

Eastern Washington Ends South Dakota State's Surge

Jackrabbits See Five-Game Win Streak Snapped In Second Round Of FCS Playoffs

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CHENEY, Wash. — Mistakes. Something that the visiting South Dakota State Jackrabbit football team could ill afford to produce against third-seeded Eastern Washington in their second-round NCAA FCS playoff game on Saturday at the freezing — which featured a negative wind chill.

Dropped passes and missed opportunities put SDSU in a hole; one blunder in particular proved to be extremely costly: Behind just

seven points in the middle of the third quarter, the Jackrabbits on their own 43-yard line, decided to attempt a fake punt. SDSU punter Ethan Sawyer went one way, his teammates blocked the other way and Eagle big man Anthony Larry stopped him well short of a first down.

The EWU Eagles (11-2) scored a quick score and eventually defeated SDSU 41-17 in front of 6,127 faithful at the infamous red turf field-titled The Inferno. With the win, EWU will face Jackson State later this week. SDSU (9-5) had its five-game winning streak snapped.

"We weren't on the same page," said Jackrabbit coach John Stiegelmeier, speaking on the Sawyer run, meaning a missed audible was not received by all players on the field. "Huge play in the football game, but there was a lot of huge plays."

On SDSU's first attempt to answer, Jason Schneider, who set a school record with 78 catches for the season in the loss, nearly secured a touchdown from fellow junior Austin Sumner. After Stiegelmeier's challenge, the referees confirmed Schneider's foot was out and the Jackrabbits settled for a 27-17

deficit, after a successful 27-yard field goal try from Justin Syrovatka. EWU's signal caller Vernon Adams' touchdown pass to start the fourth quarter and EWU dominated the rest of the way.

"I think had we done some things a little bit better it would have been a different football game," said Stiegelmeier.

SDSU chased Adams, who tossed for five touchdowns and 217 yards through the air, all over the field and came up short in its quest to advance to the quarterfinals for the second straight year. The hostile weather-which featured negative wind chill,

played a hand in Zach Zenner-who became the second running back in FCS history to rush for 2,000 yards in two seasons-to just 71 yards on the ground and a score.

Zenner was unaware that landed on the 2K benchmark until after the game. The Eagen, Minn., product credited all his offensive buddies for reaching the pinnacle yardage marker. He also applauded EWU's defense.

The star running back said the cold hands and Eagle defense play a hand in the turnovers.

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Bohl Leaving NDSU For Wyoming

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Craig Bohl is promising Wyoming football fans a great ride in the years ahead after being hired as head coach of the Cowboys on Sunday.

Bohl comes to Wyoming after 11 years at North Dakota State where he has won two Football Championship Subdivision titles and is in the process of seeking a third.

Bohl will remain NDSU's head coach through the end of its playoff run.

When Bohl takes over at Wyoming, he will be paid a base salary of \$750,000 a year with the opportunity to earn up to \$1.2 million with incentives.

Bohl says it's bittersweet leaving NDSU but it's time for him to move on to another challenge and opportunity.

He says most of his staff will follow him to Wyoming.

Bohl replaces Dave Christensen, who was fired on Dec. 1 after five seasons.

Wyoming Escapes USD In OT

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RAPID CITY — It wasn't by design to give the West River fans in attendance at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center an extra five minutes of basketball, but they were certainly treated to an entertaining game.

And a particularly frustrating one for the 'home' team.

It was mostly thanks to Larry Nance Jr. that Wyoming was able to rally past the University of South Dakota 67-66 in Saturday night's men's showdown in Rapid City.

"Nance was a difference maker tonight," USD head coach Joey James said simply.

A 6-foot-8 junior forward, Nance scored a game-high 25 points and hauled in nine rebounds to lead Wyoming (7-2) — playing in front of more than a handful of fans in yellow and brown.

