

Tigers' hopes stay alive

TONY BOONE
Hastings Tribune

The Hastings High softball team didn't take the route coach Brian Laux would've chosen on day one of the Class B, District 5 Tournament at the Smith Complex Thursday.

But the Tigers survived to keep their hopes of a third consecutive state tournament berth alive.

HHS battled back from an opening-round loss to Grand Island Northwest to advance to the semifinal round of its district. The Tigers were to play the Vikings again at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

"I didn't know how we'd react after the first game loss," Laux said. "I thought (pitcher) Alisha (Horsky) really set the tone in the second game. And our bats came alive and put a lot of pressure on their defense."

"I wouldn't count this team out yet."

The Tigers (14-18) rallied in the elimination bracket by pounding Minden 10-0 in five innings then downing Holdrege 7-4 in their third game. Horsky held the Whippets to one hit in HHS's second game before struggling with her control in the third. Reliever Hannah Melvin and the Tiger offense bailed her out, keeping the Tigers in the tournament.

"Hannah's been put in the situation many times this year and has done a pretty good job," Laux said. "What it comes down to is that we need strikes to have a chance. One bad inning in that Northwest game cost us."

That inning was the third, which started innocently enough with Horsky striking out GINW's Ashley Budera. Then she lost her control.

Horsky walked the next three batters on 14 pitches then hit Mollie Siem to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead. Melvin relieved her and walked in another run. A two-run throwing error by third baseman Chelsie Eckhardt gave Northwest a 4-0 cushion.

That was more than enough for Viking ace Kristin Livingston, who shut the Tiger offense down. HHS managed just one hit and scored its only run on a groundout by Allie Fezell in the fourth.

GINW tacked on two runs in the fifth to win 6-4.

The Tigers used an eight-run fourth inning to slide by Minden. The Whippets helped out the HHS cause by committing six errors in the inning. Horsky fanned seven batters and allowed just a second-inning single to Cami Coslor to earn the win.

Against Holdrege, however, Horsky got wild again.

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RICK HOUCHEM / Tribune

Loup City's Kelli Obermiller (1) spikes the ball over the double block of Adams Central teammates Stephanie Bohrer (18) and Amy Niederlein (20) during the second game of their match Thursday night in the Adams Central gym. Brent McCown 10-10-02

Lady Patriots slip past Loup City

JEFFREY GAUTREAU
Hastings Tribune

Adams Central head volleyball coach Twila Knehans was glad to escape with a victory, but she did not have many more good things to say about her team's three-game defeat of Loup City Thursday at Adams Central.

"A win's a win, but we didn't play ball like we were capable of playing," she said.

After scoring the first two points of the match, Adams Central (6-8) watched as Loup City (3-10) rattled off 15 points to the Patriots' one to earn a 15-3 win in the open-

ing game.

Between games, Knehans told her team to focus on fundamentals.

"We just needed to go back to the basics," Knehans said. "I told them to serve the ball, pass the ball and our hitters will take care of the rest."

In the second game, Adams Central earned a 15-4 win, thanks to four kills from Ashley Thompson.

In the third game, the Patriots jumped to a 13-2 lead, only to watch the Red Raiders score 13 straight points to knot the game.

"I just told them to settle down, start talking and go from there," Knehans said.

A kill by Thompson pushed the score to 14-13.

After a Loup City sideout, Amy Niederlein pounded a kill to give the serve back to the Patriots.

Niederlein finished the match with nine kills.

With the Patriots at match point, Red Raider Kelli Obermiller's spike went long and Adams Central held on for the victory.

"It was nothing at all like we expected," Knehans said. "We didn't take care of things

on our side of the net. We didn't have any fundamentals."

Brenna Craig had 10 assists and four aces for the Patriots. Thompson had six kills.

Brittney Badura had nine kills for Loup City, including two in the third-game rally.

"I'm pleased they came back," said Loup City head coach Susan Rubesh Kringle. "But I wish they hadn't waited that long and gotten that far behind."

Audrey Kusek led the Red Raiders with 17 assists. Mariah Sekutera had four blocks and an ace.

Clay Center tops L-N in marathon match

ERIK BUDERUS
Hastings Tribune

LAWRENCE — It should come as no surprise that the final match during Thursday night's Lawrence-Nelson triangular between Clay Center and the Raiders was long.

The two teams battled for more than 1 1/2 hours before Clay Center topped Lawrence-Nelson 15-9, 8-15, 17-15.

When the two teams met at the Clay Center rally-scoring triangular on Sept. 24, they battled for more than 2 1/2 hours. The

Wildcats won that matchup in five games.

"We knew it was going to be a great match," Clay Center coach Julie Studnicka said. "We talked about how important it was for us to play together as a team. When we aren't playing our best game, we have to have some girls step up and turn the game around. We were able to do that and get the win."

The Wildcats took an early 8-1 lead in game one, but the Raiders chipped their way back into it and cut the lead to 10-9.

Nichole Hoyt served two aces and smashed a kill on game point to give the Wildcats the game-one win.

The second game began just the opposite as the Raiders built a 7-0 lead. Clay Center rallied and cut the deficit to 10-7, but Stacy Svoboda served three points and Renee Faimon recorded three kills down the stretch as the Raiders tied the match at one game apiece.

The Wildcats surged out of the gate in the

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Offering too many sports dwindles prep talent pool

I'll be the first to admit I'm not the biggest cross country fan in the world. Shoot, I've lived here 5 years and didn't even know where Brickyard Park was until I drove by it earlier this week.

With my time in the fall mostly dedicated to covering prep and college football, I've never been called upon to cover a meet in the city.

