VOLLEYBALL

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S S.D. SCORES Lemmon def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-11, 23-25, 18-25, 26-24, 15-11 McIntosh def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-19, 26-24,

FOOTBALL

S.D. PLAYOFFS 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), 6:30

Pierre (7-3) at Brandon Valley (9-0), 7 p.m. S.F. Lincoln (7-3) at S.F. Roosevelt (7-2), 8

p.m.

CLASS 11A

Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29

Chamberlain (3-6) at Dell Rapids (8-1), 7

Hot Springs (7-3) at Todd County (8-1), 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),

Potter County (8-1) at Deubrook Area (9-0), 6:30 p.m. Leola-Frederick (8-1) at Gregory (8-1),

CLASS 9A Quarterfinals, Monday, Oct. 29
Wall (6-3) at Canistota (9-0), 6:30 p.m.
Faith (8-1) at Arlington (8-1), 6:30 p.m.
Wilmot (6-3) at Warner (9-0), 7 p.m.
Corsica-Stickney (6-3) at Herried-Selby

Area (9-0), 6:30 p.m., 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 Castlewood (0-0, 0.... (7-2), 7 p.m., Waverly Avon (6-3) at Colome (8-1), 7 p.m. Hitchcock-Tulare (7-2) at Viborg-Hurley (7-

NEBRASKA PLAYOFFS CLASS C2

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

Aguinas Catholic (9-0) at Weeping Water (Malcolm (7-2) at Archbishop Bergan (7-2

7 p.m.
Ponca (5-4) at Hartington Cedar Catholic (4), 6:30 p.m. Lutheran High Northeast (9-0) at Oakland Craig (6-3), 6 p.m. Hastings St. Cecilia (6-3) at Sutton (9-0),

.. Hershey (5-4) Blue Hill (8-1) West Holt (7-2) at North Platte St. Patrick (9-0), 3 p.m.
Doniphan-Trumbull (7-2) at Crofton (7-1),

CLASS D1 First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25
Arapahoe 44, South Loup 13
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 41, Pawne

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 28 Howells/Dodge 44, Nebraska Christian 20 Loup City 40, Overton 8 Lourdes Central Catholic 60, Freeman 20

AP Pro Football Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) —

Based on the consensus outside

view of the Minnesota Vikings, a

5-3 record halfway through the

the year and finished the first

put an exclamation point on

out a tough one on the road,' linebacker Chad Greenway said

season is a real accomplishment.

Given the way they started

half, the Vikings felt they missed

out on an opportunity for more.

these first eight and have some

days before Seattle and try to eke

after the 36-17 loss to Tampa Bay

against NFC North rivals Chicago

eight games are going to be quite

can fix some of the flaws exposed

(5-1) and Green Bay (4-3) and a trip to Houston (6-1), the last

a challenge even if the Vikings

by the Buccaneers. They have

three extra days to rest before

a tough place to play.

traveling to Seattle (4-3), always

that our record could be better

than 5-3. That's a frustrating

thing, but looking back you've

got to be proud of it," quarter-

There wasn't much at all to

good job of pretty much beating our brains in," defensive end

In the process, the Vikings lost starting cornerback Chris

Mike Suing

605-760-3505

Rod McNatt

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Let us "Brighten" your way!

Cook to a broken right arm,

"The bottom line is they did a

back Christian Ponder said.

take pride in on Thursday.

Brian Robison said.

"Obviously we're frustrated

on Thursday. "Now, it definitely

With two games apiece

changes your mentality."

This set up perfectly for us to

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), 6:30 p.m. Arapahoe (9-0) at Maxwell (4-5), 6 p.m. Elgin Public-Pope John (9-0) at O'Neill St. Loup City (7-2) at Hemingford (9-0), 2:30

Howells-Dodge (9-0) at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (7-1), 7 p.m. Creighton (8-1) at Bruning-Davenport-Shickley (8-1), 5 p.m., Shickley Exeter-Milligan (9-0) at Lourdes Central Catholic (6-3), 6 p.m., Nebraska Citv High Plains Community (8-1) at Hartington (9-0), 3 p.m.

