Press&Dakotan DAILY DOSE

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



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You've heard us say this before: We want to hear from you. The Press & Dakotán sports staff welcomes feedback ón our coverage. It's the only way we can improve our content, to know what people want to read and what they think of what they read. It's how newspapers survive — that interaction with their readers.

In the world of sports, the good comes with the bad. For every state championship and big win comes a frustrating loss or a key injury. It's the

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cyclical nature of sports: Reporters will cover both extremes. We don't enjoy having to write about certain struggles or the firing of a coach, but we realize it's part of the job.

At the end of the day, we here at the *P&D* will cover it and will try to

dig deeper into those issues through these Daily Doses, through blog entries and through Twitter posts. We'll ask those questions. Our recent 3-part series on the Class 11AA high school football divide

has produced a number of comments — both positive and critical. That's what we want to see. The series, at its core, was meant to state facts and provide a wide array of quotes to help connect the dots.

The only thing we ask, though, is: What did you like about the series? What did you dislike? Do you have specific concerns? Emails and social media posts that read "I liked the series" or "I've heard a lot of negative

feedback" don't help us one bit. Again, specifics help us. If you have questions or comments, or even suggestions, on our coverage, feel free to contact us directly. Our phone number is 665-7811

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one of our sports reporters is on Twitter. We're here for you. We want to hear from you.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY'S S.D. SCORES Aberdeen Central def. Pierre, 25-15, 25-11, 25-13

- Arlington def. Sioux Valley, 25-21, 25-19, 23-
- Belle Fourche def. Custer, 25-22, 29-27, 25-
- Britton-Hecla def. Groton Area, 25-19, 25-
- Crow Creek def. Marty Indian, 25-23, 25-22, 26-28, 26-24 Dakota Valley def. Dell Rapids, 25-19, 25-6,
- Deuel def. DeSmet. 25-18, 25-23, 25-10
- 25-20, 25-22 Elkton-Lake Benton def. West Central, 25-
- 25-17, 25-21
 25-17, 25-21
 25-18, 25-6, Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29
 Chamberlain (3-6) at Dell Rapids (8-1) Howard def. Colman-Egan, 25-16, 25-13, 22-25, 25-22
- Huron def. Sioux Falls Washington, 21-25, 25-13, 26-24, 25-16
- Iroquois def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-12, 25-4, 25-8 James Valley Christian def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-12, 25-8, 25-8 Madison def. Tea Area, 25-19, 25-23, 25-14
- McIntosh def. Wakpala, 25-15, 25-16, 18-25, 25-18 Mitchell def. Brookings, 22-25, 21-25, 25-16, 25-22, 15-12
- Mobridge-Pollock def. Leola/Frederick. 25-
- Northwestern Area def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-10, 25-11, 25-16 Rapid City Central def. Spearfish, 25-13, 25-
- 17, 25-15 Rosholt def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 21-25, 22-25, 25-18, 27-25, 15-12 Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Yankton. 25-23.

Rapid City Stevens def. Sturgis, 25-22, 25-

- Summit def. Wilmot, 25-8, 25-17, 25-10 Wall def. Bennett County, 14-25, 25-17, 25-19, 23-25, 15-12
- Watertown def. Brandon Valley, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-23

THURSDAY'S NEB. SCORES

- Grand Island def. Kearney, 25-15, 25-22, 25-14 Lincoln Southeast def. Norfolk, 25-11, 25-21, 25-14
- Southwest def. Lincoln High, 25-8, Minden def. Seward, 18-25, 17-25, 25-16,
- Omaha Gross Catholic def. Omaha Mercy, 25-13, 25-16, 25-13 Platteview def. Ralston, 26-24, 22-25, 26-24, 26-24
- Lincoln East Triangular Elkhorn def. Lincoln East, 25-18, 24-26, 25-
- Elkhorn def. Fremont, 25-23, 28-26 Fremont def. Lincoln East, 23-25, 26-24, 25-Lincoln Pius X Triangular
- Gretna def. Waverly, 25-18, 25-23 Lincoln Pius X def. Gretna, 25-18, 22-25, 25-18
- Waverly def. Lincoln Pius X. 25-27, 25-21. Championship: Papillion-LaVista South