But that doesn't stop me from feeling bad for Adams Central cross country coach Kevan Exstrum and Hastings High coach Steve James.

Both are great coaches who have put a lot of time and effort into building their programs. And in recent years, Patriot and Tiger runners have been very successful.

But this season, Exstrum and James are struggling. For most of their meets, neither coach has enough runners to even field a team. In some cases, their athletes have done well.

AC's Nicole Rust and Sara Hemberger both placed in the Top 10 individually at

the LouPlatte Conference meet in Ravenna this week. Yet, the Patriots were nowhere to be found in the team standings.

Why? Because they don't have four runners — for either their boys or girls team. HHS is in the same boat at many meets.

Amazing. Sad. The two biggest schools in Tribland can barely field cross country teams.

What's even more amazing is that St. Cecilia, the smallest of the three city schools, has a whole slew of runners. Coach Scott Rosno's program, which is just few years old, is the best in the area this year.

How can STC field a huge team while HHS and AC can barely combine for one? The answer is boys tennis and girls softball.

STC has neither. HHS and AC have both.

Right now both of the latter have three boys' sports going on — football, tennis and cross country — and four girls' sports in season — volleyball, softball, golf and cross country. And there are only so

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Heard On The Street

Hastings Tribune assistant sports editor Tony Boone hits the streets each week to find out what's on your mind.

Q: Are Tribland schools spreading themselves too thin by adding too many sports?



A: "I don't think they are. It all really depends on the size of the high school. It will give more kids opportunities to get a scholarship to a major college."

Phil Tablazon, Hastings



A: "No, it's a good life experience to participate in sports."

Kelly Pratt, Hastings



A: "Probably. For this area of the country, they're taking the emphasis away from football, basketball and baseball. Personally, I'd like to see more put into getting high school baseball around here."

Shane Roelle, Hastings



A: "All extracurricular activities are important and the choices are really important. The problem is, in the smaller districts, there are X amount of bodies. If they stack them together, they can't field teams. I'm a proponent of year-round school to spread sports out."

Rod Strong, Hastings

Lord more confident this week

DOUG ALDEN
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — A week after feeling as low as he probably has in his football career, Nebraska quarterback Jammal Lord is a bit happier these days.

The quiet, reserved Lord still isn't talking publicly, but coaches and teammates say he's been showing a bit of a lighter side this week.

Funny what 369 yards of offense and four touchdowns in one game can do for a player who nearly lost his starting job.

"He actually smiled at me today and I haven't seen a smile from him for a while," Nebraska center John Garrison said.

Lord's rejuvenated outlook will be tested Saturday when the Huskers (4-2, 0-1 Big 12) play at home against Missouri (3-2, 0-1). Lord's 218 rushing yards and three touchdowns and 151 passing yards with another TD came against Division I-AA McNeese State last week.

Missouri is coming off a near upset of No. 2 Oklahoma. The Sooners had to rally to hold off the Tigers 31-24 last week.

Lord will also be going against a quarterback who topped his big game last week. Missouri's Brad Smith had 391 yards against the Sooners.

But even against a tougher opponent, the Huskers expect Lord's confidence to remain up after enduring last week's emotional highs and lows.

"He hopes he has a test this week so he can just ride the good luck out," I-back Dahrran Diedrick said.

Any feedback about Lord is coming from his teammates for now.

His silent treatment began after he threw an interception and fumbled in a 36-14 loss at Iowa State on Sept. 28. In the game before, he threw three interceptions in a 40-7 loss at Penn State.

Coach Frank Solich gave him an earful on the sideline at Iowa State and didn't put him back in the game after the interception set the Cyclones up for an easy touchdown.

Lord also didn't talk last week as Solich and quarterbacks coach Turner Gill evaluated Lord, Mike Stuntz and Curt Dukes in a quarterback derby to see who would start. In the end, the coaches went with the experience of Lord rather than give Stuntz or Dukes their first collegiate start.

Lord came through with a career game.

When he's ready to talk about it, Solich said he will talk about it.

Football

NFL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes AFC East, AFC South, AFC North, AFC West, NFC East, NFC South, NFC West.

ABLE: K Morten Andersen (hamstring); TE Jason Dunn (shoulder); S Greg Wesley (shoulder); S Lyle West (hip); PROBABLE: CB William Barlowe (back); RB Derrick Byrd (knee); LB Lewis Bush (ribs); San Diego Chargers: DOUBTFUL: TE Stephen Alexander (ankle); DE Marcelus Wiley (groin); QUESTIONABLE: RB Terrell Fletcher (ankle); S Rodney Harrison (groin); PROBABLE: LB Junior Seau (ankle).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (4-1) AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS (2-2) — New Orleans Saints: OUT: LB Travis Carroll (leg); DE Willie Whitehead (leg); DOUBTFUL: CB Keyon Cooper (knee); RB Fred McAfee (hamstring); WR Dante Stallworth (hamstring); Washington Redskins: DOUBTFUL: QB Danny Wuerffel (shoulder); QUESTIONABLE: RB Stephen Davis (knee); G David Loveane (quadriplec); G Kipp Vickers (knee); PROBABLE: LB LaVar Arrington (wrist); CB Rashad Bauman (wrist); DT Daryl Gardner (back); TE Walter Rasby (knee).