It was Nance's scoop layup and ensuing free throw after being fouled with 2.6 seconds left in overtime that sealed the win. The Coyotes (3-5) had a good look just ahead of the buzzer, but the shot was short.

The contact might have been light, but once the basket was good and the Cowboys prepared for either a zone or man defense from the Coyotes, they knew who to find.

"Fortunately our guys were focused and connected, and they got the ball to Larry," Wyoming coach Larry Shyatt said. "And kudos to Larry, he knocked in a big shot for us, and an even bigger free throw."

After winning the first matchup two weeks ago by 17 points in Laramie, the Cowboys (7-2) battled back from a 4-point deficit with 1:43 to play in overtime.

Nance's put-back dunk with 1:12 left cut USD's lead to 66-64, and the Coyotes then came down and missed three chances at a bucket off offensive rebounds.

"A basket there would

have helped obviously, but we still should have been able to make plays on the defensive end to close it out," said junior guard Brandon Bos, who scored 22 points.

On the flip side, Wyoming wasn't able to close out a 3-point lead with 6.2 seconds to play in regulation.

Bos was fouled on a jumper with 3.3 seconds left, and then made the first free throw. His second was off the mark, but Bos got the rebound and was fouled.

His two foul shots with 1.8 seconds left ensured the game would head to overtime, tied 60-60.

And still, the Coyotes were not able to muster a victory despite their best efforts.

"I told our guys, 'Do not hang your heads, because that was one incredible game,'" James said. "They played their butts off. That's a very good Wyoming team that's well-coached."

"We're moving in the right direction, and our kids are really competing."

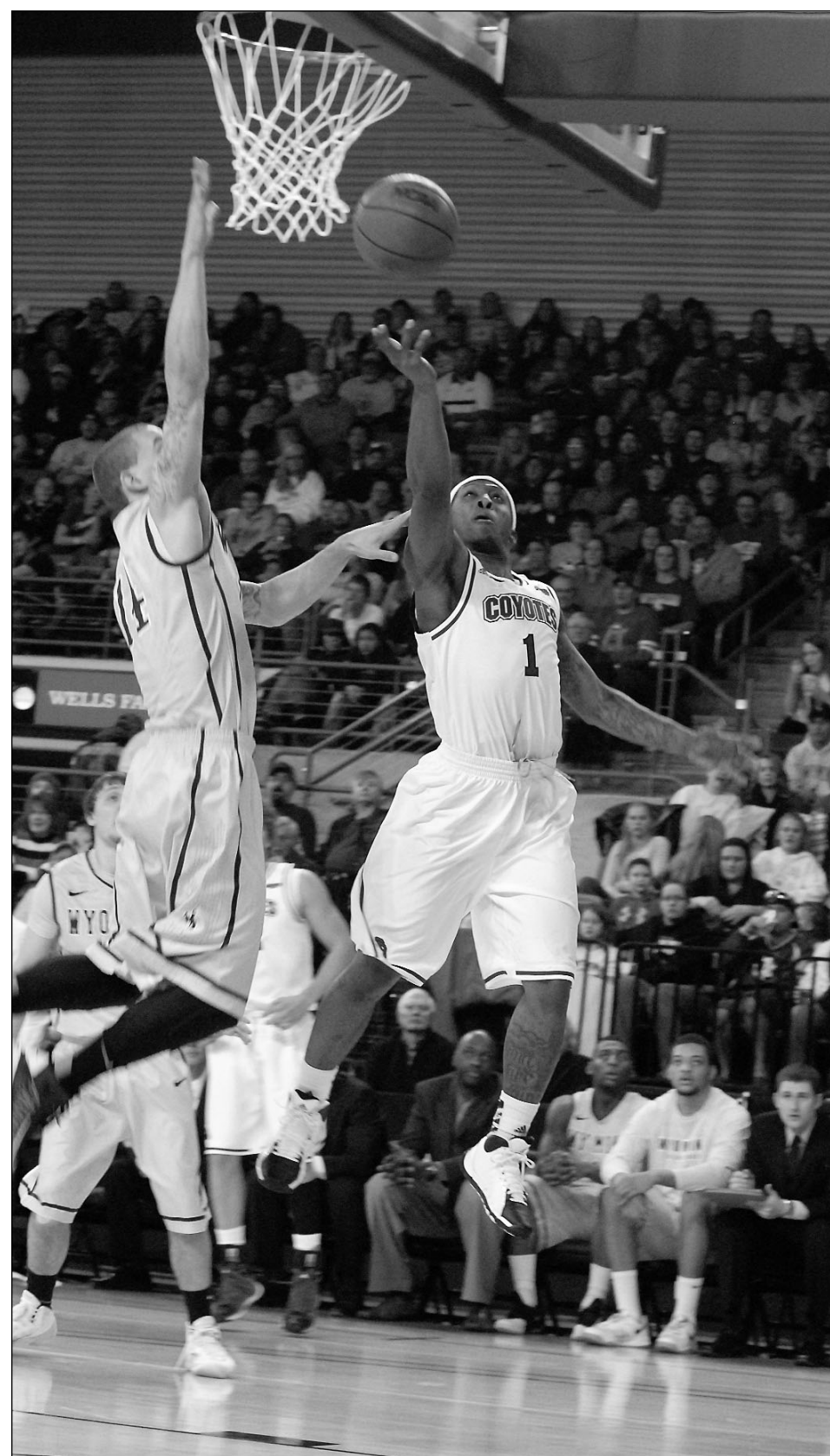
Not to mention improving, particularly since a 70-53 loss at Wyoming back on Nov. 22. In that loss, the Coyotes shot 32 percent, but allowed the Cowboys to shoot 50 percent.

