

South Dakota State Men Win 21st Straight At Home

BROOKINGS (AP) — Deondre Parks scored 23 points, including two free throws for 34 in a row, and South Dakota State beat UC Santa Barbara 86-68 on Sunday for its 21st consecutive home victory.

UC Santa Barbara was within 57-49 early in the second half before South Dakota State went on an 18-6 spurt, capped by Parks' jumper for 75-55 lead. It's the Jackrabbits' ninth game this season with a 20-plus point advantage.

Mike Daum added 15 points for South Dakota State (9-1). Jake Bittle had 14 and Keaton Moffitt scored a career-high 11.

South Dakota State was 16-of-24 shooting (66.7 percent) in the first

half, including 7 of 12 3-pointers, and build a 51-42 advantage by halftime. UC Santa Barbara made 57 percent of its shots in the half.

Michael Bryson paced UC Santa Barbara (2-5) with 21 points and John Green added 15. The Gauchos finished at 45 percent shooting.

UC SANTA BARBARA (2-5)
Childress 2-4 1-2 5, Vincent 0-3 4-4 4, Bryson 7-11 7-9 21, Green 5-13 2-5 15, Beeler 1-1 0-0 2, Trout 0-1 0-0 0, Kupchak 0-3 2-2 2, Taylor 1-4 0-0 2, Hart 4-9 0-1 8, Smith 2-2 0-0 5, Lakoju 0-0 0-0 0, Brewster 2-5 0-0 4, Totals 25-56 16-23 68.

S. DAKOTA ST. (9-1)
Parks 9-14 2-2 23, Bittle 5-5 2-2 14, Moffitt 4-6 2-3 11, Tellinghuisen 0-3 2-4 2, Theisen 2-5 2-2 7, King 2-3 4-4 9, Jacobsen 0-0 0-0 0, Daum 4-9 7-9 15, Severson 1-1 0-0 3, Devine 1-1 0-0 2, Doyle 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 28-48 21-26 86.

Halftime—S. Dakota St. 51-42, 3-Point Goals—UC Santa Barbara 2-18 (Smith 1-1, Green 1-4, Vincent 0-1, Trout 0-1, Brewster 0-2, Hart 0-3, Taylor 0-3, Bryson 0-3), S. Dakota St. 9-20 (Parks 3-8, Bittle 2-2, Severson 1-1, Moffitt 1-1, King 1-2, Theisen 1-2, Daum 0-1, Tellinghuisen 0-3). Fouled Out—Bittle, Rebounds—UC Santa Barbara 28 (Bryson 6), S. Dakota St. 32 (Moffitt 8), Assists—

UC Santa Barbara 12 (Bryson 5), S. Dakota St. 11 (Moffitt 6). Total Fouls—UC Santa Barbara 22, S. Dakota St. 23. A—2,155.

Nebraska 70, Rhode Island 67
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — After trailing Rhode Island for most of the game, Nebraska turned up its defense, stopped turning the ball over and took a 70-67 come-from-behind win over the Rams.

"We finally started playing good at the 6 1/2 minute mark and just finished out the game from there," said Shavon Shields, who led Nebraska with 21 points. "Defense is our identity. It's what allowed us to go on that run. What allows us to win games is defense. We need everyone bought in and everyone making plays. When we do that, we win games."

Nebraska (7-4) had trailed Rhode Island (6-4) since midway through the first half, falling behind by as many as 11. The Huskers stayed close to the Rams in the second half, thanks in large part

to Glynn Watson Jr. who scored 13 of his career-high 17 points in the final 20 minutes.

Jarvis Garrett and Kuran Iverson had 15 points each for Rhode Island.

Concordia 94, Mount Marty 79
SEWARD, Neb. — In a high-scoring game in which the two teams combined for 26 three-pointers, Concordia had three players score at least 20 points in a 94-79 victory over Mount Marty College in Saturday's Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball action in Seward.

Robby Thomas scored 24 points for Concordia (8-3, 4-3), while Chandler Folkerts added 23 points and Jamie Pearson had 21 points.

The hometown Bulldogs shot 64 percent from the field and were 13-of-25 on three-pointers.

Mount Marty College (1-10, 0-5), meanwhile, got 25 points from K.J. DeCristino and 14 points from Cody Willett. Alex Irvine added 12 points

and six rebounds, and Patrick Ciganovic had 14 points.

The Lancers were 13-of-28 on three-pointers. Mount Marty plays an exhibition game Wednesday at Wayne State College.

