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University of South Dakota freshman Heidi Hoff, 42, puts up a shot over two Peru State defenders, Sydney Wilkinson, 12, and Adaugo Osuala during their game Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

## USD Women Put Six In Double Figures In Rout

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VERMILLION — Now a full-fledged member of NCAA Division I athletics, it is expected that the University of South Dakota dominates their lesser NIAA competition. For the second time in 10 days, the Coyotes did not disappoint.

Just a week removed from their thrashing of Dakota State, South Dakota's women completely dominated Peru State on Saturday night in the DakotaDome by a final of 93-37.

"It shows how our team can adjust," senior Alexis Yackley said of the big victory, just a week after a tough 14-point loss to Kansas State down in Manhattan, Kan.

Yackley was in the minority in the post-game locker room as one of only four Coyotes to not reach double figures in scoring, although the Onida-native did finish the game with 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

Six USD players finished with double-digit points, a first in program history, including a double-double by Margaret McCloud (11 points, 19 rebounds).

Sophomore Nicole Seekamp led all scorers with 19 points and was joined in double figures by Tempest Wilson (16 points), Polly Harrington (11), Tia Hemiller (10), Sam Mehr (10) and McCloud.

All ten of USD's active players made at least one basket as the Coyotes shot 50 percent from the field for the first time since December 10, 2011.

"I feel like six players in double figures is a pretty good team effort," USD coach Amy Williams said. "We've been striving to get more complete with more people contributing and tonight was a good step with a lot of different people coming in."

Williams also saw that her team was more willing to take the shot when the opportunity presented itself.

"Our kids were more aggressive and were ready to shoot and score and step up and make a play. You've got to be ready and willing to step up and

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## SDSU Women Battle, But Fall At No. 10 Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — South Dakota State gave nationally ranked Penn State all it could handle for the first 30 minutes, but the Lady Lions controlled the final 10 minutes to pull away for a 60-50 victory Sunday afternoon at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Penn State, ranked 10th in the USA Today Coaches Poll and 11th in the Associated Press rankings, improved to 9-2 overall. The Jackrabbits, who had their three-game winning streak come to an end, dropped to 6-5.

SDSU led nearly the entire first half, taking an early 10-5 lead on back-to-back three-pointers from Ashley Eide and Gabby Boever. The Jackrabbits led by as many as six points before Penn State knotted the game at 19-all on a steal and layup by Dara Taylor. Penn State took a momentary 23-22 lead before the

two teams went into intermission tied at 25.

The Lady Lions seized the lead with a 7-0 run to open the second half, with Nikki Greene scoring three baskets in the spurt.

Trailing 36-28, the Jackrabbits scored the next five points on a three-pointer by Chloe Cornemann and a transition basket by Tara Heiser to make it a one-possession game with 12:06 to play. However, Penn State countered with a decisive 12-2 run over the next five and a half minutes to put the game out of reach. SDSU would get no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

SDSU finished the game 17-of-54 from the field, 31.5 percent, including 4-of-14 from three-point range. At the line, the Jackrabbits made 12-of-19 attempts, 63.2 percent.

All nine Jackrabbit players to see

action scored, but Eide was the lone SDSU player in double figures, with 14.

Penn State ended the afternoon 24-of-61 from the floor, 39.3 percent, but was only 1-of-11 from three-point range. The Lady Lions converted 11-of-15 free throw attempts for 73.3 percent.

Team rebounding was even at 40 apiece. Leah Dietel and Mariah Clarin each collected five rebounds to pace the Jackrabbits.

SDSU returns to action Tuesday night, hosting Delaware State in a 7 p.m. matchup at Frost Arena.

**SOUTH DAKOTA ST. (6-5)**  
Boever 3-4 0-0 7, Strop 0-1 1-2 1, Dietel 1-5 3-4 5, Waytashek 2-11 2-5 6, Eide 6-18 0-0 14, Heiser 1-2 0-0 2, Cornemann 1-2 4-4 7, Clarin 0-6 1-2 1, Lingle 3-5 1-2 7. Totals 17-54 12-19 50.

**PENN ST. (9-2)**  
Taylor 2-7 0-0 4, Bentley 5-13 3-4 13, Nickson 4-6 1-2 9, Lucas 2-12 4-6 9, Greene 6-10 3-3 15, Agee 2-5 0-0 4, Edwards 2-6 0-0 4, Studevent 0-0 0-0 0, Waldner 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-61 11-15 60.  
Halftime—Tied 25-25. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota St. 4-14 (Eide 2-7, Cornemann 1-1, Boever 1-2, Strop 0-1, Waytashek 0-3), Penn St. 1-11 (Lucas 1-6, Taylor 0-1, Edwards 0-2, Bentley 0-2). Fouled Out—

None. Rebounds—S. Dakota St. 40 (Clarin, Dietel, Eide 5), Penn St. 40 (Bentley 9). Assists—S. Dakota St. 9 (Eide 3), Penn St. 11 (Bentley 5). Total Fouls—S. Dakota St. 14, Penn St. 20. A—4,747.

### College Men

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 68, MONTANA 67, 20T. MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)** — South Dakota State did what Montana failed to do twice, as Tony Fiegen hit a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to defeat Montana 68-67 in double overtime Saturday night.

Fiegen converted both free throws with 9 seconds remaining in the second overtime, and the Jackrabbits (9-3) secured the victory when Brayden Carlson made a steal on the ensuing possession.

Montana (4-4) was at the line with a chance to take the lead at the end of regulation and the first overtime, but each time converted just one of the two free-throw attempts. Mike Weisner hit one free throw with 12 seconds left in regulation, and Kareem Jamar did the same with 5 seconds left in OT.

