

# New Facilities Give Hope To New Nebraska Coach

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — First-year coach Tim Miles will try to turn around a long-languishing Nebraska men’s basketball program that hasn’t won a share of a conference championship since 1950, made it to the NCAA tournament since 1998 or had a winning conference record since 1999.

Patience will be required. The Huskers return only one starter from the Doc Sadler-coached team that finished 12-18 and tied for 11th in the Big Ten.

“There’s never been a better time to be the coach at Nebraska,” Miles said with a straight face.

Athletic director Tom Osborne hired Miles from Colorado State and gave him the longest contract for a coach in any sport in Nebraska history. The seven-year deal pays \$1.4 million to start and increases to \$2.15 million by 2018-19.

Miles is taking over a year after the opening of a \$20 million practice facility and a year before the \$179 million, 16,000-seat Pinnacle Bank Arena opens, replacing the 36-year-old Devaney Sports Center.

An impressive list of recruits has toured the facilities since Miles’ hiring last spring, though no blue-chippers have committed yet.

The Huskers are led by 6-foot-10 forward Brandon Ubel (6.7 points, 5.3 rebounds per game), the only returning starter, and five other players who had significant minutes last season. Andre Almeida, a 6-11, 314-pound center, and guard Ray Gallegos join Ubel as the only seniors.

“You go as far as your seniors will take you,” Miles said. “If their buy-in is good and their mental capacity for a

learning curve is good, they’re going to pick up a new system and all the stuff that goes with that. You’re going to be further down the road.”

The Huskers are picked 12th in the Big Ten, largely because it’s possible they will have as few as eight scholarship players active. Miles is so short of bodies that he plans to hold an open try-out this week and possibly add another player or two.

“I like this group — they’re hard working — but we’ve got a lot of work to do,” Miles said. “We’ve got some good players. We just need to add to it.”

The facilities upgrades illustrated the administrative support for a program that had long been ignored at football-first Nebraska.

Miles noted that officials from the Utah Jazz and Brooklyn Nets toured the practice facility recently to get ideas for their own buildings. The \$200 million arena is downtown, just west of campus, and is being built in partnership with the city of Lincoln.

“It’s going to be an amazing place,”

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## Cedar Catholic, LCC To Play For C2-7 Title

Volleyball: Top-Seeded Wynot, Hartington Also Advance To Sub-District Finals

PONCA, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic and Laurel-Concord will face each other for Sub-District C2-7 Championships today (Tuesday) after semifinal victories on Monday.

Hartington Cedar Catholic defeated Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 25-20, 25-13, 25-14. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge defeated Homer 25-27, 25-17, 27-25, 25-17 in the other semifinal.

**Wakefield 3, Crofton 1**  
PONCA, Neb. — Wakefield swept Crofton in Monday night volleyball action 25-14, 25-18, 17-25, 25-21 in Ponca.

Crofton’s Alex Allen recorded 21 digs and one assist for the night, and Maria Wortmann had 19 digs, 12 kills and five blocks. Allison Arens also contributed 16 assists, eight digs, seven kills, one block and one ace.

No stats were reported for Wakefield.

Crofton will face Hartington Cedar Catholic the Sub District Championships today (Tuesday) in Ponca.

WAKEFIELD (23-9).....	25	25	17	25
CROFTON (14-12).....	14	18	25	21

**Sub-District C2-8**

**Neligh-Oakdale 3, Niobrara-Verdigre 1**  
O’NEILL, Neb. — Neligh-Oakdale defeated Niobrara-Verdigre in Monday night volleyball action 26-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-12 in O’Neill.

For Niobrara-Verdigre, Tessa Ives had 15 digs, eight kills, two aces and one assist. Shelby McCordle made 10 assists, six digs, two aces and one kill, while McKayla Eisenhauer recorded 11 kills, three digs, two assists and one ace.

No stats were reported for Neligh-Oakdale.

Neligh-Oakdale will participate in the Sub Division Championships today (Tuesday) in O’Neill.

