

Olson, Bucks Bounce Back

Senior Guard Scores 17 In Rout Of Aberdeen

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After Ryan Olson had to watch helplessly as his Yankton Bucks teammates fell to Brandon Valley on Feb. 10, the senior point guard was determined to make an impact when he returned to the court.

He did just that, scoring a game-high 17 points as the Bucks rolled past Aberdeen Central 66-35 in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball action.

Olson hit all three of his three-point attempts and finished 7-11 from the field.

"I felt bad that I missed on Monday," said Olson, who was out due to illness. "I wanted to get out there and be aggressive."

Also for Yankton, J.J. Hejna finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Reid Sawatzke had 12 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Brady Hale added eight points and four assists in the victory.

For Aberdeen Central, Jacob Goehring, Logan LeGrand and Cannon Hannigan

each had eight points. Anthony Bachmeier had four assists and six rebounds.

The Golden Eagles took advantage of some early Yankton miscues, jumping out to a 9-4 lead.

"We got to the basket, Golden Eagle head coach Brent Norberg said of the early surge. "We were more aggressive offensively and defensively in the first quarter than we were the rest of the game."

With the Bucks trailing 11-7, Yankton head coach Chris Haynes called a time out, telling the team to get it together defensively.

"Defensively we lolly-gagged into this game," Hejna said. "He told that we needed to buckle down."

Hejna scored the final five points of the first quarter and Mitchell Gullikson opened the second period with a three-pointer. Olson then scored 10 of Yankton's next 14 points as the Bucks pulled out to a 32-19 halftime lead.

Yankton continued to apply both offensive and defensive pressure, outscoring

the Golden Eagles 34-16 in the second half. The Bucks held Aberdeen Central to 4-22 (18.2 percent) shooting in the half.

"I don't think the final is indicative of how close these teams are," Haynes said. "We shot very well, and they missed a lot of shots they normally would make."

Part of Yankton's hot shooting can be attributed to solid passing. The Bucks finished with 16 assists, including six from inside players.

"Our post passing was great," Hejna said. "I think I got three baskets alone because we passed out of the double from the opposite post. We need to keep that going if we want to win big games."

The next big game for Yankton (12-6, 11-4 ESD) is the final home game of the season, Tuesday against Sioux Falls Roosevelt (13-3). The Bucks finish the regular season on Friday at Pierre.

"We have the number two and three ranked teams in the state next week," said Haynes. "It will be a really good test for us. We'll see where we're at."



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's J.J. Hejna gets inside of Aberdeen Central's Tyler Block, 40, for a shot attempt during their Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball game on Saturday in Yankton.

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Coyotes Cage Jaguars



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
South Dakota head coach Amy Williams, center, congratulates Coyote guard Tia Hemiller, 4, during a time out in the Coyotes' 74-56 victory over IUPUI on Saturday at the DakotaDome. The Coyote win knocked the Jaguars out of a tie for first place in the Summit League.

USD Knocks IUPUI From First

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VERMILLION — The corner has been officially turned and now the University of South Dakota women are playing like they mean business in the Summit League race.

Their latest performance was perhaps their best, and it came against one of the two teams tied for first place.

Exacting revenge from a 21-point loss a month ago and winning for the fifth time in six games, the Coyotes cruised past IUPUI 74-56 on Saturday afternoon at the DakotaDome.

The play on both ends of the court was a far cry from the first meeting for the Coyotes (14-11, 5-5).

"That was own of the worst games we played all year," sophomore point guard Tia Hemiller said. "We came out flat, we were all on different pages.

"Now we just came out and wanted to play hard and compete with them."

Mission accomplished, and then some.

Handing the Jaguars (19-7, 9-2) their first loss in 10 games, the Coyotes also won their third consecutive 'revenge' game — over a team it lost to in the first meeting.

And the biggest catalyst has to be defense, right?

"To me, it's so obvious," head coach Amy Williams joked.

"When you go back and watch a game film from when we were down at IUPUI, we were a little shell shocked," she said, adding later, "When you see the difference and the way that impacts us, it's really not a secret."

The biggest theme for the Coyotes of late has been a commitment to a full, 40-minute defensive performance.

And Saturday, they held IUPUI to 29 points in the first half and 27 points (on 27 percent shooting) in the second half.

USD won the battle of the boards 41-33 and held Jaguars leading scorer DeAirra Goss — who had 27 points in the first meeting — to nine points on 3-of-16 shooting.

"This time around, we just really wanted it," said Coyote junior Raeshel Contreras, who scored 16 points.

"Coach always says, 'How bad do you want to win the rebounding war? How bad do you want to commit to defense?' We made the commitment."

The first half featured a mix of a strong start by the Jaguars — who led 18-12 midway through — and a strong finish by USD, which led 33-29 at the break.

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USD Men Hold Off Jaguars

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Trevor Gruis scored 18 points and South Dakota withstood a late rally from IUPUI for a 71-67 win on Saturday.

South Dakota (10-15, 4-6 Summit League) led 64-54 before IUPUI (6-22, 1-10) closed the game on a 13-7 run.

P.J. Hubert's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left cut the lead to 68-64. After South Dakota missed the front end of a 1-and-1, Elijah Ray's 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go brought the Jaguars within 68-67.