OAKLAND RAIDERS (4-0) AT ST. LOUIS RAMS (0-5) — Oakland Raiders: OUT: CB Charles Woodson (shoulder); QUESTIONABLE: RB Rodrique Coleman (knee); G Mo Collins (knee); RB Charlie Garner (hamstring); T Lincoln Kennedy (concussion); RB Jon Ritchie (foot); PROBABLE: LB Napoleon Harris (shoulder); RB Randy Johnson (groin); T Barry Sims (toe); St. Louis Rams: OUT: RB James Hodgins (foot); QB Kurt Warner (hand); DOUBTFUL: T Orlando Pace (calf); QUESTIONABLE: LB Tommy Polley (groin); CB Aeneas Williams (toe); PROBABLE: RB Marshall Faulk (back); QB Jamie Martin (knee); CB Dexter McClean (hamstring); PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-3) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-5) — Pittsburgh Steelers: OUT: RB Chris Fiammetta-Marafla (ribs); C Mike Schneek (elbow); QUESTIONABLE: LB Kendrick Bell (ankle); S Mike Logan (hamstring); PROBABLE: TE John Allred (concussion); S Lethon Flowers (ankle); T Wayne Gandy (ankle); RB Amos Zereoue (knee); Cincinnati Bengals: OUT: TE Sean Brewer (knee); G Mike Goff (leg); QUESTIONABLE: LB Brian Simmons (neck); PROBABLE: T Willie Anderson (neck); RB Brandon Bennett (back); DE Vaughn Booker (ankle); C Rich Braham (elbow); WR Danny Farmer (knee); CB Artrell Hawkins (knee); LB Armeigs Spearman (knee); DT Tony Williams (head).

MIAMI DOLPHINS (4-1) AT DENVER BRONCOS (4-1) — Miami Dolphins: DOUBTFUL: DE David Bowens (knee); QUESTIONABLE: T Mark Dixon (ankle); LB Tivan Russell (ankle); PROBABLE: RB Rob Konrad (knee); C Tim Ruddy (groin); CB Patrick Surtain (knee); DE Jason Taylor (knee); LB Zach Thomas (ankle); S Shawn Woodson (hamstring); Denver Broncos: PROBABLE: RB Mike Anderson (ankle); LB Keith Bums (hand); G Lemmie Friedman (thumb); CB Tyrone Poole (back); WR Rod Smith (shoulder).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (3-1) AT SEATTLE SEA-HAWKS (1-3) — San Francisco 49ers: OUT: RB Paul Smith (hamstring); LB Jamie Winborn (knee); QUESTIONABLE: WR J.J. Stokes (ankle); PROBABLE: S Ahmed Heard (ankle); RB Terry Jackson (thigh); CB Almed Plummer (ankle); Seattle Seahawks: OUT: G Steve Hutchinson (leg); TE Larrymy Stevens (ankle); DOUBTFUL: LB Anthony Simmons (ankle); QUESTIONABLE: DE Brandon Mitchell (calf); PROBABLE: WR Koren Robinson (ankle).

Big 12 Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes Big 12 North and Big 12 South.

College Soccer EAST

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes teams like Villanova, Virginia Tech, etc.

The AP Top 25

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pvs. Lists top 25 college football teams.

Top 25 Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Time, Home Team, Away Team. Lists top 25 college football games.

Prep Scores

Table with columns: Team, Score. Lists prep football scores.

Baseball

MLB Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

Tuesday, Oct. 8

MINNESOTA 2, ANAHEIM 1; MINNESOTA LEADS SERIES 1-0

Wednesday, Oct. 9

ANAHEIM 6, MINNESOTA 3; SERIES TIED 1-1

Friday, Oct. 11

MINNESOTA (RAKKE 9-5) AT ANAHEIM (WASHBURN 18-6); 7:19 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Oct. 12

MINNESOTA (MILTON 13-9) AT ANAHEIM (LACKEY 9-4); 6:50 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Oct. 13

MINNESOTA AT ANAHEIM, 3:50 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Tuesday, Oct. 15

ANAHEIM AT MINNESOTA, 7:20 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

ANAHEIM AT MINNESOTA, 7:20 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

National League

Wednesday, Oct. 9

SAN FRANCISCO 9, ST. LOUIS 6

Thursday, Oct. 10

SAN FRANCISCO 4, ST. LOUIS 1; SAN FRANCISCO LEADS SERIES 2-0

Saturday, Oct. 12

ST. LOUIS (FINLEY 11-15) AT SAN FRANCISCO (ORTIZ 14-10); 3:20 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Oct. 13

ST. LOUIS (BENES 5-4) AT SAN FRANCISCO (HERNANDEZ 12-16); 6:50 p.m. (FOX)

Monday, Oct. 14

ST. LOUIS AT SAN FRANCISCO, 7:20 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

SAN FRANCISCO AT ST. LOUIS, 3:20 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Thursday, Oct. 17

SAN FRANCISCO AT ST. LOUIS, 7:20 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

NLCS Boxscores

AT ST. LOUIS

GIANTS 4, CARDINALS 1

Boxscore for Giants 4, Cardinals 1. Includes pitching, hitting, and fielding stats.

San Francisco

San Francisco pitching and hitting stats.

St. Louis

St. Louis pitching and hitting stats.

Totals

Total pitching and hitting stats for the game.

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Topoka

Topoka pitching and hitting stats.

Scoring Leaders

Table of scoring leaders.

Goalie Leaders

Table of goalie leaders.

