

# Coyote Women Battle Past North Dakota 73-70

GRAND FORKS, N.D.—South Dakota senior guard Nicole Seekamp stole the ball as the clock expired to seal the Coyotes' 73-70 win over North Dakota Saturday afternoon inside Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

"Today's game came down to grit," said USD head coach Amy Williams. "We found a way to grind it out. I could not be more proud of our seniors. They stepped up and made big plays right when we needed them. A great effort from our team as they overcame a lot of adversity."

South Dakota (8-4) has won eight of its last nine games and two-in-a-row in the series. North Dakota (4-6) lost inside 'The Betty' for the first time this season and just the 29th time since the arena opened in 2004-05.

Five Coyotes scored in double figures Saturday. Seekamp finished with a team-high 15 points, five assists, and four steals. Senior center Margaret McCloud, senior guard Kelly Stewart, and sophomore Kate Liveringhouse each had 11 points. Senior guard Tia Hem-

ller added 10 more. North Dakota's Mia Loyd, the Big Sky Pre-Season Player of the Year, put up a game-high 22 points and grabbed seven boards. Teammate Leah Szabla scored a career-high 21 points. Makailah Dyer added 16 for the Fighting Hawks.

South Dakota held the lead for nearly 38 minutes of the contest. The Coyotes' reached their largest lead of 13 at the end of the first. With both teams scoring 12 points in the second quarter, the Coyotes took a 35-24 lead into the half. North Dakota went on a 15-8 run in the final six minutes of the third quarter with eight points from Loyd to make it a one-basket game. A layup by Dyer with 7:55 remaining in the fourth put the Fighting Hawks up 50-49.

The Fighting Hawks gained momentum as the lead changed four times in the beginning of the fourth. Seekamp hit a 15-foot jumper with 7:27 to go to quiet the crowd inside The Betty. Hemiller had a steal two minutes later that she ran down court for an easy layup and extend the Coyotes' lead

to five. North Dakota would foul six times in the final 1:17 to send the Coyotes to the line. South Dakota sank 6-of-9 from the charity stripe to hold onto the lead. Overall, South Dakota was 27-of-57 (47.4 percent) from the field, forced 23 Fighting Hawk turnovers, and held a 19-11 advantage in bench points. North Dakota also shot 47 percent (25-of-53) from the field.

The Fighting Hawks won the rebounding battle 34-28 which resulted in 20 second-chance points to South Dakota's eight. Liveringhouse and McCloud both had a team-high five boards.

South Dakota travels to Champaign, Ill., to face Illinois at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the State Farm Center.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (8-4)**  
Tia Hemiller 4-8 2-2 10, Jasmine Trimble 3-6 0-0 7, Kelly Stewart 2-3 6-8 11, Margaret McCloud 5-10 1-1 11, Nicole Seekamp 5-14 4-4 15, Allison Arens 1-1 0-0 2, Jaycee Bradley 0-2 0-0 0, Bridget Arens 2-2 1-2 5, Madeline Hornoly 0-2 0-0 0, Kate Liveringhouse 5-8 1-2 11, Heidi Hoff 0-1 1-4 1, Abigail Fogg 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 27-57 16-23 73.

**NORTH DAKOTA (4-6)**  
Leah Szabla 6-10 7-9 21, Mia Loyd 8-11 6-6 22, Makailah Dyer 6-14 4-4 16, Kelsey Knox 0-1 0-0 0, Stephanie Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Jill Morton 0-3 0-0 0, Samantha Roscoe 3-9 0-0 6, Ellie Ripplinger 0-1 0-0 0, Lexi Klabo 0-0 0-0 0, Fallyn Freije 2-4 0-0 5. TOTALS: 25-53 17-21 70.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**.....23 35 49 73  
**NORTH DAKOTA**.....12 24 46 70