"At our first game, we struggled offensively; weren't really hitting our shots," said USD sophomore Tyler Flack, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds. "Tonight we hit our shots, more but importantly on defense, we locked them up, especially in the first half."

Statistically, Saturday's game was about dead even. The only difference, of course, was on the scoreboard.

"Obviously, it would have been nice to come up with a win, but we can use this road trip to learn the rest of the year," Bos said. "To use it as motivation. Nobody likes to lose this way."

Such disappointment can actually be a good thing, said James whose team travels to



South Dakota point guard Trey Norris, 1, goes in for a layup around the defense of Wyoming's Josh Adams during their game Saturday night at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City.

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Coyote Women Coast Past S.D. Mines 81-49



South Dakota's Polly Harrington, left, fights for the ball with a S.D. Mines player during their game Saturday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City.

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RAPID CITY — The Division I favorites did what they were supposed to do: Win comfortably, play relatively clean and showcase their depth.

Check. Check. Check.

In what became an 81-49 rout of South Dakota School of Mines, the University of South Dakota women's basketball team was perhaps most pleased with the play of its two key reserves.

Junior college transfer Raeshel Contreras and freshman Bridget Arens combined for 30 points.

"The big goal for our team will always be to have a lot of threats offensively," said head coach Amy Williams, a Spearfish native that was coaching in front of friends and family.

"We're not going to be a one man show or a two man show, we have a lot of different players that we think

can be dangerous."

Sure, leading scorer Nicole Seekamp finished with 13 points and two others reached double figures, but the win for the Coyotes (5-5) had more to do with Contreras — 19 points — and former Crofton, Neb. standout Arens — 11 points and seven rebounds.

"If it's going slow for us, I want to be the spark for us," Contreras said.

For a while Saturday night in front of new fans to USD basketball, it was rather slow-moving.

The Coyotes really didn't start clicking until Contreras and Arens checked into the game.

"I've been talking to Raeshel about being that beast off the bench, and taking on that nickname; really buying into that role," Williams said.

"Today was a perfect example of what we need."