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BANCROFT-ROSALLE def. NEWCASTLE, 15-11, 16-14

BELLEVUE def. OMAHA BRYAN, 15-1, 15-2

BERTRAND def. ELWOOD, 15-4, 15-10

CHASE COUNTY def. GRANT, 15-2, 15-7

CROSS COUNTY def. FULLERTON, 9-15, 15-4, 16-14

EMERSON-HUBBARD def. HOMER, 15-10, 15-9

FALLS CITY SACRED HEART def. SE. NEBRASKA

CONSOLIDATED, 15-8, 15-7

FREEMAN def. SYRACUSE, 15-7, 15-11

FRIEND def. DESHLER, 15-9, 15-4

GRAND ISLAND def. LINCOLN NORTHWEST, 15-6, 9-15, 15-7

GRAND ISLAND NORTHWEST def. COLUMBUS LAKEVIEW, 12-15, 15-2, 15-1

GREINA def. PLATTEVILLE, 13-15, 15-6, 15-10

OSCEOLA def. CATER, 15-6, 15-1

OSCEOLA def. CATHOLIC def. CROFTON, 15-9, 15-6

OSCEOLA def. COCKERILL, 15-4, 11-15, 15-6, 15-6

NELIGH-OKADALE def. BLOOMFIELD, 9-15, 15-0, 15-4

NORFOLK CATHOLIC def. BATTLE CREEK, 15-8, 15-12

OMAHA BUKE def. OMAHA DUCHESNE ACADEMY, 15-0, 15-7

OMAHA CENTRAL def. OMAHA NORTHWEST, 15-9, 15-11

OMAHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY def. WINNEBAGO, 15-11, 11-15, 15-9

OMAHA MERCY def. FORT CALHOUN, 11-15, 15-4, 15-7

ORCHARD def. LYNCH, 15-6, 15-1

OSCEOLA def. CENTRAL CITY, 15-10, 15-9

PALMYRA def. CEDAR BLUFFS, 16-14, 15-9

PALMYRA def. O'NEILL, 15-5, 15-10

PLAINVILLE def. OSMOND, 12-15, 15-10, 15-9

POTTER-OLX def. BAYARD, 8-15, 15-9, 15-13

RAVENNA def. KEARNEY CATHOLIC, 12-15, 15-5, 15-6

REPUBLICAN VALLEY def. CAMBRIDGE, 15-10, 11-15, 16-14

RONCALLI def. COUNCIL BLUFFS, THOMAS JEFFERSON, IOWA, 15-8, 9-15, 15-7

SANDY CREEK def. FILMORE CENTRAL, 15-13, 17-15

SPALDING/SPALDING ACADEMY def. NORTH LOUP-SCOTIA, 15-8, 15-12, 15-7

ST. MARY'S def. EWING, 15-10, 11-15, 15-12

ST. PAUL def. DONIPHAN-TRUMBULL, 15-6, 15-5

STANTON def. LYONS-DECATUR NORTHWEST, 15-2, 15-1

SUTHERLAND def. HERSEY, 15-7, 2-15, 15-7

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Golf

PGA Vegas Classic

PGA Vegas Classic results table.

LPGA Tourn. of Champions

First Round

LPGA Tourn. of Champions First Round results table.

NASCAR

UAW-GM 500 Qualifying

At Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. NOTE: Friday's qualifying session was canceled because of rain; the starting lineup for Saturday's race will be based on NASCAR owner points.

- 1. (20) Tony Stewart, Pontiac
2. (6) Mark Martin, Ford
3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet
4. (12) Ryan Newman, Ford
5. (40) Jamie McMurray, Dodge
6. (2) Rusty Wallace, Ford
7. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford
8. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet
9. (9) Bill Elliott, Dodge
10. (28) Ricky Rudd, Ford
11. (97) Kurt Busch, Ford
12. (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford
13. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet
14. (99) Jeff Burton, Ford
15. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet
16. (32) Ricky Craven, Ford
17. (30) Jeff Green, Chevrolet
18. (18) Bobby Labonte, Pontiac
19. (33) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet
20. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet
21. (77) Dave Blaney, Ford
22. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge
23. (41) Jimmy Spence, Dodge
24. (5) Terry Hamilton, Chevrolet
25. (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge
26. (10) Johnny Benson, Pontiac
27. (22) Ward Burton, Dodge
28. (21) Elliott Sadler, Ford
29. (59) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet
30. (43) John Andretti, Dodge
31. (23) Kenny Wallace, Dodge
32. (36) Ken Schrader, Pontiac
33. (26) Todd Bodine, Ford
34. (1) Steve Park, Chevrolet
35. (25) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet
36. (4) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet
37. (14) Mike Wallace, Pontiac
38. (7) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet
39. (44) Jerry Nadeau, Dodge
40. (11) Brett Bodine, Ford
41. (90) Jason Hedgesley, Ford
42. (49) Stacy Compton, Dodge
43. (02) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet

Baseball

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned INF-OF Bryant Nelson, C Kevin Brown, RHP Paxton Crawford, RHP Jason Shnell, and INF Juan Diaz to Pawtucket of the IL. Reinstated LHP Jeff Wallace and INF Calvin Pickering from the 60-day disabled list.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced C Alberto Castillo and RHP Mike Thurman have refused outright assignment to Columbus of the IL and have elected free agency.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP Scott Cassidy, LHP Gustavo Chacin, OF Brian Leshar, OF Pedro Swann and LHP Scott Wiggins outright to Syracuse of the IL.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Named Bill Moloney pitching coach for Chattanooga of the Southern League, Larry Pierson pitching coach for Potomac of the Carolina League, and Billy White hitting coach and Jamie Garcia pitching coach for Dayton of the Midwest League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Declined 2003 option on RHP Shane Reynolds. Assigned C Alan Zinter outright to New Orleans of the PCL.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Signed RHP Julio Manon. Released INF-OF Wilton Guerrero.

NEW YORK METS—Claimed RHP Joe Orloski off waivers from Toronto and RHP Franklin Nunez from Philadelphia.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Fired 1B coach Tommy Sandt and catching instructor Russ Nixon. Reassigned hitting coach Dave Clark, 3B coach Trent Jewett and field coordinator Jeff Banister within the organization. Released OF Adrian Brown. Claimed RHP Jim Mann off waivers from Houston.

