

Bison Women Avenge Loss To South Dakota

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota found plenty of open looks against the Bison on Saturday night, especially from the perimeter, but the Coyotes could not get enough to fall as North Dakota State defeated USD 57-50 in Summit League action at the DakotaDome.

After falling to the Coyotes 73-52 in Fargo on January 3, the Bison made the necessary adjustments to keep USD's inside game and rebounding from beating them this time around.

"The big thing we addressed was our rebounding," Bison head coach Carolyn DeHoff said. "We told (our players) that we needed to do a lot better in this game."

That strategy paid off as NDSU did hold a slight 39-38 edge in total rebounding against a USD squad that held a plus-eight rebounding season average entering Saturday night's game.

According to DeHoff, the Bison also wanted to keep the Coyotes from penetrating and getting easy inside baskets or fouls.

"We didn't want to let Seekamp and Wilson get to the rim - they are playmakers," DeHoff added.

Instead, North Dakota State packed their players inside on defense and forced USD into taking an uncharacteristic 26 three pointers. The Coyotes made only five of those shots (19 percent) and shot just 35 percent from the floor for the game.

In addition, the Coyotes only took four free-throw shots for the second game in a row. USD also struggled getting to the foul line against SDSU in their 63-55 home loss to the Jackrabbits last Wednesday.

Coyotes coach Amy Williams said that her team might have had a false sense of security entering Saturday's contest.

"We beat them up at their place with a comfortable margin and just got done playing our rival with a chance for first place in the conference," Williams said. "This is a very disappointing home loss."

Polly Harrington, who finished with a double-double (11 points, 10 rebounds), said that the Coyotes left a lot on the court.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota's Nicole Seekamp handles the ball during the Coyotes' Summit League women's basketball game with North Dakota State on Saturday at the DakotaDome.

"There were a lot of things that didn't happen tonight that should have happened," Harrington said. "I'm pretty upset — we could have played so much better."

Nicole Seekamp scored 19 points to lead the Coyotes offensively. Margaret McClood added six points on 3-for-3 shooting in 16 minutes of action off the bench.

The Coyotes have a week-long break before they host Kansas City on Saturday afternoon in their third-to-last home game of the season.

"I'm thankful that we have the week to learn from our mistakes," Coach Williams said. "This second time through (the Summit schedule) teams are making adjustments and we've got to evaluate ourselves and tweak some things to handle those adjustments and be successful as we move forward."

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE (8-14, 4-6 Summit)
Liz Keena 2-3 2-2 6, Marena Whittle 2-8 0-1 4, Dani DeGagne 6-16 5-5 17, Katie Birkel 10-23 2-2 24, Jamie Van Kirk 0-6 1-2 1, Holly Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Britney Gaines 1-2 2-2 5, Totals 21-59 12-14 57
SOUTH DAKOTA (11-12, 6-4 Summit)
Polly Harrington 5-9 1-2 11, Lisa Loeffler 1-4 2-2 4, Tempest Wilson 2-12 0-4 4, Alexis Yackley 0-5 0-0 0, Nicole Seekamp 8-15 0-0 19, Tia Hemmiller 0-1 0-0 0, Sam Mehr 1-5 0-3 3, Pam January 0-1 0-0 0, Margaret McClood 3-3 0-0 6, Heidi Hoff 1-5 0-0 3, Totals 21-60 3-4 50
Halftime NDSU 21, USD 21, Three-Point Field Goals - NDSU 3-4 (Birkel 2-7, Gaines 1-1, Whittle 0-2, Van Kirk 0-2, DeGagne 0-1, Johnson 0-1), USD 5-26 (Seekamp 3-6, Hoff 1-4, Mehr 1-3, Wilson 0-5, Yackley 0-5, January 0-1, Harrington 0-1), Rebounds - NDSU 39 (Whittle 9), USD 38 (Harrington 10), Assists - NDSU 9 (DeGagne 4), USD 16 (Yackley 6), Blocks - NDSU 1, (Whittle) USD 2 (Loeffler 1, Mehr 1), Steals - NDSU 7 (DeGagne 3), USD 6 (Harrington, Hoff 2), Turnovers - NDSU 10, USD 15, Fouled Out — Keena, Attendance - 1,015.