MOUNT MARTY (1-10, 0-6 GPAC)
K.J. DeCristino 10-19 2-2 25, Anthony Stransky 2-5 0-0 6, Alex Irvine 4-5 3-4 15, Patrick Ciganovic 4-5 2-3 12, Cody Willett 4-8 2-2 14, Zach Telles 1-1 0-0 3, Daric Danning 1-1 0-0 2, Drew Matsushima 0-2 0-0 2, Ben Hegge 0-0 1-2 1, Jalen Hurley 0-4 2-2 2, Taylor Millay 1-4 0-0 2, TOTALS 27-54 12-15 79.

CONCORDIA (8-3, 4-3 GPAC)
Robby Thomas 8-8 5-5 24, Chandler Folkerts 10-0 3-3 23, Jamie Pearson 7-13 3-2 21, Eli Ziegler 4-7 0-0 12, Micah Kohliwey 1-5 0-0 3, Rudy Knight 1-3 0-0 3, Kevin White 0-0 0-0 0, Seth Curran 0-2 1-2 1, Nathan Toenges 1-1 1-1 3, Max Wegener 1-2 2-2 4, Justin Danne 0-1 0-0 0, TOTALS 33-52 16-16 94.

Halftime: Concordia 52-44, Three-Pointers: Concordia 13-25 (Ziegler 4-7, Pearson 4-8, Thomas 3-3, Knight 1-2, Kohliwey 1-3, Curran 0-2), Mount Marty 11-22 (Willett 4-6, DeCristino 3-8, Ciganovic 2-3, Stransky 2-4, Irvine 1-1, Telles 1-1, Matsushima 0-1, Millay 0-1, Hurley 0-3). Total Rebounds: Concordia 31 (Pearson 6), MMC 22 (Irvine 6). Assists: Concordia 26 (Ziegler 7), MMC 14 (Ciganovic 3, Hurley 3). Personal Fouls: Concordia 19, MMC 16. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: MMC 14, Concordia 12. Attendance: 387.



South Dakota's Allison Arens, left, tries to dive on a loose ball as Washington's Kelsey Plum goes for it during their women's basketball game on Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

Concordia Clips MMC

SEWARD, Neb. — No. 14-ranked Concordia was plus-14 in rebounds and held Mount Marty College to 29 percent shooting in a 77-59 victory in Great Plains Athletic Conference women's basketball action Saturday in Seward.

Concordia, which outscored MMC 40-26 after halftime, got 13 points and four rebounds from Crofton native Quinn Wragge. Shelby Quinn chipped in eight 11 points and Sydney Feller added 10 points off the bench.

The hometown Bulldogs (7-3, 4-3) made 11 three-pointers and shot 52 percent from the field after halftime. They also had a 50-36 edge in rebounds.

In the loss for the Lancers (6-5, 2-4), Alex Kneeland scored 18 points, while Raquel Sutura had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Denae Veldkamp recorded 11 points and seven rebounds, and Cassidy Gehbart added 11 points.

Mount Marty hosts Grace University in a non-conference battle tonight (Monday) at 6 p.m.

MOUNT MARTY (6-5, 2-4 GPAC)
Raquel Sutura 2-11 6-8 11, Alex Kneeland 6-15 2-2 18, Cassidy Gehbart 5-11 0-0 11, Logan Wagner 0-8 0-0 0, Denae Veldkamp 3-11 5-11 11, Erica Dreckman 1-1 0-0 2, Brittini Bormann 0-1 0-0 0, Mikayla Prouty 1-6 0-0 3, Kellie Winckler 1-1 1-2 3, Samantha Blake 0-1 0-0 0, TOTALS 19-66 14-17 59.

CONCORDIA (7-3, 4-3 GPAC)
Quinn Wragge 5-9 3-4 13, Becky Mueller 1-10 1-2 4, Shelby Quinn 3-9 2-2 11, Mary Janovich 4-4 0-0 8, Brenleigh Daum 3-10 0-0 9, Devin Edwards 0-2 0-0 0, Laurel Krohn 1-3 0-0 3, Sydney Feller 4-6 0-0 10, Jade Gottier 2-4 0-0 4, Maddie Egr 3-3 0-0 6, Jenna Lehmann 0-0 0-0 0, Aubri Bro 1-1 0-0 3, Erin Vissel-meyer 2-4 2-2 6, Carissa Gutz 0-0 0-0 0, TOTALS 29-65 8-10 77.

