

Bucks Go 0-4 At Watertown Dual Tournament

WATERTOWN — The Yankton Bucks wrestling team went 0-4 in the season-opening Watertown Dual Tournament, held Saturday at the Watertown Civic Arena. Harrisburg downed Yankton 45-27 in the seventh place match. In pool play, the Bucks fell 70-6 to Watertown, 51-28 to Mitchell and 36-34 to Milbank. The Watertown dual also counted as an Eastern South Dakota Conference matchup.

Spencer Huber went 3-0 and drew a forfeit to lead Yankton. Cody Vornhagen went 3-1. Kyle Schmidt went 2-1 with a forfeit. Jordan Lucht finished 2-2. Ray Wermers and Bashir Abd Al Kream each picked up one victory on the day.

Next up for Yankton is a quadrangular at Sioux Falls Lincoln on Tuesday. The Bucks will also face Lennox and Sioux Falls Washington in the event.

Yankton went 1-3 in JV action, beating Harrisburg 33-18 in the seventh place match. In pool play, the Bucks fell to Watertown 72-6, Mitchell 21-15 and Milbank 31-30.

Rider Inv.

SIOUX FALLS — Host Sioux Falls Roosevelt claimed top honors in the Rider Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Roosevelt (256) claimed seven titles to beat out Brandon Valley (230) and Vermillion (169) for top honors in the eight-team event.

Regan Bye (170) and Brandon Hertz (182) won titles for Vermillion. The Tanners also had Trey Hage (120) and Jacob Husby (126) advance to championship matches.

Top Of The Rock Inv.

DELL RAPIDS — Adrian, Minnesota, beat out Beresford for top honors at the Top of the Rock Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in Dell Rapids.

Adrian scored 202.5 points, with Skylar Hieronimus (120), Ryan Elias (132), Tony Lynn (145), Matthew Slater (170) and Dylan Gyberg (220) earning titles. Beresford finished at 178, with Dakota Galt (126), Ty Haneke (138), Nick Casperson (152), Trent Lyle (160) and Jade Worth (195) earning top honors.

Alcester-Hudson's Trevor Steene (113), Parker's Payton Jensen (285), Tri-Valley's Caden Lamer (106) and McCook Central-Montrose's Jerry Kappenman (182) also won titles.

KWLPG Inv.

KIMBALL — Parkston rolled past the rest of the field in winning the Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes Invitational wrestling tournament, held on Saturday in Kimball.

Parkston finished with 297.5 points, well ahead of Philip Area (192.5) and Wagner (139). Also in the event, host KWLPG was fifth at 115.5, Andes Central was tenth at 62 points and Marion-Freeman was 12th at 53 points. Fourteen teams competed in the event.

Logan Mahoney (120), Kyler Holzbauer (132),

Dawson Semmler (138), Blake Bietz (152), Austin Ripp (160), Dillon Stadlman (170), Wes Dvorak (182), Miles Semmler (195) and Austin Bertram (220) all won titles for Parkston, the two-time defending Class B champions. Philip Area had two champions, Hunter Peterson (113) and Rance Johnson (145). Andes Central's Tre'zen Doren (285), Wessington Springs-Woonsocket's Wyatt Stevens (106) and Miller-Highmore-Harold's J.C. Forman (126) also won titles.

Creighton Inv.

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Plainview held off Battle Creek and Creighton for top honors in the Creighton Invitational wrestling tournament, held on Saturday in Creighton, Nebraska.

Plainview scored 203.5 points, beating out the Braves (174) and host Bulldogs (152). Randolph was fifth at 112 points. Crofton-Bloomfield scored 98 points for seventh. Laurel-Concord-Colefield finished 11th with 52 points. Hartington Cedar Catholic scored 37 points for 13th place. Niobrara-Verdigre scored four points in its program debut.

Plainview got titles from Dominique Rickard (106), Christian Miller (113), Cole Aschoff (126), Dylan Moore

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's Alex Irvine shoots a hook shot over the top of Doane's Trey McGruder during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

'Yotes Trounce Titans

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VERMILLION — As it turns out, 'Camp Defense' is paying off.

Over the first full week of pre-season practices, the University of South Dakota women's basketball team did nothing but defensive drills — its only 'offense' was free throws.

Saturday's game with Cal State Fullerton played out more like an extension of those drills than a Division I matchup.

A dominating first seven minutes opened things up quickly for the Coyotes, who rolled past the Big West Conference member Titans 86-50 on Saturday afternoon at the DakotaDome.

"We were ready to come out with the attack mentality," said USD junior center Margaret McCloud, who had 13 points.

"Our mindset was to dominate in the first couple minutes, set the tone, and let them know we're not going to lose at home."

In winning for the fourth straight outing, the Coyotes (6-2) scored at least 80 points for the sixth time in eight games.

But the story was that defense.

The Titans — who had beaten defending Summit League tournament runner-up Denver on the road three days earlier — were 18-of-56 from the field for 32 percent. The Coyotes turned 21 Fullerton turnovers into 22 points.

Was it the best defense by USD this season?

"It's probably as good as I've seen, but there's still some room for improvement," head coach Amy Williams said.

"But I think our kids are starting to lock into our defensive gameplan."

The game hadn't even reached the first media timeout and the Coyotes were already well in control.