NELIGH-OAKDALE.....	23	25	25	25
NIOBRA-VERDIGRE.....	25	19	23	12

**Sub-District D1-6**

**Hartington 3, Pender 1**  
WAYNE, Neb. — Hartington beat Pender 25-14, 22-25, 25-23, 25-23 on Monday to advance to the Sub-District D1-6 championship today (Tuesday).

Hartington’s Michaela Dendinger recorded 18 kills, six aces and one dig, Courtney Hochstein had 31 assists, five digs and two kills and Shelby Hochstein made 11 digs, eight kills and one ace.

Pender swept Omaha Nation 25-13, 25-7, 25-9 in the opening round.

Hartington will face Allen in the championship today.

**Allen 3, Emerson-Hubbard 1**  
WAYNE, Neb. — Brittany Sullivan led Allen in the defeat of Emerson-Hubbard with scores of 25-19, 25-20, 21-25, 26-24 Monday night in Wayne.

Sullivan put up 24 kills, 15 digs, two aces and two blocks for the night, while Lindsey Jones had 14 kills, ten digs and three aces. Lindsey Sullivan also had 38 assists, 14 digs, three kills and three aces.

No stats were reported for Emerson-Hubbard.

Allen will participate in the Sub District Championships today (Tuesday).

ALLEN (18-12).....	25	25	21	26
EMERSON (13-14).....	19	20	25	24

**Sub-District D1-7**

**St. Mary 3, Bloomfield 0**  
CREIGHTON, Neb. — St. Mary swept Bloomfield in Monday night volleyball action 25-9, 25-13, 25-12 in Creighton.

Kaylee Krotter recorded 23 as-

sists, 10 digs and one ace, while Bridget Schneider had nine assists and two digs. Jessi Pongratz made seven kills and four digs, and Brooke Bauer had 11 kills, eight digs and one ace.

For Bloomfield, Autumn Luger had five kills and one ace. Dominique Swanson recorded three digs and Ashley Fiedler had one kill and one block.

St. Mary will face Randolph in the Sub District Championship today (Tuesday) in Creighton.

BLOOMFIELD (8-17).....	9	13	12
ST. MARY (28-2).....	25	25	25

**Randolph 3, Chambers-Wheeler Cent. 0**  
CREIGHTON, Neb. — Randolph swept Chambers-Wheeler Central in volleyball Monday night 25-19, 25-18, 25-18 in Creighton.

For Chambers-Wheeler Central, Jordan Wietzke had 18 digs, eight kills, one block and one ace, and Shelby Kasselder recorded 21 assists, 12 digs, one kill and one ace. Jamie Laetsch also made six assists, six digs and one kill.

No stats were reported for Randolph.

Randolph will face O’Neill St. Mary in the Sub District Championships today (Tuesday) in Creighton.

RANDOLPH (13-13).....	25	25	25
CHAMBERS-WHEELER CENTRAL (20-9).....	19	18	18

**Bloomfield 3, Clearwater-Orchard 2**  
CREIGHTON, Neb. — Bloomfield defeated Clearwater-Orchard in five games during Monday night volleyball action in Creighton with scores 19-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-10.

Lexi Hauger had 11 kills and three aces, while Autumn Luger put up 10 kills, three blocks and two aces. Kenna Fiedler also had 10 kills.

For the Clearwater-Orchard Cyclones, Bailey Schwager had 30 assists and 10 digs, and Emily Filsinger put up 12 kills, six digs, three aces and two blocks. Abbey Kester had 15 digs, two aces and one kill, while Mallory Cooper recorded 13 digs, six kills and one ace.

BLOOMFIELD (8-16).....	19	20	25	25	15
CLEARWATER-ORCHARD (13-15).....	25	25	21	23	10

**Sub-District D2-4**

**Wynot 3, Lyons Decatur Northeast 0**  
WISNER, Neb. — With 14 assists, ten digs, two aces and one kill Crica Burbach led Wynot in a win against Lyons Decatur Northeast in Monday night volleyball action in Wisner.

