

## Newby Channeling His Inner Payton For Huskers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — In street clothes, Terrell Newby is quiet, if not a bit shy. In a Nebraska football uniform, everything changes. The Southern Mississippi defender who was on the receiving end of Newby's helmet-popping stiff arm last week can vouch for that. The play drew a personal foul and a little smile from Newby. It was, after all, right out of a video highlight of the running back Newby models himself after, the late Chicago Bears great Walter Payton. "He's more physical than you think he is," running backs coach Ron Brown said. "Even that penalty he got the other night, that was a physical play. Unfortunately, the guy's helmet came off and the flags came out."

That might be Newby's signature play so far. Give him time. The freshman from the Los Angeles area has appeared in just two games. His third is Saturday when No. 16 UCLA (1-0), the hometown school that was his second choice, visits the 23rd-ranked Cornhuskers (2-0). Newby — who has always worn Payton's No. 34 and resembles his idol with his 5-foot-10, 185-pound frame — is part of the Huskers' three-back rotation along with Ameer Abdullah and Imani Cross. His 23 carries through two games is second-most on the team behind Abdullah's 36. He's averaging 5.9 yards a carry and 68 a game, and he teams with Kenny Bell on kick returns. He couldn't have asked for a better start to his career.

"I wanted to be able to help the team out any way I can," Newby said. "That was basically my goal coming in. I didn't want to come in with the mindset of being red-shirted." That, according to Brown, was never a consideration. Newby was one of the nation's top running-back prospects last year after a second straight 2,000-yard season for Chaminade High School in West Hills, Calif. He was on Nebraska's radar early. His best high school performance was a 360-yard, eight-touchdown game last October. A week later, UCLA called to offer a scholarship.

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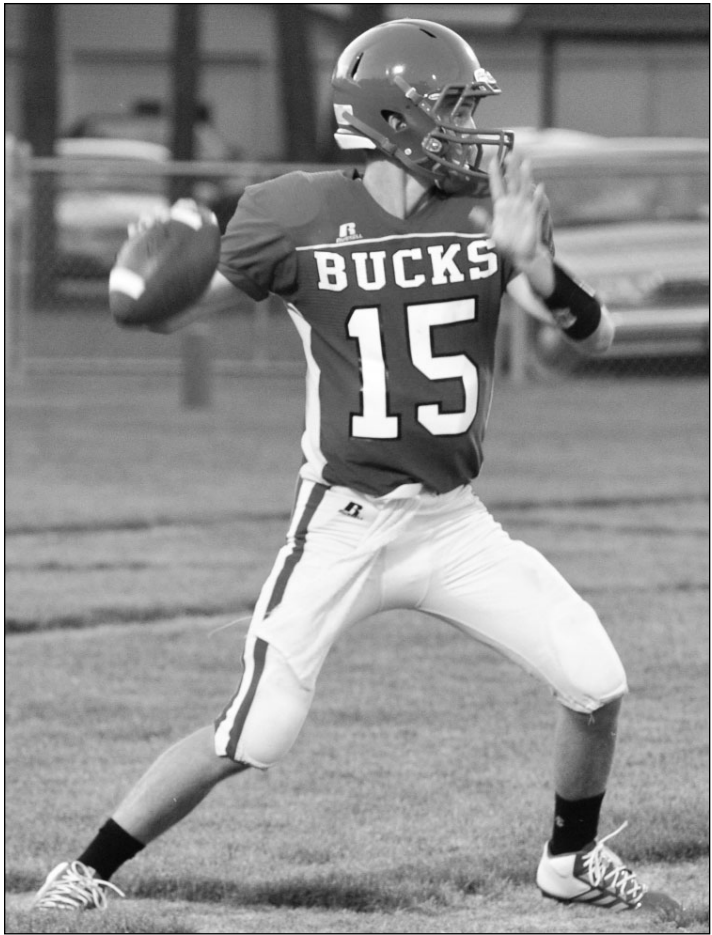
## Air Attack



Yankton's J.J. Hejna, left, tries to pull away from a host of Mitchell defenders during the Bucks' home opener against Mitchell. Hejna set a school record with 209 receiving yards on Sept. 6 against Rapid City Stevens. The senior is also closing in on YHS career marks for both receptions and receiving yards.

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## Strahl, Hejna Set Records As Bucks Bounce Back At Stevens



Yankton quarterback Mason Strahl prepares to throw during the Bucks' home game with Mitchell. Strahl struggled in the opener, going 6-16 with three interceptions, but he was 17-23 with a school-record 411 yards in Yankton's win against Rapid City Stevens last week.

