

The Thunder  
rolls; Lord's  
on thin ice

A Czech on sports:

♦ As the Thunder rolls off the Nebraska football team, you wonder if he's doing it for the right reasons. It's admirable to want to support his younger brother, but is that what scholarship money is for? Whose paying for the tuition and books, if the money goes toward rent?

♦ I do believe

Frank Solich is seeing that the Jammal Lord situation is being handled behind the scenes the best he can. But enough is enough. Lord has a problem. Yes, 21-year-old college kids can drink in excess on occasion. But most would wise up by the third citation. By the time he got ticketed for urinating in public, his chances for much respect had already ran down his leg.

♦ Replace Lord as the starter and he will follow the Thunder. But that's OK. Teams to be proud of are made up of good people first, then good athletes. Bad people — even if they are great athletes — usually end up an embarrassment.

♦ If Lord didn't talk to the media before (except for some cocky unprintable mocking while walking off the field following the Missouri game) do you think we're ever going to hear from him?

♦ Thank you John Cook. Grechaly Cepero learned her lesson the hard way. And you still did the right thing by benching her and making her face the media. I'll bet she stays clean and away from Lord from now on.

♦ Say what you want but Husker football is more interesting in some ways. Maybe you look at sports differently when it's your job (compared to a fan, that is) but games are more interesting when there's a chance either team could win.

♦ San Francisco's Terrell Owens took the NFL to a new all-time low when he pulled that pen from his sock and autographed a football after scoring a touchdown. I'd love to shut Owens in a small room with Dick Butkus, Ray Nitschke and John Matusak just for kicks ... punches, gouges, bites, forearms and head butts.

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**College GAMEDAY**  
TOP 25 SCHEDULE  
Saturday  
No. 2 Oklahoma vs. No. 9 Iowa State, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 3 Virginia Tech vs. Rutgers, noon  
No. 4 Ohio State at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 5 Georgia vs. Vanderbilt, 11:30 a.m.  
No. 6 Oregon vs. Arizona State, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 7 Notre Dame at No. 18 Air Force, 9 p.m.  
No. 8 Texas at No. 17 Kansas State, 6 p.m.  
No. 11 Michigan at Purdue, 11 a.m.  
No. 13 North Carolina State vs. Duke, 11 a.m.  
No. 14 LSU vs. South Carolina, 6:45 p.m.  
No. 15 Iowa at Indiana, 11 a.m.  
No. 19 USC vs. No. 22 Washington, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 20 Penn State vs. Northwestern, 11 a.m.  
No. 21 Mississippi at No. 24 Alabama, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 23 Colorado vs. Baylor, 2 p.m.  
No. 25 Bowling Green vs. W. Michigan, 5 p.m.

STATE COLLEGE SCHEDULE  
Minn. St.-Moorehead at Wayne State, 12:30 p.m.  
Nebraska-Kearney at Chadron State, 1 p.m.  
Concordia at Northwestern, 1 p.m.  
Sioux Falls (S.D.) at Dana, 1 p.m.  
Hastings at Dakota Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
Doane at Nebraska Wesleyan, 1 p.m.  
Morningstar at Midland Lutheran, 1 p.m.  
Peru State at South Western Assemblies of God (Waxahachie, Texas), 1 p.m.

**Hastings at Dakota Wesleyan**  
1 p.m.  
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**Nebraska at Oklahoma St.**  
11:30 a.m.  
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# Patriots claim district crown



RICK HOUCHIN / Tribune

Adams Central running back Josh Smith powers into two Kearney Catholic defenders, Nathan Berglund (left) and Ryan Chramosta Friday night at Patriot Field.

TONY BOONE  
Hastings Tribune

Adams Central left no doubt as to who was the best team in Class C-1, District 7 this season.

The fourth-ranked Patriots (7-0) rolled up 292 rushing yards and shut down Kearney Catholic's high-octane offense in a 28-7 win at Patriot Field Friday.

AC dominated the line of scrimmage from the outset and pounded the previously unbeaten Stars at the point of attack for the duration of the game.

"We had hoped we could do this, we just didn't know how it was going to be," AC coach Bill Carlin said. "We respected their defense an awful lot. I thought our offensive line got off the ball, got into them and drove them. That was a big key."

The Patriots took control with a 12-play, 73-yard drive in the first half. Quarterback Mark Bliefernich, who had a number of highlight-type runs, ripped off a 32-yarder to set up a two-yard touchdown by Jesse Schakat.

AC extended its lead to 15-0 on its

next series. Kyle Behmer scored the first of his three TDs on a two-yard run with 5:56 to play in the first half. Bliefernich's 34-yard pass to Justin Daugherty was the key play of the 59-yard drive.

That was more than enough for the Patriot defense. AC held the Stars' wide-open offense to just five first downs in the first three quarters. KC's Kyle Compton threw for 171 yards in the game, but many of those came on the final series of the game.

"We never did get in gear," Stars coach Bernie Madison said. "They had a good plan defensively against us. They played a super football game."

AC even stuffed Compton at the goal line, forcing a fumble with just seconds to go in the game.

The only bright spot for the Stars (6-1) was a 90-yard kickoff return by Brice Wiltgren in the third quarter that cut AC's lead to 21-7.