Norris Triangular Norris def. Beatrice, 25-15, 26-24 Norris def. Lincoln Lutheran, 25-22, 25-16 Schuvler Triangular Aurora def. Schuvler. 25-13. 25-18 Aurora def. Holdrege, 25-18, 25-22 Holdrege def. Schuyler, 25-20, 25-19

FOOTBALL CLASS 11AA

- Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29 Brookings (5-5) at S.F. Washington (9-0), 5 Yankton (7-3) at S.F. O'Gorman (6-3), 6
- Pierre (7-3) at Brandon Valley (9-0), 7 p.m. S.F. Lincoln (7-3) at S.F. Roosevelt (7-2), 8
- CLASS 11A
- Hot Springs (7-3) at Todd County (8-1), 6:30 p.m. West Central (6-3) at Harrisburg (7-2), 7
- Dakota Valley (7-2) at Spearfish (7-3), 7 CLASS 11B
- Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29 Custer (5-4) at Winner (9-0), 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas More (7-2) at Flandreau (9-0),
- Deuel (7-2) at Tri-Valley (8-1), 7 p.m. Parkston (7-2) at Aberdeen Roncalli (9-0),
- CLASS 9AA Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29 Howard (7-2) at Kimball-White Lake (9-0),
- 7 p.m., Kimball White River (8-1) at Clark-Willow Lake (9-0), 6:30 p.m., Clark
- 0), 6:30 p.m., Clark
 Potter County (8-1) at Deubrook Area (9-0)
 Leola-Frederick (8-1) at Gregory (8-1)
 CLASS 9A
 Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29
 Wall (6-3) at Canistota (9-0), 6 p.m.
 Faith (8-1) at Arlington (8-1), 6 p.m.
 Willond (6-3) at Warner (9-0)
- Corsica-Stickney (6-3) at Herried-Selby CLASS 9B
- Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29 Faulkton Area (5-4) at Harding County (9-0), 6 p.m. CT Castlewood (6-3) at Waverly-South Shore
- (7-2), 7 p.m., Waverly Avon (6-3) at Colome (8-1), 7 p.m. Hitchcock-Tulare (7-2) at Viborg-Hurley (7-2), 7 p.m., Hurley NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS
- CLASS C-1 First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25 Adams Central 38, Minden 13 Ashland-Greenwood 14, Syracuse 6 Boone Central/Newman Grove 48, Ogallala
 - Boys Town 28, Falls City 22, OT Broken Bow 14, Gibbon 10 Chadron 35, Valentine 13 Chase County 21, Ord 7 Fort Calhoun 14, Wayne 12 Gothenburg 23, Cozad 0 Grand Island Central Catholic 28, O'Neill 27,

OT

Kearney Catholic 14. Central City 3 Lincoln Christian 45, Columbus Lakeview 39 Norfolk Catholic 57, Raymond Central 13 Pierce 62, Lincoln Lutheran 14 Wilber-Clatonia 29, Columbus Scotus 7

First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25 Aquinas 54, Tekamah-Herman 0 Archbishop Bergan 46, Tri County 7 Blue Hill 42, Kimball 7 Crofton 46. Southern Valley 0