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After throwing three first-half interceptions in Yankton's season-opening loss to Mitchell, first-year starting quarterback Mason Strahl did not have a lot of confidence from people outside the Bucks' squad. After the Bucks got down 16-0 in game two against Rapid City Stevens, including two points when Strahl was taken down in the endzone, that confidence level didn't get much better. Then the Bucks did something that few outside the program would think they'd do: they threw. And threw. And threw. The result: a 52-36 victory over Stevens and single-game school records for both passing and receiving. "I didn't expect to throw 23 times," Yankton head coach Arlin Likness said of the effort. "But our running game was not there, and we needed to go to the air to sustain first downs. And we were able to do that." Strahl finished 17-23 for a school-record 411 yards and three touchdowns. The fact that Strahl had a big game with better than 70 percent accuracy wasn't entirely

shocking, according to 6-4 senior receiver J.J. Hejna. "I've had faith in him the whole time," the senior said. "I've seen him all summer long and all through practices. "I wasn't expecting those kind of numbers, but I was expecting him to do well." Hejna caught eight passes for a school-record 209 yards, as well as two touchdowns. Tanner Termansen also had four catches for 145 yards and a score, as well as an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. "The possibility for J.J. to have a big game was always there," Likness said. "But it's there for a couple of others as well. Tanner Termansen went over 100 yards. Parker Kuchta, Matt Fitzgerald, Matt Hilson can all catch the ball." Part of what has helped Hejna excel at the receiver position is his willingness to execute on every down, a trait that not all receivers have. "Every time I run a route, I think about how to get open, either get myself open or the guy next to me," he said. "I just try to give Mason a good place to throw the ball."

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Sioux Falls offensive lineman Terry Huber takes a break during a recent Cougars practice. The former Yankton tight end has made the transition to left tackle, and the redshirt freshman started for the Cougars in their season opener last week.

## Yankton's Huber Handles Transition To Left Tackle

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Two years ago, Terry Huber was making the trickier-than-expected transition from tight end to offensive line for Yankton High School. Last Saturday, he was making his first career college start at left tackle for the University of Sioux Falls at one of the toughest NCAA Division II venues in the nation: Minnesota-Duluth. Put another way, it's been quite the rise for the Yankton native — or "Y-Town," as he's known to his teammates. "It seems like it happened so fast," Huber said Wednesday. "I was out for almost my entire junior year, but I pushed through it." A 6-foot-4, 270-pound redshirt freshman lineman, Huber arrived at USF last fall after a stand-out career at YHS. One year after he broke his femur, he had produced enough at offensive tackle as a senior to elicit interest from the Cougars and head coach Jed Stugart. Huber redshirted his freshman season in Sioux Falls, but did enough in spring and fall practices this year to earn a starting spot, Stugart said Wednesday.

"He was one of our first commitments in his class if I remember right," Stugart said following a speech at the Yankton Quarterback Club luncheon. "He came on a visit and said he liked us so much that he wanted to make a decision. "He said it felt like home to him." Once named a starter, Huber was thrown into the fire at Minnesota-Duluth, a perennial D-II playoff contender. Not to mention against a team that boasted a rather large defensive line, Stugart said.

"For what he was going against, he held his own," Stugart said. "He was consistent with his assignments, especially against those big guys. "I didn't feel like any of our guys were man-handled." But there were plenty of nerves on that 8-hour bus ride north, Huber said. "It was really nerve-racking, but the coaches said, 'Let it build, but don't let it overcome you,'" he said. "I definitely took that to heart. I could feel the nerves going, but once the game started, everything cleared out." And though the Cougars eventually lost to Duluth, 32-7, Huber — with his coaches — was able to step back and evaluate his debut performance. Whereas other positions have statistics to chew on, linemen like Huber have to rely on examining their footsteps, their pad level and their assignments to know how they fared. On that note, the Cougars know what they have in Huber is an emerging star, Stugart said. "We really don't care if he's a redshirt freshman or a senior, we're highly optimistic about his future," the coach said. As for the here and know, USF is simply trying to build toward becoming a D-II playoff contender — the Cougars were 9-2 last season but narrowly missed the post-season. "A lot of people keep telling us we're still young, but we've come together as a brotherhood, especially us linemen," Huber said. "We have the talent to go far, to maybe be national champions. "But we can't think that far ahead." Sioux Falls hosts Northern State at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Bob Young Field.

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## Volleyball: LCC Clips Cardinals

RANDOLPH, Neb. — Laurel-Concord-Coleridge downed Randolph 25-12, 25-20, 25-20 in Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball action on Tuesday. Ellie Arduser had five kills and 13 digs, and Kelsey Dietrich had five kills to lead LCC. Cameron Eddie had 15 assists. Audra Corbit had three blocks and Candice Rastede added 15 digs in the win. LCC plays in the Wakefield Tournament beginning today (Thursday).  
LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (2-0) 25 25 27 25  
RANDOLPH (1-2) 12 20 20 20

**DR St. Mary 3, Freeman Academy 0**  
FREEMAN — Ally Mullaney had 10 kills and five blocks to lead Dell Rapids St. Mary past Freeman Academy 25-23, 25-12, 25-17 in prep volleyball action from Tuesday night in Freeman. Kelly Michel added five kills and six ace serves for the Cardinals (2-5), while Abby Siemonsma had 18 set assists. For the Bobcats (2-1), Hannah Yoder posted nine kills, 10 blocks and five digs, and Bethany Wollman and Sarah

