

# No. 15 Nebraska Wesleyan Sweeps MMC

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska Wesleyan hit .307 as a team on the way to a 25-14, 25-13, 25-16 victory over Mount Marty College in Great Plains Athletic Conference volleyball action Saturday in Lincoln.

The Prairie Wolves (20-6, 8-6), ranked No. 15 nationally, got 15 kills from Katelyn Walsh and 12 kills from Alyssa Stanek.

For Mount Marty (10-17, 2-10), Allison Cross had six kills, Bailey Kuchta had five kills, Caitlyn Ilig recorded 20 set assists and BreAnne Thege posted eight digs. The Lancers, though, committed 22 attack errors and hit .000 for the match.

Mount Marty plays Morningside on Wednesday in Sioux City, Iowa.

## High School

### Southeast S.D. Conf.

CHAMBERLAIN — The Wagner Red Raiders avenged a loss to Parkston earlier in the day, beating the Trojans 25-23, 25-14 for the championship of the Southeast South Dakota Conference Volleyball Tournament, held Saturday in Chamberlain.

For Wagner, Ali Kuca and Emily Bruning had seven kills each, with Krista Dvorak posting 10 assists and Sierra Juffer finishing with three ace serves. Rachel Dion had 13 digs, and Kuca and Brooklyn Tolliver had nine digs each in the win. No statistics were reported for Parkston.

### SEMIFINALS

WAGNER DEF. WINNER 22-25, 25-17, 25-17: Emily Bruning had 13 kills and four blocks, Krista Dvorak had 14 assists and 10 digs, and Rachel Dion had 17 digs to lead Wagner. Ali Kuca had five blocks and 11 digs. Karlee Schroeder had three ace serves in the win.

### POOL PLAY

WAGNER DEF. CHAMBERLAIN 25-18, 25-12: Emily Bruning had five kills and two blocks, Brooklyn Tolliver had three ace serves and Krista Dvorak had 13 assists to lead Wagner.

WAGNER DEF. RANDOLPH 25-13, 25-16: Brooklyn Tolliver had eight ace serves and five kills, and Emily Bruning had seven kills and three blocks to lead Wagner. Krista Dvorak added 11 assists in the win.

PARKSTON DEF. WAGNER 11-25, 25-22, 25-18: No statistics were reported for Parkston. Emily Bruning had eight kills, and Sierra Juffer and Krista Dvorak had 11 assists each for Wagner. Rachel Dion recorded 23 digs. Ali Kuca had 20 digs and three ace serves. Brooklyn Tolliver added 15 digs and three ace serves.

WAGNER DEF. SCOTLAND 25-14, 25-13: Emily Bruning had eight kills and three blocks, and Krista Dvorak had 15 assists and six digs to lead Wagner. Sierra Juffer added three ace serves and six assists.

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up the regular season Tuesday night in Sioux Falls against Washington. That game has a 7 p.m. start time.

In the sophomore match, Yankton defeated Aberdeen Central in three sets, 25-22, 20-25, 25-16. Emily Oswald led the Gazelles with 10 kills, while Jacey Anderberg added 4 ace serves.

The Gazelles and Golden Eagles split freshman matches, as Yankton won the 'A' match 25-22, 25-20. Emily Oswald had seven kills and seven digs. Holly Mines also had seven digs along with four ace serves. In the 'B' match, Aberdeen Central won 25-19, 25-17. Katrina Thompson led Yankton in digs with six.

### Lewis & Clark Conf.

Hartington-Newcastle, Wynot, Wakefield and Emerson-Hubbard advanced to the semifinals of the Lewis & Clark Conference Volleyball Tournament with victories on Saturday at sites across northeast Nebraska.

Top-seeded Emerson-Hubbard will face fifth-seeded Wakefield in the first semifinal today (Monday) in Allen, a scheduled 5:30 p.m. start. Second-seeded Wynot will face sixth-seeded Hartington-Newcastle in the other semifinal.

Today's winners will match up in the finals Tuesday in Laurel, with today's losers playing for third at 5:30 p.m.