CLASS D2 First Round, Thursday, Oct. 25 Anselmo-Merna 42, Leyton 0

Falls City Sacred Heart 49, Diller-Odell 0 Fullerton 38, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 6 Garden County 56, Wallace 28 Galther Roulin 90, Hay Springs 14 Humphrey St. Francis 62, Lewiston 12 Kenesaw 62, Hayes Center 21 Lawrence-Nelson 28, Osmond 26 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), 5 p.m.

Wausa (8-1) at Sterling (7-2), 5 p.m. Lindsay Holy Family (8-1) at Fullerton (5-4), Parkview Christian (8-1) at Falls City Sacred

Giltner (9-0) at Alselmo-Merna (7-2), 5 p.m.,

Merna Garden County (9-0) at Medicine Valley (9-0), 5 p.m., Curtis Bertrand (9-0) at Kenesaw (8-1), 6 p.m. Spalding/Spalding Academy (6-3) at Shelton (7-1), 5 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East													
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA						
	New England	4	3	0	.571	217	163						
	Miami	3	3	0	.500	120	117						
	N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	159	170						
	Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227						
South													
•		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA						
	Houston	6	1	0	.857	216	128						
	Indianapolis	3	3	0	.500	117	158						
-	Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	149	238						
	Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	88	164						
			No	rth									
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA						
	Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	174	161						
	Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	140	132						
	Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187						
	Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	147	180						
West													
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA						
	Denver	3	3	0	.500	170	138						
	San Diego	3	3	0	.500	148	137						
	Oakland	2	4	0	.333	113	171						
	Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	104	183						
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	Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	104	183							
	NATI	ona	L C	onf	ERENC	E								
	East													
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA							
	N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	205	137							
	Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	103	125							
	Dallas	3	3	0	.500	113	133							
6-	Washington	3	4	0	.429	201	200							
			Sou	ıth										
2),		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA							
	Atlanta	6	0	0	1.000	171	113							
5-	New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	176	182							
	Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	148	136							
d-	Carolina	1	5	0	.167	106	144							
			No	rth										
6		W	L	Τ	Pct	PF	PA							
	Chicago	5	1	0	.833	162	78							
	Minnesota	5	3	0	.625	184	167							
's	Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	184	155							
	Detroit	2	4	0	.333	133	150							
5		est												
		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA							
	San Francisco	5	2	0	.714	165	100							
	Arizona	4	3	0	.571	124	118							
	Seattle	4	3	0	.571	116	106							
е	St. Louis	3	4	0	.429	130	141							
	Thursday, Oct.	25												

Tampa Bay 36, Minnesota 17

Sunday, Oct. 28

Jacksonville at Green Bay, noon Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon 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, noon Oakland at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, October 27 CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Sum-FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Indi-

SOCCER, WOMEN'S Kansas City at (1 p.m.); MMC at Midland (1 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (1:30 p.m.)

VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S JV Mid-

land at MMC (noon)

Sunday, October 28

No activities scheduled

Monday, October 29

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Quarterfinals: Class 11AA — YHS at S.F. O'Gorman
(6:30 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Class (6:30 p.m., KYN I-AM, KVH I-FM); Class 11A — Dakota Valley at Spearfish (7 p.m CT); Class 11B — Parkston at Aberdeer Roncalli (6:30 p.m.); Class 9B - Avon at Colome (7 p.m.); Hitchcock-Tulare vs. Vi-VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS' Neb. Sub-Dis-

WORLD SERIES

San Francisco 2. Detroit 0. San Francisco

San Francisco (Vogelsong 14-9) at Detroit

x-San Francisco at Detroit, 7:07 p.m.

x-Detroit at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m.

x-Detroit at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m.