Miller both had four ace serves. Miller led with 12 set assists, as well. Freeman Academy hosts Oldham-Ramona-Rutland on Saturday.  
DELL RAPIDS ST. MARY (2-5) 25 25 25 25  
FREEMAN ACADEMY (2-1) 23 12 17

**Allen 3, Wynot 1**  
ALLEN, Neb. — The Allen Eagles downed Wynot 25-15, 25-20, 19-25, 25-10 in Lewis & Clark Conference volleyball action on Tuesday. No statistics were available for Allen. Maggie Schulte led Wynot with 17 kills, 17 digs and five solo blocks. Kristi Bruening also had five blocks, with Faith Krie and Courtney Arkfeld notching four each. Also for the Lady Blue Devils, Jenny Heine and Bruening each had five kills. Heine also had 14 assists. Hannah Lauer had 11 assists and Danielle Wieseler added 13 digs for Wynot. Wynot travels to Viborg to face Viborg-Hurley today (Thursday). Allen also won the JV match, 10-25, 25-22, 21-3.  
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ALLEN 25 25 19 25

## Vermillion's Lavin, DV's Bacon Win At Canton Invite

CANTON — The West Central Trojans swept the team cross country titles at Tuesday's Canton Invitational, taking the girls' title by five points and the boys' crown by 14 points. On the girls' side, Vermillion's Madisen Lavin was first across the line in 15:45, followed shortly after by Dakota Valley's Marisa Schulz (15:52). West Central went 3-4 with McKayla Wiecezorek (15:57) and Hanna Wahl (16:12), leading the Trojans to first with 24 total points. Dakota Valley was sec-

ond at 29. On the boys' side, West Central put two runners in the top five to take first place with 29 total points. Dakota Valley — led by Graham Bacon's overall title (17:57) — was second at 43. Elk Point-Jefferson's Hunter Paulsen was third at 18:11, while three-time defending state Class B champion Parker put Michael Olson seventh and Ryan Olson 10th.  
TEAM SCORES: West Central 24, Dakota Valley 29, Canton 38, Vermillion 63, Parker 78  
TOP 15: 1, Madisen Lavin, Vermillion 15:45; 2, Marisa Schulz, Dakota Valley 15:52; 3, McKayla Wiecezorek, West

Central 15:57; 4, Hanna Wahl, West Central 16:12; 5, Audrey Brooks, SF Christian 16:20; 6, Summer Smith, West Central 16:33; 7, Josie Heeren, Elk Point-Jefferson 16:48; 8, Sally Peterson, Canton 17:19; 9, Natalie VanWyke, Canton 17:23; 10, Carrie Long, Dakota Valley 17:25; 11, Taya Vacanti, SF Christian 17:47; 12, Claire Johnson, Dakota Valley 18:03; 13, Kylene Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson 18:13; 14, McKenzie Mennenga, Elk Point-Jefferson 18:36; 15, Olivia Ohm, Dakota Valley 18:42  
BOYS' DIVISION  
TEAM SCORES: West Central 29, Dakota Valley 43, Sioux Falls Christian 45, Parker 64, Elk Point-Jefferson 82, Vermillion 92, Canton 93  
TOP 15: 1, Graham Bacon, Dakota Valley 17:57; 2, Garrett Miles, West Central 18:05; 3, Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jefferson 18:11; 4, Charlie Long, Dakota Valley 18:30; 5, Derrick Peters, West Central 18:32; 6, Caleb DeWeerd, SF Christian 18:36; 7, Michael Olson, Parker 18:38; 8, Caden Skinner, SF Christian 18:43; 9, Tyler Jorgensen, Tea Area 18:49; 10, Ryan Olson, Parker 18:54; 11, Benjamin Miles, West Central 19:03; 12, Braden Phelps, Tea Area 19:04; 13, Lance Van Zee, SF Christian 19:16; 14, Ryan Titus, West Central 19:18; 15, Gabe Smith, West Central 19:24

## Red Sox To Unveil Statue Of Yaz

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Boston Red Sox plan to honor Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski with a statue outside Fenway Park. The team announced Wednesday that a dedication ceremony will take place before Boston's Sept. 22 game against Toronto. Yastrzemski is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. The statue will capture a moment that took place on October 2, 1983, when the Red Sox star tipped his helmet to fans at Fenway Park before the final at-bat.

## Golf: Panthers Top EPJ

ELK POINT — Ben Williams and Tyler Schunk both shot 40 or better to lead Dakota Valley over Elk Point-Jefferson in a boys' golf dual from Tuesday in Elk Point. Williams carded a 38, while Schunk shot a 40. Brandon Koupal led Elk Point-Jefferson with a 42.  
TEAM SCORES: Dakota Valley 167, Elk Point-Jefferson 203  
INDIVIDUAL: Ben Williams DV 38, Tyler Schunk DV 40, Brandon Koupal EPJ 42, Thomas High DV 42, Jameson Bull DV 47, Jared Mau EPJ 48, Connor Henze EPJ 50, Jacob Wente DV 52, Easton Keuch EPJ 63, Matthew Ambrose EPJ 70