Three-Pointers: USD 3-7 (Trimble 1-2, Stewart 1-2, Seekamp 1-2, Bradley 0-1), UND 3-17 (Szabla 2-3, Freije 1-3, Loyd 0-1, Dyer 0-3, Knox 0-1, Morton 0-2, Roscoe 0-3, Ripplinger 0-1). Rebounds: UND 34 (Loyd 7), USD 28 (McCloud 5, Liveringhouse 5). Personal Fouls: UND 24, USD 20. Fouled Out: B. Arens, Loyd. Technical Fouls: USD Head Coach Assists: USD 13 (Seekamp 5), UND 9 (Dyer 3). Turnovers: UND 23, USD 16. Blocked Shots: UND 7 (Dyer 2, Roscoe 2), USD 0. Steals: USD 12 (Seekamp 4), UND 9 (Szabla 3). Attendance: 1,532.

## Green Bay 58, SDSU 57

GREEN BAY, Wis.—South Dakota State's Ellie Thompson scored a game-high 15 points but it wasn't enough as the SDSU women's basketball team lost 58-57 to Green Bay in a nonconference game in front of 2,527 fans at the Kress Center.

The Jackrabbits, 9-3, had a chance for the win with 1.0 second left but a 3-point shot by junior Clarissa Ober off an inbounds pass missed.

Junior Kerri Young and sophomore Macy Miller each had 13 points. Miller also had six rebounds and five assists. Ober finished with seven rebounds.

Green Bay, 8-2, was led by Allie LeClaire with 14 points and Mehryn Kraker with 12 points.

SDSU held a five-point lead, 54-49, after Thompson sank a 3-pointer with 6:13 to play. The Phoenix then scored nine-straight points, four from LeClaire and a 3-pointer from Sam Terry, to take a 58-54 lead at 2:15. Young scored the

Jackrabbits last points with a 3-pointer with 1:46 to play.

In the first quarter, the Jackrabbits used an 8-0 run, fueled by four points from Thompson, to take a 14-5 at 5:01. SDSU lead 18-14 at the end of the quarter.

Green Bay scored 12 of the first 14 points of the second quarter before Miller sank a 3-pointer, senior Gabby Boever had a steal and layup and Miller added a layup to put SDSU up 27-26 with 3:34 to play. Young scored five points in the final minute to give the Jackrabbits the 32-27 lead at halftime.

The Jackrabbits return to action Monday when they play at Bowling Green at 6 p.m.

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (8-3)**  
Kerri Young 4-11 2-2 13, Madison Guebert 2-7 0-0 1, Ellie Thompson 7-12 0-2 15, Alexis Alexander 2-5 0-0 5, Gabrielle Boever 3-7 0-0 6, Chloe Cornemann 0-1 0-0 0, Sydney Palmer 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23-54 4-6 57.

**GREEN BAY (8-2)**  
Mehryn Kraker 5-8 0-0 12, Jessica Lindstrom 3-7 1-1 8, Lexi Weitzer 0-1 0-0 0, Kaiti Lukan 4-11 1-2 9, Allie LeClaire 5-10 2-2 14, Jen Weitzel 0-0 0-0 0, Tasha Buck 2-4 0-0 5, Mariah Monke 0-1 0-0 0, Sam Terry 3-8 3-4 10. TOTALS: 22-50 7-9 58.

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**.....18 32 46 57  
**GREEN BAY**.....14 27 45 58

Three-Pointers: GB 7-19 (Kraker 2-4, LeClaire 2-5, Lindstrom 1-4, Buck 1-3, Terry 1-3), SDS 7-26 (Young 3-8, Guebert 1-5, Miller 1-2, Thompson 1-1, Alexander 1-2, Ober 0-3, Boever 0-3, Cornemann 0-1, Palmer 0-1). Rebounds: GB 32 (Lindstrom 7), SDS 30 (Ober 7). Personal Fouls: SDS 17, GB 9. Fouled Out: None. Assists: GB 15 (Lukan 5), SDS 12 (Miller 5). Turnovers: GB 14, SDS 11. Blocked Shots: GB 3, SDS 1. Steals: SDS 8 (Guebert 2, Boever 2), GB 5 (LeClaire 3). Attendance: 2,527.

