

# Riley Looks For Sharper Outing When Huskers Host S. Alabama

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — If South Alabama hoped to be overlooked by Nebraska, that won't happen. Not after the Cornhuskers lost at home to BYU on a Hail Mary last week.

"This probably isn't the best time to be driving into Nebraska, especially after a game like that," Jaguars coach Joey Jones said.

The Huskers (0-1) will try again Saturday night to give Mike Riley his first win as their coach, this time against an opponent picked in the middle of the pack in the Sun Belt Conference.

Nebraska will be looking to clean up its act in advance of next week's trip to Miami. Offensively, the Huskers are

looking for more than the 126 yards generated by the running game against BYU, and they probably will rotate two tailbacks instead of three.

Defensively, they want to cut down on the number of big plays allowed and establish a better pass rush. Riley also wasn't happy with the 12 penalties against BYU.

Addressing those issues is more than enough to keep the Huskers occupied, Riley said, so there will be no looking ahead to the Hurricanes.

"I tell our team this is not baseball, it's not a three-game series, so we've only got one game to prepare for," Riley said. "Everything we've got goes into this game, coaching staff and players. If you do a good job of that then the future takes care of itself, so all

of our energy will be poured into just helping correct what we can do better."

South Alabama (1-0), which defeated FCS Gardner-Webb last week, is a bit of a mystery because of the influx of transfers who have taken over spots that opened with the departure of 17 starters.

Seven of those transfers came from the shuttered UAB program, and five of them start on offense, including quarterback Cody Clements. In a fortuitous twist, those five are playing in the same up-tempo, no-huddle system they were in last year. That's because their offensive coordinator at UAB was Bryant Vincent, who came along with them to South Alabama, where he had worked previously for Jones.

"They filled some needs and are doing very well, and our job is to get those guys meshing together at this point," Jones said.

The Jaguars were picked sixth in the 11-team Sun Belt Conference, and Jones said that's largely because of graduation losses.

"I think maybe we're a little better than people think," he said.

Some things to watch as the Huskers try to rebound from their loss to BYU:

**AVOIDING AN 0-2 START:** Nebraska hasn't been 0-1 since 1985 and hasn't been 0-2 since 1957, when Bill Jennings' squad opened with losses to Washington State

and Army. No team has gone as long as Nebraska's 57 years without an 0-2 start, according to STATS. Florida is at 44 years, Clemson 40, Miami 37 and West Virginia 36.

**POWER UP:** South Alabama is playing an opponent from a Power Five conference for the seventh time. The Jaguars are 0-6 against the big boys, with their best effort coming in a 31-24 loss at Tennessee two years ago. The Jaguars will be paid \$980,000 for coming to Lincoln.

**ARMSTRONG'S CAREER HIGHS:** Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.'s only two 300-yard passing performances have come in back-to-back games. He threw for a career-high 381 yards against Southern California in the 2014 Holiday Bowl and

had 319 yards against BYU last week.

**NIGHT TIME IS RIGHT TIME:** Nebraska has won 15 straight home night games and is 41-5 all-time in Memorial Stadium games under the lights. The last team to beat the Huskers in Lincoln at night was Missouri in 2008.

**HALL OF FAME:** Five former Huskers will enter the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame: national champion quarterback Scott Frost (1996-97), linebacker Demorris Williams (2002-03), defensive back Josh Bullocks (2002-04), safety Jeff Krejci (1979-81) and quarterback Brook Berringer (1992-95), who will be inducted posthumously. The 1965 Big Eight champion Huskers also will be honored.

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yards.

Avon was held to just 68 yards of total offense. Riley Namminga rushed for 28 yards on three attempts.

Next action for Gayville-Volin will be a road game next Friday against Andes Central/Dakota Christian. Avon will travel to Corsica/Stickney next Friday.

**GAYVILLE-VOLIN (1-2).....21 8 6 0-35**  
**AVON (1-2).....0 0 0 0-0**

## Crofton 48, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 8

CROFTON, Neb. — Tanner Crosley rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns as the Crofton Warriors remained undefeated on the season, with a 48-8 rout of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Friday night.

Crosley also passed for 71 yards and a touchdown, that going to Grant Wragge. Quarterback Jaden Janssen completed 4-of-5 passes for 45 yards and a touchdown.

In all, Crofton rolled up 424 yards of total offense.

Dylan Potts and Ethan Poppe led the Warriors defense with seven tackles apiece.

Next week, Crofton hosts Oakland-Craig and LCC hosts Lutheran High Northeast.