### QUARTERFINALS

WYNOT DEF. RANDOLPH 25-20, 25-15: WYNOT, Neb. — Courtney Arkfeld had 15 kills and 10 digs to power Wynot. Jenna Heine posted 18 assists and 10 digs. Kristie Bruening had three blocks and Danielle Wieseler had 15 digs in the win.

HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE DEF. CREIGHTON 25-21, 25-17: CREIGHTON, Neb. — Savannah Scoville and Camie Stratman had six kills each, with Scoville posting 18 digs and Stratman 14 digs to lead Hartington-Newcastle. Abbie Lammers had 15 assists and 12 digs. Sophie Noecker posted 15 digs. Sam Huss added three ace serves and three blocks (one solo) in the win.

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### CONSOLATION

site from last year, when the final five of seven were away.

"To get those hard road trips out of the way is really nice," Jessen said. "It'll be good to be home more and have longer practices during the week."

The Coyotes host Fort Wayne on Friday, and then have a bus trip to North



ROB NIELSEN/P&D  
Yankton junior Becky Frick jumps to clear the ball against Aberdeen Central on Saturday night. The No. 2 Golden Eagles defeated Yankton in four sets.

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PLAINVIEW DEF. BLOOMFIELD 21-25, 25-13, 25-13: CREIGHTON, Neb. — For Bloomfield, Kristin Thompson had five kills, three blocks and five digs to lead the way. Pallene Teboe had 10 assists and Amanda Goeden had three ace serves for the Queen Bees.

ALLEN DEF. WAUSA 25-21, 25-8: EMERSON, Neb. — Rachel Kneiff had nine kills and two blocks and Courtney Reuter had seven kills to lead Allen. Lexi Oswald had 17 assists and eight digs in the win.

FIRST ROUND  
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Dakota State on Sunday. The only other remaining road match is at Western Illinois.

"We've had some long trips, so it's nice to be home for a while," Dimke said.

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# YHS Teams 11th At State Cheer & Dance

WATERTOWN — The Yankton Gazelles competitive cheer and dance teams each took home 11th place from the Class AA competition in the South Dakota State Competitive Cheer and Dance Championships, held Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

Sioux Falls Roosevelt won the cheer title with a score of 275, three points better than Sioux Falls O'Gorman. Yankton scored a 210.5.

In dance, Brandon Valley became the first team other than Washington or Yankton to win a Class AA dance title, scoring a 297.5. The Lynx

scored 298 in Jazz, 296 in kick and 298.5 in Pom to end Washington's six-year reign. Brandon Valley had finished second the past two years.

Yankton scored 243.5 in Jazz, 241.5 in Kick and 233.5 in Pom to finish with an average of 239.5.

### Competitive Cheer

Grand Champion — 1. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 275.0; 2. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 272.0; 3. Sioux Falls Washington, 269.0; 4. Watertown, 246.0; 5. Aberdeen Central, 242.0; 6. Brandon Valley, 234.5; 7. Huron, 226.0; 8. Brookings, 220.0; 9. Rapid City Central, 212.0; 10. Rapid City Stevens, 211.5; 11. Yankton, 210.5; 12. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 210.0; 13. Pierre, 201.5; 14. Sturgis, 199.0; 15. Mitchell, 197.0; 16. Douglas, 175.0.

### Competitive Dance

Grand Champion — 1. Brandon Valley, 297.5; 2. Sioux Falls Washington, 293.83; 3. Spearfish, 271.67; 4. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 267.17; 5. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 266.0; 6. Huron, 263.0; 7. Watertown, 260.0; 8. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 259.33; 9. Rapid City Central, 250.33; 10. Pierre, 242.33; 11. Yankton, 239.5; 12. Aberdeen

Central, 239.33; 13. Mitchell, 235.83; 14. Brookings, 232.0; 15. Sturgis, 228.33; 16. Rapid City Stevens, 212.67.

Hip Hop — 1. Sioux Falls Washington, 288.0; 2. Spearfish, 270.5; 3. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 264.5; 4. Huron, 260.5; 5. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 259.5; 6. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 248.0; 7. Pierre, 236.5; 8. Rapid City Central, 235.0; 9. Mitchell, 233.5; 10. Sturgis, 227.5; 11. Rapid City Stevens, 225.0.