MOUNT MARTY.....25 33 48 59
CONCORDIA.....22 37 57 77

Three-Pointers: Concordia 11-30 (Quinn 3-6, Daum 3-8, Feller 2-4, Bro 1-1, Krohn 1-3, Mueller 1-4, Wragge 0-1, Edwards 0-1, Gottier 0-2), MMC 7-34 (Kneeland 4-10, Gehbart 1-3, Prouty 1-5, Sutura 1-7, Bormann 0-1, Veldkamp 0-3, Wagner 0-5). Total Rebounds: Concordia 50 (Daum 8), MMC 36 (Sutura 10). Assists: Concordia 16 (Quinn 4, Janovich 4), MMC 7 (Kneeland 2, Gehbart 2, Wagner 2). Personal Fouls: MMC 14, Concordia 14. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 366.

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Coyotes Struggle From Outside In 77-64 Loss To Washington

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VERMILLION — Amy Williams typically points to two areas on the stat sheet to assess her team's performance. Assist-to-turnover ratio and rebounding margin.

The first of those two categories is what especially troubled the University of South Dakota head coach.

Six assists. Twelve turnovers.

"That's certainly nowhere near acceptable for our team," Williams said after her team dropped a 77-64 decision to Washington on Saturday night at the DakotaDome.

One of the nation's best teams as far as assists per game, USD (6-4) also had an uncharacteristically cold night shooting the ball against the Pac-12 Huskies.

The Coyotes, winners of six in a row, shot 5-of-26 on three-pointers and missed a handful of good looks in the fourth quarter.

Was it the length of the Huskies (who start three players 6-foot-2 or taller) or just a cold night?

"It's a little bit of both," USD senior point guard Tia Hemiller said. "They had

a really good defense."

At the same time the Coyotes were missing long-range shots early in the fourth quarter, Washington scored 14 straight points to take a 64-50 lead.

"The disappointing thing is for me is not the missed shots, it's that we allowed those missed shots dictate the way we were going to play," Williams said.

Washington (7-2), which was receiving votes in this week's coaches poll, got 29 points and 11 rebounds from Talia Walton. Kelsey Plum, the nation's leading scorer (28.4), chipped in with 25 points.

And it was that duo who proved to be too much for the Coyotes, who were hosting their first high-major conference opponent since the 2012 WNIT.

"They've got some great players that can score one on one," Williams said. "They just really know how to take advantage of the things you do against them."

The Coyotes, meanwhile, could not sustain a quick start — the hosts jumped out 19-5 — and as Williams put it, went away from "Coyote basketball."

Hemiller and junior Jasmine Trimboli

both scored 23 points, while senior Nicole Seekamp added 10 points (on 4-of-17 shooting), seven rebounds and four assists.

Outside of that, though, USD's other three starters combined for 13 points on 3-of-13 shooting.

Washington, in turn, took advantage of those missed opportunities.

"They did a good job making us pay for our mistakes," Hemiller said.

From facing a Pac-12 opponent, the Coyotes will next host NAIA Dakota Wesleyan next Thursday night.

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WASHINGTON (7-2)
Chantel Oshor 2-7 3-3 7, Talia Walton 10-16 3-3 29, Katie Collier 1-3 1-2 3, Kelsey Plum 10-24 4-5 25, Brianna Ruiz 1-3 0-0 2, Hannah Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Mathilde Gilling 2-3 0-1 4, Kelli Kingma 0-0 0-0 0, Alexis Athley 3-5 0-1 7, Deja Strother 0-0 0-0 0, TOTALS 29-61 11-15 77.

SOUTH DAKOTA (6-4)
Margaret McCloud 2-3 1-2 5, Tia Hemiller 4-12 2-2 13, Kelly Stewart 1-7 0-0 3, Caitlin Duffy 0-3 5-6 5, Nicole Seekamp 4-17 2-2 10, Jasmine Trimboli 6-9 0-0 13, Allison Arens 1-1 0-0 2, Jaycee Bradley 0-2 0-0 0, Bridget Arens 0-0 4-4 4, Madeline Hornoly 0-2 0-0 0, Kate Liveringhouse 4-5 1-2 9, Heidi Hoff 0-0 0-0 0, Abigail Fogg 0-1 0-0 0, TOTALS 22-62 15-18 64.