The Patriots had gone up 21-0 prior to that on a five-yard run by Behmer. But it was Bliefernich who

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## Tigers control GINW

DALE MILLER  
Special to the Tribune

Hastings High didn't pull out any trick plays or dive too deep into its playbook against Grand Island Northwest Friday.

The Tigers didn't need to.

With its offensive line dominating and Blake Hyde racking up 79 yards rushing in the second half, Hastings (4-3) rolled to a 21-0 win.

"We don't have a lot of skilled players," Hastings coach Bob McAuliff said. "We are going to plod along and try to control the line of scrimmage. We are going to keep coming at you. Our line did an excellent job of driving them off the line tonight."

And while Hastings' offense was putting together a solid performance, it had nothing on the team's defense.

Grand Island Northwest (1-6) was held to one first down and 14 yards of total offense in the game.

McAuliff said the return of middle linebacker Jarred Horsky after missing most of last week's loss to Lexington paid off.

"Our defense has played well all year long," McAuliff said. "Getting Horsky back helped us. We only played him one way, and even though he didn't have that many tackles, him playing had a big effect on the game. He gives the kids more confidence just by being in there."

Viking coach Tony Allgood said it was a rough night for his offense, which only ran 29 plays and didn't have one longer than seven yards.

"We struggled moving the ball," he said. "We couldn't get anything going offensively. We weren't driving them off the football. They beat us up front."

"That kept our defense on the field almost all the time. With as many banged up kids as we have, we couldn't afford that."

Despite the lack of production, Northwest almost kept even with the Tigers over the first half.

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## Breaking up is hard to do



TRACI BOEVE / Tribune  
Clay Center's Tyler Millard (left) breaks up a pass intended for Shickley's Cole Schultz during second half play at Clay Center Friday. Shickley won 28-18. More Tri-land football inside.

## Small leads Blue Hawks past Crusaders

ERIK BUDERUS  
Hastings Tribune

DONIPHAN — When St. Cecilia needed a big play during Friday night's game against Grand Island Central Catholic, the Bluehawks turned to one player — Andrew Small.

He responded in a big way.

Small ran for two touchdowns, recovered a fumble, rushed for 173 yards, passed for 121 yards. He also ran for a key first down on a fake punt midway through the fourth quarter, which set up

STC's final score.

His effort led St. Cecilia past GICC 33-14 in Doniphon. The Hawks improved to 5-2 on the season.

"Every time we needed a play, Andy was there," STC coach Carl Tesmer said. "He is so quick and he reads the field well. He got a couple of big blocks that sprung him loose on some of his runs, but he can

turn a negative into a positive every time he touches the ball."

GICC (3-4) turned the ball over on each of its first two possessions. STC took advantage of the second as Brandon Vacek intercepted a pass from Jared Schmidt which was intended for Todd Peterson.

Schmidt was 13-for-21 passing for 119 yards. Peterson hauled in seven catches for 65 yards.

On the first play following the turnover, Small connected with Brett

Kindig on a 38-yard pass play. Four plays later, Small dove over center to convert on fourth and one. Two plays later, he outran the defense around the left side for a seven-yard scoring run.

Vacek intercepted a second Schmidt pass with 7:49 left in the first half. Four plays later, Small zig-zagged his way 27 yards for another scoring run.

A 27-yard scoring pass from Schmidt to Klint Nielsen cut STC's lead to 14-7 at the half.

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# Prep Scoreboard

## Hastings High at Grand Island NW

HHS 0 7 7 21  
GINW 0 0 0 0

HHS — Josh Bumgardner one run (Casey Weber kick)  
HHS — Derek Beach 1 run (Weber kick)  
HHS — Beach 2 run (Weber kick)

HHS 14 1  
Rushes/Yards 48-211 23-16  
Passing yards 64 2  
Comp-Att-Int 8-10-0 1-6-0  
Total offense 275 18  
Punts-Avg. 4-31 7-38  
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 4-2  
Penalties-Yards 6-43 4-41

RUSHING — HHS, Hyde 23-30, Beach 9-35, Yates 4-24, Bumgardner 11-20, Runcie 1-2, GINW, Mader 9-15, Fredrick 4-7, Korgel 1-2, Cooksey 5-(1), Rupp 4-(7). PASSING — HHS, Bumgardner 8-10-0 64, GINW, Rupp 1-6-0 (2). RECEIVING — HHS, Berndt 2-2, Stuehrenberg 1-15, Chingren 2-14, Hinz 1-8, Hyde 2-7, GINW, Peters 1-(2).

## Kearney Catholic at Adams Central

KC 0 0 7 0 7  
AC 0 15 6 7 28

AC — Jesse Schakat 2 run (Troy Laird kick)  
AC — Adam Behmer 2 run (Schakat run)  
AC — Behmer 5 run (kick failed)  
KC — Brice Willgren 90 kickoff return (Geoff Carnahan kick)  
AC — Behmer 1 run (Laird kick)

KC 9 20  
Rushes/Yards 12-6 64-292  
Passing yards 171 58  
Comp-Att-Int 18-32-0 4-6-0  
Total offense 177 350  
Punts-Avg. 3-31.3 5-31.8  
Fumbles-Lost 2-2 1-1  
Penalties-Yards 3-34 2-15

RUSHING — KC, Willgren 6-14, Compton 5-(11), Cover 1-3, AC, Schakat 16-66, Bilefornich 14-71, Behmer 17-73, J. Smith 15-85. PASSING — KC, Compton 18-30-0 171, Cover 0-0, Carnahan 0-10 0, AC, Bilefornich 4-0-58. RECEIVING — KC, Bryson 6-47, Steffensmeier 4-59, Willgren 4-35, Reisinger 3-26, Carnahan 1-4, AC, Daugherty 2-47, Behmer 1-6, J. Smith 1-5.