## Niobrara-Verdigre 28, Hartington-New. 15

VERDIGRE, Neb. — Niobrara-Verdigre held Hartington-Newcastle scoreless in the second half on their way to a 28-15 victory on Friday night in Verdigre.

Schlyer Forman led the Cougars with three passing touchdowns in the victory. Ben Johnson rushed for a touchdown for Niobrara-Verdigre.

For the Wildcats, Ethan Morten rushed for a 20-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter. Andy Schmidt also had a rushing touchdown for the Wildcats.

Niobrara-Verdigre will travel to Spencer next Friday to take on West Boyd. Hartington-Newcastle will host Elgin Pope John on Friday.

**HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE (0-2)....7 8 0 0-15**  
**NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE (1-1).....6 10 12 20-28**

## Parker 60,

## Irene-Wakonda 6

IRENE — A strong performance in the first quarter allowed Parker to score 48 points in the first half for a 60-6 victory in three quarters over Irene-Wakonda on Friday night.

Kordell Buyck rushed for 188 yards on 17 attempts for Parker (3-0). Landon Leberman passed for 197 yards and completed 14 of 19 attempts.

Gabe King of Irene-Wakonda (1-1) passed for 105 yards completing eight of his 24 attempts. Josh Henly made 14 tackles on the night.

Irene-Wakonda will travel to Mount Vernon-Planckinton on Friday and Parker will host Alcester-Hudson.

**PARKER (3-0).....28 20 12-60**

# Cavs Rally Past Gregory In OT



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**Bon Homme quarterback Bryce Scieszinski looks for a receiver during the Cavaliers' match up with Gregory in prep football action on Friday.**

**IRENE-WAKONDA (1-1).....0 6 0-6**

## Alcester-Hudson 58, Garretson 26

ALCESTER — Grant Johnson made three touchdown passes and ran one in himself to score 36 points in the second quarter guiding Alcester-Hudson to a 58-26 victory over Garretson on Friday night.

Johnson also led Alcester-Hudson (2-1) with 171 total rushing yards. Gavin Doering and Mitchell Johnson both made seven tackles for the home side.

Shay Gibson rushed for a total of 78 yards and scored two touchdowns for Garretson (1-2). Gibson also led the team defensively with six tackles.

Garretson will host Viborg-Hurley next Friday night and Alcester-Hudson will travel to Parker.

**GARRETON (1-2).....14 8 6-26**  
**ALCESTER-HUDSON (2-1).....14 36 8 0-58**

## Viborg-Hurley 41, Centerville 12

HURLEY — Dillon Sawyer ran for three touchdowns and caught a pass for a score as Viborg-Hurley cruised past Centerville 41-12 on Friday night in Hurley.

Sawyer ran for 80 yards in the win, while quarterback Logan Hansen completed 8-of-12 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns. Kolton Lee caught three passes for 95 yards and Sawyer had three catches for 72 yards and a touchdown.

Viborg-Hurley (1-2) led 8-0 at half-time but erupted in the second half.

In the loss for Centerville (0-3), Trace Sikkink passed for 72 yards and a touchdown, that going to Tyrell Maritz. Adam Austin rushed for 81 yards and Levi Gruschin ran for 68 yards.

Both teams are in action next Friday, with Viborg-Hurley at Garretson and Centerville at home against Baltic.

**CENTERVILLE (0-3).....0 0 6 6-12**  
**VIBORG-HURLEY (1-2).....8 20 13-41**

## Tea Area 28,

## Dakota Valley 16

TEA — Payton Conrad ran for two touchdowns and passed for another as Tea Area beat Dakota Valley 28-16 on Friday night in Tea.

Conrad had scoring runs of 15 and 19 yards and threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Zach Gors. The other touchdown for the Titans (2-1) was a Kendon Rensch 1-yard run.

For Dakota Valley (0-3), Luke Schmitt had a 60-yard touchdown pass to Cameron Fisher. The Panthers also scored on a safety and a defensive touchdown by Cole Bergmann.

**DAKOTA VALLEY (0-3).....0 2 7 7-16**  
**TEA AREA (2-1).....7 6 13 0-28**

## Hanson 50,

## Platte-Geddes 12

PLATTE — Wyatt Kayser rushed for 193 yards and four touchdowns as Hanson rolled past Platte-Geddes 50-12 on Friday night in Platte.

Hanson ran for a total of 403 yards on the night, and built a 30-6 halftime lead.