"We started a little bit slow, but to have that spark come in and punch

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Basketball: Doane Sweeps Mount Marty For First GPAC Wins Of Season

CRETE, Neb. — Doane outscored Mount Marty 37-27 in the second half to rally to a 75-70 victory over the Lancers in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action.

Shelbi Bittinger scored 15 points and Hannah Dostal had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Doane (4-7, 1-5 GPAC). Morgan Hill netted 13 points and Hanah Barnard added 10 points for the Tigers, who outscored MMC 19-10 from the

line despite having one more foul than the Lancers.

Cassidy Gebhart scored 18 points and Raquel Sutera had 14 points and nine rebounds for MMC (3-5, 0-4 GPAC). Freshmen Kieran O'Malley and Logan Wagner each had 12 points.

MMC hosts York today (Monday) in a game that was postponed from November. Start time is 6 p.m. at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

MOUNT MARTY (3-5)

Cassidy Gebhart 5-10 6-6 18, Kieran O'Malley 3-9 3-4 12, Raquel Sutera 5-11 1-2 14, Kelsey Schmidt 1-6 0-0 2, Allison De Kam 4-7 0-1 8, Logan Wagner 4-8 0-1 12, Denaee Veikamp 0-1 0-0 0, Cheyenne Lambrey 0-2 0-1 0, Kelly Amundson 2-3 0-0 4. TOTALS: 24-57 10-15 70.

DOANE (4-7)

Shelbi Bittinger 4-16 5-5 15, Hanah Barnard 3-8 2-2 10, Cali Bellar 1-2 2-2 5, Heather Broman 3-8 0-2 6, Hannah Dostal 5-10 4-4 14, Brittany White 0-0 0-0 0, Mackenzie Conklin 1-2 0-0 3, Morgan Hill 4-5 5-9 13, Allie Satterly 4-4 1-2 9, Claire Phillips 0-0 0-0 0, Breanna Hagedorn 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-56 19-26 75.

At the half: MMC 43, DC 38. Three-Pointers: MMC 12-29 (Wagner 4-7, Sutera 3-6, O'Malley 3-8, Gebhart 2-4, De Kam 0-1, Schmidt 0-3), Doane 6-16 (Bittinger 2-5, Barnard 2-6, Bellar 1-2, Conklin 1-2, Hagedorn 0-1). Rebounds: DC 38 (Dostal 10), MMC 32 (Sutera 9). Personal Fouls: DC 20, MMC 19. Fouled Out: Sutera. Assists: DC 13 (Barnard 4), MMC 12 (three with 3). Blocked Shots: None. Steals: MMC 0 (O'Malley 2, Lambrey 2), DC 3. Attendance: 294.

Men: Doane 78, MMC 49

CRETE, Neb. — Doane forced 24 Mount Marty turnovers, including 13 on steals, in claiming a 78-49 victory over the Lancers in Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action on Saturday.

Dominique Smith scored a game-high 21 points for Doane (6-6, 1-5 GPAC). Nick Reed finished with 13 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Deonte Holt added 11 points and Sam Schluatman added four steals in the win.

Tyler Payer led MMC (0-8, 0-4 GPAC) with 11 points and six rebounds.

MMC hosts Morningside on Wednesday.

MOUNT MARTY (0-8)

Bud Smith 2-7 2-6, Tyler Payer 4-10 2-2 11, Alex Irvine 4-7 0-0 8, Zach Telles 2-5 0-2 5, Ben Hegge 1-3 4-6, Lorenzo Davis 1-0 0-2, Grant Ficek 0-1 0-0 0, Nermir Krdzalic 2-3 2-3 6, Patrick Ciganovic 1-3 3-4 5, Sam Forrer 0-0 0-0 0, Anthony Stransky 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell Newhouse 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17-45 13-17 49.

