

Hastings High falls to North Platte in final match

It came down to the final match to decide the team dual Thursday night between Hastings High and North Platte. The Tiger wrestling team lost 38-

36.
"You know our guys fought extremely hard," Tigers head coach Rod Tickle said.
"There was a lot of pressure put on our young guys. It came down to a crap-shoot, and they got it at the horn."

The dual came down to the 103-

pound weight class, featuring a pair of wrestlers who didn't weigh more than

85 pounds each. North Platte's Stephen Hale scored a takedown on John Lacy and then got a three-point nearfall to take a 5-0 lead early in the first period. Then, with time running out in the period, Hale was awarded a pin with a tenth of a second left on the clock.

Tickle thought the horn sounded before the referee slapped his hand on the mat, but the referee disagreed and awarded Hale with the win.

"I was very proud of (John's) effort," Tickle said. "Our guys put out a tremendous effort and we got some points in places, but they needed the pin and got

Despite the loss. Tickle was pleased with how hard his wrestlers competed, as the team split North Platte with seven

The Tigers got huge wins in the 160-

and 171-pound weight classes, as senior Derek Rossen (160) and junior Ethan Rundle (171) came from behind to win

Rossen, who wrestled his natural weight class for the first time this season, had to come from a 5-2 deficit in the second period to score a takedown, a rever-

sal and a three-point nearfall to win 9-7.
Tickle said North Platte's Chad Briley is a long, rangy guy who is good on top

with his legs.

"That kid is pretty good," he said.
"Derek didn't wrestle as well as I have een him wrestle, but he felt great to get the win.'

At 171, Rundle gave away a penalty point in the second period to find him-self down 5-4 going into the third period. North Platte's Brett Hale received anoth-

er penalty point in the third period to go

However, Rundle got a three-point nearfall and a takedown and held Hale to two escape points to get the 9-8 win.

"Getting those penalty points makes things close," Tickle said. "It was a good match for him."

Also getting wins for the Tigers were Sam Gnagy (125), Phil Nelson (130), David Gonzalez (135), Kip Kiplinger (189), and Phil Hartwig (215).

"David is a tremendous athlete and a courageous competitor," Tickle said about his pin in the third period. "He likes to think about every aspect of his match. He would like to dominate it all, but sometimes he does get frustrated.'

The Tigers are at the Grand Island Invitational on Saturday and at the Lexington Quad on Tuesday.

North Platte 38, Hastings High 36 103 – Stephen Hale, NP, pinned John Lacy, HHS;

4:59 140 – Troy Zurcher, NP, pinned Kellen Frazer, HHS;

2:21 145 – Mike Bell, NP, maj. dec. Matt Conway, HHS; 152 – Bo Pettit, NP, pinned Levi Lindteigem, HHS

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160 – Derek Rossen, HHS, dec. Chad Briley, NP; 9-8
171 – Ethan Rundle, HHS, dec. Brett Hale, NP; 9-8
189 – Kip Kiplinger, HHS, pinned Jimmy McEwen,
NP; 5:22
215 – Phil Hartwig, HHS, pinned Derek Caudillo, NP;
2:58
285 – Dustin Nevivry, NP, pinned Sean Yokern, HHS;
0:33

Huskers rally past Bruins



Nebraska celebrates their semi-final win over UCLA during the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship Thursday at the

Pavan's 22 kills leads NU into title match



Nebraska's Sarah Pavan spikes against UCLA's Katie Carter (9), and Rachell Johnson in game 2 of their semifinal match of NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship Thursday at the

Huskers take on Stanford Saturday

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vkuppig@hastingstribune.com **OMAHA** — Playing in front of a largest crowd to ever witness a college volleyball match, you couldn't have blamed Nebraska for being a

little wound up. Early on against UCLA in Thursday night's NCAA semifinal match at a sold-out Qwest Center, it showed. Already down a game in front of 17.014 fans, the Huskers were trailing 28-26 in the second and on the verge of having to rally from a two-game deficit for the second straight match.