Zeller Becomes All-Time Leading Scorer At Elk Point-Jefferson

ELK POINT — Brock Zeller became the all-time scoring leader in Elk Point-Jefferson High School boys' basketball history during the Huskies' game with Dakota Valley on Friday.

Zeller passed Ross Wilcox, who graduated in 2005. The senior finished Friday's game with 1,406 points.



Zeller

Tennis: USD Sweeps Mount Marty

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — South Dakota swept Mount Marty in women's tennis action on Saturday at Four Seasons Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

The closest singles match came at flight one, where USD's Milica Pavlovic topped the Lancers' Vanessa Rockne 6-1, 6-4.

USD also swept Northwestern (Iowa) 7-0 to improve to 4-0 on the season. USD travels to Des Moines, Iowa on Feb. 9-10, facing Texas-El Paso on Saturday and Illinois-Chicago on Sunday.

Mount Marty is now off until April 3, when the Lancers travel to Morningside to open its first Great Plains Athletic Conference season.

SOUTH DAKOTA 7, MOUNT MARTY 0

SINGLES: Milica Pavlovic USD def. Vanessa Rockne 6-1, 6-4; Hafsa Lariabi USD def. Alexandria Kimisch 6-0, 6-0; Nina Barudicz USD def. Kendra Cersosimo 6-1, 6-1; Veronika Makashov USD def. Danielle Gill 6-0, 6-1; Yamini Reddy USD def. Lauren Janssen 6-0, 6-0; Maddy Warder USD def. Rebecca Koch 6-0, 6-0
DOUBLES: Pavlovic-Maria Tortosa USD def. Rockne-Cersosimo 8-1; Makashov-Reddy USD def. Gill-Kimisch 8-0; Barudicz-Warder USD def. Janssen-Michaela Ramm 8-1

Buell Sets USD Pole Vault Record For Second-Straight Week

LINCOLN, Neb. — Bethany Buell set a USD indoor pole vault record for the second consecutive week by recording a 13-11 3/4 mark while winning the event at the Frank Sevigne-Nebraska Invitational on Saturday.

Buell won the event by 3 1/4 inches and broke her previous school record of 13-10 that she set at the USD Bill Hillenbrand Alumni Meet on Jan. 26. Teammate Madison Mills placed third with a 13-5 1/4 while Emily Grove, who competed unattached, finished fifth at 13-2 1/4.

The women's team recorded one more top-five finish at the meet. Rachel Weinandt (Yankton) finished fifth in the 600-meters with a time of 1:35.23. Jarlame Doorn (Wagner) placed sixth in the 3000-meters (10:41.09). Megan Gliscar was sixth in the high jump (6-8) and Carol Miller was 10th in the mile (5:14.73).

On the men's side, the 4x400-meter relay team of Christian Nielsen, Erik

Hill, Jeff O'Connell and Lukas Bernard finished fourth in 3:17.98. Benson Langat placed sixth in the 3000-meters in 8:38.40 and Cody Linder was ninth in the triple jump at 46-6 1/4.

Also at the meet, Colorado State's Alex Muntefering (Parkston) placed fourth in the special event mile (4:08.24). South Dakota State's Luke Leischner (Parkston) finished second in the consolation 400-meter dash (48.61).

The Coyotes will next be at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 8 and 9.

MMC Strong At Dennis Young Classic

STORM LAKE, Iowa — A pair of near national qualifying performances highlighted the Dennis Young Indoor Classic track and field meet for the Mount Marty Lancers in Storm Lake, Iowa on Saturday.

Junior Katie Smekler set a new school record while winning the women's 5000 meter run for the Lancers in her first ever indoor effort at that distance with a time of 18:50. That is only 15 seconds away from the NAA provisional national qualifying standard. Smekler already is qualified for the marathon in the outdoor championships.