## Illinois Downs USD Men

BY SEAN NEUMANN  
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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Malcolm Hill scored a career-high 34 points and had 11 rebounds, and Illinois never trailed in a 91-79 victory over South Dakota on Saturday.

Hill was 10 of 16 from the floor with four 3-pointers and had five assists. Jalen Coleman-Lands added 17 points with four 3s for Illinois (7-5), which has won four straight.

"Our offense was about as good as it's been all year," Illinois coach John Groce said. "We were really hitting on all cylinders."

The Illini opened on a 14-0 run behind eight-straight defensive stops, and led 55-36 at the break.

"Illinois really came out of the gates hot," South Dakota coach Craig Smith said. "We just dug too big of a hole in the first half."

Tre Burnette had a career-best 27 points on 10-of-17 shooting to lead South Dakota (7-5).

Burnette made three 3-pointers and Trey Norris made a jumper during an 11-4 spurt to pull the Coyotes to 84-78 with two minutes left. Michael Finke answered with a 3-pointer, and Hill and Coleman-Lands each made a pair of free throws to seal it.

Illinois shot 47 percent on 14-of-30 shooting from beyond the arc.

"These points don't really mean anything to me," Hill said. "I was actually pretty upset at the end of the game just because we made it a closer game than it needed to be."

**TIP-INS**  
Illinois: Malcolm Hill was 10 of 11 from the line and has scored in double figures in each game this season. His career-high against South Dakota surpasses his previous career-best 28 points he scored against Maryland in Jan. 2015. ... Michael Finke finished with 13 points and Kendrick Nunn added 10 points as the Illini had four players in double figures. ... The Illini beat South Dakota in their previous meeting, 96-56 during the 1971-72 season.

South Dakota: Guard Tre Burnette was 5-for-9 from beyond the arc, also a career-best. ... The Coyotes have lost two of their last three games since snapping a five-game winning streak.

**TURNING POINT**  
Illinois forward Michael Finke hit a game-sealing 3-pointer with a minute to go, finally putting the game out of reach at 87-78. A minute prior, Coyote guard Tre Burnette made it an 84-78 game with a 3-pointer, but missed one on the next possession that would have made it a three-point game.

**HOT START**  
Illinois started on a 14-0 run, and shot 60 percent from 3-point range, taking a 55-36 lead into the half. "When you allow a team to shoot 60 percent in a half, you're not going to win many games," South Dakota coach Craig Smith said. Illinois shot 59.4 percent from the field in the first half, and never trailed.

**STAR POWER**  
Malcolm Hill has led Illinois through a difficult non-conference run, putting up double digits in all 12 games this season. The Illini have been without starters Tracy Abrams, Mike Thorne Jr. and Leron Black due to injuries. Starting guard Kendrick Nunn also missed the first two weeks of the season with a

# Hastings Men Hold Off Mount Marty

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The Mount Marty College men's basketball team lost to Hastings 71-61, after a close first half in Great Plains Athletic Conference basketball action on Saturday at Cimpl Arena in Yankton.

"It was one of those games, whoever made a couple tough shots was going to get it," MMC coach Andrew Baker said. "It was a knock-em, drag-em out game tonight and we just fell short."

The Lancers led for most of the first half until Hastings' Connor Musiel went on a small tear to give the Broncos a 28-26 lead going into halftime. Mount Marty was led in the first half by Anthony Stransky's two three-pointers and Alex Irvine's five points.

"Mount Marty really got on us early, our defense held on, but our offense needed to be a little bit better," Hastings coach Bill Gavers said. "We stayed on course and didn't get panicked when we got behind early."

