22-25, 29-27, 25-12

Area, 26-24, 25-20, 25-16

25, 25-20, 18-25, 15-11

25-20, 25-20

S.D. FINALS

1B: Warner def. Florence/Henry, 25-15, 25-11, 25-12

2B: Sully Buttes def. Herreid/Selby

3B: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

7B: Philip def. Lyman, 25-23, 21-25.

def. Arlington, 20-25, 25-14, 25-22,

26-24 4B: Chester def. Hanson, 17-25, 27-

8B: Harding County def. Lemmon, 25-11, 25-12, 25-18

Thursday, Nov. 12 1AA: S.F. Washington at S.F.

2AA: Douglas at Huron, 6 p.m.

2AA: R.C. Central at Pierre, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Nov. 12-14 at Vermillion

CLASS 11A: Madison (11-0) vs.

CLASS 9B: Langford Area (11-0) vs.

CLASS 11AAA: S.F. O'Gorman (9-

2) vs. S.F. Washington (10-1), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS D1

Clearwater/Orchard 42, Elgin Pub-

Bruning-Davenport/Shickley (11-0)

CLASS D2

Humphrey St. Francis 46, Falls City

Sandhills/Thedford 49. Garden

(10-1) vs. Clearwater-

Central 56,

lic/Pope John 28 Creighton 72, High Plains Com-

Sully Buttes (10-1), 10:30 a.m.

West Central (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13

Pierre (9-2), 7:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS

Guardian Angels 16 Burwell 64, Amherst 41

Semifinals, Nov. 16

Quarterfinals, Nov. 10

Chambers-Wheeler selmo-Merna 24

County 14 Wynot 62, Exeter/Milligan 32

Orchard (8-3)

Sacred Heart 14

Quarterfinals, Nov. 10
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley

Saturday, Nov. 14

Harding County (10-1), 10:30 a.m. CLASS 11B: Tri-Valley (7-4) vs. Win-(10-0), 1:30 p.m. CLASS 11AA: Yankton (8-3) vs.

forman. 7 p.m. **1AA:** Watertown at Harrisburg, 7

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

NEB. STATE TOURN. Nov. 12-14 at Lincoln

CLASS C2

First Round, Thursday
All Matches At Lincoln Southwest No. 2 Freeman (30-1) vs. No. 7 Shelby-Rising City (21-9), 1:30 p.m. No. 3 Stanton (31-3) vs. No. 6 Crof-

ton (20-9), 3:30 p.m.

No. 8 Arcadia-Loup City (18-12) vs.

No. 1 Guardian Angels Central Catholic (29-2), 5:30 p.m. No. 5 Hastings St. Cecelia (22-11) vs. No. 4 Sutton (29-3), 7:30 p.m.

S.D. POST-SEASON

REGION 4A Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 Beresford def. Canton, 25-14, 25-16, 25-16

Lennox def. Vermillion, 22-25, 25-Letrinox der. Verinimion, 22-23, 22-11, 25-16, 18-25, 15-11

Tea Area def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-20, 25-19, 25-23

Semifinals, Nov. 5, at North Sioux City

Deporture def. Tea Area, 25-17, 20-

Beresford def. Tea Area, 25-17, 20-25 25-22 25-23 Dakota Valley def. Lennox, 25-17,

Championship, Nov. 10 at Elk Point Dakota Valley def. Beresford, 25-16. 25-18, 25-18 REGION 5A

Quarterfinals, Nov. 3 West Central def. Tri-Valley, 17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 21-25, 15-11 McCook Central/Montrose def Bon Homme, 25-20, 26-24, 25-14

Wagner def. Parkston, 25-12, 25-20, 25-16 Semifinals, Nov. 5 Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. West Central, 25-15, 25-16, 25-15

Wagner def. McCook Central/Mon-trose, 22-25, 25-21, 25-11, 25-23 Championship, Nov. 10 Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Wagner 25-12, 22-25, 25-19, 27-25 REGION 5B