## St. Cecilia vs Grand Island CC

STC 7 7 6 13 33  
GICC 0 7 7 0 14

STC — Andrew Small 7 run (Scott VanCurra kick)  
STC — Small 27 run (VanCurra kick)  
GICC — Klint Nielsen 27 pass from Jared Schmidt (Aaron Witmer kick)  
STC — Ryan Esch 7 run (kick failed)  
GICC — Dan Wilson 11 pass from Schmidt (Witmer kick)  
STC — Mike Mertens 2 run (pass fail)  
STC — Mertens 1 run (VanCurra kick)

STC 16 16  
Rushes/Yards 47-258 32-117  
Passing yards 121 119  
Comp-Att-Int 5-12-0 13-21.2  
Total offense 379 236  
Punts-Avg. 4-21.5 4-33.8  
Fumbles-Lost 3-1 2-2  
Penalties-Yards 7-66 6-26

RUSHING — STC, Small 18-17, Mertens 16-45, Esch 8-39, GICC, Wilson 16-59, Schmidt 8-35. PASSING — STC, Small 5-12 121, GICC, Schmidt 13-21 119. RECEIVING — STC, Kindig 1-38, Mertens 2-47, Skoch 1-24, Jackson 1-10, GICC, Peterson 7-65, Nielsen 2-33, Wilson 1-11, Baldwin 1-3, Czaplewski 1-8.

## Harvard at Friend

Harvard 0 0 X X 0  
Friend 22 27 X X 49

F — Elliott Gautreaux 3 pass to Clint Huff (Dana Sveha run)  
F — Schyler Fricke 3 run (Sveha kick)  
F — Fricke 24 run (Sveha kick)  
F — Gautreaux 53 pass to Jared Stutzman (kick failed)  
F — Trevin Stutzman 9 run (Gautreaux run)  
F — Gautreaux 7 pass to Jay Stutzman (kick failed)  
F — T. Stutzman 7 run (Sveha kick)

HAR 5 16  
Rushes/Yards 16-(3) 30-176  
Passing yards 56 90  
Comp-Att-Int 3-10-1 5-8-0  
Total offense 53 266  
Punts-Avg. 3-25.7 0-0  
Fumbles-Lost 3-3 0-0  
Penalties-Yards 4-29 6-50

RUSHING — Harvard, Koehler 5-(14), Jake Lipker 4-(4), Oscar Correa 4-0, Perkins 3-11, Friend, Gautreaux 5-60, Fricke 8-54, T. Stutzman 3-19. PASSING — Harvard, Koehler 3-9-1 56, Friend, Gautreaux 5-8-90. RECEIVING — Harvard, Lipker 1-6, Dowsie 1-10, Almond 1-40, Friend, Huff 1-3, Crees 1-26, Fricke 1-4, J. Stutzman 2-60.

## Tribland Roundup

### HC VOLLEYBALL

The Hastings College went 1-1 on the first day of its invitationals.

The Broncos defeated Sterling, Kan. in three games, 30-18, 30-28, 30-18, but were defeated by Baker University, Kan. in five 21-30, 30-24, 22-30, 21-19, 15-10.

Bellevue defeated Kansas Wesleyan 30-13, 30-28, 30-23 and Baker University 30-19, 30-28, 32-30.

Kansas Wesleyan defeated Sterling 30-24, 30-14, 30-21.

The Broncos are scheduled to play Kansas Wesleyan today at 10 a.m. and Bellevue at 2:30 p.m.

Deshler 15 15  
Red Cloud 5 11

DESHLER — Deshler defeated Red Cloud on Friday.

Brittany Meyer led Deshler with three aces, nine points, five kills and one block. Whitney Stichka tallied

### FOOTBALL

Friday's scores

Adams Central 28, Kearney Catholic 7  
Albins 34, Hershey 21  
Allen 50, Humphrey 0  
Alliance 39, Chadron 31  
Alma 44, Southern Valley 21

Amherst 33, Callaway 6  
Arapahoe 46, Elm Creek 14  
Arnold 35, Seward 16  
Arthur County 52, Loup County 44