Musiel started the second half right where he left off in the first scoring from three and then adding two more buckets at the rim as Hastings would rattle off an 16-2 run to build a 16-point lead with 14:36 remaining which never faltered. Jake Hansen hit two threes down the stretch, while Carson Blum led the Broncos in the second half with nine of his 11 points.

"Musiel came out had six or seven points in a row, our defensive intensity stayed the course, and that's what gave us a little bit of separation," Gavers said. "At the end of

the game when Carson Blum attacked the rim instead of shooting a three and when Rich Williams attacked the rim, those are plays that make a difference."

The Lancers in the second half were paced by Irvine who scored 14 points on 4-of-5 shooting and 6-of-7 from the free throw line to finish the game with 19 points along with nine rebounds. Stransky hit another pair of threes for Mount Marty, but it wouldn't be enough in the loss.

"I think we missed some shots, we got to the free throw line and missed some, we missed a few in a row and tend to tense up a bit or take a quick one to try and catch back up," Baker said. "We did some things well in our offense and then they kind of picked up and took a couple of those options away."

"We kept forcing it instead of going to the second option."

According to Gavers, it came down to shutting down MMC guard KJ DeCristino.

"I give Mount Marty a lot of credit, last time out against Concordia, coach Baker did some nice things with his team," Gavers said. "DeCristino started playing the point, and DeCristino can play, he handles the ball well, he can score."

"I think our two guys defensively I think did a good job at pressuring him, maybe wearing him out a little bit, and giving him harder looks at threes."

DeCristino would finish with six points on 2-of-9 shooting, along with one assist and three turnovers before fouling out of the game.

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D

A Hastings defender tries to steal the ball away from Mount Marty's K.J. DeCristino during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena. Hastings claimed a 71-61 decision.

## Lancers

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the team, it means a lot to win this game."

Winckler started the game, but then fell into foul trouble and left the game with a cut on her elbow before returning in the game's final moments.

"Gutty kid, she is a good defender, she is athletic, she just happened to be in the right place at the right time," MMC coach Tom Schlinggen said. "She had to glue her elbow, so she is going to go in for stitches."

The win is the first time Mount Marty has defeated a ranked opponent since beating Northwestern College in January 2014, a stretch that lasted 12 games. It was also Mount Marty's first win against Hastings since January 2013.

"I knew we could do it," Winckler said. "Obviously we prepared a lot for it, we knew what we had to do, and we just had to go execute."

Those preparations allowed the Lancers to take a 45-41 lead into the locker room at the half led by Alex Kneeland, who had 11 of 15 in the first half, including 6-for-6 from the free throw line, and Logan Wagner's three triples for nine points in the half. Mount Marty shot seven more free throws than Hastings while finishing a perfect 12-for-12 at the line.

"We prepared hard, and I'm sure they prepared hard for us," Schlinggen said. "We knew they were a really good defensive team and we really had to execute in our half-

court offence and try to be really solid on the defensive end."

The gameplan worked out for the Lancers in the first half, but to start out the second half, Hastings rolled off on a 16-0 run to go up 57-45 before Brittini Bormann ended the run by nailing two free throws. Schlinggen called three timeouts during the run and had one clear message during each timeout.

"Our kids came out and tried to do too much individually, we had a lot of shots off the dribble and early," Schlinggen said. "Every timeout we said we have got to get in our spacing, we have got to play our game instead of taking early shots or trying to do it yourself, we need to do it as a team."

Ten points was the biggest deficit Mount Marty saw for the rest of the game as it battled back to trail 60-56 at the end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Mount Marty battled back and tied the game at 71 on back-to-back layups by Gebhart with one minute remaining. Hastings' Chelsey Morten gave the Broncos the lead back on a two-point jumper, before Winckler would tie it again

at 73. The Broncos called timeout and had 16.7 seconds to run one play and try to win. Hastings' point guard Abby Jackson's pass was stolen by Raquel Sutura, who then passed the ball to Gebhart, who would assist Winckler on the winning bucket.