Zoey Heimes had 18 digs and one kills for the night, and Jenna Heine put up 15 assists, six digs and one ace. Shelly Hochstein also contributed 11 aces, nine digs, five kills, one assist and one block.

No stats were reported for Lyons Decatur Northeast.

Wynot will face Winside today (Tuesday) in Wisner for the Sub District Championships.

LYONS DECATUR NORTHEAST (5-26).....	23	15	16
WYNOT (17-6).....	25	25	25

## Playoffs

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Lucas Ching passed for a total of 112 yards and three touchdowns, Kaleb Artz rushed for 22 yards and one touchdown and had nine tackles.

For Waverly-South Shore, Tyler Mundahl passed for 102 yards and Sam Pond rushed for 59 yards and one touchdown. Bailey Comes ruhsed for 59 yards as well, and Jesse Bush had eight tackles.

CASTLEWOOD (7-3).....	12	28	8	0	48
WAVERLY-SOUTH SHORE (7-9).....	0	8	0	0	8

**Arlington 56, Faith 40**  
ARLINGTON — Zach Warnke rushed for 128 yards and three touchdowns Monday night to lead Arlington in a win against Faith 56-40.

Lane Weber rushed for 220 yards and two touchdowns, while Andrew King passed for 83



Yankton's Troy Hunhoff celebrates after catching a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Michael Rucker, giving the Bucks a 14-7 lead late in the first half of their Class 11AA quarterfinal football game at Sioux Falls O-Gorman on Monday.

## Bucks

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The Knights quickly answered however as O’Gorman, behind senior running back Nic Steffl, put together a six play, 47 yard drive that ended with a Steffl three-yard touchdown run as the first quarter wound down. The Knights took a 7-6 lead on the extra point by Alex Pujado but their offense would soon go quiet.

The two teams traded a pair of possessions in the second quarter before Bucks senior quarterback Michael Rucker finished off a drive with a one-yard dive to put Yankton back on top. Rucker’s successful 2-point conversion pass to senior Troy Hunhoff gave the Bucks a 14-7 edge with 1:44 left to play in the first half.

After stopping O’Gorman and forcing a three and out, the Bucks used their hurry-up offense and a trio of passes by Rucker to set up Hale with a 51-yard field goal attempt with the wind. Hale got just enough leg into the ball as his kick barely cleared the crossbar as time expired, sending the Bucks to a 17-7 halftime lead.

Each team would punt two times in the third quarter and neither the Bucks nor the Knights count mount any offensive challenge in that period.

“We started out pretty good but the bottom line is we needed to execute more offensively in the second half and we didn’t,”

Likness said.

O’Gorman picked up two key first downs on third down plays to start the fourth quarter, one on a Steffl run and another on a questionable pass interference call against the Bucks. Those set up a 15-yard score for O’Gorman receiver Tyler Pals on a reverse to close the gap to 17-14 with 10:17 left to play.

“We were fortunate to get back into the game in the second half,” Kueter added. “This was one of those games that could have gone either way.”

A holding call put Yankton in a long-yardage situation on its ensuing possession and then Rucker was picked off by O’Gorman junior Tanner Schulte on a third-down throw.

The Knights could not mount a challenge however as they turned the ball over on downs with just over six minutes left in the game.

After a pair of losses on the ground, Rucker was once again picked off, this time by senior linebacker Austin Pharis, who took the ball down to Yankton’s seven yard-line.

“We threw two picks that can’t happen but we weren’t moving the ball,” Likness said. “Offensively at that time we were struggling. We needed everybody to step it up a little bit more and we just didn’t get that done”

The Knights wasted little time capitalizing on the turnover, the third of the game committed by Yankton, as Steffl punched the ball into the end zone with just over five minutes left to play as O’Gorman took a 21-17 lead.

Yankton was forced to punt on

their next drive and only had time for one final play on their last possession but there was to be no miracle for the red and white on this night.

After an 0-3 start to the season, the Knights now find themselves as one of four remaining teams in the Class 11AA playoff field.