Jordan Dykstra led South Dakota State with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Nate Walters added 15 points and nine rebounds, and Fiegen had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Mathias Ward had 17 points, Jamar 16 and Weisner 13 for the Grizzlies.

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## Lancers Roll Past 'Wolves



Mount Marty College guard Taylor Forsch, right, keeps her dribble after making contact with Nebraska Wesleyan defender Tess Kurtenbach during their GPAC women's game Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

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After coming off a tough loss against Dakota Wesleyan, there was no way the Mount Marty College women's basketball team was going to lose on Saturday.

The Lancers hosted and defeated Nebraska Wesleyan 81-56 Saturday afternoon in Great Plains Athletic Conference basketball action at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

Mount Marty coach Tom Schlingen said after a couple of long days the Lancers (6-6, 4-3) were ready to play.

"Our kids were pretty focused for the game," he said. "There was no way we were going to lose today, and after a couple of long days they were ready to play. We saw some nice leadership."

The Lancers jumped ahead early with a 10-5 lead against the Prairie Wolves, and were able to keep complete control the rest of the game.

With 6:32 left in the first half MMC increased their lead to 32-17, and finished out the first half 53-30 over Nebraska Wesleyan.

MMC's April Winne had 14 points at the half, followed by Taylor Forsch with 12 points. Allison De Kam added nine points and three rebounds, while Brittany Little scored seven points and had four rebounds.

For NWU, Mallory Shanahan made nine points and six rebounds, and Courtney Cook and Emily Leines each had six points.

The Lancers continued to dominate with 50 percent three-point shooting against Nebraska Wesleyan's 20 percent, and with 11:33 left in the game, MMC was up 64-39. Mount Marty was able to finish the game and claim the win against the Wildcats 81-56.

Winne led the Lancers with 22 points in the win, while Forsch and Little each added 15 points.

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## Ball State Edges USD Men

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VERMILLION — Battles in the paint. Plenty of trips to the free throw line. Physical play.

On first glance, Saturday night's men's showdown between Ball State and the University of South Dakota might have looked like a conference game. It wasn't, but it sure played out like one.

In the back end of a home-and-home series contested over seven days, the visiting Cardinals hit some big shots late to pick up an 80-73 victory at the DakotaDome.

"We had our chances, but we couldn't come up with a stop in crunch time," USD coach Dave Boots said. "In the last five or six minutes, they hit some tough shots."

"We just lost a hard-fought, close game."

Not only was the game tied on seven occasions, the latest at 54-54 with 4:59 remaining, on seven of those occasions Ball State (5-4) took the lead on the next trip down the court.

Try as they might, the Coyotes (4-7) could never really find a crucial stop on defense against the Cardinals. Ball State got a string of three clutch three-pointers, the latest one from Marcus Posley with 3:29 to play after USD got within 60-58.

"We tied that thing up about four or five times, and we just couldn't get a stop," Boots said. "We had a hard time containing their guards; physically we couldn't do much about it."

In what was primarily a back-and-forth second start to the



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University of South Dakota forward Tyler Flack, 23, tries to defend a driving layup from Majok Majok of Ball State during their non-conference men's game Saturday night at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

second half, Ball State scored its last field goal of the game on a drive and free throw by Chris Bond with 2:25 left, expanding its lead from one to 66-62.

USD, which was particularly efficient at the free throw line (25-of-29), missed a pair of foul

shots with 2:03 to play. Ball State, on the other hand, did what it needed to late — its final 15 points were scored at the charity stripe.

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## Prairie Wolves Nip MMC Men 62-53

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Nebraska Wesleyan picked up its second Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) men's basketball win of the season, 63-52, over Mount Marty College on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

The Lancers (5-8, 2-5), despite losing, were rather pleased with some aspects of the game, according to sophomore point guard Saladin Smith.

"That was the best defense we have played so far," Smith said. "We played to their hand tonight."

Mount Marty came out roaring with a 9-0 run to start the game. The Prairie Wolves (6-5, 2-5) called a timeout at the 15:38 mark and put in all new five players. This proved to be vital early on in the contest.

In three separate trips down the court, NWU freshman guard Trey Bardsley nailed three-pointers. With the help of Bardsley, Nebraska Wesleyan reeled off a 13-0 run, giving the Prairie Wolves a 13-9 lead with 12:00 left in the first half.

From that point on the Lancers looked frustrated on the offensive side of the court, giving up a total of 17 turnovers in the game (10 in the first and seven in the second).

"Turnovers had a big effect," head coach Jim Thorson said. "We gave a lot of extra possessions to a team that was shooting very well."

As the Prairie Wolves were breaking away in the first half, junior forward Jose Pena-Benjamin brought the Lancers back with a give and go to trail by two



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Nebraska Wesleyan defender Sass Karemae, 44, blocks the reverse layup of Mount Marty's Scott Odekirk during their GPAC men's game Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

points halfway through the first.

The Lancers and Prairie Wolves went back and forth for the remainder of the half, but a hook shot by senior forward Jeff Larsen as time expired gave the Lancers some hope going into the second half.

"We needed to work on our post defense," Thorson said. "Needed to come down on offense quick and get into running our plays before they could switch."

Nebraska Wesleyan used a lethal 2-3 zone after made baskets, which proved to halt the Lancer attack.

As the second half continued, the turnover woes also continued for Mount Marty.

Nebraska Wesleyan started off on an 8-0 run to open the second half, in which they capitalized on easy lay-ups and jumpers.

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