

It's a busy Thanksgiving week

Editor's Note: The column below should have run last week during Thanksgiving. In its place the Tribune mistakenly ran Pritchett's basketball preview story. Therefore, here is his regular sports column from last week, and the Plainsmen story is running again with the team photo as their season begins.

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Thanksgiving week and it will be a busy one. Lots of things that people have that they are thankful for and I don't think I am much different. When you have a great family, live in an outstanding community, go to a great church, have friends, and on top of that get to do some activities that you really enjoy over the next few days and it can't get much better than that.

On top of all that you can throw in a short work week and then there is even more time to spend with family and friends doing things that you enjoy. This week means a trip to Lincoln to see family and a couple of pretty special sons, a great daughter-in-law and a couple of little guys, Calen and Kyler. If that was all there was it would be a special weekend, but there is even more.

Wednesday night we will take in the Nebraska-Oregon basketball game at UNL and see if the Huskers can continue playing some of the better basketball I have seen from them for a while.

Last week it was nice to be able to pick up their game with USC on TV and watch them pull out a double overtime win over the Trojans. I am not too sure how good the USC team is, but normally their recruiting base is better than Nebraska's so they have good players. Nebraska led most of the game, USC tied it up late and then the Huskers played well in the overtimes to win.

Last Saturday the Huskers played on the Big Ten Network against Rhode Island and won handily. The Rhode Island team isn't all that bad even though their record is 0-3 and they were averaging 90 points a game, but the Huskers held them to 63 and won by 20.

Oregon will come in and you know they will be well coached as their mentor is the former Creighton University coach Dana Altman. Just like any college game, it is nice to watch on TV, but there is something just a little extra being there in person. Coach Altman is one of my favorite coaches because he was always helpful when he was at Creighton. When I was putting on coaching clinics in Ogallala for a number of years Coach Altman came out a couple of times to speak to the area coaches. Worse part is that I will have to root against his team now because they are invaders of the Doc Sadler coached Huskers.

Saturday we might even work in going to the South Dakota State game if all works out after watching Troy's Malcolm team scrimmage in the morning. Then come back home and watch the

Plainsmen and Paxton scrimmage in the Hall of Fame game on Monday.

Now if the Husker football team can just work in a win over Iowa on Friday, it will have been a great Thanksgiving Holiday! Then on Friday and Saturday the Plainsmen girl's and boy's teams start the 2011-2012 regular season and the winter sports season is up and running.

It's pretty easy to feel thankful with all of the good things that are happening.

Enjoy your family and enjoy the week. Happy Thanksgiving to all.