Auburn 21, Syracuse 6  
Aurora 33, Beatrice 0  
Bayard 53, Kimball 8

Bertrand 13, Dundy County 6  
Bishop 48, Wahoo 0  
Blood 42, Oconto 34

Blue Hill 50, Franklin 0  
Boone Central 32, St. Paul 13

Broken Bow 15, Valentine 7  
Bruning-Davenport 48, Rising City 0

Burns 12, Wood River 7

Custer 20, Franklin 12

Cambridge 59, Gibbon 13  
Cedar Bluffs 45, Omaha Christian Academy 0

Cedar Rapids 38, Ansley 0

Central Christian 38, Dawson-Verdon 14

Centura 15, Minden 14

Chapman 47, Pinedale 0

Chase 22, Gordon 21

Clarkson 20, Omaha National 14

Colo 55, Wymore 6

Conestoga 18, Boys Town 2

Craigton 48, Randolph 7

Crofton 30, Laurel-Concord 6

Custer 14, Franklin 7

Culbertson 61, Maywood 16

Deshler 64, Red Cloud 16

Diller-Cloud 40, Nebraska City Lourides 6

Dodge 56, Walthill 0

East Butler 24, Malcolm 19

Elkhorn 41, Blair 18

Erath 20, Franklin 18

Exeter-Milligan 56, Freeman 6

Falls City, Sacred Heart 53, SE Nebraska

Consolidated 6

Fillmore Central 47, Millard 0

Fremont 48, Lincoln Southeast 28

Friars 14, Franklin 14

Garden City 47, Sutherland 24

Gering 50, Sidney 22

Giltner 55, McCool Junction 22

Gothenburg 41, Cozad 0

Grand Island 48, Lincoln Southwest 28

Grant 52, Franklin 15

Gresham 56, Nebraska Lutheran 0

Hartington-Cedar Catholic 20, Ponca 6

Hastings 21, Grand Island Northwest 0

Hastings St. Cecilia 33, Grand Island Central

Catholic 6

Hays 22, Franklin 14

Hickman 44, Central 12

Herndon, Kan. 42, McPherson County 0

High Plains Community 46, Spalding Academy 0

Holzberg 14, Crete 7

Holiday Hills 35, Lincoln 20

Hornell 18, Franklin 18

Horrells 35, Lincoln Northeast 20

Kearney 23, Lincoln Northeast 7

Kenesaw 54, North Loup 32

Lawrence-Nelson 38, Superior 6

Lincoln Christian 13, Lincoln Lutheran 9

Lincoln 41, Franklin 39

Lincoln 41, Franklin 39

Lindsey 40, Franklin 34

Linwood 38, Franklin 30

Nebraska Christian 38, Hampton 6

Nebraska West 38, Lincoln 12

North Platte 24, Lincoln East 14

North Platte St. Patrick's 42, Hemingford 21

O'Neill 14, Ord 7

Ogallala 21, Scottsbluff 12

Omaha 20, Omaha Coggin 16

Omaha North 21, Millard West 17

Omaha West 21, Belgrave 21

Omaha Westside 18



## Bronco Gameday

### Hastings College at Dakota Wesleyan

Where: Dakota Wesleyan Kickoff: 1 p.m.

#### HASTINGS OFFENSE ..... DAKOTA WESLEYAN DEFENSE

LT—79 Dave Wallin, 6-0, 255 ..... DE—51 Jason Karch, 6-1, 255  
LG—62 James Polmanteer, 5-10, 257 ..... DT—99 Richard Turner, 6-1, 300  
C—58 Travis Hasselmann, 6-1, 280 ..... DT—95 Steve Tiger, 6-4, 290  
RG—59 Steve Anderson, 5-10, 255 ..... DE—91 Cody Houska, 6-4, 215  
RT—63 Scot Jones, 6-1, 250 ..... OLB—47 Jesse Weins, 5-11, 190  
TE—84 Greg Carlens, 6-2, 247 ..... ILB—6 Travis Olson, 6-0, 215  
FB—36 Zack Allen, 5-10, 215 ..... LB—Richard Magdaleno, 6-1, 235  
IB—1 Bo Bienskowski, 6-1, 215 ..... OLB—54 Barry Schramm, 6-2, 215  
WR—4 Pat Trader, 5-8, 170 ..... CB—2 Ramon Wooten, 6-3, 195  
WR—83 Daniel Woodburn, 5-11, 164 ..... FS—7 David Flores, 6-4, 225  
QB—12 Jason Lavale, 6-0, 188 ..... CB—17 Holsey James, 5-11, 190  
PK—6 Adam Maser, 5-10, 150 ..... P—3 Arin Boschee, 6-2, 200

#### DAKOTA WESLEYAN OFFENSE ..... HASTINGS DEFENSE

LT—71 Osaro Kyles, 6-2, 315 ..... DE—95 Aaron Swartzendruber, 6-2, 230  
LG—67 John Donohue, 6-2, 290 ..... DT—71 Brian Schneider, 6-1, 230  
C—53 Tyler Juhnke, 6-3, 265 ..... DT—99 Cody Shevlin, 6-0, 225  
RG—52 Matt Yeagley, 6-1, 240 ..... DE—81 Scott Ahlers, 6-3, 215  
RT—70 Lewis Leflore, 6-6, 325 ..... OLB—45 Jeremy Kuhlman, 6-0, 185  
TE—85 Danny Henderson, 6-1, 220 ..... ILB—55 Ricardo Pagan, 5-9, 220  
FB—45 Jose Avila, 5-7, 225 ..... OLB—Joey Ottley, 5-10, 185  
RB—5 Jesse Terrell, 6-0, 225 ..... CB—24 Todd Vergil, 5-11, 178  
WR—9 Anton Britley, 6-3, 220 ..... SS—20 Robert Peay, 6-0, 205  
WR—4 Zeke Prado, 5-9, 180 ..... FS—19 Sam Sezle, 5-11, 185  
QB—8 Mike Kieffer, 6-3, 200 ..... CB—9 Kevin O'Donnell, 5-9, 175  
PK—16 Caleb Walters, 5-8, 170 ..... P—11 Casey Tramby, 6-3, 180

#### HC (5-1, 4-1)

Hastings 35, Morningside (Iowa) 10  
Hastings 39, Concordia 20  
Sioux Falls (S.D.) 16, Hastings 6  
Hastings 41, Midland Lutheran 20  
Hastings 35, Dania 14  
Hastings 45, Northwestern (Iowa) 30  
Oct. 19, at Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)  
Oct. 26, Nebraska Wesleyan  
Nov. 2, at Doane  
Nov. 9, at Langston (Okla.)