BASKETBALL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2011-12 final records, total points based on 25 points for a

first-place vote through one point for a 25th-

1,453 1,292 1,290 1,270 1,210 1,094

285

Others receiving votes: Murray St. 59, VCU 58, Saint Louis 46, Texas 46, Minnesota 40, But-

ler 33, Pittsburgh 32, Saint Joseph's 25, Mar-

quette 23, Tennessee 15, Oklahoma St. 14, Kansas St. 12, Georgetown 9, New Mexico 9, Ohio 9, Miami 8, Saint Mary's (Cal) 6, West Vir-ginia 6, Davidson 5, Drexel 5, N. Iowa 5, Val-

paraiso 3, Lehigh 2, Stanford 2, Colorado St. 1,

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Named Torey Lovullo

bench coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Promoted Rick

Hahn to senior vice president/general manager;

Howard Pizer to senior executive vice president

and Ken Williams to executive vice president.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Claimed RHP
Chris Volstad off waivers from the Chicago

Inst-place vote untougn one point for a place vote and 2011-12 final ranking:

| Record | Pts | 1.592 | 1.592 | 2. Louisville (20) | 30-10 | 1.568 | 3. Kentucky (2) | 38-2 | 1.453

ASSOCIATED PRESS MEN'S PRE-

SEASON TOP TWENTY FIVE

San Francisco 8, Detroit 3

MLB PLAYOFFS

Thursday, Oct. 25

Sunday, Oct. 28

Monday, Oct. 29

4. Ohio St. 5. Michigan 6. NC State 7. Kansas

8. Duke

13. UCLA

18. UNLV

14. Michigan St. 15. Missouri

20. San Diego St. 21. Gonzaga 22. Notre Dame

23. Wisconsin

Vikings Try To Forget Bad

Game As Tough Stretch Looms

meaning one of their most impor-

sent for perhaps the remainder of

the year. The biggest concern on

that side of the ball of late has

been the inability to finish tack-

les and keep opposing running

backs in check. Tampa Bay's

Doug Martin was the latest to

The player under the most scrutiny, naturally, is Ponder,

who has been out of sync a lot

the last month and turning the

ball over far too much. He didn't

turn the ball over Thursday until

a meaningless pass on the last

drive with the outcome already

poised lately under pressure or

"It's going to be hard for us to

decided, but he hasn't been

able to stretch the field with

achieve our goals if we're not

able to improve our passing

game," coach Leslie Frazier said.

racy for Ponder, protection by

the offensive line, separation by

the receivers or game planning

by the coaching staff, the Vikings

have been too easy to stop over

the last month, even with Adrian

hold on the starting job, barring

seen a loss of confidence in him.

derstand the nature of the busi-

quarterback position," Frazier

said, adding: "You have to be mentally tough, and we think he

is and he's shown that he is. I

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think he can handle some of the

ness and the nature of the

"No, I think he's begun to un-

injury, and insisted he hasn't

Peterson's continued prowess. Frazier reiterated Ponder's

Whether it's a matter of accu-

downfield throws.

find room, tallying 214 total

tant defensive players will be ab-

Wednesday, Oct. 31

(Sanchez 4-6), 7:07 p.m.

Logan View (5:30 p.m.); Ponca vs. West Point-Beemer (6:30 p.m.); Wayne vs. Winnebago-Logan View winner (7:30 p.m.); C2-7 at Ponca — Laurel-Concord-Co-leridge vs. Homer (5 p.m.); Crofton vs. Wakefield (6:15 p.m.); Hartington Cedar State (1:05 p.m., KVH1-FM)
SOCCER, MEN'S MMC at Midland (3 Catholic vs. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge/Homer winner (7:30 p.m.); C2-8 at O'Neill — Creighton vs. Plainview (5 p.m.); Niobrara-Verdigre vs. Neligh-Oak-dale (6:30 p.m.); West Holt vs. Creighton-Verdigre vs. Vergetton-Verdigre vs. Ve Plainview winner (8 p.m.); D1-6 at Wayne
— Pender vs. Omaha Nation (4:30 p.m.); Emerson-Hubbard vs. Allen (6 p.m.); Hart-ington vs. Pender-Omaha Nation winner (7:30 p.m.); D1-7 at Creighton — Clearwater-Orchard vs. Bloomfield (5 p.m.); Ran dolph vs. Chambers-Wheeler Central (6:30 p.m.); O'Neill St. Mary's vs. Clearwater-Or-chard/Bloomfield winner (8 p.m.); D2-4 at Wisner — Lyons-Decatur Northeast vs.