Baseball

Triangular

Nebraska Christian def. Arcadia, 15-9, 15-2

St. Edward def. Arcadia, 15-12, 15-10

St. Edward def. Nebraska Christian, 15-10, 14-16, 15-11

Southern Valley Tournament

Gothenburg def. McCook Central, 15-11, 15-10

Lexington def. Gothenburg, 15-3, 15-8

Lexington def. Southern Valley, 15-7, 15-8

Southern Valley def. McCook Central, 9-15, 15-7, 15-8

Triangular

Lutheran High Northeast def. Elgin, 15-13, 15-9

Pope John def. Elgin, 15-12, 15-4

Pope John def. Lutheran High Northeast, 15-5, 15-5

Triangular

Elmwood-Murdock def. Nemaha Valley, 15-10, 11-15, 15-12

Sterling def. Elmwood-Murdock, 11-15, 15-6, 15-13

Sterling def. Nemaha Valley, 15-4, 15-7

Giants take 2-0 lead in NLCS

BEN WALKER The Associated Press ST. LOUIS — Rich Aurilia, Jason Schmidt and the San Francisco Giants set down the Cardinals without much of a fight.

Aurilia homered twice, Schmidt pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and the Giants shut down St. Louis 4-1 Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

A day after the teams nearly came to blows in a noisy opener at Busch Stadium, there were no hostilities. Barry Bonds was quiet aside from overrunning a fly ball in left field, but the Giants didn't need their

slugger as — for the first time in franchise history — they opened a postseason series with consecutive road victories.

"To come in here and win two games, you think about how many times we've been heartbroken in the bottom of the ninth in this park," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "We had a number of heroes tonight."

Aurilia kept up his power surge with his fourth homer of this year's playoffs, connecting on Woody Williams' fourth pitch of the game. Schmidt made the lead stand up, helped by another key play from

Kenny Lofton. "It was probably my best game because of the circumstances," Schmidt said.

This Busch-whacking complete, the Giants headed home to Pacific Bell Park for Game 3 Saturday. Russ Ortiz will start for San Francisco against Chuck Finley.

"In one sense, it's a perfect setup for us," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "It's been a hard year, this has been a hard start."

Only three times in postseason history has a team lost the first two games at home and come back to win a best-of-seven series — it's

never happened in an LCS. "You come in here, probably at first, you look for a split," Aurilia said. "This is awesome."

Lofton, in the middle of Game 1's skirmish and booed because of it, caught a fly ball in short center field and threw out J.D. Drew at the plate to end the third inning.

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Tribland

FRIDAY

City Schedule College volleyball: Dakota Wesleyan at Hastings College... 7:30 p.m. College volleyball: Lexington at Hastings High... 7:30 p.m. Prep football: Adams Central at Centura... 7 p.m. Prep football: Minden at St. Cecilia... 7 p.m. Prep cross country: Hastings High at GNAC in Norfolk... 2 p.m. Prep cross country: St. Cecilia at NCC in Council Bluffs, Iowa... TBA Prep softball: Hastings High at B-5 district at Smith Complex... TBA Prep softball: Adams Central at C-6 district in Cozad... TBA

Area Schedule Prep football Smith Center at Colby Blue Hill at Harvard Bluing-Davenport at Dawson-Verdon Clay Center at McCook Junction Shelton at Deshler Ravenna at Doniphan-Trumbull Franklin at Exeter-Milligan Tri County at Fillmore Central Gilmer at Hampton Kearsaw at Loomis Axtell at Silver Lake Wilcox-Hildreth at Overton Prep softball Fillmore Central at C-5 district in Fairbury Thyer Central at C-5 district in Fairbury Minden at B-5 district in Hastings

SATURDAY

City Schedule College football: Northwestern at Hastings College... 1 p.m. College volleyball: Mount Marty at Hastings College... 7:30 p.m. College cross country: Hastings College at Concordia Invitational... 10:30 a.m. College men's soccer: Mount Marty at Hastings College... 5 p.m. College women's soccer: Mount Marty at Hastings College... 7 p.m. Prep volleyball: St. Cecilia at Centennial Conference Tournament in Lincoln... TBA Prep tennis: Hastings High at Big 4 Quad in Grand Island... 10 a.m. Prep tennis: Hastings Central at Kearney Catholic Invitational... 9 a.m.

Friday's TV broadcasts

Baseball 7 p.m., ALCS: Minnesota at Anaheim FOX Golf 2 p.m., PGA Invensys Classic ESPN

Friday's radio broadcasts

Prep Football 3:05 p.m., Kearsaw at Loomis KPR (1460 AM) 6:45 p.m., Superior at Heartland KRFS (103.9 FM, 1600 AM) 6:45 p.m., Minden at St. Cecilia KLIQ (94.5 FM) 7:45 p.m., Adams Central at Centura KHAS (1230 AM) 7:15 p.m., Lexington at Hastings High KICS (1550 AM)

Saturday's TV broadcasts

Auto Racing Noon, Busch Series Little Trees 300 TNT Baseball 3 p.m., NLCS: St. Louis at San Francisco FOX 6 p.m., ALCS: Minnesota at Anaheim FOX Boxing 9 p.m., Margarito vs. Perez, Morel vs. Denkaosen SHO College Football 11 a.m., Florida State at Miami ABC 11 a.m., Michigan State at Iowa ESPN 11 a.m., Clemson at Virginia ESPN2 1:30 p.m., Pittsburgh at Notre Dame NBC 2:30 p.m., Texas vs. Oklahoma ABC 2:30 p.m., Tennessee at Georgia ABC 5:30 p.m., South Carolina at Kentucky ESPN2 5:30 p.m., California at Southern Cal FOXSN 6 p.m., Texas Tech at Iowa State TBS 6:45 p.m., LSU at Florida ESPN 9 p.m., Brigham Young at Air Force ESPN2 Golf 3 p.m., PGA Invensys Classic ESPN

Saturday's radio broadcasts

Prep Football 9:15 a.m., Missouri at Nebraska KLIQ (94.5 FM) 9:45 a.m., Colorado at Kansas KICS (1550 AM) 1 p.m., Northwestern at Hastings College KHAS (1230 AM)

Local

HASTINGS SOCCER CLUB

The Hastings Hawks U12 girls soccer team played to a 0-0 tie with the Lincoln Sparta Viento team. Kalin Cook and Allison Kern each posted a save for the Hawks.

