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TRACKING EVERY STEP OF BRONCO PRIDE

CLOSE BATTLE ON THE DIAMOND

CHASE ROBINSON

The Centennial Broncos softball team faced Milford in a close battle at Beaver Crossing on September 21, 2026. The final score was 4-2, with the Broncos securing the win.

The team had a rough start to the game, giving up 2 runs in the 1st inning but bounced back and stayed competitive, not allowing another run and scoring 4 in the 5th inning to secure the lead and come out on top.

“It was a close battle, but we were able to pull it off,” said Dakota Boyer (12).

The softball team has had a lot of ups and downs this season, and their win against Milford was a big confidence boost to lead them in the right direction.

“We did a good job keeping our heads in the game and not giving up,” said Emery Menze (11).

There is a lot of dedication and commitment on the team, and they are ready for the rest of the season with high hopes.

“We still have some things to work on, but we are ready for the challenges ahead and are confident in each other,” said Ashtynn Redfield (11).

Centennials softball team has a lot of talent, and their win over Millford helped give players the confidence to keep working hard and improve their skill sets to make a run later in the season.

“We are ready for the challenges ahead and are very confident,” said Menze.



HAVING FUN AT HUSKER HARVEST DAYS

GENTRY ZIMMER

The Centennial FFA chapter attended Husker Harvest Days on Wednesday, September 16th.

Husker Harvest Days is held near Grand Island; it's an expo of agricultural companies and anyone who wants to promote their business.

“Husker Harvest Days is full of learning and growing. Students really get to have real-world conversations with possible future employers.” Said Miss. Engelmen (FFA advisor).

Husker Harvest Days lasts three days, and around 100,000 people attend.

“Seeing fellow FFA chapters and many other students there socializing and talking with businesses is a fun atmosphere!” said Derekka Krohe (11).



Fun fact: there are a few booths where you can buy their products, like Case IH, Milwaukee, Beck's, and many more. As you can see, Evan Crawford (11), Jake Hoffschneider (10), and Paul Dale (11) took advantage of that!

“I bought a Milwaukee speaker, two Milwaukee impacts, and a Case Tractor,” said Crawford.

Looking ahead, 2027 Husker Harvest Days is held September 14th through the 16th; join the fun!



Treasurers!
Evan Crawford (11), Jake Hoffschneider (10), and Paul Dale (11) show the items and goodies they boughton the bus ride back from Husker Harvest Days. “My favorite thing about Husker Harvest Days is coming back with new things,” said Hoffschneider.

BRONCOS TAKE THE WIN

TYLER OPFER

On September 22, the Centennial Broncos high school volleyball team competed against the Wilber-Claytonia Wolverines at home.

Previously this season, the Broncos beat the Wolverines at their home tournament, so the girls were looking for another win.

"We knew we could beat them again, since we already did it once this season," said junior Gentry Zimmer.

When the game started, the Broncos came out rocky. Too many mistakes were made, which cost them the first set. They lost that set 17-25. However, the Broncos bounced back and won the second set 25-15. They kept that momentum and won the next two sets 26-24 and 25-21.



Ready, Set, Up!
Kate Breitkruetz (10) and Jaclynn Prigge (12) go up to block against Wilber. Getting a block touch helps slow down the ball so the defense has an easier ball to pass. "Getting a stuff block is the best," said Prigge.

"I'm proud of how we persevered after we lost that first set," said senior Ella Baack.

In those last three sets, everything came together for the Broncos. Their serve receive was on point, Meg Hoffschneider's sets were like butter, and all hitters could put the ball away. Senior Tyler Opfer had a team high of 15 kills.

"It was a really fun game to play. We definitely needed that win," said Opfer.

Next up for the Broncos is a game against Thayer Central at home. It also happens to be senior night! The theme is pink out!

"Come show up and wear pink!" said Opfer.

BRONCOS TRAMPLE PANTHERS

JARRET WHITE

The Centennial Lady Broncos were routed to Milford on September 28th to play in the SNC conference tournament. The Lady Broncos trampled the Panthers 18-8 in their victory on Monday. Lynly Leif (11) hit her 3rd home run of the season and went one for two on the day.

"I think the game went well. We were able to win 18-8 with one fielding error. Overall, it was a great team," said Leif.

Along with the solid individual performances at the plate, a quick defensive recovery and early run support helped the Lady Broncos maintain control of the game.

'The game went pretty well; we had a couple of runs of errors in the second inning, but we came back and run ruled them in the third, and we did get our energy up compared to the game before. I think that I did pretty great and stepped up when I was needed to come in," said Mya Bartholomew (9).

Bartholowmew leads the Lady Broncos in batting average with a .429 and on base percentage of .455.
"It was a good game! We got an early lead in the game and worked to stay ahead. Our girls were seeing the ball and hitting well. During one inning, Fillmore Central laid down some great bunts that we struggled to make plays on." Said Coach Robinson.

The Broncos are driving to Adams, Nebraska, for their clash against Freeman on September 31st.

SENIORS SAY GOODBYE

BRAEDEN BLOEBAUM



The day hasn't come yet, but it's hard not to think about it. On October 15, 2026, in McCool Junction, NE, the Centennial Cross Country seniors will run one last district meet with the entire team.

This day will be bittersweet for them, as they will be seeing who on the team will be making it to state and who will be finishing up their season. Everyone knows that it isn't easy to make it to state in really any sport.

"I am pretty nervous about how it is going to turn out, especially because the girls are so close to other teams in terms of placing for state, but however it does, I'm glad I got to run for the team this year," said Nya Fischer (12).

Fischer was brand new to cross country this year, and she is in the sights of being at state. Being a senior and thriving in a sport you just tried out for that year can be frustrating. Don't be sad that you can't do years in it anymore; just be happy you got to experience it.

"I am sad this season hasn't turned out completely the way I wanted it to, but I am still glad I got the chance to run on this team one last time; we will see how the last meet will turn out," said Marley Olson (12).

Running is a difficult thing to do, as you're not just fighting physical fatigue; your mind is constantly racing and deciding if you want to just stop. These seniors have shown extreme dedication to their sport.

"It's been a great season for me, to be honest. I have been running the fastest times I have ever run in my life, and I couldn't be more grateful," said Josephine Butzke (12).

Additionally, this year has the most seniors we have seen in a while. The next year's team won't be the same without them, as it's been the same for many past years. Soak it in as much as you can; it goes by in the blink of an eye.

YORKFEST PARADE

CHLOIE EDWARDS



"The hardest part about practicing for the parade was teaching the junior high and freshmen how to march," said participant Leah Ahrens. (10).

"To someone who wants to join next year, be ready to work hard and have fun," said participant Stephanie Hoops. (10).