But Nebraska rolled off four straight points to take the

re-energizing the crowd and the Huskers as top-ranked Nebraska rallied for a 23-30, 30-28, 30-23, 30-

28 win over No. 4 UCLA. "It's hard to prepare to play in front of 17,000 people if you've never done it before," GNU coach John Cook said. "I think we were just a little wired."

But just like Nebraska did in the regional final Saturday against Minnesota, the Huskers settled down to

extend their season. The Huskers will see second-seeded Stanford in the championship match Saturday at 8 p.m. The Cardinal (30-3) dominated Washington 30-12, 30-25, 30-15 in the late match Thursday.

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Nebraska's Rachel Holloway (12) and Tracy Stalls (11) jump to block UCLA's Ali Daley in game 3 of their semifinal of the NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship Thursday at the Qwest Center in Omaha

Stalls gets 'in the zone' against UCLA

vkuppig@hastingstribune.com **OMAHA** — Tracy Stalls simply got in the zone.

After being virtually unseen in the first game, Nebraska's junior middle blocker ended up turning in perhaps the best match of her career. And she did it in the Huskers' biggest match of the season, against an All-American middle blocker.

The 6-foot-3 Stalls had a career-high 17 kills — all after the first game — and hit an incredible .577, as the Huskers rallied for a 23-30, 30-28, 30-23, 30-28 win over UCLA Thursday night at a sold-out Qwest Center.

"You hear top athletes talk about the zone," Stalls said. "That's what it was. It was this whiteout. I was just in the zone mentality, in the present, and that's it. There's nothing in front, there's nothing behind. You're just in the present and you're completely absorbed. That's the beauty of sport and competition.

After attempting only three attacks in the first

game, Stalls became a force during the final three games. She posted four kills in the second game, seven in third and another six in the final game. Stalls was on fire in the

Stalls was on fire in the third game, as she hit an astonishing .875 with no hitting errors. During a stretch of 10 straight points that saw the score go from tied to 23-13, Stalls had three kills and a block. She finished the match with four total blocks.

match with four total blocks. Stalls did it all going right at UCLA middle blocker Nana Meriwether, who came into the match leading the nation in attack percentage (.460) and blocks per game (1.97).

"Tracy and (setter Rachel Holloway) got in a great rhythm tonight," NU coach John Cook said. "We're talk-ing all over the net. It was really rewarding to see that as a coach. That's something we've worked on and to see it when we needed it was just very, very satisfying.

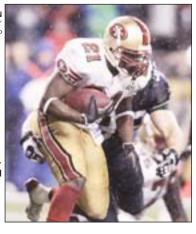
Cook said the Huskers figured out they could go right at the All-American midway through the second game.

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49ers run over Seahawks with big second half

FROSCHAUER

San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore runs in the rain with Seattle Seahawks' Grant Wistrom during the first quarter of a football game in Thursday.



SEATTLE - No one wanted to talk in the Seattle Seahawks locker room. Those who did had anger and frustration in their voices. The defending NFC champs aren't playing

like a playoff team.

"I guess I just feel we're just OK at everything," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We're not real good and dominant at anything, like we use to be."

That point was evident again Thursday night, when second-year quarterback Alex Smith rallied San Francisco for a surprising 24-14 win over the Seahawks, keeping Seattle from clinching its third straight NFC West

The 49ers (6-8) trailed 7-3 heading to the fourth quarter and rarely threatened on offense. That changed in the final 15 minutes, as Smith directed three long touchdown drives, throwing for a pair of scores and running untouched for another.

When Smith jogged untouched for an 18-

vard TD with 1:42 left, cold, wet and shocked Seahawks' fans who showed up ready to watch the winning of another division crown, quickly made their way to the exits.

"The boy just became a grown man today, baby," said 49ers running back Frank Gore, who helped out his quarterback with 144 yards rushing and a touchdown catch. There's a lot more to come.'

