

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

FRIDAY'S NEB. SCORES

Johnson-Brook def. Sterling, 25-11, 25-12, 25-10... Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan (6-3) at Groton Area (7-2), 7 p.m.

CLASS 3AA

Millard North 37, Kearney 21... Bellevue West 55, Lincoln North Star 7

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, October 31

CROSS COUNTRY, COLLEGE Summit League Championships at Brookings (USD, 11 a.m.)... FOOTBALL, COLLEGE USD at Northern Iowa (1 p.m., KVHT-FM)

Sunday, November 1

SOCCER, WOMEN'S USD at Fort Wayne (11 a.m.)... Monday, November 2

Districts — C-2 at Randolph: Homer vs. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (5 p.m.)

Harrington-Newcastle vs. Ponca (6:30 p.m.)... Harrington Cedar Catholic vs. Homer-LCC winner (6 p.m.)

FOOTBALL

S.D. PLAYOFFS

CLASS 11AAA Semifinals, Nov. 6 Brandon Valley (7-3) at S.F. Washington (9-1)

CLASS 1B

St. Edward 47, Wilcox-Hidreth 18... First Round, Oct. 29 Amherst 65, Sutherland 8

Second Round, Nov. 4

Neigh-Oakdale (7-2) at BDS (9-0), 5 p.m. at Buerling... Lawrence-Nelson 38, Lyons-Decatur NorthEast 22

Monday, November 2

FOOTBALL, PREP S.D. Quarterfinals — Class 9AA: Bon Homme vs. Webster Area at Waubay (6 p.m.)

Thursday's Game

New England 36, Miami 7... San Francisco at St. Louis, noon... N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, noon

Caldwell Looking To Turn Lions' Season Around In London

WATFORD, England (AP) — After a 1-6 start, Jim Caldwell still thinks the Detroit Lions have a chance to salvage their season.

The next step in that quest, with a new offensive coordinator calling the plays, will be on Sunday when the Lions face the Kansas City Chiefs (2-5) at Wembley Stadium — Detroit's second straight year playing a regular-season game on the east side of the Atlantic.

"It's been done before, where teams turned around," Caldwell said Friday at the team's practice facility. "It

certainly is possible." But it's not very likely, especially for a team going through big coaching changes after a 28-19 loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

The Lions fired offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi, the grandson of Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi, on Monday and promoted quarterbacks coach Jim Bob Cooter into his role. Caldwell, however, said the offense won't look too different against the Chiefs.

"It's not like you're going to make a whole lot of structural changes in a few days. It

doesn't make sense, and functionally it's not great," Caldwell said of the new offensive setup. "So you have to make small tweaks here and there."

Cooter, who is 31, wouldn't go into specifics on what he will do with the offense. But he said he didn't plan to do anything drastic, while at the same time hoping to put more points on the scoreboard.

"Try not to put too much on their plate," Cooter said of this week's practices. "Ideally, our offense is going to score a lot of points."

Last year, the Lions came

to London and beat the Atlanta Falcons 22-21. They went on to reach the playoffs, thanks largely to its Ndamukong Suh-led defense. Now Suh is gone, and it's been harder for the Lions to compete while struggling to score.

Against the Chiefs and their strong pass rush, Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford may again find it hard to get the offense moving.

"They got inside pass rushers and outside pass rushers, which is an issue," Caldwell said. "We have to be able to do multiple things in order to

keep those guys at bay.

"They're similar to what we faced at Denver, in terms of just exceptional pass rushers on the edge and guys inside that can give you some problems as well."

The game at Denver didn't end well, with the Broncos handing the Lions their third straight loss to open the season, 24-12. They then lost two more before beating the Chicago Bears 37-34 on Oct. 18 for their lone victory.

If there is any chance to turn things around, playing the Chiefs in London instead of in Kansas City is about as good a place as any to get started. Caldwell is expecting it.

"When you work extremely

hard, typically success follows. These guys work," Caldwell said. "We just haven't been able to carry over our work that we've done really well during the week into the game, and that's what we have to do."

NOTES: General manager Martin Mayhew took some responsibility for the team's struggles when he met with some members of the media Friday. "Everybody's involved in what has happened thus far this season, especially myself," Mayhew said, according to the Detroit Free Press. "I'm responsible for our football operations, so it is on me what has happened this season."