#### HC/DWU notes

◆ Hastings College moved up three spots to No. 12 in this week's NAIA Top 25. The Broncos are also ranked fourth this week by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette.  
Dakota Wesleyan enters today's game on a three-game losing streak.  
◆ HC and DWU have met eight times overall with the Broncos winning all eight.  
Last year's game was tight. HC led by 17 points in the second half, but needed a late interception inside of its own 10-yard line to win 35-32.  
◆ Today's game features the two top pass receivers in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.  
HC's Daniel Woodburn leads the league in receiving yards and touchdowns while DWU's Anton Britley is tops in number of receptions.

#### Dak. Wesleyan (2-3, 1-3)

Dakota Wesleyan 7, Black Hills State 6  
Dakota Wesleyan 27, Dana 10  
Northwestern 25, Dakota Wesleyan 20  
Nebraska Wesleyan 25, Dakota Wesleyan 21  
Doane 36, Dakota Wesleyan 13  
Oct. 19, ..... Hastings  
Oct. 26, ..... at Concordia  
Nov. 2, ..... Sioux Falls (S.D.)  
Nov. 9, ..... at Midland Lutheran  
Nov. 16, ..... Morningside (Iowa)

His seven TD catches are second only to Woodburn's eight.

Britley torched the Broncos last season, grabbing seven balls for 158 yards and two TDs.

◆ Tiger quarterback Mike Kieffer leads the GPAC in passing yards and total offense.

HC running back Bo Bienskowski is third in rushing yards and has scored a league-high 16 touchdowns.

◆ Both teams have playmakers on defense.

HC's Aaron Swartzendruber, the reigning NAIA Defensive Player of the Week, and Scott Ahlers have combined for 17 sacks.

DWU's David Flores leads the GPAC in interceptions and is third in total tackles. LB Travis Olson has seven sacks.

◆ The Broncos had to spend Friday night in Sioux Falls, S.D., which is more than an hour away from Mitchell. All of the local hotels were booked for the opening day of pheasant season.

## Bronco sack machine puts fear in opponents

#### TONY BOONE

Hastings Tribune

Mike Kieffer, you'd better watch out this afternoon.

David Starke and Jared VanAnne, your time is coming. Soon.

The Hastings College sack machine is running in high gear. And quarterbacks around the Great Plains Athletic Conference had better beware.

Just ask Travis Kooima of Northwestern College. He picked himself up off the FieldTurf nine times against the Broncos last week.

Dakota Wesleyan's Kieffer, the GPAC's leading passer, is in the crosshairs today. Nebraska Wesleyan's Starke and Doane's VanAnne will see the Broncos' defensive line coming right at them in the upcoming weeks.

HC has posted 19 sacks in its last three games. Defensive coordinator David Calloway said the recent barrage has come about because the Broncos are making teams one-dimensional.

"The first thing we have to do is go out and limit people to doing one thing," he said. "We want to stop people from running the football. That gives us a chance to pin our ears back and get after people a little bit."

The Broncos enter today's game with Dakota Wesleyan leading the GPAC in total sacks with 29. Defensive ends Aaron Swartzendruber and Scott Ahlers are both among the league leaders in individual sacks.

HC's secondary has also helped the cause. Calloway said four of the nine sacks his group recorded last week were coverage sacks.

"It's been a concerted effort by the whole group," he said. "The secondary's doing a great job. The backers are doing good in underneath coverage. That's allowed us to get to teams in the shotgun formation."

The Broncos have been rotating 8-10 defensive linemen a game to keep guys fresh. In fact, HC coach Paul Mierkiewicz is taking 12 D-lineman to Mitchell, S.D., today.

"There a tight group of guys that have one thing in common — they work hard," Mierkiewicz said. "They're not your prototypical defensive linemen. Most are tall and quick, which poses problems for people. They're guys we're counting on to make plays for us, and they've stepped up. That's for sure."

## Notre Dame offense needs to wake up

#### RICHARD ROSENBLATT

The Associated Press

Notre Dame's offense needs to wake up. If not, the Fighting Irish might run out of luck when they visit No. 18 Air Force on Saturday night.

In a matchup of teams that are 6-0, the Falcons seem to have the clear advantage. They lead the nation in rushing and score more than 40 points a game. Notre Dame has the fifth-worst offense and averages barely 23 points.

New coach Tyrone Willingham has the Irish off to their best start in nine years, but his West Coast offense is still sputtering. And don't think his defense doesn't know it.

"Every game the defense goes out and our mentality is to win the game by ourselves," safe-

ty Gerome Sapp said this week. "We don't want the offense to have to win any games. We realize the offense is going to handle their business when they need to, so in every game we put the game on our shoulders and say, 'We have to win it.'"