San Francisco snapped a three-game losing streak and swept both games with Seattle.

While Smith's impressive evolution played out in the fourth quarter, Seattle (8-6) was left to ponder a second straight loss to a division opponent, and watch any hopes of a first-round bye in the playoffs flutter away.

The Seahawks need only one more win or a San Francisco loss to win the mediocre NFC

West. But the sentiment in Seattle's locker room is that problems need to be corrected immediately.

"This is awful," Bryce Fisher said. "Teams that lose in December, if they're lucky to get into January, lose very early in January."

While Seattle's offense continued its

inconsistency running the ball and protecting Hasselbeck, its defense frustrated Smith

for most of the first three quarters. Smith's 11-yard completion to Antonio Brvant with 48 seconds left in the third quarter was San Francisco's first first-down of the half. On the next play, Arnaz Battle beat Seattle's Kelly Herndon off the line of scrimmage and Smith

hit him in stride for a 54-yard completion. Smith completed the drive by rolling right and finding tight end Vernon Davis in the end zone with a perfect 8-yard strike to give the 49ers a 10-7 lead.

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Basketball NBA Standings

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Friday's Games
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Seattle at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Dallas, 7 p.m.
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Houston at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
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NBA Boxscores

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GOLDEN STATE (10-9)

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College Men's Results

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College Women's Results

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Columbia 66, Wagner 46
SOUTH
Louisiana-Lafayette 77, New Orleans 51 Louisiana-Lafayette 77, New Orleans 51
Louisville 67, Chichinati 62
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Oregon 66, Drake 63
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Texas Tech 79, Oral Roberts 67
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 75, UC Irvine 46
BYU 79, Weber St. 42
Montana St. 77, Montana-Western 71
Southern Cal 78, Prairie View 53

Prep Boys Results

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Lincoln East 58, Grand Island 54
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GPAC

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Graceland def. Dordt, 75-68 Peru State def. Briar Cliff, 76-57

Football

NFL Standings

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Thursday's Games
San Francisco 24, Seattle 14
Saturday's Games

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College Football Bowls

Dec. 19 Poinsettia Bowl at San Diego, TCU vs.
Northern Illinois, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 21 Las Vegas Bowl, BYU vs. Oregon, 7 p.m.
(ESPN) Dec. 22 New Orleans Bowl, Troy vs. Rice, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

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Dec. 23 PapaJohn's Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.,
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Dec. 25 Horder Grove Bowl at Detroit, Central
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Oklahoma State vs. Alabama, 3:30 p.m. (ESPIC)
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Oklahoma State vs. Alabama, 3:30 p.m. (ESPIC)
Dec. 28 Holiday Bowl at San Diego, California vs.
Elexas A6M, 7 p.m. (ESPIC)
Dec. 29 Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn,
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Hockey NHL Standings

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Thursday's Games
Butfalo 2, Florida 1
Boston 5, New Jersey 3
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 2
Nashville 6, Ottawa 0
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Phoenix 5, Columbus 4, S0 Vancouver 3, Calgary 1 Los Angeles 4, San Jose 2 Friday's Games Toronto at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.

Vashington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Volleyball NCAA Division I tourney

Semifinals At Qwest Center Omaha, Neb. Thursday, Dec. 14 aska def. UCLA, 3-1 (23-30, 30-28, 30-23, 3U-28) Stanford def. Washington, 3-0 (30-12, 30-25, 30-15)

Championship **Saturday, Dec. 16** iska (32-1) vs. Stanford (30-3), 8 p.m

Transactions

Baseball

Major Laque Bashall
M.B.—Suspended minor league RHP Hector
Noesi of the New York Yankees for 50 games for
testing positive for a performance-enhancing sub-stance. Mullifed Tampa Bry's waiver claim for LHP
Bobby Livingston and subsequent trade of Livingston to Philadelphia. Assigned Livingston to
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American League
BOSTON RED SDX.—Agreed to terms with RHP
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SEATILE MARINERS.—Agreed to terms with RHP
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National League
ATLANTA BRAYES.—Named Tony DeMacio special assistant to the general manager-major league
scout.