Jason Pierre-Paul Speaks As He Returns To Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Even as his hand was being shredded by fireworks, Jason Pierre-Paul says he wasn't frightened. And he never doubted his return to football.

"I wasn't worried at all," the Giants star defensive end said. "I wasn't in shock or nothing. I looked at my hand, and my fiance was going crazy. But I kept calm."

The July 4 fireworks accident cost him his right index finger. In his first comments

since the mishap, Pierre-Paul on Friday left unanswered many questions, but he recalled his time in a Florida hospital with a mangled hand and burns covering his arm.

He said he remained confident even as doctors decided to amputate, leaving him with a large gap between his middle finger and a thumb that remains swollen and bent inward from multiple fractures and a partial amputation.

"When I was in the hospital, I saw a kid die,"

Pierre-Paul said. "I feel very fortunate I'm alive. There were probably 12 people in the hospital, and my hand was the best one. What happened to my hand was bad, but I've seen worse."

Pierre-Paul was no novice at fireworks. Still, he learned a lesson.

"They're very dangerous," he said. "You shouldn't do it. This is seven years I did it, and it went off. There's a lot of things I can't say right now. I've got pictures and every-

thing. But when I want to let it out, I will. This is not the right time."

Pierre-Paul signed an incentive-driven, \$8.7 million contract Tuesday and took part in contact work the next day. He says he will not attend Sunday's game in New Orleans because he does not want to distract his teammates.

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on our home court to clean some of those things up." And rather quickly.

The Coyotes will turn around and host North Dakota State tonight (Saturday) at 7 p.m. at the DakotaDome. The Bison claimed a 3-1 win in the first meeting.

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Lancers

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ing it our all." With the loss, Mount Marty drops to 0-2. Their next game is against Bethany on November 7 in Lindsborg, Kansas.

"I think defensively by guarding the basketball in space by guarding a ball handler and closing out on our angles," Baker said.

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GRACE (1-0) Hakeem Stewart 5-10 3-4 17, Jarrod Sheffield 3-10 6-8 12, Jami Santiel 0-1 0-2 0, Jacob Heck 2-4 4-8, Galat Toang 1-3 4-4 6, Markeese Fields 5-7 3-4 14, Wilson Markus 2-3 0-0 4, Treston Mayo 3-5 1-2 8,

D.J. Hanes 1-3 0-0 2, Austin Shappell 5-8 5-6 18 MOUNT MARTY (0-2) K.J. DeCristino 4-13 0-0 11, Drew Matsushima 3-5 0-0 7, Patrick Ciganovic 2-4 6-8 10, Cody Willett 3-9 4-4 11, Taylor Milley 4-8 6-6 14, Tyler Olsen 0-0 0-0 0, Deric Denning 1-3 1-3 4, Anthony Stransky 4-6 0-0 11, Jalen Hurley 1-2 0-1 2, Jacob Irvine 1-2 2-3 4. At the half: GU 40, MMC 34. Three-Pointers: GU 9-17 (Stewart 4-6, Shappell 3-5, Fields 1-2, Mayo 1-1, Sheffield 0-2, Hanes 0-1), MMC 9-26 (DeCristino 3-8, Matsushima 1-3, Ciganovic 0-1, Willet 1-5, Denning 1-3, Stransky 3-5, Hurley 0-1). Rebounds: GU 38 (Stewart 7, Heck 7), MMC 28 (Ciganovic 6). Personal Fouls: MMC 28, GU 25. Fouled Out: Fields. Assists: GU 17 (Sheffield 5, Mayo 5), MMC 11 (Willett 5). Turnovers: GU 17, MMC 11. Blocked Shots: MMC 2, GU 0. Steals: MMC 6 (DeCristino 3), GU 4 (Santiel 2).

Sutera

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games that season, with Sutera appearing in 25 games, experience that set the stage for what would be two more seasons where she was a key fixture in the MMC lineup.

"I had really good teammates who helped me a lot," Sutera said. "It was easier for me to get used to this kind of a game from learning from them."

Perhaps the biggest adjustment for the 6-foot forward?

She was now part of an offense that routinely ranked among the nation's best in three-point shooting; an offense where the light was usually green for shooters to fire away from deep.

That was no doubt a drastic change for Sutera from her days at Bon Homme.