South Dakota made 10 of its first 14 shots and jumped out



THOMAS HATZENBUHLER/FOR THE PLAIN TALK
South Dakota's Nicole Seekamp threads a pass through the Cal State-Fullerton defense to a waiting Bridget Arens during their women's basketball game on Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

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North Dakota State Opens Jackrabbits In FBS Playoffs

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Three-time defending champion North Dakota State had its hands full with South Dakota State Saturday in the Football Championship Sub-division playoffs. Fortunately for the Bison, those hands belonged to quarterback Carson Wentz and freshman receiver RJ Urzen-

dowski. Wentz threw a 12-yard TD pass to Urzendowski with 54 seconds left as the Bison rallied to beat the Jackrabbits 27-24.

North Dakota State (12-1) improved to 11-0 all-time at home in the FCS playoffs.

Urzendowski, a freshman with

20 catches and two TDs all season, had four clutch catches for 109 yards and two TDs as the second-ranked Bison advanced to play No. 7 seed Coastal Carolina (12-1) in the FCS quarterfinals Dec. 12 or 13.

Wentz marched the Bison 76 yards in 2:18 for the winning TD

after South Dakota State (9-5) had scored to go ahead with 3:18 to play.

"Carson Wentz is a winner," NDSU coach Chris Klieman said. "RJ Urzendowski is a pretty dog-

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No. 21 Doane Rallies To Avoid Upset Bid By MMC



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's Cheyenne Lambley is fouled by Doane's Morgan Hall as Lambley scores during the second half of their Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball game on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

BY KEITH A. BROCKBERG
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The Doane Tigers scored 49 second-half points and picked up a 79-73 Great Plains Athletic Conference win over the host Mount Marty Lancers Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

"The score shows that we defended poorly," MMC head coach Tom Schlimgen said. "When you give up 49 points in a half, you can't be very happy with your performance."

Doane's offensive efficiency, which was fueled by a 62.1 shooting percentage, eight assists and four 3-point plays in the half, spoiled a fast start by the Lancers and helped the Tigers overcome 12 first-half turnovers.

The Lancers used three early steals to help build a quick double-digit lead.

As did the 3-ball. Raquel Sutura and Alex Kneeland each knocked down triples while Logan Wagner hit her first three shots from downtown as the Lancers held a 19-7 lead just seven minutes into the game.

The Tigers began a series of runs that continually thwarted efforts by the Lancers to ice the game early.

Doane pulled to within 20-18 after treys from Shelbi Bittinger and Britany White, but the Lancers responded with a timeout and a 3-pointer from Sutura to keep the lead at 23-18.

Heather Broman looked to keep Doane in the hunt with a back-in basket, but a timely trey from Holly Hegge and a 3-point play from Kneeland kept the Lancers ahead by dou-

ble digits at 40-30 going into the half. The theme continued throughout the second half; Doane made their runs and the Lancers were able to find a shot to answer.

Doane sliced the Lancer lead to 60-59 on a 3-point play from Hannah Dostal with 9:53 remaining, but Hegge created a 3-point shot for Kneeland by hustling to save a ball from going out of bounds on the Mount Marty possession.

The Tigers finally broke through and gained their first lead at 64-63 on a free throw from Bittinger.

There were no answers from the Lancers until it was too late.

Mount Marty had a chance, trailing 75-73 after a 3-ball from Hegge with 32.5 seconds to play, but free throws from Hanah Barnard and a meaningless breakout basket by the Tigers in the final second sealed the 79-73 Tiger win.

"We just couldn't get stops when we needed them and we didn't make plays when we needed to," Hegge said. "Their offense is pretty good and they're ranked for a reason."

For the Lancers, three of their four conference losses have come at the Castle.

"It seems like something new comes up in our losses," Schlimgen said. "We're disappointed that we haven't played our best basketball at home."

"Offensively, we played a pretty good game," Schlimgen added. "We were ready to play and we played hard."

The loss also provided a swing in

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DOANE (7-6)
Nate Kuhl 6-11 0-0 19, Zach Hunt 3-5 2-2 10, Reid Williams 2-7 2-6 8, Trevor Cyboron 1-6 1-3 5, Michael Hermann 5-9 2-4 20, Deonte Holt 4-7 2-2 13, Rylee Zimmerman 0-1 0-0 2, Trey McGruder 0-0 0-0 2, David McDonald 1-4 0-0 2. TOTALS: 22-50 9-17 81.
MOUNT MARTY (1-9)
Jackson Seitzinger 3-13 0-3 10, Bud Smith 7-15 1-4 16, Jake Anderson 4-6 1-3 9, Cody Willett 1-4 0-2 2, Taylor Millay 2-3 0-0 5, Lorenzo Davis 0-1 0-0 1, Blake Bartscher 1-1 0-0 2, Seamus O'Malley 0-1 0-1 0, KJ DeCristino 0-3 0-2 4, Jalen Hurley 1-2 0-0 2, Alex Irvine 1-3 0-0 4. TOTALS: 20-52 2-15 54.
At the half: DC 35, MMC 20. Three-Pointers: Doane 9-17 (Hunt 2-2, Williams 2-6, Cyboron 1-3, Hermann 2-4, Holt 2-2), MMC 2-15 (Seitzinger 0-2, Smith 1-4, Anderson 1-3, Willett 0-2, O'Malley 0-1, DeCristino 0-2). Rebounds: DC 36 (Kuhl 11), MMC 29 (Irvine, DeCristino 6). Personal Fouls: DC 15, MMC 21. Assists: DC 9 (Hermann 4), MMC 8 (Seitzinger, Smith, Bartscher 2). Turnovers: DC 7, MMC 9. Blocked Shots: DC 6 (Kuhl 3), MMC 1 (Irvine 1). Steals: DC 2 (Kuhl 1), MMC 4 (Millay 2). Attendance: 512.