Tuesday at Parker
Parker def. Gayville-Volin, 25-15, 25-18, 25-14 **REGION 6B**

Tuesday at Gregory
Platte-Geddes def. Burke/South
Central, 25-22, 27-25, 25-13 OTHER REGION FINALS

1A: Milbank Area def. Groton Area, 25-21, 25-19, 25-17 2A: Sioux Valley def. Redfield/Dol-

and, 21-25, 25-16, 25-11, 25-1 3A: Sioux Falls Christian def. Madison, 25-13, 25-10, 25-21 **6A:** Mobridge-Pollock def. Miller, 25-21, 25-18, 25-20

7A: Red Cloud def. Winner, 26-24. 8A: Spearfish def. Lead-Deadwood, at noon. This week's meeting will be held at JoDean's in Yankton. Individuals wishing to attend are asked to enter by the southeast entrance.

This week's speaker is Wayne Carney, executive director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Carney will talk about issues facing high school activities in

The public is invited to attend

Bucks Pep Rally Thursday
Yankton High School will host a pep rally for the YHS football team on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the YHS main gym. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for the event. Yankton plays Pierre in the Class 11AA championship on Friday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. Game time is set for

AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 11 No activities scheduled Thursday, November 12
FOOTBALL, PREP State Football Finals at Vermillion - Class 9A: Canistota vs. Sully

Buttes (10:30 a.m., SDPB-TV); Class 9AA: Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central vs. Wolsey-Wessington (1:30 p.m., SDPB-TV); Class 11A: Madison vs. West Central (7:30 p.m., SDPB-TV) VOLLEYBALL, PREP Neb.

State Tourn. at Lincoln — Class C2: Crofton vs. Stanton (3:30 p.m.) Friday, November 13 BASKETBALL, MEN'S Northern Illinois Classic: USD vs. Wright State (4:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); May-ville State at MMC (7 p.m.) FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. State Football Finals at Vermillion — Class 98: Langford vs. Harding County (10:30 a.m., SDPB-TV); Class 11B: Winner vs. Tri-Aller (1:30 p.m., SDPB-TV); Class 11AA: YHS vs. Pierre (7:30 p.m., KVHT-FM, KYNT-AM, SDPB-TV); Neb. Semifinals (7)

BASKETBALL. MEN'S JV

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE

Mayville State at MMC (5 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

USD at Utah (5:45 p.m., KVTK-AM)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S
USD at IUPUI (6 p.m.)
VOLLEYBALL, PREP Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (Crofton)

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Semifinals, Nov. 16 Chambers-Wheeler Central (11-0) vs. Sandhills-Thedford (10-1)

Humphrey St. Francis (10-1) vs. Wynot (10-1) Thursday, Nov. 12 CLASS 9A: Canistota (11-0) vs.

CLASS 9AA: Wolsey-Wessington (10-1) at Woonsocket-Wessington Springs-Sanborn Central (11-0), 1:30 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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Thursday, Nov. 5 Cincinnati 31, Cleveland 10 Inday, Nov. 8 Tennessee 34, New Orleans 28, OT Minnesota 21, St. Louis 18, OT Carolina 37, Green Bay 29 Pct PF PA New England 27, Washington 10 Buffalo 33, Miami 17 N.Y. Jets 28, Jacksonville 23 .444 200 227 .375 174 205 .250 170 235 .250 159 187 Pittsburgh 38, Oakland 35 San Francisco 17, Atlanta 16 N.Y. Giants 32, Tampa Bay 18 Indianapolis 27, Denver 24 Philadelphia 33, Dallas 27, OT W L T Pct PF PA 8 0 0 1.000 229 142 5 4 0 .556 206 182 2 6 0 .250 190 214 2 7 0 .222 177 247 Open: Arizona, Baltimore, Detroit uston, Kansas City, Seattle Monday, Nov. 9

Chicago 22, San Diego 19 Thursday, Nov. 12 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15