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CINXINNATI REDS—Claimed LHP Bobby
Livingston off waivers from the Seattle Manines.
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HOUSTON ASTROS—Almed Grego Langhelm manager of Lexington of the South Allantic League; Peter Rancont manager of Tic-City of the New York-Penn League; Rodney Linares manager of Technic Pot the New York-Penn League; Rodney Linares manager of Technic Pot the New York-Penn League; Stoney Linares manager of James and Jaim Garcia assistant priching coordinator. Or Yeranchuck minor league hitting coordinator and Jaims Garcia assistant priching coordinators. WASHINGTON ANTONAID—Arged to terms with Of Kary Casto, C Brandon Harper, RHP Chris Schroder, RHP Chris Soker and LHP Mike Hinckley.

Basketball

Women's National Basketball Association INDIANA FEVER—Announced the retirement of F Charlotte Smith.

Football

National Football Lague
NHL—Fined Fitburgh LB Joey Porter \$10,000
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INDIANAPOUS COUTS—Placed WR Brandon
Stolley on injured reserve. Signed WR John
Standsford from the practice squad.
JACKSONVILL AGUARS—Placed S Nick
Somens on injured reserve. Signed DE Jeremy Mincey.
ST. LOUS RAMS—Placed LB Pisa Tinoisamoa on
injured reserve.

Hockey

National Hockey League CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned RW Brandon Bochenski and C Martin St. Pierre to Norfolk of the AHL DALLAS STARS—recalled C Joel Lundqvist from

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PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned D Lars Jorsson and LW Boyk Rate or Philadelphia of the AHL.

PHOENIX COVOTES—Recalled D Matt Jones from San Antonio of the AHL.

ST LOUIS BLUES—Assigned G Marek Schwarz to Peonia of the AHL.

VANCOLIVER CANLICKS—Assigned D Alex Elder and F Lee Goren to Manitoba of the AFT.

Track & Field

Track & Field USATF—Named Stanley Redwine coach for the 2007 Pan American Games.

College

CINCINNATI—Named Joe Tresey defensive coordinator, Greg Forest running backs coach, Mike Eston tight ends coach and Tim Hinton Inebackers coach. PITTSBURGH—Named Buddy Moris strength and conditioning coach and Tom Myslinski assistant strength and conditioning coach. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA—Named Michael

Huskers name Buddy Wyatt new defensive line coach

Like Blake, he is regarded as one of the best recruiters in the nation.

prepare the defense for the Cotton Bowl game against Auburn.

He spent the past four seasons as the defensive line coach at Alabama, Before that, Wyatt held coaching positions at Texas A&M, Colorado, Northwestern, Oklahoma State and Minnesota.

Fantasy football puts some players in awkward position

EDDIE PELLS

The Associated Press

Buddy Wyatt to fill the assistant-

coaching position left vacant by the recent departure of John Blake.

Wyatt, 40, comes to the Huskers as the defensive line coach at

LINCOLN — Nebraska has hired

When Colts linebacker Cato June saw Tom Brady throw a touchdown pass over his head, somewhere in the back of his mind, he knew it wasn't a total loss.

And when Redskins tight end Chris

Cooley crossed the goal line himself three times in one game, he knew there was another side to his career day.

Both are involved in fantasy foot-

ball leagues, which can make for some strange bedfellows

among NFL players.

The billion-dollar business boasts an estimated 12.8 million participants, more than a few of whom are NFL players themselves. Because the NFL does not consider fantasy football gambling, there is no prohibition against players participating in leagues.

It's all fun and games according to the league and its players, although sometimes, that can put those play-ers in somewhat awkward positions. "Playing New England, I can't be

happy with (Brady) throwing a TD pass, but in the back of my mind, I'm like, 'Yeah, I just got six points in my fantasy league,'" June said in a lighthearted interview after a November game against the Patriots in which he disclosed Brady was on his fantasy team.