Jazz — 1. Brandon Valley, 298.0; 2. Sioux Falls Washington, 295.5; 3. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 273.5; 4. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 269.5; 5. Spearfish, 268.0; 6. Watertown, 266.5; 7. Huron, 263.5; 8. Yankton, 243.5; 9. Aberdeen Central, 242.5; 10. Pierre, 241.5; 11. Mitchell, 230.5; 12. Brookings, 222.5; 13. Rapid City Stevens, 203.5.

Kick — 1. Brandon Valley, 296.0; 2. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 268.5; 3. Watertown, 261.5; 4. Rapid City Central, 257.5; 5. Pierre, 249.0; 6. Aberdeen Central, 244.0; 7. Yankton, 241.5; 8. Brookings, 229.5; 9. Sturgis, 224.5.

Pom — 1. Brandon Valley, 298.5; 2. Sioux Falls Washington, 298.0; 3. Spearfish, 276.5; 4. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 268.5; 5. Huron, 265.0; 6. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 264.0; 7. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 261.5; 8. Rapid City Central, 258.5; 9. Watertown, 252.0; 10. Brookings, 244.0; 11. Mitchell, 243.5; 12. Yankton, 233.5; 13. Sturgis, 233.0; 14. Aberdeen Central, 231.5; 15. Rapid City Stevens, 209.5.

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disappointing outing," NDSU head coach Chris Klieman said. "I knew they'd be ready to go. Joe was going to have those guys ready to go."

And yet it was the Bison who dominated the contest.

North Dakota State rushed for nearly 300 yards, forced three turnovers and out-scored the hosts 24-0 after halftime.

There were, still, small moral victories for the Coyotes in the opening half — They forced a punt on the opening drive, they converted a fake punt, they stopped the Bison twice inside the 10, and finally scored.

And yet, NDSU was in control.

"They do a good job at moving around a lot pre snap and kind of confusing the quarterback," said USD junior quarterback Kevin Earl, who passed for 104 yards but was picked off twice. "You see guys pre snap and then they have a totally different total duty at snap."

"They're disciplined, they play a sound defense, and you just have to chip away at them."

After the Bison were forced to make two field goals from Adam Keller, John Crockett scored on a 10-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter and Carson Wentz later hit Luke Albers for a 10-yard

score to push the NDSU lead to 20-0.

After USD scored on an Earl 10-yard pass to Riley Donovan late in the second quarter, the Bison closed the scoring with a Keller 49-yard field goal as time expired.

Given that the Coyotes had the ball to start the second half, did the Bison half that moment?

"It's tough to tell," Earl said. "We were pretty pumped up ... we wanted to keep that momentum and keep that confidence we had going into halftime."

A third Coyote turnover early in the third quarter resulted in another Bison touchdown, this one on a 27-yard diving catch by R.J. Urzendowski.

Already up 30-7, the Bison kept it going. Wentz found Crockett for a 25-yard touchdown completion late in the third quarter. Keller's fourth field goal of the game then gave NDSU a 40-7 cushion with 13:30 remaining.

Even the Bison second string offense couldn't keep from scoring on USD. Chase Morlock ran untouched from 23 yards out with 1:38 left, as NDSU capped the scoring.

Small, attainable goals had been a rallying cry from the Coyotes in the days leading up to the game, and by that measurement, they accomplished a few goals.

One key area was getting pressure on Wentz, which USD did — the Coyotes recorded one sack (their second of the season) and many other times

knocked him to the dome turf.

"Constant pressure on the QB was a big part of our game plan this week, and I'm really proud of the guys up front and some of the backers coming off the edge," USD sophomore linebacker Jet Moreland said.

"It just didn't turn out the way we wanted it to; they're a good team."

Crockett finished the game with 123 yards on the ground, while Wentz passed for 231 yards and R.J. Urzendowski made four grabs for 107 yards. Nick DeLuca, making his first start at linebacker, led the NDSU defense with 12 tackles.

The common bond between Urzendowski and DeLuca?

"They're both from Omaha, Nebraska, and were both heavily recruited by USD, according to Glenn. Recruiting was a popular theme in Glenn's post-game press conference.