- Oniphan-Trumbull 46, Ravenna 0
 Hartington Cedar Catholic 28, Louisville 0
 Hastings St. Cecilia 34, Thayer Central 0
 Hershey 27, Perkins County 7 Lutheran High Northeast 62, Yutan 13 Malcolm 31, Centennial 10 North Platte St. Patrick's 28, Centura 0 Oakland-Craig 43, Southern 12 Ponca 18, Elmwood-Murdock 7
- Sutton 56, Cambridge 0 Weeping Water 19, Wakefield 0 West Holt 13, Battle Creek 6 Second Round, Wednesday, Oct. 31 Aquinas Catholic (9-0) at Weeping Water (Malcolm (7-2) at Archbishop Bergan (7-2) Ponca (5-4) at Hartington Cedar Catholic (
- Lutheran High Northeast (9-0) at Oakland Craig (6-3) Hastings St. Cecilia (6-3) at Sutton (9-0)
- Hershey (5-4) Blue Hill (8-1)
 West Holt (7-2) Noth Platte St. Patrick's (Doniphan-Trumbull (7-2) at Crofton (7-1) CLASS D1 First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25
- Arapahoe 44, South Loup 13 Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 41, Pawner Burwell 40, Niobrara/Verdigre 14 Creighton 30, Clarkson/Leigh 20 Elgin Public/Pope John 56, Franklin 0 Elm Creek 58, SMC 26 Exeter/Milligan 64, Randolph 32 Guardian Angels 26, McCool Junction 0 Hartington 38, Pender 7 Hemingford 38, Clearwater/Orchard 12
- High Plains Community 76, Bloomfield 2 Howells/Dodge 44, Nebraska Christian 2 Loup City 40, Overton 8 Maxwell 40, Paxton 12 Nebraska City Lourdes 60, Freeman 20 St. Mary's 24, Palmer 22
- Second Round, Wednesday, Oct. 31
 Elm Creek (8-1) at Burwell (9-0)
 Arapahoe (9-0) at Maxwell (4-5)
 Elgin Public-Pope John (9-0) at O'Neill Loun City (7-2) at Hemingford (9-0)
- Howells-Dodge (9-0) at Guardian Angels
 Central Catholic (7-1)
 Creighton (8-1) at Bruning-Davenport-Shick-Exeter-Milligan (9-0) at LCC/Freeman win-
- High Plains Community (8-1) at Hartington

CLASS D2 First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25 Anselmo-Merna 42, Leyton 0 Bertrand 42, Amherst 6 Falls City Sacred Heart 49, Diller-Odell 0 Fullerton 38, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 6 Garden County 56, Wallace 28

Lindsay Holy Family 58, Osceola 12 Medicine Valley 76, Potter-Dix 35 Parkview Christian 40, Humphrey 26 Shelton 60, Elwood 20 Spalding/Spalding Academy 27, Mullen 24 Sterling 54, Wynot 36 Wausa 70. Bancroft-Rosalie 34

Second Round, Wednesday, Oct. 31 Humphrey St. Francis (9-0) at Lawrence-Nelson (7-2) Wausa (8-1) at Sterling (7-2)

Lindsay Holy Family (8-1) at Fullerton (5-4) Parkview Christian (8-1) at Falls City Sacred

Bertrand (9-0) at Kenesaw (8-1) Spalding/Spalding Academy (6-3) at Shel-

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	Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	149	238				
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	Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	140	132				
	Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187				
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Tampa Bay 36, Minnesota 17 Sunday, Oct. 28 Jacksonville at Green Bay, noon Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon Giltner 90, Hay Springs 14 Humphrey St. Francis 62, Lewiston 12 Kenesaw 62, Hayes Center 21 Lawrence-Nelson 28, Osmond 26 Carolina at Chicago, noon Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon San Diego at Cleveland, noon Atlanta at Philadelphia, noon Seattle at Detroit, noon Washington at Pittsburgh, noon New England vs. St. Louis at London, Oakland at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:25 p.m. New Orleans at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29 San Francisco at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco 8, Detroit 3

BASEBALL

MLB PLAYOFFS Giltner (9-0) at Alselmo-Merna (7-2) Garden County (9-0) at Medicine Valley (9-WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Wednesday, Oct. 24

Thursday, Oct. 25 San Francisco 2 Detroit 0 San Francisco San Francisco (Vogelsong 14-9) at Detroit

(Sanchez 4-6), 7:07 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 San Francisco (Cain 16-5) at Detroit (Scherzer 16-7), 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29 x-San Francisco at Detroit, 7:07 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 x-Detroit at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m. x-Detroit at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS National League CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned INF Adrian Cardenas, RHP Miguel Socolovich and RHP

Jason Berken outright to Iowa (PCL). Activated RHP Marcos Mateo from the 60-day DL and sent him outright to lowa.

NEW YORK METS—Claimed C Anthony

Recker off waivers from Chicago (NL). PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Claimed RHP Chad Beck off waivers from Toronto and C Ramon Solis from San Diego. Designated C Eric Fryer and INF Jeff Clement for assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Announced bullpen coach Dyar Miller will not be retained for next season.