The NFL says it has no problem with players partaking in the fantasy football sensation.

"It is not an issue," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "It is ludicrous to think a player would jeopardize his playing career to score

record of developing outstanding defensive lines at each stop in his coaching career," Nebraska coach Bill Callahan said in a statement.

He also said Wyatt has "a proven

track record as an outstanding

points for his fantasy team."

But on Thursday, Cato refused to speak to an Associated Press reporter after being advised by team officials that the AP was workteam officials that the AP was work-ing on a story involving fantasy football and gambling. Colts spokesman Craig Kelley did not return messages left by the AP on

his voicemail seeking clarification.

NFL union chief Gene Upshaw said the players have every right to play fantasy football without thinking they're compromising themselves or impinging the integrity of the game.

'Don't assume every little fantasy football thing is about gambling, because it's not," Upshaw said. "Our guys do a lot of stuff. They play video games against each other, things like that. I don't think it's related to gambling. I think that's a real big stretch."

A handful of players interviewed last week said they were only vague-ly familiar with the inner workings of fantasy football, but overall. thought it was a good thing.

In many leagues, a group of friends get together, decide the stakes, pay an entry fee, and awards are doled out for all kinds of accomplishments — both weekly and seasonlong, with the biggest prize going to the league winner. One study said fantasy sports players spend an average of \$493 a year. Tony Cabot, an attorney who spe-cialized in partial and the sets of the sets

Blake for his service to the team.

Nebraska officials would not com-

ment further on Blake's departure, but it has been widely speculated

that he is headed to North Carolina

to work under new head football

Wyatt will join the Nebraska coaching staff immediately to help

coach Butch Davis.

tony Cabot, an attorney who spe-cializes in gaming law, says although it's true fantasy football isn't legally defined as gambling, there's an almost indiscernible line between that and straight football betting, which is illegal in most states and completely forbidden inside the NFL.

"I don't know what the difference is, if you're risking something mething can control, what difference does it make if it's a game or a fantasy contest?" Cabot said.

For the players, there is more at stake than the money or bragging rights that could be won or lost in fantasy leagues.

There's also the issue of publicity.

In a sport that values team accomplishments over everything else, fantasy football is a game about individuals and individual stats. "It's nice to have some individual

recognition every now and then," Giants running back Tiki Barber said in a story posted earlier this month on espn.com. "Fantasy foot-ball does that."

Now, it's about Peyton Manning and LaDainian Tomlinson, Randy Moss and Neil Rackers — all of whom could be playing at the same time in different cities, and whose stats are on a constant scroll at the bottom of the TV screen.

"Before, you'd show who won and show who did well," Manning I'm getting — I was the No. 1 pick and I've got people telling me I'm letting them down. People's priorities get confused. I love a 10-3 win. That's old-school football."

Last year, Cooley caught 71 passes and seven touchdowns, three of which came against Dallas in a key December game. It was a career day nd a really good day, well, for the guy he was playing against in his fantasy football league

"I honestly lost because I beat myself," Cooley said in an interview during training camp. "I was on the other (fantasy) team, and I score three touchdowns against Dallas, and

I lost to myself in fantasy points." Cooley doesn't take his fantasy teams seriously, saying he plays because it keeps him in touch with old high school friends back in Utah.

Upshaw says it's for those reasons that he doesn't see a smoking gun in this fantasy football debate.

"It's not like they're out there shaving points, missing passes," he said. "Fantasy is what it is. It's fantasv. It's why they call it fantasy, not reality. Reality is what they do on Sunday when they really play. You've got to separate the fantasy part from reality."