So far, it's been a charmed season for Notre Dame. Just last week, the Irish were outgained 402 yards to 185 but still beat Pittsburgh 14-6 thanks to a defense that produced eight sacks and three turnovers.

Air Force, meanwhile, has no problem scoring with its triple-threat option led by quarterback Chance Harridge. The Falcons ran for 386 yards and routed BYU 52-9 last week, scoring TDs on their first four drives.

Harridge produces 102.5 of Air Force's 339.2

## Cowboys hope this is the year

#### OKLAHOMA STATE

HASN'T BEAT HUSKERS SINCE

KENNEDY WAS PRESIDENT

#### CLAYTON BELLAMY

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Forty-one

years. Thirty-six games.

That's how long it has been since Oklahoma State has beaten Nebraska in football. The Cornhuskers' dominance in the series has been so thorough, even Oklahoma State's weekly football news release includes details about the year 1961, when the Cowboys last won.

President Kennedy took office in January of that year. The Berlin Wall was built. West Side Story won an Oscar for Best Picture. Roger Maris hit 61 homers. It's been a while.

"I think that's a heck of an advantage for Nebraska, the fact that they've won so regularly that certain teams are just waiting to allow them to beat 'em," coach Les Miles said. "That won't be us. I don't believe that'll be us."

This game appears to present one of the best chances Oklahoma State (2-4, 0-2 Big 12) has had to beat the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska (5-2, 1-1) fell out of The Associated Press rankings this year for the

first time since 1981. The Cornhuskers were routed by Penn State and Iowa State in back-to-back games in September. They are only ranked eighth in the conference in scoring.

But Miles and his players say the Cornhuskers don't look all that different than in years past.

"They're definitely not as good as they've been in the past, but they're always good," linebacker Paul Duren said. "I feel like they're right up there with the Texas and UCLA and Kansas States."

All three of those teams have beaten the Cowboys this year.

"Looking at them on film, they're a pretty darn good football team," Miles said. "You may say that they may not beat the (Green Bay) Packers, but daggone it, they're capable. They're a good football team."

Oklahoma State appeared to be making strides in that direction until last week, when the Cowboys lost 44-9 at Kansas State. The Wildcats mauled Oklahoma State on both sides of the ball, rushing for nearly 300 yards and throttling the Cowboys' offense most of the day.

Oklahoma State was able to take some encouragement from its two-point loss to Texas one week earlier — a break here or there, and the Cowboys might have pulled

off the upset on a day when both sides of the ball played well. But there were few bright spots a week ago.

"The way we'll find out about this team will be Saturday," Miles said. "They'll have to play their butts off against Nebraska to win."

The Cowboys are shorthanded in the backfield. They normally use two backs, but one fullback, Tim Burrough, sprained an ankle last week. The other, Mike Denard, was suspended for the Kansas State game and Miles hasn't said whether he will be back Saturday.

Oklahoma State, playing the Cornhuskers at home for the first time since 1995, will need much better play from its offensive line than it got a week ago. The Cowboys will need to protect the football and keep Nebraska's special teams from changing momentum in a hurry.

They also will have to forget about 41 years of history, something Miles expects they will do. What he wants them to do is remember one week ago.

"I think what happened at K-State will make these personal issues," he said. "It shouldn't make any difference who we're playing next. There's an issue right now that's put before every guy that played in the K-State game: Are you going to respond? I think that they will."

## Huskers looking to end road woes

#### DOUG ALDEN

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska I-

back Dahrran Diedrick isn't shying away from questions about why the Cornhuskers haven't played well on the road.

Nebraska's last road victory was nearly a year ago, when the Huskers traveled to Kansas on Nov. 3 and beat the Jayhawks 51-7.

The next four trips away from Lincoln have been well documented.

There was the 62-36 loss at Colorado, followed by the 37-14 loss to Miami in the Rose Bowl. Penn State's 40-7 win in September and Iowa State's 36-14 victory two weeks later.

"You can't really get sick of it because it's true," Diedrick said.

The Huskers (5-2, 1-1 Big 12) get to try again this weekend at Oklahoma State (2-4, 0-2), which has not beaten Nebraska since 1961.

"We need to prove ourselves as a road team. That's obvious," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "We have not played well in our previous so many games on the road. What we need to do is undertake this game in a manner that we're going to play the way we're capable of playing."

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feel like as a team we did that (Monday night) and we are getting ready for Nebraska."

A big part of Nebraska's struggle on the road has been the lack of a running game. The Huskers ran for 252 yards at Penn State, but 111 came from quarterback Jammal Lord, who was forced to scramble several times.

At Iowa State, the Huskers rushed for just 81 yards, their lowest total since gaining 73 against Oklahoma State in 1998.

I-back Thunder Collins left the team this week after being suspended for four games for violating undisclosed NCAA rules and dropping from No. 2 on the depth chart.

Solich has added true freshman David Horne to the I-back lineup to try to spark the rushing attack, and it has worked well. In wins over McNeese State and Missouri, Horne averaged 84.5 yards. Diedrick, who led the Big 12 last year with 1,299 yards, has struggled. He is averaging 65.6 yards per game.

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## Historic opportunity awaits ISU

CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
*The Associated Press*

NORMAN, Okla. — Iowa State was overmatched and run over when it last played Oklahoma in 1999.

Who could have imagined then that by the time they were ready to meet again, their game would feature not just one but two Top Ten teams.