Midwest League

MWL—Granted president George Spelius a 26-month extension through Dec. 31,

American Association FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Re-eased C Todd Jennings and OF Aharon Eggle-

LINCOLN SALTDOGS-Traded RHP Yohan Gonzalez to Normal (Frontier) for a player to be named.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released INF Greg

Frontier League
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed C David Fanshawe and OF Stewart Ijames. Re-leased RHP Eric Blackwell, OF Robbie Garvey,

INF Michael Mooney, and OF Jeriel Waller. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA—Announced commissioner David
Stern will retire on Feb. 1, 2014 and will be replaced by deputy commissioner Adam Silver. An nounced the board of governors unanimously approved the sale of the Memphis Grizzlies to an investor group led by Robert Pera. An-nounced Peter Holt was elected chairman of the

board of governors.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G DALLAS MAVERICKS—Suspended G De-lonte West indefinitely for unspecified conduct detrimental to the team. Claimed C Eddy Curry

off waivers from San Antonio. DENVER NUGGETS—Waived G Anthony Carter and G Ben Uzoh.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Exercis

their third-year option on the contract of G Klay

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, October 26
VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Presenta tion at MMC (7 p.m.); USD at Kansas City (7

volleyball, GIRLS' Lewis & Clark SOCCER, MEN'S MMC at Midland (3 VOLLEYBALL, GINLS: Lewis & Clark
Conf. Tourn. (Allen, Bloomfield, Hartington,
Ponca, Wausa, Wynot); Mid-State Conf.
Tourn. at Norfolk and Pierce (Crofton, Hartington Cedar Catholic); Niobrara Valley conf.
Tourn. at O'Neill (Niobrara-Verdigre); Northeast Neb. Activities Conf. at Plainview
(Croichtea Leurs) Corporate Clastidae Designer.) SOCCER, WOMEN'S Kansas City at USD (1 p.m.); MMC at Midland (1 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Midland at VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV Midland (Creighton, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Ran-

Women's National Basketball Association NEW YORK LIBERTY—Named Bill Laimbeer general manager and coach.

BOXING

of USA Boxing that was imposed over its re-

sponse to several controversial statements by its

FOOTBALL

Hunter on injured reserve.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed LB

Daryl Smith on the injured reserve/return list. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Activated DE

Da'Quan Bowers from the physically unable to perform list. Waived CB LeQuan Lewis.

Canadian Football League
B.C. LIONS—Released WR Kierrie John-

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Re-

National Football League
HOUSTON TEXANS—Placed DE David

former president. Hal Adonis.

International Boxing Association
AIBA—Lifted the three months suspension

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Exercised the leased DL Robert Rose. Signed PK Jamie Borefourth-year option on the contract of G-F Evan ham and WR Limas Sweed to the practice roster HOCKEY

American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Recalled
G Kenny Reiter from Fort Wayne (ECHL). ECHL UTAH GRIZZLIES—Named Greg McCauley

Sunday, October 28

League Championships at Rochester, Mich

FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Indiana

Central Hockey League
DENVER CUTTHROATS—Signed F JF

FORT WORTH BRAHMAS—Waived G

stofer Westblom. Signed G Larry Sterling.

COLLEGE

IONA—Announced transfer sophomore G Tavon Sledge has been granted a hardship waiver by the NCAA and will be eligible for the

sociate director of athletic communications. TEXAS SOUTHERN-Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Mike Davis on a four-

Martin, Buccaneers Race Past Vikings, 36-17 tory in the second quarter led di-

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rookie Doug Martin racked up 214 total yards and two touchdowns, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers blew out Minnesota 36-17 on Thursday night to hand the Vikings their first home loss this season.

Martin took a screen pass 64 yards for a score, one of three Josh Freeman's three touchdown passes, to give Tampa Bay a 27-10 lead 1:21 into the second half.

Then Martin, the first-round draft pick from Boise State, capped a drive of more than 9 minutes with a 1-yard muscle into the end zone midway through the fourth quarter to crush the comeback opportunity for Minnesota (5-3)

Adrian Peterson had a seasonlong 64-yard run for a score that brought the Vikings to 30-17, but his lost fumble in Minnesota terrirectly to a touchdown by the Buccaneers (3-4). The Bucs, who became just the

second visiting team to win on a Thursday night in seven games this season, revived their struggling pass rush with three sacks and flustered Christian Ponder with a heavy dose of blitzes. Ponder finished 19 for 35 for 251 yards, one touchdown and a late interception at the end of a desperation drive.