WASHINGTON.....12 28 52 77
SOUTH DAKOTA.....21 33 59 64

Three-Pointers — Washington 8-21 (Walton 6-8, Athley 1-2, Plum 1-7, Ruiz 0-1, Oshor 0-2), USD 5-26 (Hemiller 3-10, Trimboli 1-3, Stewart 1-5, Duffy 0-2, Bradley 0-2). Total Rebounds — Washington 38 (Walton 11), USD 37 (Seekamp 7). Assists — Washington 10 (Oshor 4), USD 6 (Seekamp 4). Turnovers — Washington 15, USD 12. Personal Fouls — Washington 18, USD 18. Fouled Out — Oshor. Attendance — 2235.



USD's Nicole Seekamp goes in for a layup during the Coyotes' women's basketball game with Washington on Saturday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

South Dakota St. 53, Creighton 51

OMAHA, Neb. — A 7-4 run to finish the game helped the South Dakota State University women's basketball team to a 53-51 nonconference win over Creighton Saturday night in front of 1,023 fans at D.J. Sokol Arena.

The Jackrabbits, now 8-2, used a jumper by sophomore Macy Miller (Mitchell) with 19.0 seconds remaining to take a 53-49 lead over the Bluejays. Creighton closed the game with a pair of free throws.

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Guardian Angels Downs Crofton For First Setback In Two Seasons

WEST POINT, Neb. — Guardian Angels Central Catholic ended Crofton's 57-game winning streak with a 39-35 victory in girls' basketball action Saturday in West Point, Nebraska.

The loss came nearly two years to the day that Crofton last lost: Dec. 14, 2013, at Guardian Angels CC.

Katey Brown and Kate Knobbe both scored 10 points for GACC (4-0), while Lexis Haase added nine points.

In the loss for Crofton (4-1), Kelsey Sanger recorded 15 points, six assists and five steals, while Monica Arens had eight points and Lauren Steffen hauled in seven rebounds.

Crofton returns to action next Friday when it hosts Creighton. GACC visits Clarkston-Leigh on Tuesday.

CROFTON (4-1).....10 18 25 35
GUARDIAN ANGELS CC (4-0).....14 20 28 39

Elizabeth Watchorn added 11 points and four steals. MacKenzie Boyle chipped in 10 points and four assists.

In the season-opening loss for Irene-Wakonda, Caitlin Hinseth recorded 21 points, nine steals, seven rebounds, six assists and two blocks. Andrew Sokolowski added 15 points and five rebounds, and Taylor Lee had 10 points and four rebounds. Erin Hansen also had six steals.

Ponca visits Laurel-Concord-Coleridge on Tuesday and Irene-Wakonda plays Viborg-Hurley in Viborg on Friday.

PONCA (3-1).....16 26 41 58
IRENE-WAKONDA (0-1).....9 24 41 55

Dakota Valley 53, Gayville-Volin 40
GAYVILLE — Haley Hoffman scored 16 points and two teammates added 12 points as Dakota Valley defeated Gayville-Volin 53-40 in girls' action Saturday in Gayville.

Claire Johnson and Peyton Wingert both scored 12 points for Dakota Valley (1-1), which visits Beresford on Tuesday.

Genny Clark scored 19 points to lead Gayville-Volin (2-1), which visits Wausa, Nebraska, on Tuesday.

to add eight points and six rebounds for Vermillion (2-1), while Madisen Martinez recorded six points and Kasey Jensen hauled in five rebounds.

Full stats were not available for Aberdeen Roncalli (1-1).

Vermillion hosts Sioux City (Iowa) North on Dec. 21.

ABERDEEN RONCALLI (1-1).....5 9 15 20
VERMILLION (2-1).....15 23 37 45

Platte-Geddes 40, AC-DC 38
PLATTE — Hallie Hallock scored a game-high 22 points to lead Platte-Geddes past Andes Central-Dakota Christian in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Alexis Peterson scored 12 rebounds and Jada Nelson had nine rebounds in the victory.

For AC-DC, Kennedy Muckey led the way with nine points and seven rebounds. Abbi Baan Hofman netted eight points. Ahna VanderPol added five steals.

Platte-Geddes, 1-0, hosts Kimball-White Lake on Tuesday. AC-DC, 2-1, hosts Ethan on Tuesday.

AC-DC won the JV game 21-20.

ANDES CENTRAL-DAK. CHR. (2-1).....8 14 26 38
PLATTE-GEDES (1-0).....12 23 32 40

TDA (3-0), while Brooklyn Brouwer and Mattilyn Reiner both added 10 points and three rebounds.