"I'll just flat out tell you, if you've got good athletes, they'll create turnovers," he said. "And we're not athletic enough on the field."

Glenn, whose Montana program once won 24 straight games between 2001 and 2002, was asked how hard it is to maintain such a long winning streak.

"Not very hard when you have the right players and the right coaches," he said. "They (Bison) recruit well, they know what it takes."

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From this point until the Summit League tournament Nov. 21-23, the Coyotes will play four of their final six matches at home — the oppo-

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it together on the same day," said Yankton head coach Dave Dannenbring. "They took off the way they were and accelerated up at the end."

Senior Paul Fanta led the Bucks with a 30th place finish, clocking a 16:58.34. The next five Bucks were in a tight pack: Junior Brady Dannenbring (17:46.83) in 55th, freshman Gabe Jaquith (17:48.73) in 59th, junior Sam Gusso (17:49.66) in 61st, junior Sam Gusso (17:49.66) in 63rd and eighth grader Nathan Zimmerman (17:49.98) in 63rd. Senior Kyle Bergeson (18:16.25) placed 82nd.

While the Bucks graduate their lead runner, several of Yankton's top JV runners are nearly at the same level as the rest of the returning varsity runners.

"We have to be excited about the future," Coach Dannenbring said.

### Class AA Girls

Rapid City Stevens beat out Sioux Falls Lincoln and Brandon Valley for top honors. Yankton finished fourth, led by medalists Madison McClure (7th, 15:12.06) and Savannah Woods (17th, 15:38.34).

Sioux Falls Lincoln freshman Jasmynne Cooper finished in 14:50.06, beating out Stevens junior Jamie Schreiss and Kendra Dykstra for the title. Brookings freshman Elia Abramson was fourth. The Yankton girls had a strong team race, with just a 61-second gap between first and fifth runners. Senior Lauren Graves just missed the awards stand, placing 27th in 15:57.26. Freshman Tessa Folkers (16:10.98) placed 32nd. Seventh grader Emerson McClure (16:13.64) finished 35th.

"We wanted to go out, stay positive, run together and do our best," Madison McClure said. "As a team we did really well. We pulled through at the end."

Also for Yankton, senior Erica Westerman (16:51.05) finished 62nd and seventh grader Lauren Edness (16:55.97) placed 67th.

"I think they competed as well as they could," Coach Dannenbring said. "Everyone ran their best, and that's all you can ask for. They came together and closed the gap."

Woods won state as a freshman and finished third a year ago.

"It wasn't how I expected the race to go," she said. "But the team did its best, and that's really all that matters."

With four of the top five and five of the top seven runners back next season, the motivation is there to keep working and move up the standings.

"We have to keep training," Madison McClure said. "We will get ready for track and hopefully be better in the spring."

Coach Dannenbring is excited as well. "You just have a quality group of kids," he said. "You look at Lauren and Emerson, two seventh graders that haven't even trained with us that much. Then to have Madison and Savannah back, as well as another great runner in Tessa, there's lots of experienced, quality kids coming back."

### Class A Boys

Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen started the race by trying to avoid being boxed in. When he was in position to win a state title, he pounced on the opportunity.

"At the beginning, I was just trying to get out fast," he said. "After that, I was going to play it by ear, but I stuck with my pace."

When he turned the final corner with Julian and the crowd picked up, he found a little extra to finish 2.7 seconds ahead of the St. Thomas More sophomore.

"With all the fans yelling and screaming, it gives you that little extra to finish," said Paulsen, who clocked a 16:29.70.

While Paulsen has time to decide, he said he is leaning toward pursuing an opportunity to compete collegiately.

West Central, Garretson and Sioux Falls Christian went 1-2-3 to end those team's season-long battle for the top of the standings.

Only one other area runner finished in the top 25. Beresford eighth grader Alec Atwood, who took home 22nd place in 17:34.10.

Ethan-Parkston finished 11th, led by senior Nick Zolnowsky's 46th place finish (18:15.07). Also for E.P. sophomore Jonah Murtha (18:31.52) finished 39th, freshmen nTanner Hohn (18:32.28) placed 61st, freshman Tucker Murtha (18:40.48) finished 65th, junior A.J. Zolnowsky (18:58.90)

placed 78th and freshman Erik Fuerniss (19:09.97) placed 89th.