With a 13-point lead, just trying to keep that clock running as quickly as possible, the Bucs could've gone conservative, but they refused to settle for a punt. Starting at their own 13 with 1:12 left in the third quarter, they plowed their way up the field Freeman completed four third-andlong passes — and finished off the

game with Martin's third-and-goal touchdown run with 7:03 remain-Freeman went 19 for 36 for 262

yards and, most importantly, no turnovers. Mike Williams had one of the touchdowns and 68 yards on six receptions, and the Bucs held the ball for nearly 38 of the 60 min-With two games apiece against

division rivals Chicago and Ğreen Bay plus road trips to Seattle and Houston in the second half of their schedule, the Vikings have quite the challenge waiting for them and their strong start after Thanksgiv-

They faced an important test in this second half, too, after taking the clear advantage they had as the home team in this matchup and handing it over to the Buccaneers.

Iowa's Ferentz Sticking With Vandenberg At Quarterback

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BY LUKE MEREDITH

could imagine.

AP Sports Writer DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg has had one of the most miserable senior seasons anyone

It's not going to cost him his job. Coach Kirk Ferentz reiterated Tuesday that Vandenberg is his starter for Saturday's game at Northwestern (6-2, 2-2 Big Many wondered if Iowa (4-3, 2-1) might go in another direction after Vandenberg

and the Hawkeyes were dismantled by

berg will be his quarterback until his eligi-"He's our starting quarterback," Ferentz said. "We all believe in James. I think I

Penn State 38-14. But Ferentz was adamant

as he's been all season — that Vanden-

speak for everybody involved in our program, team and coaches.

By many measures, Vandenberg has been at the helm of one of the nation's worst passing attacks.

Vandenberg, who threw 25 touchdown passes in 2011, has thrown just three in seven games this season. That's the lowest number for every BCS-affiliated conference team in the country. The Hawkeyes are averaging just 5.7 yards per attempt, a key tool for measuring the overall success of a passing attack.

Only Washington, at 5.6 yards, is lower among major programs; Northwestern, it so happens, averages just 5.7 as well. Iowa is also 118th out of 124 teams in passer rating and 105th in yards per game. In essence, everything has gone wrong in the passing game — something Vanden-

"It just all comes down to execution," he said. "Blocking long enough. Running the right routes. Throwing the ball to them. Catching and getting yards after the catch. I think in every one of those phases, we can get better." The one moment that perhaps best en-

game this season came against the Nittany Already down 24-0, Vandenberg's first pass of the second half was a bullet right at linebacker Michael Mauti. Whatever life was left out of a stadium that had

capsulates the ineptitude of Iowa's passing

already been booing the Hawkeyes was gone after that interception. Ferentz was quick to take responsibility for the loss and deflect blame from Van-

denberg. 'To evaluate what happened Saturday, any one player's performance or job sta-

tus, that would be tough to do. There wasn't much that went well," Ferentz said. "To try to say that it was one person or one area I think would be missing the boat. It was a thorough beating we experienced, and we played a team that really played well. We didn't come close to matching

their tempo or their execution. Vandenberg clearly hasn't been the

only problem with Iowa's passing game. For a variety of reasons, things haven't clicked under first-year offensive coordinator Greg Davis. Production is down across the board except for running back Mark Weisman, and he's recovering from a

sprained ankle. Iowa is averaging a shade under 21 points per game, 10th in the Big Ten. Redshirt freshman Jake Rudock has

been groomed to replace Vandenberg

since the day he arrived on campus.

Though Ferentz didn't insert him late in last week's blowout loss, he appears to hold Rudock in the same high regard as

"I think he's got the potential to be a good quarterback," Ferentz said. "I think he's a good thrower with good command and works extremely hard. He's a lot like James Vandenberg in my mind. He's got all the characteristics that give a guy a chance to be a good player. He's into it,

very smart, very competitive. But unless Vandenberg gets hurt, Rudock won't get a chance to prove all that on the field until 2013. Ferentz isn't

ready to give up on Vandenberg just yet. "As long as they want me in there, the boos, all the criticism, none of that really bothers me," Vandenberg said.

berg is well aware of.