Sophomore Abbey VanDenBerg placed second in the triple jump (10.89 meters), just .08 meters from the provisional standard in that event. Also for Mount Marty, Kaylee Fly was sixth in the mile (5:29), Jordyn Hudelson placed ninth in the 1000 meter run (3:21) and Emily Anderson was fifth in the high jump.

On the men's side, Sam Lopez and Josh Monson were ninth and tenth in the 800 meter run, Jordan Pater was fourth in the 5000 meter run (16:04) and Trevor Loporou finished third in the high jump.

Girls

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Ethan 50, Avon 49

AVON — Ethan edged out Avon 50-49 in girls' basketball action on Saturday in Avon.

Darbi Gustafson scored 27 points and added six rebounds for Ethan.

Chesney Nagel scored 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Pirates. Ariana Oorlog added 11 points and four rebounds.

Both teams play today, as Ethan as at Dakota Christian while Avon visits Freeman.

ETHAN (11-4).....18 25 39 51
AVON (10-5).....15 29 36 49

Scotland 51, Andes Central 44

LAKE ANDES — Scotland's Aisha Abbink scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Highlanders to a 51-44 victory over Andes Central in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Carley Skorepa had 11 points and five rebounds, and

Kennidy Asche had seven rebounds for Scotland. Hannah Mogck had three assists and Abbink recorded five steals in the victory.

For Andes Central, Krista Winkler posted 16 points and three assists. Kellie Winkler had 11 points, 12 rebounds, three assists, six steals and three blocked shots.

Scotland, 12-4, travels to Parkston today (Monday). Andes Central, 6-8, travels to Corsica-Stickney on Tuesday.

SCOTLAND (12-4).....17 25 39 51
ANDES CENTRAL (6-8).....11 16 27 44

Platte-Geddes 76, Miller 43

PLATTE — Josie DeGroff and Kelly Knudson each posted double-doubles as Platte-Geddes rolled past Miller 76-43 in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

DeGroff led the way with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Kelly Knudson posted 21 points, 10 assists and seven steals. Shelby Rabenberg added 12 points, five assists and five steals in the victory.

For Miller, Jamie Mentzer led the way with 18 points. Jansen Hunter posted 10 points and eight rebounds. Kristen Peterka added seven rebounds.

Platte-Geddes, 12-5, travels to Bon Homme today (Monday). Miller, 5-10, travels to Stanley County on Tuesday.

MILLER.....16 26 34 46
PLATTE-GEDDES.....22 43 59 76

Lancers

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key four offensive rebound and put-back play looked to help shape the rest of the game for Briar Cliff.

Shipley hit a three pointer at the top of the key to give Briar Cliff a 26-23 lead, their first of the game. The Chargers wouldn't look back from that point on.

The Lancers fought hard the rest of the first half, capped off by two steals by Hieb and Smith for coast-to-coast lay-ups.

The Briar Cliff Chargers went into halftime with a 31-27 lead over the Mount Marty Lancers.

"We had a good effort and played well down the stretch," head coach Jim Thorson said on the first half.

The second half deemed to be the nail in the coffin for the Lancers.

Briar Cliff capitalized on the boards, snagging offensive rebounds and forcing Lancer turnovers.

To start the second half, Richardson missed a lay-up, but with a great hustle play, stole the ball from behind and hit Austin Harms with a pass. Harms hit a 15 foot jumper to bring the deficit to six, 37-31.

The Lancers used a vaunted full court trap to cause a few turnovers in the second half and a 10 second call. Hieb capitalized off the call with an acrobatic lay-up.

Shipley proved why he is a bombasted three point shooter in the second half. He hit a deep three-pointer to give the Chargers their biggest lead of the game, 44-35.

Two straight turnovers for Mount Marty gave Briar Cliff a 48-35 lead.

Hieb worked around the defense to hit a difficult step-back fadeaway jumper to bring some life to the Lancers.