For Platte-Geddes, Riley Hoffman completed 7-of-10 passes for 116 yards

and one touchdown, while Hayden Stluka rushed for 60 yards and a score. Casey Steffel caught two passes for 52 yards and Ricky Knecht hauled in three passes.

**HANSON (2-0).....8 22 14 6-50**  
**PLATTE-GEDDES (0-3).....0 6 0 6-12**

## Winner 56, Wagner 6

WAGNER — Winner picked up a dominant 56-6 road victory over Wagner on Friday night in Wagner.

Cameron Kull rushed for 78 yards and two touchdowns to helped lead Winner. Windsor Barry also added 63 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

For Wagner, Caden Kazena had 72 passing yards and a touchdown.

Winner have a road game next Friday against Valentine, Neb. Wagner will have a road game with Jones County/White River next Friday.

**WINNER (3-0).....28 14 8 6-56**  
**WAGNER (0-2).....0 6 0 0-6**

## Lenox 28, Canton 21

CANTON — Jacob Lackas scored three touchdowns for Lenox to lead them to a 28-21 victory over Canton High School on Friday night.

Jacob Hinker also scored for Lenox after a 22-yard reception. The Orioles are now undefeated for three straight games.

Christian Beachler, Jesse Lohan, and Logan Ransch all scored for Canton (1-2).

Lennox will travel to Madison next Friday and Canton will play Tri-Valley in Colton.

## Madison 28,

## West Central 7

MADISON — Madison outscored West Central 21-0 in the second half on their way to a 28-7 victory on Friday night in Madison.

Mitch Hansen led the way for Madison, rushing for 122 yards and two touchdowns, while passing for 215 yards and a touchdown. Brady Balogh added 87 yards on four receptions in the victory.

For West Central, Jonah Rechtenbaugh led the rushing attack with 80 yards, while Jordan Lueth ran for 68.

Madison will have a road game with Jones County/White River next Friday. West Central will travel to Emery to take on Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan.

**WEST CENTRAL (3-0).....0 7 0 0-7**  
**MADISON (1-1).....0 7 14 7-28**

## Bridge.-Emery-Ethan 48, Flandreau 0

FLANDREAU — Bridgewater-Emery-Ethan picked up second first 11-man football win by blanking Flandreau 48-0 on Friday night in Flandreau.

Cole Gassman rushed for 190 yards and three touchdowns for B-E-E (2-1), while Colton Plagmann, Jacob Eddy and Ethan Riggs all ran for a score.

In the loss for Flandreau (0-3), Brendan Ten Eyck rushed for 77 yards and Dawson Blum made nine tackles on defense.

Next week, B-E-E hosts West Central in Emery and Flandreau plays McCook Central-Montrose in Salem.

## Soccer: Golden Eagles Sweep

### Yankton

ABERDEEN — Despite two goals from Yankton's Gabe Wenzlaff, Aberdeen Central edged the Bucks 3-2 in boys' soccer action Friday in Aberdeen.

Trevor Rafferty made six saves for Yankton (5-3-1), which returns home to host Pierre next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Aberdeen blanked Yankton 5-0 in the junior varsity game.

### Girls

ABERDEEN — Aberdeen Central recorded a 3-0 victory over the Yankton Gazelles in girls' soccer action Friday in Aberdeen.

Amanda Gravholt made 18 saves at net for Yankton (3-5-1), which will next return home to play Pierre next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

"Aberdeen put together maybe its best game of the season and earned themselves a good victory," Yankton coach Tyler Schuring said. "Today they were the better team on the field and beat us at every level of the game."

In the junior varsity game, Aberdeen Central beat Yankton 4-1. Jaiden Boomsma scored the lone goal for the Gazelles and Sadie Fedders made 15 saves.

## USD Women's Match

### Postponed In Texas

EDINBURG, Texas—Due to inclement weather conditions in Edinburg, Texas, Friday's soccer match against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has been postponed to this (Saturday) morning at 9 a.m.

## North Dakota Stuffs USD

### GRAND FORKS, N.D. —

North Dakota's Chelsea Moser tallied 12 kills to lead USD past South Dakota 25-19, 25-17, 25-19 at the UND Classic on Friday inside the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

South Dakota (3-5) was led by junior Audrey Reeg and senior Sydney Dimke with 10 and eight kills, respectively. Sophomore Brittany Jessen recorded all 27 assists for the Coyotes and freshman libero Lauren Mattison tallied 13 digs. North Dakota (6-4) forced the Coyotes into 23 attack errors.