JFREMY HOECK/P&D

Although the lead was just 16-0 at halftime and the shutout was

"We always say on the bus at halftime that it's 0-0, we need to play all four quarters," Jueden said. "I think we proved that we can do that."

of the bracket Thursday, meaning the Wildcats stay in town for a second-round matchup with High Plains Community (8-1). The time for that game will be announced today (Friday). Hart-

ington Cedar Catholic will also play a home game at Russ Hochstein Field next Friday. "I'm just glad we'll be at home," Miller said.

Football

From Page 8A

Sterling 54, Wynot 36 STERLING, Neb. — Sterling de-feated Wynot 54-36 in Nebraska

Class D2 football playoff action on Thursday night. Chris Wenzl led the Sterling offense with 198 yards on 38 carries. Wenzl also completed three

passes for touchdowns.

Jackson Sedbeck led the Wynot passing attack with 303 yards on 17 completions. Davis Wieseler had 12 catches for 169 yards. Cody Stratman contributed four catches for 127 yards.

Sterling will improve to 7-2 on the season and advance to host Wausa in the next round of the playoffs on Wednesdav. Wvnot will finish their season with a 4-5 record.

WEEKDAYS

High Plains Community 76, Bloomfield 28

POLK, Neb. — The High Plains Community Storm defeated the Bloomfield Bees 76-28 in the opening round of the Nebraska Class D1 football playoffs on Thursday in Polk, Neb. The Storm boasted 548 total yards on offense (378 yards on the ground

and 170 through the air). Tanner Fate had four completions for four touchdowns and 170 yards for High Plains Community. Logan Fleming rushed for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Fate also rushed for 97 yards and two touchdowns. Try Engel added 57 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. Garrett Lesiak also had a rushing touchdown. Cale Bolton led the Storm defense with 12 tackles and two

interceptions. Fleming added nine tackles for High Plains Com-

Alec Wilson led the Bees' rushing attack with 89 vards and a touchdown. Chet Beckmann threw the ball for 94 yards and a touchdown. Alec Wilson added four catches for Bloomfield. Trent Johnson led the Bloomfield defense with seven tackles. Wilson had five tackles in the losing effort. Cody Beckman had a

tackle and an interception. High Plains Community will improve their record to 8-1 and will advance to the second round of the Nebraksa 'D1' playoffs. The Storm will travel to Hartington to play the Wildcats on Wednesday. Bloomfield will end their season

with a 5-4 record. HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY (8-1). BLOOMFIELD (5-4)

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

Pender running back Ben Burmester, 19, tries to avoid the tackle of Hartington's Pat Wortmann, left, and Eric Derickson, 12, during their Class D1 playoff game Thursday night in Hartington, Neb. **Wildcats** erally moved the pile 10 full "When you have a kid running like that, you keep feeding him," Kalin said. "That was a great per-From Page 7A formance. "Our lines controlled the line of scrimmage all night; our linemen are fast enough to that's been a strength of ours.' play running back.

The heavy workload for Miller was necessitated by an injury to senior Alec Fuelberth. That left the carries to Miller, senior Eric Derickson and sophomore quarterback Kolby Jueden. "We had a plan for it either way," said Jueden, who had a 10yard touchdown pass to junior

ter. "We were ready. Nick was the guy tonight. Of course, it helps when the offensive line can get the kind of push showcased on one specific play in the second quarter when the linemen and Miller lit-

Pat Wortmann in the third quar-

More than simply an offensive

domination, Hartington didn't allow much on defense either. Pender managed just six first downs in the game and didn't score until the final 22 seconds — when the Wildcats put in subs on a 2-yard touchdown run by Brody VandeBrug. Though it was a combined

team effort, Hartington wanted to come out on top for its six seniors, Jueden said.

"I went out and did this for our seniors," he said. "They taught me everything I know, and I knew how much they wanted

spoiled late, the Wildcats were in complete control.

High Plains Community beat Bloomfield in the other D1 firstround game on Hartington's side