Detroit at Green Bay, noon Carolina at Tennessee, noon Chicago at St. Louis, noon Dallas at Tampa Bay, noon New Orleans at Washington, noon Miami at Philadelphia, noon Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon Jacksonville at Baltimore, noon Minnesota at Oakland, 3:05 p.m Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m New England at N.Y. Giants, 3:25

Open: Atlanta, Indianapolis, San Diego, San Francisco Monday, Nov. 16

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Wynot, Creighton Advance To Semis

MILLIGAN, Neb. – Cody Stratman rushed for 273 yards and four touchdowns to lead Wynot to a 62-32 victory over Exeter-Milligan in the quarterfinals of the Nebraska Class D2 football playoffs on Tuesday.

The victory sends Wynot (10-1) to the semifinals on Monday, Nov. 16. The Blue Devils will face Humphrey St. Francis (10-1), 46-14 winners over Falls City Sacred Heart. HSF beat Wynot 24-20 on Sept. 11.

Stratman also had a 75-yard kickoff return for touchdown in the game. Also for Wynot, Jalen Wieseler rushed for one touchdown and passed for two, going 7-10 passing for 75. Dawson Sudbeck had a touchdown run and a touchdown catch. Trevor Gartner added a touchdown catch in the victory.

Defensively, Jalen Wieseler had a hand in 15 tackles (10 solo) and picked

off a pass to lead Wynot. Keenan Wieseler also picked off a pass. Stratman had nine stops and Sudbeck had seven stops, including two for loss, in the win.

For Exeter-Milligan, Sam Zeleny rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns, and was 9-14 passing for a touchdown tQo lead the way. Sean Maxson rushed for 90 yards. Jack Dinneen had a touchdown catch. Trevor Luzum added a 79-yard kickoff return for touchdown for the Timberwolves.

Zeleny, Dinneen, Johnathon Mounce and Cameron White each had a hand in eight tackles for Exeter-Milligan.

...14 28 12 8 - 62 EXETER-MILLIGAN (9-2)......16 16 0 0 – 32

Creighton 72, High **Plains Community 32**

CLARKS, Neb. - Brooks Baller rushed for 317 yards and four touchdowns to lead Creighton to a 72-32 victory over High Plains Community in the quarterfinals of the Nebraska Class D1 football

playoffs on Tuesday. The victory sends Creighton (11-0) to a semifinal matchup with Bruning-Davenport-Shickley on Monday, Nov. 16. BDS beat Guardian Angels Central Catholic 36-16 on Tuesday.

Lane Walton also rushed for four touchdowns, and Ryan Neumann had 133 yards and two touchdowns for Creighton. Neumann was also 3-6 passing for 90 yards.

Kyler Van Housen rushed for 73 yards and a score, was 4-9 passing for 79 yards and two touchdowns, and had a 74-yard kickoff return for score for HPC. Tyson Fate scored the game's opening touchdown with a 56-yard run. Josh Hogan and Payton Stevens each had receiving touchdowns.

CREIGHTON (11-0)......38 20 8 6 - 72 HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY (8-3)..12 14 6 0 - 32



ROGER MERRIAM/WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION

Mount Marty's Cassidy Gebhart pressures Presentation's Haley Froehlich during their non-conference women's college basketball game Tuesday night in the Watertown Civic

Region 5B

Amy Westrum said she knew the opponent would be tough, but was proud with how her team played.

Region 4A

lead, but the Watchdogs

quickly cut the lead in half,

prompting Pruett to call a

rare timeout with the lead.

being a little not as focused,"

ball dropped, we looked like

we were scrambling a little

bit, and think they just got

almost crosses the line like of

confident to overconfident,

so I just wanted to get them

Refocused is what they

did, scoring five of the next

six points to expand the lead

"I think the confidence

excited."

refocused.