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Basketball
7 p.m., Philadelphia at Dallas
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College Football
7 p.m., NCAA Division I-AA championship
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AC 9TH-GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

GRAND ISLAND — The Adams Central ninth-grade boys basketball team defeated Grand Island Central Catholic 28-23 Monday. Connor Lyons led the Patriots with nine

points and John Oerter added eight.
Adams Central
Grand Island Central Catholic 5 7 6 - 23
Adams Central (28)
Connor Lyons 9, John Oerter 8, Tyler Lay 6, Micah Schutte 3, Bryc

HHS BOYS SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

The Hastings High sophomore boys basketball team fell to Kearney 84-37 Monday.

Trey Cusatis led the Tigers with 11 points and Jake Herrmann added seven.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

The following placed at the Elks Hoop Shoot held Sunday at Hastings High:

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8-9 — 1, Brooks Asher; 2, Brett Dieken; 3, Trev Anderson.
10-11 — 1, Alex Sheehey; 2, Creighton Buhr; 3, Zach Merrill.
12-13 — 1, Brady Barrett, 2, Chandler Hysel; 3, Tyler LeBar.
Girls

8-9 — 1, Jordyn Christy; 2, Brianna LeBar; 3, Ashley Petr.
10-11 — 1, Maci Coffey; 2, Baily Petzoldt; 3, Baily Christy.
12-13 — 1, Tessa Johnson; 2, Kelsey Christenson.

SUTTON WRESTLING

FRIEND — Sutton lost to Friend 51-29 Thursday. Sutton's Kyle Johnson pinned Evan Buresh in 4:40 at the 119 weight class. Teammate Kevin George pinned Mason McClintock in 4:26 at 140 pounds. Sutton's other winner was Aaron Carlson at 112 pounds by defeating Seth Kucera 15-0 on a technical fall.

AMY ROH/ Tribune

Nebraska's Jordan Larson celebrates game four in the semifi-nal of NCAA Division Volleyball Championship against UCLA Thursday at the Qwest Cen-Omaha.



AMY ROH / Tribune

Nebraska's Dani Busboom tries to get to the ball in game 4 against UCLA in the semifinal of NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship Thursday at the Qwest Center in Omaha

NU: Huskers reach finals with win over UCLA

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Unlike the match against Minnesota, Nebraska didn't let the Bruins take the first two games.

"Going down 0-2 is the hardest thing, even with the crowd," setter Rachel Hollowly said. "We did it against Minnesota, but that was the hardest thing I've done in my life. It was a crucial turning point in the match. Once we made it 1-1, 1 thought we had a great chance from there

The Bruins entered Thursday night's match on a 20-game winning streak that extended to 21 after never trailing in the first game.

UCLA jumped out to an early 5-1 lead in the opening game, leading all the way until the Huskers' finally tied it at 13-all after a Tracv Stalls solo block and a Bruin hitting

The Bruins came right back, taking an 18-14 lead that increased to 26-17 as Nebraska took a pair of timeouts to no avail. Leading 19-17, the Bruins rattled off seven straight points to essentially put the match away

The Bruin lead got as big as 28-18 before a late Nebraska rally that temporarily woke up the crowd. But it was too late as UCLA held on for the 30-23 win.

The Bruins hit .250 in the first game while Nebraska was at only .143.

"I'm not sure we could have played any worse. That might have been our worse game of the year," Cook said. "UCLA was

just giving the ball to us and ... we were all over the place. But the experience against Minnesota, of being able to come back and having that confidence, kind of kicked in

NU junior right side hitter Sarah Pavan had six kills but also four attack errors in the opening game. UCLA's Kaitlin Sather and Nana Meriwether each had five kills as the duo combined to hit .476.

Nebraska finally took a lead in the match at 13-12 in the second game, bringing the crowd to its feet. Nebraska increased its lead to three before the Bruins went on a 7-2 run to regain the lead at 26-24.

With the Bruins still leading by two at 28-26, the Huskers scored the final four points of the match to tie the match at one game apiece.

Pavan got a big kill, her 13th of the match, to make the score 28-27. A UCLA hitting error tied the game and forced the Bruins to take a timeout. A stuff block by Kari Cooper and Holloway gave the Huskers the lead and a UCLA lift ended the game.