“We started out 0-3 and it seems we’ve been fighting to get back all year,” Kueter said. “They have won seven in a row now and know what they have to do against Washington.”

For the Bucks, moral victories mean little when your season, and in some cases, high school careers come to an end but this was the most competitive that Yankton has played against a Sioux Falls “metro” team in years.

“I’m very proud of what they got done and how hard they worked,” Likness said. “They had the opportunity to beat a Sioux Falls school and fell a little bit short. Some people stepped up and worked hard and there was no quit. You could tell in the locker room that there were some kids who were committed and that’s all you can ever ask.”

The Bucks end their season at 7-4 and will likely reflect back on this game and the missed opportunities for quite some time.

“When you are up 17-7 at halftime you are in control of your destiny,” Likness added. “We let it kind of slowly slip away. It was like two good boxers going at it and they threw the last punch.”

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## NYC Marathon Not Expected To Be Affected By Storm

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City Marathon organizers expect superstorm Sandy to have little effect on Sunday’s race.

“We’re extraordinarily lucky the marathon is not today,” New York Road Runners President Mary Wittenberg said during a conference call Monday as wind and rain started to batter the city.

Instead, she said, “we have time on our side” — enough to prepare the course and for runners to travel to the city after the superstorm passes through.

And if flooding or other damage affects the course or logistics, NYRR has contingency plans every year to adjust to any potential problems.

The route through the five boroughs mostly avoids areas considered at highest risk for flooding. The biggest concerns center on getting entrants their numbers and to the starting line on Staten Island.

The ferry buildings used by about half the runners to travel from Manhattan to the start are in at-risk areas. Many other entrants take buses through the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, which could flood. The Javits Center, where runners pick up their numbers, is also in an affected area.

The storm could knock down trees and limbs in Central Park, where the 26.2-mile race finishes. Wittenberg noted that the city was able to clear the park in time for last year’s race a week after a freak snowstorm caused extensive damage.

NYRR organizes about 50 events a year and has dealt with obstacles ranging from heavy snow to lightning to security concerns.

“We’ve been through close to it all,” Wittenberg said.

Organizers expect to reschedule flights to get all the elite athletes to New York early. And Wittenberg was confident that most of the nearly 20,000 amateur international runners signed up would eventually make it in time. The hours for number pickup will probably be extended for those who arrive late Saturday.

For runners who can’t get to New York, the deadline to withdraw from the race and guarantee a spot in next year’s event likely will be pushed back from Wednesday to Saturday. Race organizers won’t refund entry fees, and runners would have to pay again next year under normal race policy.

The ceremonial finish-line painting scheduled for Wednesday has been canceled, along with a news conference Tuesday. A children’s run Thursday has been moved from Central Park to an indoor track, and the pavilion in the park has been taken down for the time being. If power is lost, generators or backup systems are in key locations.

Otherwise, Wittenberg expects race week will look much the same to New Yorkers and competitors. Extra time is always built into planning, and 700 part-time workers and 8,000 volunteers ensure the course can be set up quickly.

“We remain extremely confident we will have an amazing weekend,” she said.

yards and three touchdowns.

For Faith, Cody Trainor rushed for 308 yards and two touchdowns, and Garret Bushong rushed for 67 yards. Bushong also passed for 43 yards.

Arlington will face Canistota in the semi-finals on Saturday.

ARLINGTON.....	14	12	22	8	56
FAITH.....	0	16	16	8	40

**Howard 38, Kimball-White Lake 34**  
KIMBALL — Howard defeated Kimball-White Lake 38-34 Monday night in Kimball.

Howard had a total of 57 carries for 346 yards and 100 yards passing. Luke Loudenburg, Steve Larson, Landon Laible and Andrew Schwader all had touchdowns during the game.

Kimball-White Lake had 36 carries for 253 yards rushing and 159 yards passing. Jacob Kirsch had five touchdown for the night.

Howard will participate in the semi-finals on Saturday.

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