Walthill (4:30 p.m.); Bancroft-Rosalie vs

Winside (6 p.m.); Wynot vs. Lyons-Decatu Northeast/Walthill winner (7:30 p.m.)

Cubs.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Darren Bush bullpen coach. Monday, Oct. 29 National League

San Francisco at Arizona, 7:30 p.m HOUSTON ASTROS-Claimed OF Che-**BASEBALL**

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Announced RHP

Dustin Moseley and RHP Tim Stauffer have be-come free agents after clearing outright waivers. **Eastern League** READING PHILLIES—Named Andrew Nelson fundraising manager and sales representa-tive. Promoted Matt Hoffmaster to director of

tant director of sales. American Association LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Sent INF Wilberto

San Francisco (Cain 16-5) at Detroit (Scherzer 16-7), 7:15 p.m. National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived G Chris

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Waived F Tony Mitchell, F Willie Reed and C Hamady Ndiaye. FOOTBALL National Football League NFL—Fined the Baltimore Ravens \$20,000 for not listing S Ed Reed on the team's injury report with a torn labrum in his right shoulder, a vi-

plation of the league's procedures for reporting JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB Kevin Rutland. Placed LB Daryl Smith on injured

reserve.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Placed CB Chris Cook on the injured reserve/return list. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed CB

Ras-I Dowling on injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed S Tracy
Wilson from the practice squad. Placed RB Javon Ringer on injured reserve. Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS—Announced WR
Jarvis Williams was assigned to the team.
SPOKANE SHOCK—Ammounced WR

Steven Black was assigned to the team and agreed to terms on a one-year contract. HOCKEY American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS—Assigned LW Harry
Young to Trenton (ECHL). Loaned LW Chris

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Reassigned D Austin Madaisky and D Will Weber to Evansville Central Hockey League ALLEN AMERICANS—Activated F Nino Musitelli from leave of absence.

ARIZONA SUNDOGS—Placed F Don Mal-

oney on bereavement leave.
BLOOMINGTON BLAZE—Signed F Tyler WICHITA THUNDER—Announced F Ryan Flanigan was assigned to the team by the New York Rangers and signed him to a five-game

player agreement. SOCCER

Major League Soccer
MLS—Fined FC Dallas D Jair Benitez an
undisclosed amount for his act of embellishment which brought the game into disrepute in the 65th minute of an Oct. 21 game against Seattle. Fined LA Galaxy MF Robbie Keane an undis-closed amount for public criticism of the officials after an Oct. 21 game against San Jose. **COLLEGE**

IOWA STATE—Announced G Maurice
Jones transferred from Southern Cal and will be
eligible starting with the 2013-14 season.
MISSOURI—Suspended men's basketball

senior G Michael Dixon and men's basketball freshman G Dominique Bull, indefinitely for

things that are dished out, but

he's going to have big days for

and he'll lead our team to suc-

cess.'

us. We know that, he's done that,

Peterson, whose impact on

the offense was in question be-

fore the season because of the

typical recovery timeline for an

anterior cruciate ligament tear,

has sure put those concerns to

rest. He's on pace for more than

1,500 yards rushing, and he de-

clared in the locker room on Fri-

day he's "over 100 percent" and

But even Peterson showed

he's not infallible, losing his first

fumble of the year during a spin

move in the second quarter that

set the Buccaneers up for a

touchdown. That's the kind of

mistake that the Vikings can't

overcome if they don't develop

the passing game, a consistency

"We have a great potential of-

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that creates the balance that's

fensively. The confidence is

to start fast. We haven't been

there," Peterson said. "We have

been lacking this month.

able to do that."

"trying to get to 200 percent."

Knights Top Crofton For Third In MSC

State for fourth place in TheSum-

mit League standings, but a career

night from Kelli Fiegen (Parkston)

put the Jackrabbits alone in third

place as the senior led the Jacks

PIERCE, Neb. — Norfolk Catholic swept Crofton in the third place match of the Mid State Conference Tournament Friday night 25-21, 25-20, 25-21.