"If we go down 0-2, we're in a big hole to come back — even though we have the crowd," Cook said. "I think that also took a little bit out of UCLA. That was probably the turning point of the match."

The third game started right how the fourth ended — back and forth. But with the score tied 13-13, Nebraska took control of the game with 10 straight points — three

Tribland Basketball Roundup

of which came on Stalls kills and two of which came on Pavan aces.

Stalls finished the third game with seven kills, including the game-winner as she hit an astonishing .875 in the game. As a team, the Huskers hit .312 in the game after hitting just .144 in the first two games. The Huskers also hit .312 in the fourth game to finish with a .225 attack percentage for the

The Huskers led most of the fourth game, although the Bruins were within only one at 28-27 after recording three straight points. But after trading points, the Huskers got the match winner on a kill by Jordan Larson, who had all six of her kills in the final game.

Pavan finished with a match-high 22 kills. She also had four ace serves, tying a career high.

"Historically, I haven't served too well in the Qwest Center," Pavan said. "I'm not going to lie. I was a little bit nervous about serving back here again. I just got into rhythm.

The Huskers will now try to accomplish what they couldn't last year, when they lost in three games to Washington. It won't be a rematch, though, as Stanford swept the Huskies Thursday night.

"It's unreal to be back in the national

championship game — in Omaha," Busboom said. "I can't even describe it. It's such an awesome feeling."

Blue Hill Girls Silver Lake Girls 41 BLUE HILL — Blue Hill

defeated Silver Lake on Thursday 56-41.

Rachel Van Boening led Blue Hill with 14 points. Teammate Kelsey Bonifas tallied 11 points while Raelene Buschow added eight points.

Silver Lake's Olivia Grigg tallied 17 points while McKenzie Mangers, Maddie Thurston, and Joslynn Roth all added six

Joslynn Roth all added six points each.
Silver Lake (3-3) 5 10 10 16—41
Blue Hill (4-1) 14 14 22 6—56
Christina Hubl 7, Kelsey Bonifas 11, Danielle Hubl 2, Madison Coffey 7, Page Kohmetscher 7, Raelene Buschow 8, Rachel Van Boening 14
Silver Lake (41)

McKenzie Mangers 6, Jami Shaw 2, Maddie Thurston 6, Caitlin Bruckman 4, Joslynn Roth 6, Olivia Grigg 17.

Giltner Girls

Nebraska Christian Girls 24 CENTRAL CITY — Giltner defeated Nebraska Christian on Thursday 52-24.

Natalie Harmon led Giltner with 12 points. Teammates Jenny Lockmon and Stasia Ott both added 10 points while Gretchen Kreutz tallied six

Gretchen Kreutz tallied six points.

Gitner (5-0) 16 10 11 15—52 NE Christian (0-6) 2 7 4 11—24 Gitner (52)

Alex Hosier 1, Chelsea Stallings 5, Natalie Harmon 12, Gretchen Kreutz 6, Jenny Lockmon 10, Jordan Ashby 2, Stasia Ott 10, Chelsie White 2, Molly Ocker 4 Nebraska Christian (24) Rebecca Woods 1, Chrissy Ritta 7, Lacy Tonniges 3, Emily Murphy 8, Loy Greiss 5.

Blue Hill Boys Silver Lake Boys 42

BLUE HILL — Blue Hill defeated Silver Lake 66-42 on Thursday.

Jacob Bachman led Blue Hill with 16 points. Teammates Tyson Jordening and Zach Herz both tallied 13 points while Brandon Faimon added eight points.

Silver Lake's Josh Oles had 10 points while Derrick Shaw

points while Derrick Shaw added eight points.
Silver Lake (0-5) 10 10 7 15—42
Blue Hill (3-2) 16 17 11 22—66
Blue Hill (3-1) 3, Jeff Hubl 4, Shawn Hastings 2, Brandon Faimon 8, Jacob Bachman 16, Trent Ockinga 4, Cody Karr 4, Zach Herz 13, Corey Willicott 2
Josh Oles 10, Shaun Fisher 2, Gary

Thompson 5, Brett Bonifas 2, Mitch Hansen 2, Reid Choquette 4, Derrick Shaw 8, Jordan Grabill 4, Connor Morris 5.