The Flames U14 boys team fell to the Council Bluffs Lightning 4-1.

YMCA BASKETBALL

The Hastings YMCA is accepting registrations for its seventh and eighth grade boys basketball leagues.

The deadline for entry is Oct. 20 and play begins Nov. 2.

OUTDOORS BANQUET

CC: Wildcats down Raiders

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third game and built a 12-4 lead. But the Raiders rallied behind its potent quick-set attack. Svoboda recorded four kills as the Raiders cut the lead to 12-11. The senior tallied two more kills off the quick-set and added an ace block to give the Raiders the match-point serve at 15-14.

But Sarah Koohmaria recorded a kill and gave the Wildcats a sideout. Clay Center took the lead on two Raider hitting errors and Amy Parnell closed the match with a kill on an assist from Jordan Schmoltdt.

"We really haven't played to our potential this year," Lawrence-Nelson coach Mandi Reiter said. "But we showed who we are (in this triangular). This was by far our best match of the season. We can't get concerned with our record, because it's just that — only a record. We'll let anyone think we are underdogs. We just have to keep playing like this."

Parnell tallied 14 kills and 17 set assists for Clay Center. Schmoltdt added 18 assists and 23 digs. Koohmaria recorded 23 digs.

Svoboda led the Raiders with 17 kills and six blocks. Faimon tallied nine kills and eight blocks. Kelli Kohmetscher recorded 28 set assists.

Clay Center (8-4), Lawrence-Nelson (4-11) and Sutton (8-9) each went 1-1 Thursday.

The Raiders opened the triangular with a 15-9, 15-9 win over Sutton. The Fillies knocked off the Wildcats 15-5, 15-13 in the second game.

Lawrence-Nelson built a 5-0 lead in the first game against Sutton and scored 10 of the last 14 points in the second game for the win.

Svoboda tallied six kills and four blocks in the win. Kohmetscher recorded nine set assists.

Sutton was led by Lindsey Ribbens who tallied nine set assists and two kills. Laurel Sheridan added six kills.

But the Fillies, who looked like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde during the triangular, responded and dominated Clay Center in the second match.

Sutton built an 8-2 lead in the first game and held on to a 13-8 lead in the second game for the win.

Ribbens tallied 18 set assists, two aces and three kills in the win. Sheridan added nine kills.

Parnell led Clay Center with five kills and five set assists.

HHS: Tigers hopes alive

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She hit six batters and walked three more in 3 1/2 innings. The Dusters took a 3-2 lead in the third inning when she walked a batter, hit three more and uncorked two wild pitches.

HHS responded offensively, scoring three times in the bottom of the inning. Feezell had the big hit, a two-run single up the middle that put the Tigers on top to stay. The sophomore DH, who moved up to the varsity level midway through the season, added an RBI groundout to plate HHS's final run an inning later.

Melvin picked up the win in the contest while Horsky had two hits. Brandy Boutin had a two-run triple in the second, which gave the Tigers an early lead.

HHS advanced despite hitting 12 batters with pitches and handing out 16 walks in its three games.

"We're giving up too many free passes," Laux said. "And it's been that way all year. It makes it more difficult on us. But the girls battled hard and we survived."

Lexington is in the driver's seat heading into the final day of the tournament, winning both of its games Thursday. The Minutemaids face the HHS-GINW winner in the championship round.

The Recruits

Back in June, the Hastings Tribune began following two local athletes in their quest to play Division I athletics. Hastings High senior Kellyn Thaut and St. Cecilia senior Andrew Small have been kind enough to invite all of us on their journey, through the highs and lows of the recruiting process. Here are their stories.



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ANDREW SMALL

Playing baseball at the University of Nebraska is still the ultimate goal for Andrew Small.

However, the senior from St. Cecilia has heeded the advice that he has gotten from others and is keeping his options open.

Small went through a workout at NU's baseball camp in the summer, but said it didn't go as he'd planned.

It didn't go as good as I had hoped, he said. I was a little nervous and it was my first camp. It didn't go the greatest.

He said NU followed up with an email suggesting that he think about taking the junior college route for a year.

Small also had a great camp at Wayne State.

At both camps, he was one of the fastest players.

He's also been told by a professional scout that he could be a draft-and-follow player, someone selected by a Major League team but not signed until after a year of college ball.

Small said he also wouldn't mind attending Creighton, Nebraska-Omaha or somewhere in Kansas (Barton County Community College has shown interest) to stay close to home.

Interestingly, baseball has been the sport in which Small has drawn the most interest. Most schools seem to want the four-sport athlete to play football.

That's been a big surprise, said Small, who hasn't ruled out football in his future. I wish it would be for baseball instead.

I've been told that probably the biggest reason for that is that we don't have high school baseball here. Just having Legion, that's a lot less baseball we get to play.