Mount Marty clawed to within six with a steal by Tyler Payer. He took the ball on a coast-to-coast jam with authority to bring the game to 46-40.

Chevy Fischer used a Briar Cliff turnover with a tough made bucket and was fouled going up to the hoop. Fischer hit the free throw to bring the game within six, 49-43.

Shipley hit two wide open three-pointers in a row to give the Chargers a 57-45 point lead.

"We had some lapses in the second half," Thorson said. "We let Shipley hit a few threes on us. We fell apart and couldn't execute."

Payer answered right back with a three-pointer of his own after the Shipley run, to cut the lead down to nine, 49-40.

Both teams hit a stalemate late in the second half, having a four and a half minute run with no made baskets.

Briar Cliff held on to defeated and knock the Lancers out of post-season play 64-51.

Shipley led the Chargers with 21 points, four of five from beyond the

arc. Clay Harrelld added 14 points and six rebounds in the victory.

Austin Harms and Hieb led the Lancers with 12 points. Richardson added 10 points in the loss.

Mount Marty will travel to Orange City, Iowa, to take on rival and number five ranked Northwestern College (19-5, 13-3 in GPAC) on Wednesday.

"A lot of this is mental, knowing what to expect," Thorson said. "On offense and defense we need to respond and execute the way we can."

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BRIAR CLIFF (18-9)
Taylor Munro 2-9 0-5 8, John Engler 0-1 0-0 1, Jake Shipley 8-13 4-5 21, Turner Fahey 0-5 0-1 4, Michael Collison 0-2 0-0 4, Ricky Torres 1-3 0-0 4, Clay Harrelld 6-10 2-5 14, Zach Oting 3-7 0-3 8, TOTALS: 20-50 18-25 64
MOUNT MARTY (7-18)
Saladin "Bud" Smith 1-6 0-2 2, Chris Richardson 4-8 2-4 10, Scott Odekirik 1-1 0-0 2, Joe Hieb 6-10 0-3 12, Tyler Payer 2-8 1-4 6, Austin Harms 3-7 0-0 12, Jeff Larsen 1-2 0-0 2, Chevy Fischer 1-2 0-1 3, Alex Irvine 1-2 0-0 2, TOTALS: 20-46 8-10 51
At the half: BCU 31, MMC 27, Three-Pointers: BCU 6-19 (Shipley 4-5, Harrelld 2-5), MMC 3-14 (Richardson 2-4, Payer 1-4), Rebounds: BCU 33 (Torres and Harrelld 6), MMC 28 (Odekirik 6), Assists: BCU 5 (Murren 2), MMC 12 (Smith and Payer 3), Steals: BCU 10 (Murrel, Harrelld, and Oting 3), MMC 6 (Richardson and Hieb 2), Fouls: BCU 14, MMC 21, Turnovers: BCU 12, MMC 18.

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Watertown's Lexy Morris (37.525) and Lynn Hanten (37.275) finished 1-2 in the all-around, with Mitchell's Quinci Herll tying for second. The Arrows' Krisia Bramer also broke the 37-point barrier, finishing at 37.125 for fourth.

Hanten won the vault (9.625) and floor exercise (9.675). Morris won the balance beam (9.425). Bramer won the uneven parallel bars (9.725).

Yankton-Bon Homme was led by Elsie Kotalik, who placed eighth in the all-around with a 34.775. Also for the Gazelles, Charlotte Taggart placed sixth on the bars with an 8.85.

Kotalik, Taggart (33.675) and Ashtyn Haak (33.325) qualified for state as all-around competitors, as the meet also served as the region qualifier. The Gazelles also qualified Kaitlin Guthmiller in the vault (8.975) and beam (8.05), Haleigh Diede (8.775) and Chelsey Hisek (8.55) on the bars, and Sophie Bisgaard in the floor exercise (8.9).

The Gazelles travel to Wagner on Feb. 9 for a tune-up meet for state, Feb. 15-16 in Rapid City.



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