Crofton's Maria Wortmann recorded 17 digs, eight kills, three blocks and two aces for the night, and MaKenzie Johnson had 10 assists, three digs, one kills and one ace. Allison Arens contributed seven assists, five digs, four kills and one block, while Alex Allen made 12 digs.

No stats were reported for Norfolk Catholic.

Crofton will travel to Ponca on Monday to face Wakefield. NORFOLK CATHOLIC (25-2)...... CROFTON (14-11).....

College: S.D. State 3, Oakland 1

BROOKINGS — South Dakota State entered the night tied with both Oakland and North Dakota

to a 3-1 win over Oakland on Friday night in Frost Arena. The Jackrabbits, who won by the set scores of 25-19, 17-25, 25-21 and 25-21, improve to 15-9 on the season overall and to 7-5 in the league heading into Saturday's match with league-leader IPFW,

who downed NDSU on Friday 3-2 in Oakland, who travels to Fargo on Saturday, falls to 13-11 overall. and to an even 6-6 in league play.

SDSU also got help from an unlikely source, when South Dakota beat UMKC on Friday in Kansas City, Mo., which drops the Kangaroos to 7-6 in the league, a half game behind the Jackrabbits.

Fiegen's night included a teamhigh 17 kills and a career-high 10 block assists, which gives her a third career double-double and

Lexi Fowler tallied her teamhigh eighth double-double of the season, posting 17 assists and 11 digs on the night. Shay Birath led the defense with 31 digs, which leaves her just 61 digs shy of the SDSU career digs record of 1,929 with five regular season matches left to play.

Kelly Herrmann and Lizzie Palmer both finished with 13 digs, which marks a new career best of

Margit Hansing pitched in with 13 kills and nine digs in the win. Oakland's Meghan Bray led all players with 19 kills in the match on 60 swings. Brittany Holbrook added 14 and Taylor Humm 12 kills in the loss. Bray also added 16 digs to complete her double-double.

Alli Kirk led the Golden Grizzlies with 33 digs.

The Jackrabbits return to action on Saturday, Hobo Day, at 7 p.m., when they look to snap a 10match skid against IPFW.

Jets Ground Wynot In Class D2 Opener

The hometown Jets, now 7-2,

For Wynot, Jackson Sudbeck

led 28-20 at halftime. Nathan

Thies completed 4-of-8 passes

but each one went for a touch-

had a hand in all five touch-

downs. He completed 20-of-37

down.

STERLING, Neb. — Chris Wenzl scored touchdowns via the rush, on a pass and on a reception to lead Sterling past Wynot 54-36 in Class D2 first-round playoff action Thursday night in Sterling, Neb. Wenzl rushed 44 times for 193

yards and two touchdowns, passed for 20 yards and a touchdown, and also caught two passes for 43 yards and two

passes for 314 yards and four scores, and rushed for 22 yards and a touchdown.

Davis Wieseler caught 13 passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns, while Cody Stratman had six catches for 135 yards and two scores.

Defensively for the Blue Devils, Scott Foxhoven had 14 tackles and an interception, Nathan Wieseler had 14 tackles, and Sudbeck made 10 stops. Kyle Bruening recorded a sack.

Wynot ends its season at 4-5.

saint ran for a career-high 138

turnover-plagued Nebraska last

The Huskers bring in the Big

Ten's top offense, at 512 yards a

game. Michigan's defense is sec-

ond in the Big Ten, allowing 286

Wolverines have allowed no more

'Watching them on film and

watching what they've done so far

this year, this will be a big test for

us," Michigan defensive coordina-

tor Greg Mattison said. "Going on

the road and playing an offense

like this, we'll kind of see where

Same goes for Nebraska's of-

fense, which has put up big num-

turnover-prone. The Huskers' 13

lost fumbles are most in the na-

"I feel like I'll find out a lot

self," said Abdullah, who probably

about our offense, not just my-

will start in place of the injured Rex Burkhead. "We've shown

this year. We've been pretty consistent other than a lot of turnovers. I just want to see our

offense go to the next level and

year coach, remembers his Ball

State Cardinals putting a fright

into the Bill Callahan-coached

Nebraska survived when

Hoke's kicker hooked a 55-yard

field-goal try wide left in the final

flubbed what would have been a

seconds after one of his receiver's

"Got beat 41-40," Hoke said.