"I shot some, but I didn't rely on it," she said. "I came to college and all of a sudden, I made a couple and thought, 'Oh god, I had no idea.'"

And yet, it's been more than a couple for Sutera.

She has made 100-of-251 three-pointers in her career, for 40 percent. That's the kind of percentage that would be impressive for most shooters. But for post players? That's something that certainly caught her teammates' attention as they entered the program.

"I knew she was a pretty good post player, but she surprised me when she was hitting three-pointers," senior point guard Cassidy Gebhart said.

The capability of Sutera playing just as well outside the paint as she does inside those lines was something Gebhart, who transferred to MMC from the University of Sioux Falls, hadn't seen much.

"It's obviously different coming from the D2 level, where post players mainly stay inside," Gebhart said. "But at this level, you see more bigs who can shoot and can play all over."

Senior guard Alex Kneeland, who came to Mount Marty last season from Augustana, had the same perspective. Sutera taking that many three-point attempts is no doubt a product of the MMC system, but 40 percent? That was something that caught Kneeland off guard.

"If you have a four-out (offense), you better have a post



P&D FILE PHOTO Sutera goes to the basket against Midland's Taylor Sheppard during their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball game in the 2014-15 season.

that can shoot," Kneeland said. "Not too many teams' bigs can guard her on the drive and on the shot."

Three-pointers weren't exactly, though, something that came easy for Sutera in the transition between high school and college.

"This was so different for me, because we focused on shooting threes," Sutera said. "I had never really focused on that."

"In high school, I was always bigger and taller than everyone else. Then here, I wasn't anymore."

Still, a 6-foot, Sutera commands a lot of attention under the basket. She has averaged 6.1 rebounds per game during her career, but last season (7.3) was her best season yet.

"She's by far our best rebounder," Kneeland said. "We could always count on her to lead us."

"Which makes up for the rest of us, like me, who weren't very good at it," she added, smiling.

Sutera's versatility has also been felt in her ability

to push the ball up the court when necessary, which in the Great Plains Athletic Conference — given the number of teams that use a full-court defense — is frequently necessary.

"She does a pretty good job bringing the ball up the court," Gebhart said. "When I'm trouble, if we're playing Concordia (which likes to press and trap), I can get it to her out of a double-team."

Put another way: Sutera is counted on in a variety of ways for the Lancers.

With a freshman class that includes five players this season, she will be looked to for leadership. And that doesn't figure to be a problem, Kneeland said.

"You can tell she's pretty serious about things on the court, she doesn't let things frustrate her," Kneeland said. "There's always a positive attitude."

"Younger kids really gravitate toward her when they have questions."

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Patriots

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Gronkowski, the best tight end on the planet, to receiver Julian Edelman and running backs LeGarrett Blount and Dion Lewis. The defense gets overlooked, but it's playing well enough to carry the Patriots to another Super Bowl championship.

Edelman shrugged off any pressure to stay unbeaten. "It's more about just going out there and hammering the nail away, all the way in," he said. "That's what coach always says. Just hammer away, because if you don't, you're going to be stubbing your toe on the floor with the nail coming out."

The Dolphins weren't the first team to get hammered by the Patriots.

New England's average

margin of victory is more than 16.5 points per game, and it's really not even that close. Pittsburgh scored a meaningless touchdown with 2 seconds remaining to lose 28-21 in Week 1. Buffalo trailed 37-13 entering the fourth quarter in Week 2, before rallying to a more respectable 40-32 setback.

Only two games have given the Patriots a serious challenge. They trailed the Jets 20-16 in the fourth quarter, but Brady threw a pair of touchdown passes to pull out a 30-23 victory. Indianapolis led New England at halftime and may have pulled off the upset if not for one of the worst plays in NFL history, a fake punt that never had a chance, allowing the Patriots to escape with a 34-27 triumph.

That said, New England hasn't been quite as dominant as that 2007 team, which

won by an average of 19.7 points during its perfect regular season.

Of course, that just gives Belichick something else to hold over his current group.

He's already got plenty. Remember, the NFL is appealing the ruling that threw out Brady's suspension. While it seems unlikely to succeed given the scathing criticism of the league's shoddy investigation by the trial judge, it's still hanging out there, still spurring on the Patriots.

The other 31 teams might want to advise the commish to quietly let it go.

No need to make these guys even madder.

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