Augustana (S.D.) and Nebraska-Kearney are among those showing interest in Small as a football player. He's also received letters for basketball and track.

KELLYN THAUT

Three months ago, Hastings High senior volleyball player Kellyn Thaut had ambitions of taking her high-octane game to Kansas State University.

But that changed after she attended a team camp at the university. Her focus remains to go to a D-1 school, just not Kansas State anymore.

She is still being heavily recruited by several schools including the University of Missouri and Colorado State.

But right now, she is busy getting her highlight reels prepared to send out to college coaches. Those are promotional video tapes players put together with the help of coaches or counselors, used to demonstrate their skills and abilities.

Thaut said she hasn't gone on any recruiting visits yet, but has visited a few schools, like Kansas State, through team camps.

Colleges and Universities are using a variety of methods to entice Thaut. This includes phone calls, emails and letters. Each one making the point known that scholarships are available.

Thaut estimates she receives about four to five letters a week from interested schools. But the primary means of contact has been through email.

There are some weeks when I won't get letters, she said. Then there are others when I'll get as many as 10. I also do a lot through email. I check my email every day and write to coaches and they write back.

One of the biggest tools Thaut has been utilizing is the internet. Thaut is using the web site:

www.interact.fansonly.com/prospects. That has allowed her to submit a player profile to any school she has an interest in playing for. The web site also allows her to see who's been reading her profile, so she can remain in contact with those institutions.

Volleyball is a unique high school sport because the majority of the recruiting is done during the club season. Thaut said she has not had contact with a college coach following a high school match, but had while she played for the Lincoln Juniors USVBA Club.

The best advice I could give to anyone interested in playing volleyball in college is to play USVBA, she said. Coaches don't really hear about you in high school, but they see you play USVBA.

Tribland Sports

BH-HARVARD FOOTBALL

HARVARD — The Blue Hill football team topped Harvard 54-32 Thursday night.

Jeff Faimon scored three touchdowns and Jason Kort added two for the Bobcats.

Keith Perkins added three touchdowns while Ryan Glantz added one for Harvard.

Blue Hill gained 349 yards rushing while Harvard had 101.

WILCOX-HILDRETH CROSS COUNTRY

WILCOX — Blue Hill's Matt Eckhardt and Randi McMahon won their divisions at the Wilcox-Hildreth cross country triangular.

No team scoring was kept.

Boys
1. Matt Eckhardt, Blue Hill, 18:03. 2. Tim Wistrand, Franklin, 18:22. 3. Derek Gardels, WH, 18:37. 4. Lance Bain, Amherst, 19:26. 5. Brett Kohmetscher, Blue Hill, 19:54. 6. Riley Myers, Blue Hill, 20:04. 7. Kellen Zastrow, Amherst, 20:15. 8. Matt Huffman, Axtell, 20:20. 9. Dustin Carlson, Axtell, 21:17. 10. Daniel Jameson, Franklin, 22:08. 11. Dustin Schuster, Axtell, 22:34. 12. Josh Krueger, Blue Hill, 22:58. 13. Aaron Moser, Blue Hill, 23:14. 14. Brett Stone, Franklin, 24:08. 15. Adam Kahrs, Franklin, 25:02.

Girls
1. Ranadi McMahon, Blue Hill, 17:08. 2. Katy Saathoff, Amherst, 17:50. 3. Cara Zastrow, Amherst, 18:08. 4. Alicia Dailman, Franklin, 18:19. 5. Lindsey Wilson, Axtell, 18:29. 6. Tara Clark, Amherst, 18:48. 7. Caroline Ideus, Amherst, 19:23. 8. Christin Jameson, Axtell, 19:28. 9. Sara Ostidek, Blue Hill, 19:53. 10. Rachal Sievering, Franklin, 19:55. 11. Amber Brader, Blue Hill, 20:04. 12. Robin Johnson, Axtell, 20:40. 13. Sara Rodenbaugh, Amherst, 21:50. 14. Mandy McNeil, Amherst, 22:53. 15. Michelle Candy, Amherst, 22:54.

HC WOMEN'S GOLF SIOUX FALLS

The Hastings College women's golf team participated in the GPAC Championships on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Broncos were led by conference medalist Kristen Parks and Adrea Heckert's tie for second place.

HC finished fourth at the meet.

Team Scores
1. Dakota Wesleyan 687. 2. Briar Cliff 692. 3. Northwestern 696. 4. Hastings 700. 5. Nebraska Wesleyan 714. 6. Doane 737. 7. Concordia 754. 8. Sioux Falls 805. 9. Midland 807.

Hastings College Individuals
1. Kristen Parks, 163. 2. Andrea Heckert, 167. 3. Lauren Janson-Sikes, 182. 4. Erin Wilcox, 189. 5. Melissa Peterson, 194.

CLASS C, DISTRICT 5 SOFTBALL

FAIRBURY — Fillmore Central was limited to just one hit in their district opener losing to Wymore Southern 1-5. Christy Kleinschmidt was 1-3 at the plate and scored the only run for the Panthers.

In Fillmore Central's second game the Panthers fell to Wilber 3-4. Andrea Meyers led the Panther offense going 2-3 at the plate with one RBI and one run scored.

Boys results
1. Ben Underwood, MJ, 18:47. 2. Myles Ochsner, MJ, 19:46. 3. Josh Kucera, L-N, 20:31. 4. Brett Ehmen, MJ, 20:47. 5. Sam Rempel, Sup, 20:55. 6. Andrew Davis, MJ, 21:19. 7. Adam Davis, MJ, 22:07. 8. Dan Schardt, Desh, 22:25. 9. Sheahan Bruning, Sup, 22:48. 10. Kendall Reed, MJ, 22:58. 11. Bruce Duckett, L-N, 23:30. 12. Mike Smith, Sup, 24:00. 13. Paul Coffey, MJ, 24:11. 14. Brendon Hathaway, Sup, 25:11. 15. Tony Jeleny, Sup, 25:34.