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# Volleyball: Crofton Bounces Back With Win At O'Neill

O'NEILL, Neb. — The Crofton Lady Warriors bounced back from their first regular season setback since 2013 with a 25-15, 20-25, 25-16, 25-16 victory over O'Neill in Mid-State Conference volleyball action on Thursday.

Crofton, which did not lose until the Class C2 championship match in 2014, was defeated by Hartington Cedar Catholic on Tuesday.

Monica Arens had 18 kills and eight blocks (three solo), and Kelsey Sanger had 12 kills, four ace serves, five blocks (one solo) and 15 digs to lead Crofton. Samantha Stewart added four blocks (one solo) as the Lady Warriors combined for 17 blocks as a team.

Also for Crofton (3-1), Brittany Guenther had 19 assists and Madison Johnson had 15 assists to help power the offense. Bre Allen had 27 digs and Chelsea Wortmann had 12 digs in the victory.

For O'Neill, Emily Morrow had seven kills and three blocks, Sarah Deval had 16 assists and Amanda Pischel had six kills to lead the way. Claire Morrow had 21 digs and

Aurora Gutshall had 14 digs for the Eagles.

Both teams will play in the Boone Central-Newman Grove Tournament today (Saturday) in Albion.

**CROFTON (3-1).....25 20 25 25**  
**O'NEILL (1-3).....15 25 16 16**

## Wakefield Tourn.

WAKEFIELD, Neb. — Laurel-Concord-Coleridge went 0-2 on the opening day of the Wakefield Tournament on Thursday.

The tournament concludes today (Saturday) in Wakefield.

**WAKEFIELD 2, LCC 0:** Katie Leapley had eight kills and Kaci Groene had five kills, three ace serves and nine digs to lead LCC in a 25-23, 25-19 loss to Wakefield. Katelyn Cook had 17 assists and Bryn Schutte had 13 digs for the Bears.

**LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST 2, LCC 0:** Lutheran High Northeast opened the tournament with a 25-15, 25-7 victory over Laurel-Concord-Coleridge.

For LCC, Bryn Schutte had four kills and eight digs. Katelyn Cook had six assists and Bayley Holloway had three ace serves for the Bears.

## Bloomfield Tri.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — The Bloomfield Queen Bees beat Wausa 25-13, 25-15; and Allen 2-1 to sweep

a volleyball triangular between the Lewis & Clark Conference opponents on Thursday.

Allen beat Wausa 25-15, 25-3 in the other match.

Bloomfield (4-1) travels to Wausa (0-5) for a rematch with the Vikings on Monday. Allen (3-5) travels to Winnebago for a triangular with L&C foes Winnebago and Ponca.

**BLOOMFIELD 2, WAUSA 0:** Kristin Thompson had eight kills, three blocks and two ace serves to lead Bloomfield. Brittany Kerbel had four ace serves. Leah Poppe had 10 digs and Karly Jensen had eight digs in the win.

For Wausa, Regan Hennings had seven digs and two blocks (one solo), and Tara Munter had six kills to lead the way.

**ALLEN 2, WAUSA 0:** Tara Munter had three kills and six digs for Wausa. Mary Johnson had a team-high seven digs. Claire Vanness finished with five assists.

**BLOOMFIELD 2, ALLEN 1:** Kristin Thompson had nine kills and 13 digs to lead Bloomfield. Karly Jensen and Leap Poppe had seven kills each, with Jensen also recording seven blocks (six solo). Brittany Kerbel had 16 assists and eight digs in the win.

## Big East Tourn.

PARKER — Sioux Valley avenged its lone loss of 2015 season, battling past Parker 25-18, 18-25, 23-25, 25-23, 23-21 in the semifinals of the Big East

Conference Tournament on Thursday in Parker.

Tiffany Bjorklund had 16 kills and 18 digs, and Carley Peterson had 14 kills, five blocks and three ace serves to lead Sioux Valley, which will face Chester in the championship today (Saturday) in Flandreau. Rachel Miller had 30 assists, three ace serves and 10 digs. Jessica Pepperman finished with 13 kills and 15 digs. Kaylee Granum had 19 assists, Nikole Ziegler had 10 kills and Shaylee

Mumby had four blocks in the victory.

For Parker, Hannah Herlyn had 14 kills and Makenzie Dean had 42 assists and five ace serves to lead the way. Riley Christensen had 12 kills. Makena Bischoff posted 11 kills. Hannah Carlson had 31 digs. Alexis Olson had 21 digs, Contessa Harold had four blocks and Grace Leberman had three ace serves for the Pheasants.

Parker, 4-1, will face McCook Central-Montrose in today's third place

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