Pruett said. "A couple of

"I thought we kind of were

"We came in just wanting

"I think my girls left it all

hung with them and that's all

The South Dakota State Volleyball Tournament begins on November 19 in Sioux

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to play our best and we knew Parker was a good team,"

out on the court and I think they did a great job," she said. "They played hard and we attacked and attacked, we ter.

I can ask them to do,"

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Westrum said.

to six. The Panthers would close out the set 25-18 on an

again led the entire way with

McCabe leading with five kills

"It was a great team effort,

and Lammers notching four.

everyone, whether it was key

one kid I can point to and just say 'wow,' I think they all

the game with confidence,

but multiple serving errors

"This is one of the best

teams I have had in a while,

they worked extremely hard

hurt them, according to

The Watchdogs came into

there were moments from

blocks or key hits," Pruett

said. "I don't think there's

played steady.

Wilson.

Elizabeth Lammers kill.

the whole time," Wilson said. "We had the capabilities of

Dakota Valley will play its next game Nov 19 in the Class A State Tournament in Sioux Falls, while Beresford's

season is over. For DV, Hanna Cummins led all players in assists with 33, Meredith Lammers led with 19 digs, and McCabe led with one solo and four

For Beresford, Emily Stimes led with seven kills and four solo blocks, Bailey Twite led with 12 digs, and Becca Nelson led with 12

mond on Twitter.

ancers Roll Past Presentation 93-63 0-1 0-0 0, Klarissa Ayala 0-5 0-0 0, Cora Lopez 0-0 also had 12 points. Cassidy

WATERTOWN - The Mount Marty College women put four players on double figures on the way to a 93-63 victory over Presentation in college basketball action on Tuesday. The game, considered a home contest for MMC, was played at the Watertown Civic Arena.

Logan Wagner scored 22 points, hitting 6-8 from threepoint range, to lead MMC (2-0). Alex Kneeland netted 14 points. Raquel Sutera finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Samantha Blake Gebhart added eight points and seven assists in the vic-

Haley Froelich, a transfer from MMC, scored a gamehigh 28 points to lead Presentation. Sydney Larson had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Saints, who led 16-15 after one quarter.

MMC has their true home opener on Saturday, taking on Dakota State.

PRESENTATION (1-2)
Kenyetta Fugate 2-8 1-2 5, Kathryn Thomas 2-9
1-2 5, Haley Froelich 10-18 5-7 28, Krystan Gomez
2-7 0-0 4, Sydney Larson 5-10 3-4 13, Shelby Curry

0-0 0. Kaurice Archuleta 0-1 0-0 0. Macv Toelle 2-3 0-0 5, Heidi Nelson 0-2 2-2 2. TOTALS: 23-63 13-18 63. MOUNT MARTY (2-0)
Alex Kneeland 5-11 2-2 14, Cassidy Gebhart 4-8

0-1 8, Logan Wagner 8-10 0-0 22, Raquel Sutera 4-8 1-2 12, Samantha Blake 6-9 0-0 12, Erica Dreckman 1-2 12, Sanianina blake 6-9 6-9 12, Enica Dieckinan 1-6 1-2 3, Brittini Bormann 1-5 0-0 2, Denae Veldkamp 1-2 3-4 5, Mikayla Prouty 2-3 1-2 6, Kelsey Sutera 0-1 0-0 0, Kellie Winckler 1-2 4-4 6, Sammy Kasowski 1-2 0-0 3, Ashley Green 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 34-67 12-17 93. PRESENTATION

Sutera 3-5, Kneeland 2-5, Prouty 1-1, Kasowski 1-1, Dreckman 0-4, Bormann 0-3, K. Sutera 0-1) PC 4-14 (Froelich 3-6, Toelle 1-2, Gomez 0-3, Ayala 0-2, Nelson 0-1). Rebounds: MMC 45 (R. Sutera 12), PC 33 (Larson 11). Personal Fouls: MMC 20, PC 16. Fouled Out: None. Assists: MMC 18 (Gebhart 7), PC 9 (Gomez 3). Turnovers: PC 13, MMC 9. Blocked Shots: MMC 1 PC 1. Steals: MMC (Kneeland 2, Gebhart 2), PC 4.