In the loss for Menno (0-2), Marissa Buechler and Paige Heckenlaible both scored 11 points, while Tara Spencer hauled in 13 rebounds and Heckenlaible had six rebounds.

Menno hosts Scotland on Tuesday and TDA plays Wolsey-Wessington on Thursday in Woonsocket.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR (3-0).....8 19 34 49
MENNO (0-2).....5 12 23 37

Randolph-Col. 44, Laurel-Concord 40, Marion 17
RANDOLPH, Neb. — The Randolph Cardinals outscored Laurel-Concord-Coleridge 16-5 in the fourth quarter to claim a 44-35 victory over the Bears in Lewis & Clark Conference girls' basketball action on Saturday.

LCC led 30-28 after three quarters. Carlee Thiess scored a game-high 18 points and had six rebounds to lead Randolph. Katelyn Backhaus also had six rebounds for the Cardinals.

Bryn Schutte led LCC with 15 points. Katie Leapley had nine points, 16 rebounds and four blocked shots for the Bears.

Randolph, 2-1, hosts Wakefield on Tuesday. LCC hosts Ponca on Tuesday. LAUREL-CONCORD-COL. (0-4).....12 24 30 55
RANDOLPH (2-1).....11 24 28 44

Viborg-Hurley 63, Marion 17
VIBORG — Viborg-Hurley jumped out to a 44-11 halftime lead and cruised to a 63-17 victory over Marion on Saturday.

Abby Hora had 25 points, nine rebounds, five assists and six steals to lead Viborg-Hurley. Kirsten Paetow posted 10 points in the win.

Liz Davis led Marion with six points. Michele Schoenwald had four assists.

Viborg-Hurley, 2-0, hosts Bridgewater-Emery on Tuesday in Viborg. Marion hosts Colman-Egan on Tuesday.

MARION (0-3).....7 11 13 17
VIBORG-HURLEY (2-0).....22 44 58 63

in a 60-44 victory over Madison in Dakota XII Conference girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Payton Donnelly had eight points and nine steals in the victory.

For Madison, Nicole Brown led the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

EPJ, 3-0, returns home to face Akron-Wesfield tonight (Monday). Madison hosts Tri-Valley on Tuesday.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (3-0).....18 31 47 60
MADISON (0-2).....5 21 25 44

Bloomfield 74, Niobrara-Verdige 30

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Brittany Kerbel and Sarah Casteneda combined for 50 points as Bloomfield downed Niobrara-Verdige 74-30 in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Kerbel went 6-9 from three-point range on the way to a game-high 26 points. She also had four assists and three steals. Casteneda had 24 points and 11 rebounds. Amber Bruegman had five assists in the victory.

Emily Knust and Danielle Beaudette each had 10 points for Niobrara-Verdige. Knust also had 10 rebounds. Beaudette added four assists.

Bloomfield, 2-2, travels to Randolph on Thursday. Niobrara-Verdige hosts Ewing on Thursday.

NIOBARRA-VERDIGRE (0-5).....6 21 27 30
BLOOMFIELD (2-2).....17 33 56 74

Ponca 58, Irene-Wakonda 55
IRENE — Abigail Van Dyke led four players in double figures with 12 points as Ponca, Nebraska, edged Irene-Wakonda 58-55 in girls' action Saturday in Irene.

Rachel Bentz added 11 points and six rebounds for Ponca (3-1), while

Vermillion 45, Aberdeen Roncalli 20
TEA — Autumn Barnett and Haleigh Melstad both scored 12 points as the Vermillion Tanager rolled past Aberdeen Roncalli 45-20 on Saturday at the Tea Classic.

Twila Sweeney came off the bench

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 49, Menno 37
MENNO — Erica Koster was productive in all areas of the game as Tripp-Delmont-Armour beat Menno 49-37 in girls' action Saturday in Menno.

Koster recorded 16 points, nine rebounds and five steals in the win for

Elk Point-Jeff. 60, Madison 44
MADISON — McKenzie Mennenga scored a game-high 24 points and Elsie Aslesen scored 18 points off the bench

Mitchell Christian 31, Wessington Springs 15
WESSINGTON SPRINGS — Mitchell Christian outscored Wessington Springs in each quarter on the way to a 31-15 victory over the Spartans in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Abbie Reynen led Mitchell Christian with 13 points, eight steals and four assists. Emily