DOANE (6-6)

Dominique Smith 6-15 6-7 21, Nate Kuhl 1-4 2-4 4, Zach Hunt 0-2 0-0 0, Nick Reed 4-7 4-4 13, David McDonald 1-1 2-3 4, Deonte Holt 4-9 2-2 11, Kyle Carper 0-2 0-0 0, Reid Williams 2-3 0-0 5, Sam Schluatman 4-6 0-0 9, Trevor Cyboron 1-1 1-1 3, Ryan Baumgartner 1-1 0-0 2, Diante Andrews 1-2 0-0 2, Brian Bayer 1-2 2-4, Kyle Schomerus 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 26-55 19-23 78.

At the half: DC 33, MMC 16. Three-Pointers: DC 7 (Smith 3-6, Williams 1-1, Reed 1-2, Schluatman 1-2, Holt 1-4, Hunt 0-2), MMC 2-10 (Telles 1-4, Payer 1-6). Rebounds: MMC 33 (Payer 6), DC 29 (Irvine 8). Personal Fouls: DC 19, MMC 19. Fouled Out: Irvine. Assists: DC 11 (Reed 5), MMC 5 (Payer 2). Turnovers: MMC 24, DC 11. Blocked Shots: MMC 3 (Smith 2), DC 1. Steals: DC 13 (Schluatman 4), MMC 4. Attendance: 160.

Creighton Inv.

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Parkston ran away with team honors at the 14-team Creighton Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday in Creighton, Neb.

Parkston won seven titles and wrestled for two more on the way to an impressive total of 317 points. Battle Creek was a distant second at 182 points.

Logan Mahoney (106), Kyler Holzbauer (120), Blake Bietz (132), Weslee Dvorak (160), Mitch Heisinger (182), Brady Reiff (220) and Austin Bertram (285) earned titles for the Trojans.

Randolph's Dylan Loberg won the 195-pound title.

Top Of The Rock Tour.

DELL RAPIDS — The Beresford Watchdogs won five titles on the way to a team victory at the "Top of the Rock" wrestling tournament on Saturday in Dell Rapids.

Dakota Galt (113), Justin Haneke (132), Jared Lyle (138), Josh Casperson (182) and Kole Nordquist (195) earned victories for the Watchdogs, who beat runner-up Tri-Valley 197-167. The Mustangs also had five champs: Dylan Eidsen (120), R.J. VanDenBerg (126), Ryan Schuman (145), Derek Eidsen (160) and Brady Johnson (220).

Third place McCook Central-Montrose (Jerry Kappeman, 170), fourth place Dell Rapids (Leon Maxwell, 285), Parker (Chase Anderson, 106) and Dakota Valley (Brady Dam, 152) each had one champion.

Io-Dak Tour.

CANTON — Bon Homme-Scotland went 4-0 to claim top honors at the Io-Dak Dual Wrestling Tournament, held Saturday in Canton.

Bon Homme opened with easy victories over West Lyon (48-22) and Lennox (70-10), then edged Madison (33-30) and Canton (40-36) for the title.

Stas Sutera (106), Duncan Stoeber (113), Blake Konstanz (120), Alex Caba (126), Austin Kaul (152), and Dan Stibral (285) all posted top honors in their respective weight classes for BH-S.

Canton's John Lemer earned the pinner award, going 4-0 with four pins in 6:06.

Flandreau Tour.

FLANDREAU — Pipestone (Minn.) Area put eight wrestlers in championship matches and 12 wrestlers on the podium to run away with the seven-team Flandreau Booster Club Tournament.

Michael Suda (113), Bill Olsen (126), Brady Bos (152) and Blake Walters (220) earned titles as Pipestone won the 40th annual event. Howard earned two titles, including meet MVP. Luke Loudenbush at 138 pounds, to place second. Bailey Neises won at 132 pounds for Howard.

Eik Pont-Jefferson, which finished third, had three champions: Jared Huesler (145), C.J. Geary (182) and Lukas Forsling (195). Also claiming championships were Garretson's Tat Johnson

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