MVP Downs Wagner For 5A Title

just said 'keep it going, keep it

25-12 first-set win and seemed

well on their way to total con-

trol of the match with a 22-10

been unable to string more

than two points together at a

time, exploded for 15-straight

points and kept the run alive

without committing an error –

a difficult feat in a game of rally

often," Wagner coach Amy Ty-

ler said of the run. "I am proud

Wagner's Adrian Weber

hard-swinging attack and Jen-

sen Holzbauer, had her way on

the outside the rest of the way.

The 5-10 junior hitter

team-high 15 kills during the

run. Holzbauer's swings during

the rally were true and mostly

uncontested by the Titan de-

fense, and Wagner had seized

out to an 8-2 game-3 lead after

The Red Raiders tied the

game at 13-all on an ace-serve

from Jaslynn Bruguier, but

MVP worked for a 20-15 lead

on a nose-diving attack from

6-3 blocker Megan Bultsma and

a defense-splitting tip from Ivy

tended the game on a kill from

Wagner looked as if they ex-

However, the Titans jumped

the momentum with a 25-22

win to tie the match at 1-1.

a kill by Karst.

drilled home seven of her

of the girls with the way they

played during that stretch.'

earned the side-out with a

"That doesn't happen very

The Red Raiders, who had

lead in the second set.

going."
The Titans cruised to a

BY KEITH A. BROCKBERG

P&D Correspondent

PLANKINTON - Mount Vernon-Plankinton's Mikayla Weiss set to Makaela Karst in hopes of sending the Titans to Sioux Falls and the South Dakota State Class A Volleyball Tournament.

Instead of a swinging attack, Karst tipped just enough of Weiss' set to throw Wagner's defense off balance. The Red Raiders were unable to return Karst's unconventional attack, giving the Titans a 27-25 win in set four and a 3-1 win in the Region 5A Volleyball Champi-

The Titans scored wins of 25-12, 22-25, 25-19 and 27-25 to avenge the Red Raiders Tuesday night in Plankinton for the

region title. Wagner handed MVP their

first loss of the season with a 3-set sweep Oct. 12. "It is what it is," said MVP

Karst's last point. "We do what we do and we just keep it in bounds," Karst said. "We just keep going until

head coach Darcy Deinert of

we get the point. The final point was a fitting end to night's roller-coaster ride - a match that included a 15-0 run errorless run that gave the Red Raiders a win in

The match also featured long volleys fueled by uncanny digs and returns of balls seemed destined for points. "We talked about the long

volleys," Deinert said. "We

here at the end, why wouldn't we think we belong

"Coach said it to us last week, every game at this point is a playoff game," juWeber, but the game officials conferred and called a hitting foul on the Red Raiders and giving MVP a 2-1 match lead with a 25-19 lead.

"That rally in game two

gave us the momentum, but we just couldn't hold on to it," Tyler said. The action continued to

sizzle in the fourth game as MVP jumped out to a 9-5 lead. However, a pair of kills by Weber put Wagner on top

The Red Raiders reached game-point at 24-20 after a kill by Emily Brunsing, but MVP rallied

Karst had three successful attacks as MVP scored seven of the game's last eight points, setting up the final point of the

"It was crazy," Deinert said of the night's action. "You prepare for so long and it turns out like this.

"I give them credit," Karst said of the Red Raiders. "They're a great team and they played their hearts out."

Karst led MVP with 14 kills as Bultsma had 13 kills and three blocks. Haines added 12 kills and Erin Denning had 19

Weber added 13 kills and two serving aces for Wagner, who finishes at 28-6. Ali Kuca had 36 digs and five blocks as Krista Dvorak set for 28 assists. Brunsing added three blocks.

The Titans ran their record to 29-2 and will begin State A tourney play Nov. 19 in Sioux

State-U

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Coyotes returned a bulk of its talent this season and has matched its best win total since 2011.