Certainly not JaMaine Billups, who signed with Iowa State three months after that 31-10 loss and will start at strong safety for the ninth-ranked Cyclones when they play at No. 2 Oklahoma on Saturday.

"I didn't think anything like that would happen," Billups said. "But we're here now, that's the good thing. It's been a long ride. We're finally getting some respect after playing these games."

They'd get even more if they could pull off an upset that would be the biggest in school history. Iowa State (6-1, 3-0 Big 12), in the Top Ten for the first time, has never beaten a team ranked higher than seventh and has defeated Oklahoma only once in the past 40 years.

Since 1962, Iowa State is 1-34-1 against Sooners. When ISU receiver Lane Danielsen heard that figure, a look of disbelief crossed his face.

"I didn't know that," Danielsen said. "But we're not the Iowa State teams of old. I'm sure the record is about the same against Nebraska and we beat them this year. Maybe we can go out and do the same this week."

That won't be easy.

Oklahoma (6-0, 2-0) has been inconsistent at times but dominated the second half in a 35-24 victory over then-No. 2 Texas last Saturday. The Sooners will challenge Iowa State's quarterback, Seneca Wallace, with a quick, swarming defense, and the Cyclones probably can't even count on a post-Texas letdown.

Since Bob Stoops became coach, Oklahoma has followed the Texas game with victories of 51-6 over Texas A&M, 41-31 over Kansas State and 38-10 over Kansas.

## Wildcats eye game with Texas

FRANK FLATON  
*The Associated Press*

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The word "Texas" on the uniform of Kansas State's next opponent should be enough to get 17th-ranked Wildcats energized for Saturday's game.

But if Kansas State beats the No. 8 Longhorns, it could set a path for a special season and put the program back in the national spotlight — and that has the Wildcats doubly excited.

"Every game from here on out is a turning point for us because if we lose one more, we're out of the Big 12 championship," offensive lineman Nick Leckey said. "The fact that they are a top-five school would really put us on the map — and they are Texas."

If history is any indicator, it won't be an easy task.

Under Coach Bill Snyder, the Wildcats are 2-2 against teams in the top 10. The Wildcats are 1-7 since 1997, when Kansas State began a four-year streak of 11-win seasons. In two of those 22 losses, Kansas State was the higher ranked team.

"This will be the game of all games," offensive lineman Steve Washington said. "This is for pride and exposure. You have to take this a lot more serious. Texas is one of those programs that everyone is gunning for."

In its two games against top 10 teams last season, Kansas State was competitive, but let the game slip away with mistakes. The Wildcats had 17 penalties for 139 yards in a 38-37 loss to Oklahoma.

STEVE WILSTEIN  
*The Associated Press*

## Bonds set for first Series

BARRY BONDS has arrived where he began, the game of baseball as new to him as it is old.

He is coming into his first World Series with the joy of a kid who always imagined he would be there, and all the seriousness of a man who appreciates playing in one at last.

When he leads his San Francisco Giants into Game 1 on Saturday in Anaheim, the 38-year-old Bonds will ascend a stage grander than any he has occupied in his 17 seasons. He might be the greatest player since Babe Ruth, but Bonds has never had a chance to show it to as large an audience as he will have over the next week.

"It's a feeling I can't explain," Bonds said. "Maybe in a few days I'll be able to tell someone how I feel."

On the night the Giants won the National League pennant, Bonds bolted out of the dugout and sprinted across the diamond ahead of everyone else to hug Kenny Lofton after his winning hit.

Yet moments later, Bonds sat in his corner of the dressing room, away from his teammates and their champagne-splashing celebration. He didn't take so much as a sip and no one came over to douse him, except his 12-year-old son, Nikolai, who poured a little water over his head.

Bonds didn't get angry but he let his son know that he wasn't ready to indulge in even that small show of pleasure.

"Now's not the time," Bonds said. "When we win the World Series, I'll celebrate."

For all his 613 home runs and pages of records, his four MVPs and eight Gold Gloves, Bonds has always longed to be known as a champion.

Some may see him as robotic and remote, his face impassive at the plate, his right elbow armored with a large black guard, his massive body making the bat seem small in his hands.

He can be aloof, grouchy, self-centered — reclusive before games, warily seeking silent refuge afterward. He has three lockers, not one, and a huge recliner and big-screen TV in the clubhouse.

Bonds can also be buoyant, joking and shouting with his teammates, kissing his son sweetly after homers. He has brown eyes as lively as some of the colorful shirts he favors. His smile can be as bright as the gold and diamonds adorning his fingers, neck and left ear. He grunts through hours of workouts, pumping iron and stretching, building his body through honest effort, he insists, not on steroids as many have suspected.

As big as he's become, as gaudy as his records are, he's never been a larger-than-life character like Ruth and never endeared himself to the public. His considerable charity goes mostly unnoticed and his athletic gifts underappreciated.

In an age of athletes who preen for the cameras in all sports, Bonds is more a throwback to a time when most ballplayers who weren't the Babe deflected praise and showed respect for the game and opponents. Oddly, that has probably hurt Bonds.

To understand Bonds, it's important to remember that he was born into baseball, the son of a great player, Bobby, and the godson of one of the greatest, Willie Mays.