GICC Boys Minden Boys

GRAND ISLAND — Minden fell to Grand Island Central Catholic on Thursday 65-48.

Spencer Choquette led Minden with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Teammate Dallis Christensen tallied nine points, four assists, and 10 rebounds while Nic Carlson added seven

While Nic Carlson added seven
points.
Minden (2-2) 13 14 17 4 – 48
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Grand Island Central Catholic (65)
Aaron Galvan 1, Spencer Fahley 4, Joe
Partenington 18, Sam Bolton 4, Brad Kulus
14, Jake Johnson 24
Minden (48)
Nic Carlson 7, Spencer Choquette 12, Gavin
Blum 6, Jordan Granger S, Stuart Anderson 3,
Dallis Christensen 9, Cody Krull 6.

Stalls: Career high 17 kills from junior middle leads NU

That's right when the Huskers started to take over the match after being dominated in the first game.

"(Coming into the match), we were going to try to run (Stalls) away from Meriwether," Cook said. "We were going to try to keep her away from Meriwether. Once we figured out she couldn't stop her, we said 'let's go

"Meriwether is really good when she has time to block. When you go at her, she's not as good. " Said Stalls: "I really

wanted to keep it simple. Sometimes when you get so bogged down into wanting to make the special plays, you're not even doing the stuff you want to do."

Cook said he saw Stalls get "in the zone" against Minnesota in the region finals and against Texas during the regular sea-

"In the big matches, she's like that," he said.

performance helped overcome a subpar outing for Jordan Larson, who had a .000 attack percentage as she finished with six kills and six hitting errors on 50

attack attempts. Stalls gave a lot of credit to Holloway, who con-nected with Stalls for several of her 17 kills. "Rhythm is key," Stalls

said. "We started passing better. ... (Holloway) would just throw it up there and I'd do something with it.'

49ers: Gore leads Niners past Seattle

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Seattle drove to the San Francisco 27 on the next series, but on third-and-1 Shaun Alexander was stopped for no gain. Seattle coach Mike Holmgren chose to go for it on fourth-down, but Mack Strong was stopped.

Gore then started to take over. He rushed for 34 yards on the ensuing drive and caught a 20-yard TD pass. Smith stepped out of Herndon's grasp, scrambled and found Gore behind defense near the goal line.

"It was most pleasing because we stayed the course in the things that it takes to win," San Francisco coach Mike Nolan said.

Smith finished 14-of-25 for 162 yards, after going 5-of-12 for 38 yards in the first half. Gore, who rushed for a franchise record 212 yards in the first meeting with Seattle, ran for 104 yards in the fourth quarter. The 49ers rolled up 196 total yards in the final 15 minutes.

Hasselbeck threw a 22-yard touchdown to Jerramy Stevens with 9 seconds left, for the final margin, but was out-played by Smith. Hasselbeck finished 20-of-37 for 220 yards, and threw a pair of interceptions. The most damaging came on the first possession of the second half, when Hasselbeck tried to hit D.I. Hackett in the end zone, but 49ers' safety Mark Roman stepped in front of Hackett.

Other than the final touch-down to Stevens, Seattle never threatened again. Alexander had a 3-yard touchdown in the first half, but was held to 73 yards on 22 carries, including just 16 yards in the second

"I expect to play to a certain level and when we don't, I'm disappointed," Holmgren said.

Notes: With leading receiver Darrell Jackson out (toe), Hackett finished with a careerhigh eight catches for 87 yards. ... San Francisco C Eric Heitmann broke his right leg in the first quarter. Tony Wragge replaced him. ... CB Shawantae Spencer, who missed the last three games who with an ankle injury, got his first interception of the season in the fourth quarter.

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