The win puts the Lancers at 8-5 (3-4 GPAC) on the season and gives Hastings, 11-2 (5-2 GPAC) just its second loss.

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**HASTINGS (11-2)**  
Chelsey Morten 4-7 0-0 9, Abby Jackson 3-12 0-0 8, Holly Hild 4-6 5-6 14, Jordan Johnson 4-8 0-0 9, Rachel Jelden 4-11, 4-5, 13, Kaitlynn Harvey 3-8 0-0 7, Amani Frazier 0-1 0-0 0, MacKenzie Willcott 2-3 2-2 6, Alex Edwards 1-2 0-0 2, Tatum Stanger 1-2 0-0 3, Roshawn Hollie 0-0 0-0 0, Kellie Schreiber Vogel 1-4 0-0 2. TOTALS: 27-65 11-13 73.

**MOUNT MARTY (8-5)**  
Alex Kneeland 4-14 6-6 15, Cassidy Gebhart 5-9 3-3 13, Logan Wagner 3-8 2-2 11, Kellie Winckler 2-3 0-0 4, Raquel Sutura 4-9 4-5 12, Erica Dreackman 0-0 0-0 0, Brittini Bormann 0-2 2-2 2, Denise Veldkamp 4-4 1-2 10, Mikayla Prouty 1-3 4-4 6, Sammy Kasowski 0-1 0-0 0, Samantha Blake 1-3 0-2 2. TOTALS: 24-54 22-26 75.

**HASTINGS**.....24 41 60 73  
**MOUNT MARTY**.....27 45 56 75

Three-Pointers: HAST 8-17 (Jackson 2-4, Morten 1-1, Stanger 1-1, Hild 1-2, Harvey 1-2, Johnson 1-3, Jelden 1-3, Edwards 0-1), MMC 5-19 (Wagner 3-4, Veldkamp 1-1, Kneeland 1-9, Sutura 0-1, Prouty 0-1). Rebounds: MMC 39 (Sutura 11), HAST 33 (Morten 6, Jelden 6). Assists: HAST 17 (Jackson 5), MMC 6 (Sutura 4). Steals: HAST 9 (Morten 4), MMC 6 (Sutura 4). Blocked Shots: MMC 5 (Sutura 2, Winckler 2), HAST 1 (Hild 1). Turnovers: MMC 18, HAST 12. Personal Fouls: HAST 22, MMC 16. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 317.

## Gazelles Earn First Win

BRANDON – Two days after Yankton struggled after a decent start, the Gazelles bounced back from a slow one.

Yankton trailed 15-9 after one quarter but outscored Brandon Valley 53-33 the rest of the way in a 62-48 victory over the Lynx in Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball action on Saturday.

The 62 points scored by Yankton was the most in a Gazelle victory since the 2011-12 season (66-48 over Huron, 2/21/12). Yankton scored 62 points in a three-point loss to Pierre in the 2014-15 season.

Becky Frick scored a game-high 19 points to lead Yankton. Lindsey Hale and Bailey Kortan each scored 10 points, with Hale also recording seven rebounds. Madson Tessier had nine points and seven assists in the victory.

Taylor Thorson led Brandon Valley with 18 points.

Elsie Zajicek scored nine points.

Yankton (1-2) concludes its pre-Christmas schedule at Sioux Falls Washington on Tuesday. Brandon Valley, which has lost three straight after an opening win over Harrisburg, hosts Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Tuesday.

Brandon Valley won the JV game 56-19. For Yankton, Aurora Papstein had seven points and seven rebounds.

The Lynx also claimed the sophomore game 49-29. Maddy Hochstein led Yankton with 10 points and eight rebounds.

**YANKTON (1-2)**  
Sophie Drotzmann 2-4 2-3 6, Madson Tessier 2-5 5-9 9, Brianna Benjamin 1-2 0-2 2, Becky Frick 8-12

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