"Dropped the ball on the 5-yard

Huskers five years ago.

sure touchdown.

Hoke, the Wolverines' second-

play that perfect, clean game."

we're at."

tion.

bers despite being

yards. More impressive, the

than 13 points in five straight

yards in a 45-17 win over

Big 10 Legends Lead On Line As No. 20 Michigan **Visits Nebraska For First Time Since 1911**

BY ERIC OLSON

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Playing

The Cornhuskers go into Saturday's meeting with No. 20 Michigan on a 10-game win streak in prime-time home games.

There figures to be some extra energy in the stadium for this one.

50th anniversary of its NCAArecord sellout streak. This will be the 323rd in a row.

Ten), the only college program with 900 all-time victories, will be making its first visit to Lincoln since 1911.

we've got to be prepared for that," Wolverines quarterback Denard Robinson said. "We have to be prepared to execute the offense every time we get a chance to get the ball. We have to be road war-

their crowd in their last home game, coming back from a 17-

they can get as they try to corral Robinson and find a way to dent the fast-improving defense of the Legends Division-leading Wolverines.

said. "I feel like the fans really make a difference in a game, especially when we're playing a big team like Michigan. The Wolverines have lost both

their night games. The first was the season-opening 41-14 defeat to defending national champion and top-ranked Alabama in Arlington, Texas. The other was 13-6 at Notre Dame, a game in which Robinson was intercepted four

at night," Michigan coach Brady Hoke said of his players. "I don't perceive that being a problem."

State team to Memorial Stadium in 2007, described the Huskers' fans as "emphatic.'

especially at night.

The din discombobulated Wisconsin on Sept. 29.

night," cornerback Stanley Jean-Baptiste said.

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Nebraska is 36-5 under the touchdowns and Fitzgerald Tous-

lights in Lincoln since the first

night game was played there in

those games by at least 13 points.

Michigan, with a win, would

put two games between itself and

Wolverines finish the regular sea-

home games with Northwestern

and Iowa and a trip to arch-rival

A win by Nebraska would

and own the tiebreaker over

trip to Michigan State, home

games against Penn State and

Minnesota and a visit to Iowa.

ing from 12 points down in the

move it into a tie atop the division

Michigan. The Huskers end with a

The Huskers preserved their

title hopes alive last week by rally-

fourth quarter to beat Northwest-

"You can't afford to lose,"

safety P.J. Smith said. "That's what

our mentality was the other night. Everyone was saying let's go out

what. We're going to have ups and

downs but just keeping riding the

victory over Michigan State, has

Notre Dame. Hoke said he used

the bye week that followed to

chart the rest of the season.

that category."

won three straight since losing at

"Every game's a championship game," he said, "and this falls into

The game will be the second in

Robinson and Taylor Martinez

are among just 18 quarterbacks in

tals. The only previous such meet-

NCAA history to reach those to-

against Missouri's Brad Smith in

Robinson accounted for four

ing pitted Texas' Vince Young

college football history featuring a

pair of quarterbacks with 5,000

yards passing and 2,000 yards

rushing in their careers.

and win this game no matter

We can't slip up. Michigan, coming off a 12-10

Ohio State.

1986. Nebraska has won 28 of

second-place Nebraska. The

son with a visit to Minnesota,

at night has been right for Nebraska at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska will celebrate the

And Michigan (5-2, 3-0 Big

"It's going to be loud, and

The Huskers (5-2, 2-1) fed off They'll take any advantage

"I hope it's just as crazy as that

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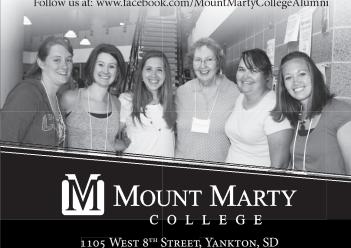
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