Girls results
1. Heather Acterberg, Desh, 18:10. 2. Rebecca Hinz, L-N, 18:45. 3. Laura Acterberg, Desh, 19:01. 4. Leann Bolte, MJ, 19:21. 5. Sheny Sklener, MJ, 19:23. 6. Ashley Watson, Desh, 19:57. 7. Jenny Wehrman, L-N, 20:09. 8. Emily Ramsey, L-N, 20:21. 9. Kim Larkins, Desh, 20:32. 10. Kira Miller, MJ, 20:52. 11. Kelsey Johnson, Sup, 20:53. 12. Morgan Harring, Desh, 21:10. 13. Cristy Coffey, MJ, 21:17. 14. Ashley Clark, MJ, 21:27. 15. Holly Walton, Sup, 21:44.

Tribland Volleyball

Hastings High 15 12 17 Aurora 10 15 15

Class B No. 9 Hastings High snapped a two-match losing streak by topping the defending state champions in three games Thursday.

Kellyn Thaut had 20 kills and Morgan Flohrs added 15 to lead the Tigers (16-3). Thaut also had 20 digs in the match.

Ashley Petzoldt had 43 assists and seven ace serves.

The win snapped the Huskies' seven-match winning streak. Aurora is 13-6.

Sandy Creek 15 17 Fillmore Central 13 15

FAIRFIELD — Katy Rieger's 20 kills and seven blocks led Sandy Creek in a close match at home.

Tami Prochaska tallied 27 assists and nine digs while Kara Lally had 10 digs. Jessie Dana and Brenda Faimon had nine and seven service points,

Boone: There's too many sports

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many student-athletes to go around.

In today's age — where kids go to school, participate in extracurricular activities (athletics, band, choir, drama, etc.) and often hold down jobs — students don't have or want to spend the added time doing something if their heart isn't completely set on it.

And it doesn't help that parents, boosters and Title IX are prompting schools to add more sports all the time.

Do you think it's a coincidence that AC has three female cross country runners in its first fall with softball?

I don't.

Do you think it's strange that HHS has the smallest track teams in the city in the spring even though it has the largest enrollment?

I don't. HHS is the only school with soccer.

Maybe it's time to stop adding sports while eliminating or co-opting in others — at least until participation warrants otherwise.

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respectively. Jennifer Lovegrove and Beth Meyer combined for 27 kills for FC. Heidi Lightwine had 29 assists and Kiley Schepers added 20 digs.

Dorchester Triangular

DORCHESTER — Exeter-Milligan won twice at the Dorchester Triangular Thursday, beating Parkview Christian and the host school.

In the Timberwolves 15-10, 15-0 win over PC, TaLisa Krejci tallied eight kills while Whitney Gloystein added seven. Ashley Sluka had 16 assists.

Sluka had 14 more assists in the 15-9, 15-6 victory over Dorchester. Gloystein had four kills in that match.

Friend Deshler 15 15 9 4

DESHLER — Deshler (4-8) fell to Friend on Thursday. Brittany Meyer had five kills and an ace for the Dragons while Anna Schardt contributed five aces.

Whitney Stichka tallied nine assists and Angie Eggers added one block.

St. Paul Doniphan-Trumbull 15 15 6 5

DONIPHAN — Doniphan-Trumbull fell to St. Paul despite Heather Schmitz's three kills,

two ace blocks and nine digs. RanDee Sochor contributed three aces while teammate Jackie Williams added two aces and a kill for the Cardinals.

RC TRIANGULAR

RED CLOUD — Red Cloud went 1-1 in its own triangular, defeating Franklin 15-1, 15-11 and falling to Alma 6-15, 9-15.

Franklin went 0-2 losing to Alma 3-15, 4-15.

No other states were available.

High Plains Shickley 15 7 15 12 15 4

POLK — Shickley fell to 11-6 on the season following a three-game loss to the Storm.

The Longhorns, who got eight kills from Melanie Busse, led 10-4 before falling in game one.

Brianna Zauha had six of her seven kills in the game two win.

Mallory Heinrichs tallied 11 assists.

OGALLALA TRIANGULAR

OGALLALA — Minden split two matches at the Ogallala Triangular, beating Broken Bow and falling to the host team.

Sarah Carlson amassed 17 total kills on the night, including eight in the 13-15, 19-17, 15-11 win over Broken Bow.

Jenny Janeson had 20 of her 35 assists in the 15-8, 15-3 loss to Ogallala.

HHS tennis

Kearney High 5, Hastings High 4 No. 6 — Kip Iltis, K, def., Matt Bronsen, HHS, 8-2.

Singles
No. 1 — Richard Crockett, K, def., Adam Heiden, HHS, 8-1.
No. 2 — Jeff Schwartz, K, def., Greg Keele, HHS, 9-7.
No. 3 — Matt Carper, HHS, def., Matt Davis, K, 8-3.
No. 4 — Pat McQuillan, HHS, def., Ben Thom, K, 8-5.
No. 5 — Travis Bronsen, HHS, def., Steve Howe, 8-5.

Doubles
No. 1 — Iltis/Davis, K, def. Bronsen/Bronsen, HHS, 8-5.
No. 2 — Carper/Zach Anderson, HHS, def. Brandon Green/Josh O'Brien, K, 8-4.
No. 3 — Crockett/Thom, K, def. Heiden/McQuillan, HHS, 8-3.

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