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**Joseph Frecks, Logan Bischoff, Weylin Davis and Randy Geier following the game.
(Courtesy Photo)**

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For the second year in a row, the Wyoming All Stars used a second half comeback to top Nebraska in the Wyoming vs. Nebraska Six-Man Shoot Out football game.

Nebraska led by Wauneta-Palisade's Joseph Frecks and Randy Geier held a 10-point half time lead, but could only manage a safety in the second half. Wyoming won 40-26.

After three days of activities, including softball, canoeing and a banquet, the teams took to the

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field Saturday afternoon in Dubois, Wyo., home of the Wyoming Six-Man champions.

Wyoming scored on its second possession to take a 6-0 lead.

Nebraska answered with a 15-play drive highlighting the running ability of Sioux County's Johnny Dunn and W-P's Connor Kayton. Dunn's run on third and goal from the six plus the kick by Elkhorn Valley's Taylor Hanson put Nebraska up 8-6 early in the second quarter.

After stopping Wyoming on fourth down Nebraska scored again, this time with a Kayton pass to Sioux County's Garrett Gray. W-P's Logan Bischoff added the extra point.

With time running down in the half, Wyoming took advantage of a Nebraska fumble. Despite a Jack McGraw sack, Wyoming scored with 51 seconds left to narrow the score to 16-14.

Big runs by Kayton moved Nebraska back in to scoring position and with 2.8 seconds left Kayton found Gray once more for a touchdown.

Nebraska headed into halftime leading 24-14.

With sprinkles and wind during the second half, the momentum swung back-and-forth early in the third quarter.

Nebraska intercepted a pass on Wyoming's first play of the second half, but was unable to take advantage.

After punting, Nebraska looked to gain the upper hand after McGraw recovered a Wyoming fumble on the Wyoming seven yard line. Officials ruled the ball out of bounds and Wyoming went on to score a touchdown.

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Receiving the ball, Kayton drove his team down the field with five runs and a 14-yard pass completion to Bischoff.

Kayton's fumble on the two-yard line killed the drive, but St. Edward's Austin Bilstein caught the Wyoming back in the endzone for a safety. It was Nebraska's only points of the second half.

Wyoming took the lead on a touchdown with 1:11 left in the third quarter and added 10 points in the fourth quarter to take a 40-26 win.

Though Kayton was named the game's offensive MVP Frecks said all of the W-P players did an outstanding job.

"We asked Connor to do quite a bit for us, and he threw two touchdown passes and had an outstanding game overall."

"Logan had some nice catches, and Weylin Davis and Jack played great on defense as well. We were very proud of not only our boys from W-P, but all of the kids from Nebraska."

Cole Gourlay of Little Snake River was named the defensive MVP.

Frecks said it was a well organized event.

"The boys seemed to have a great time with everything we did," said Frecks. "The Nebraska and Wyoming kids got along great when we were together, and both groups were great kids all the way around."