Vermilion's two eighth grade entries, Parson Covington (18:46.99) and Justin Sorensen (19:05.08) placed 69th and 83rd.

### Class A Girls

Leischner finished in 15:24.49 to place sixth. Madison's Emily Hawkes (14:47.93) and Hailey Streff (15:07.53) finished 1-2, but St. Thomas More edged out the Bulldogs for the team title.

Other area medalists included Dakota Valley sophomore Marisa Schultz (11th, 15:29.05), Beresford sophomore Ashlynn Alwood (17th, 15:38.64), Vermillion freshman Madisen Lavin (21st, 15:47.76) and Ethan-Parkston seventh grader Sydney Wickerham (25th, 15:58.73).

Lavin, the 2013 state champ, was hampered by an injury at regions.

Also for Ethan-Parkston, junior Taya Heisinger (16:18.88) finished 34th, eighth grader Patience Nesheim (16:27.10) placed 39th, freshman Jessica Endres (16:52.91) placed 54th and seventh grader Maddie Miller (17:07.51) finished 68th.

For Beresford, which finished ninth, freshman Caitlyn Savey (16:03.03) just missed the awards stand, finishing 26th, eighth grader Grace Quartier (17:06.20) finished 65th, junior Julia Mochel (17:18.41) finished 74th, sophomore Caitlin Worth (17:35.48) finished 91st and sophomore Kendra Schapp (18:26.24) finished 113th.

Other area runners included Elk Point-Jefferson junior Josie Heeren (37th, 16:26.16), Wagner eighth grader Maggie Barnett (60th, 16:57.17), Bon Homme junior Maddison Hajeik (61st, 16:57.50), Wagner junior Sadie Ettemiller (94th, 17:42.78) and Dakota Valley eighth grader Erika Okina (99th, 17:51.37).

### Class B Boys

Freeman Academy coach Suzanne Koerner would not have minded using a Class AA scoring system for state, counting five runners instead of three. As it was, the Bobcats' three counting run-

ners still matched the program's best-ever state meet finish.

"They were all packed in," she said. "If we scored four or five, we would have moved up. I am so proud of the boys."

Philip won, with James Valley Christian finishing one point ahead of the Bobcats for second. Had they scored four or five runners instead of three, Freeman Academy would have easily won the state title.

That title could come next year, as Freeman Academy returns its top four finishers. James Valley Christian junior Jayden Waldner gave the home crowd something to cheer about, winning in 17:08.24. Bison freshman Daniel Burkhalter finished second in 17:16.61.

The Bobcats were led by junior Ryan Haggerty's tenth place finish (18:03.69). The other four Freeman Academy runners came across with only 19 seconds and six other runners between them: Sophomore Dane Allison (18:30.18) in 24th, eighth grader Thaniel Schroeder (18:39.73) in 26th, freshman Brennan Haggerty (18:40.74) in 29th and senior Daniel Junik (18:49.70) in 33rd.

Viborg-Hurley finished ninth, led by senior Layne Meyers' 27th place finish in 18:35.74. Also for the Cougars, sophomore Logan Hansen (19:17.80) placed 48th, sophomore Quinn Slack (19:32.72) placed 60th, freshman Logan Doorn (20:39.70) placed 107th and freshman Ryan Doorn (21:57.15) finished 121st.

Other area runners included Centerville senior Nick Wixon (18:35.25) in 26th, Platte-Geddes senior Josiah Brnk (19:39.32) in 68th, Irene-Wakonda eighth grader Joe Sees (19:44.15) in 72nd, Scotland sophomore Daimen Fuerst (20:18.44) in 96th, Scotland eighth grader Nick Baker (20:31.55) in 101st, Merno eighth grader Logan Klaudd (20:38.57) in 105th, Alcester-Hudson eighth grader Brayden Pulscher (20:41.92) in 108th, Irene-Wakonda sophomore Levi Van Beek (20:55.76) in 113rd and Marty Indian junior Arian Iron Elk (21:03.98) in 114th.

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