South Dakota State, meanwhile, is in search of its fourth straight FCS playoff appearance, and this year has its eyes on a top-8 seed.

They're obviously in a position where they want to get a seed, and of course

we want to be part of that dance too," Glenn said after Tuesday's practice.

"If we win a couple games

It would be unlikely that USD would get a playoff berth if it went 1-1 over its final two games (it travels to Illinois State next week), so the focus prior to last week's home game with Southern Illinois was winning out.

nior quarterback Ryan Saeger said. "It's pretty much win or go home.

While the Jackrabbits may be favored in Saturday's showdown in Vermillion, they understand that such expectations mean little, according to Stiegelmeier. "They surely are a better

team," he said. "We've been on paper upset by teams that everybody else thinks you're the favorite, and we've been on the other end of that.

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she is your entire team, The team's response to the Falcons graduated their adversity has also helped, main weapon, but they have plenty of talent returning. Allen said. We've had some bumps 'Freeman is not as strong

in the road, but they've help us grow closer," she said. "We've come back to practice the next day or the next week and worked on the things we needed to work on." Crofton opens against a

Stanton squad that closely resembles the Lady Warriors, Coach Johnson said. "They remind me of us,"

doing well, but tonight wasn't nonsense for DV as they once

assisted blocks

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she said. "They don't like to

Crofton

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match a year ago. While the two combined for more than 700 kills, the impact was felt beyond the front row, said Crofton head coach Susie

Johnson. "It was like losing four positions, because they played both front and back," she said. "We did have a lot of kids back, but some of our starters had to change positions. The changes took place gradually, but we have good balance right now.

Part of the challenge was building confidence in themselves, after being able to rely on Wortmann, who accounted for 463 kills - more than five per set – and 89 blocks on the season.

When you have a player

like Maria, you start to think

Johnson said.

Juniors Monica Arens (315 kills, 25 ace serves, 133 blocks, 157 digs) and Kelsey Sanger (222 kills, 37 ace serves, 54 blocks, 400 digs), the top returning hitters from a season ago, have stepped into the lead attacking roles, but senior Katie Petersen (126 kills, 65 blocks, 84), Allison Tramp (99 kills, 22 blocks, 237 digs) and Samantha Stewart (97 kills, 53 blocks, 88 digs) have stepped up offensively.

Senior Brittany Guenther (397 assists, 18 ace serves, 139 digs) and junior Madison Johnson (357 assists, 29 ace serves, 118 digs) have shared setting duties. Senior Bre Allen (559 digs, 33 ace serves)

has led the floor defense. Guenther shared setting duties with Tramp last season, but an early injury to Tramp – which took her out of the preseason and the first few matches - forced Crofton to make more adjustments.

"Our hitters have adjusted," Coach Johnson said. "As (Madison) has gained experience, she's been getting better. Part of what has helped

the Lady Warriors come together is their camaraderie off the field, Guenther said. We've grown closer as a team," she said. "I am positive that we are ready for

back down. They don't have height, and we don't have huge height. They have some confidence. Hiliary Huss (294 kills,

429 assists, 42 ace serves, 335 digs), and Bree Burtwistle (221 kills, 426 assists, 39 ace serves, 323 digs) have been a solid 1-2 punch, with Jessie Brandl (241 kills, 51 ace serves, 351 digs) and Chantelle Christensen (129 kills, 70 blocks) sharing the load for Stanton. MacKenzie Brandl has 715 digs and 37 ace serves for the Mustangs

from the libero spot. For Crofton to upend Stanton, it will need to play a "clean" match, Coach John-"If we play without errors,

play clean, good volleyball,

we will be fine," she said.

A victory on Thursday would potentially give Crofton a finals rematch with Freeman (30-1). Like Crofton,

as last year," Coach Johnson said. "And I think we play in a harder conference. The tournament runs through Saturday in Lincoln, Nebraska, with the finals to

be played in the Bob Devaney

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