Skinny little Barry darted around the Giants' clubhouse as a child and shagged flies in the outfield with Mays. Along the way, he picked up a kind of code about how

he might isolate myself away from the other players to do the things that I'm doing on the field," he said. "Oh, you're on your program, that's what they say. That's the big thing: Barry's on his program. That's not my own program. That's the program that I'm trying to do to keep my success level up, which will improve everybody else's success level. ... I'm not thinking about myself."

This year, his 10th with the Giants, Bonds

Newman, not surprisingly, seemed unaffected by the surface work in his Ford.

"The curb's in the same spot. The wall's in the same spot," he said. "It's the same old concrete. It's just ground up in some spots, but it still takes the best car and the best driver to get the best lap in."

Gordon thought that best lap would be his after getting off to a fast start in his Chevrolet.

"Going out early and setting the mark, you get your hopes up," he admitted. "But I knew we were in trouble when I saw his first lap."

Elliott qualified third for Sunday's race in his Dodge at 92.524 mph, while Johnson, the last of 48 drivers to make his laps, was seventh with a speed of 92.186.

The top 10 also includes Virginia native Ward Burton, fourth in a Dodge, followed by Rusty Wallace in a Ford

and the Chevrolets of Joe Nemechek, Johnson, Hermie Sadler, Mike Skinner and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Johnny Benson will start 11th as the first Pontiac off the starting line, with Winston Cup points leader and track qualifying record-holder Tony Stewart 20 spots behind him after a fast lap at just 91.531 mph.

Johnson trails Stewart by 97 points in the championship race.

Gordon, who won the last of his three poles here in the spring, wondered why the grinding was done.

"This place has been so good to me. We've always had a great setup for this place. I really didn't want to see them make any changes," he said.

Gordon and others also said they didn't expect the surface to present any safety concerns, but Gordon added that he'll be eager to see how the rough grooves

affect tire wear during a long run in practice Saturday.

Among those perturbed by the change was Todd Bodine, who won the pole for this event a year ago but qualified only 32nd at 91.478 mph.

"From the way it used to be to the way it is now, it's just terrible," he said. "They definitely didn't do us any favors by what they did."

Kevin Harvick, who missed the last race here when his car was parked by NASCAR for rough driving in a preliminary truck race, qualified 13th and will start just inside Ricky Craven, the defending race champion.

"We kind of took our best guess at where we thought we needed to be," Harvick said after a day when his team also battled electrical problems.

Mark Martin, third in points and 122 behind Stewart, will start 20th.

## HHS: Tigers roll GINW

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However, two straight fumbles finally allowed Hastings to score. After Casey Weber recovered a Brett Mader fumble on the GINW 30-yard line with 7:31 left in the first half, the Tigers quickly marched in to score.

Hastings converted on two fourth downs on the abbreviated drive, including a one-yard quarterback sneak by Josh Bumgarder on fourth-and-goal to push the Tigers ahead 7-0 with 2:21 left.

"We gave them some turnovers," Allgood said. "We helped them out too much."

Hastings totally dominated in the second half. A basic assortment of traps, counters and isos produced 141 yards rushing and a pair of scores.

Hyde, who finished with 130 yards on 23 carries, broke off consecutive runs of 32 and 14 yards on the team's first possession after halftime. Derek Beach capped it off with a one-yard plunge to make it 14-0 with 6:21 left in the third quarter.

Beach added a two-yard score with 6:16 left in the game for the final score.

Overall, McAuliff said the game was a case of survival of the fittest. And Hastings avoided a potentially tough situation. "With St. Cecilia having won a game here, we didn't want to go back to town and hear about it if we didn't," McAuliff said. "That was a motivating factor."

## STC: Win no 'Small' thing

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The Hawks appeared ready to break the game open in the third quarter after GICC running back Dan Wilson fumbled on the GICC 45. Ryan Esch capped the six-play scoring drive with a 7-yard run.

Wilson finished with 59 yards rushing on 16 attempts.

The Bluehawks scored 20 points off of Crusader turnovers in the game.

"Turnovers killed us ... and Andrew Small," GICC coach Scott Rezac said. "St. Cecilia did a nice job of capitalizing on our turnovers. And we didn't have an answer for Small. He's a quality athlete and he showed why he's the caliber of player that he is."

GICC, which had struggled running against STC's defense, went to the air on the final possession of the third quarter. Schmidt guided GICC 37 yards on three passing plays, capped by an 11-yard screen pass to Wilson. The score cut STC's lead to 20-14 with 3:06 left in the third.

The Bluehawks held the Crusaders to just 44 yards rushing in the second half.

STC had another answer as the Bluehawks scored on the next possession. Mike Mertens capped a seven-play, 82-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown plunge. The drive was highlighted by 59-yard run by Small.

Mertens iced the game with a one-yard score with 5:31 remaining.

## AC: Pats claim district title

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put on a show during the scoring march. He hurdled a defender while scrambling for a 10-yard gain on a third-and-14 play, then picked up seven more on an option on the next play.

"He's done it all year," Carlin said. "He's the player of the year in the area, but that's just my own opinion. He's been very instrumental in our success. And he did it again tonight."

Behmer put the final touches on the victory with a one-yard dive early in the fourth.

Josh Smith led the Patriots with 85 yards on the ground. Behmer ran for 73, Bliefernich had 71 and Schakat added 66.

KC finished with only six rushing yards on 12 carries.