Tyler Larson hit two free throws for South Dakota to put the Coyotes up 70-67 before Marcellus Barksdale was fouled and missed two attempts for IUPUI. Larson

made one more free throw with 3 seconds left to preserve the win.

Larson scored 13 for the Coyotes. Tyler Flack had 12 and Trey Norris added 10.

Mitch Patton led the Jaguars with 16 points. Ray added 12 points and Barksdale had 10.

S. DAKOTA 71, IUPUI 67

S. DAKOTA (10-15)

Flack 5-8 2-2 12, Gruis 8-18 2-2 18, Norris 3-6 2-2 10, Rowson 3-6 1-2 7, Larson 4-5 3-4 13, Bos 2-3 0-1 6, Thosaby 0-4 1-2 1, Kasperbauer 0-4 2-2 2, Robertson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-55 13-17 71.

IUPUI (6-22)

Ray 4-9 2-2 12, Gibbs 3-10 2-2 9, Patton 5-10 6-7 16, Najee 3-6 2-2 9, Barksdale 4-10 2-6 10, Ross, Jr. 0-0 0-0 0, Stanback 1-2 0-0 2, Hubert 3-4 0-0 9, Totals 23-51 14-19 67.

Halftime—Tied 32-32, 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 6-15 (Bos 2-2, Larson 2-2, Norris 2-3, Flack 0-2, Thosaby 0-2, Kasperbauer 0-4), IUPUI 7-19 (Hubert 3-4, Ray 2-4, Najee 1-3, Gibbs 1-5, Stanback 0-1, Barksdale 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—S. Dakota 34 (Flack 7), IUPUI 26 (Patton, Ray 6). Assists—S. Dakota 14 (Norris 6), IUPUI 14 (Barksdale 6). Total Fouls—S. Dakota 14, IUPUI 14. A—420.

Doering Powers Alcester-Hudson Girls Past Colman-Egan

COLMAN — Shenja Doering scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Alcester-Hudson past Colman-Egan 68-58 in girls' basketball action Saturday in Colman.

Taylor Kjosie added 10 points for the Cubs (13-6), while Courtney McKee had nine points and Sierra McConnell added eight points.

For Colman-Egan (3-16), Tori Nelsen scored 34 points

and grabbed seven rebounds, while Burgin Groos added nine points.

Colman-Egan concludes regular season action at Oldham-Ramona-Rutland on Tuesday and Alcester-Hudson hosts Canton on Thursday.

ALCESTER-HUDSON (13-6).....18 34 48 68
COLMAN-EGAN (3-16).....13 27 43 58

Parkston 46, Bridgewater-Emery 39
EMERY — The Parkston Lady Trojans over-

came a double-double by Bridgewater-Emery's Tiana Kayser in a 46-39 victory over the Huskies in girls' basketball action on Saturday.

Samantha Kinneberg scored 12 points and Sam Herrold had 10 points for Parkston.

Tiana Kayser had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Kadra Kayser scored 11 points for Bridgewater-Emery.

Parkston, 6-12, hosts Andes Central on Tuesday. Bridgewater-Emery, 9-10, travels to Mitchell Christian on Tuesday.

PIERRE 56, Harrisburg 51

PIERRE — Sydney Palmer scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Pierre past Harrisburg 56-51 in ESD girls' basketball action Saturday in Pierre.

McKenna Halverson added eight points for the Lady Gavs (10-7), while Kaitlyn Severyn had

seven points, five rebounds and three assists.

For the Tigers (10-7), Alex Johnson scored 18 points, Hailey Halling had 13 points and four rebounds, and Morgan Beaner scored eight points.

S.F. Lincoln 49, R.C. Central 46

RAPID CITY — Ellie Brecht scored 23 points on 7-of-8 three-pointers to lead Sioux Falls Lincoln past Rapid City Central 49-46 on Saturday.

Lincoln also got seven points from Izzy VanVelthuisen. The Patriots rallied from a 3-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter.

For the Cobblers, Abbie Wahl scored 12 points, while Grace Weeks added nine points and eight rebounds.

SIoux FALLS LINCOLN10 18 31 49
RAPID CITY CENTRAL12 24 36 44

Friday
Alcester-Hudson 62, Baltic 59

ALCESTER — Shenja Doering scored a game-high 24 points to lead Alcester-Hudson to a 62-59 victory over Baltic in girls' basketball action on Friday.

Courtney McKee scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Alcester-Hudson. Katie Homandberg added nine points for the victorious Cubs.

Allie Walter had 20 points and nine rebounds for Baltic. Makenzie Moe and Mariah Hanisch each had 12 points, with Moe also grabbing seven

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Potter County 59, Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 54

MITCHELL — Potter County overcame a strong performance by Mount Vernon-Plankinton's Deric Denning to beat the Titans 59-54 at the DWU Corn Palace Classic on Saturday.

Caleb Meinke scored 18 points and Mitchell Hinckley had 12 points and eight rebounds to lead Potter County.

Denning finished with 24 points, eight rebounds and five assists for MVP. Cody Renken added nine points.

Potter County, 16-2, travels to Ipswich on Thursday. MVP, 9-8, hosts Bon Homme on Tuesday in Mount Vernon.

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Wrestling: Huber, Skillingstad Lead Yankton At Huron; Canton Wins Dakota XII



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Vermillion's Brett Bye scores the takedown and looks for the pin against Elk Point-Jefferson's Cody Davis during their 152-pound quarterfinal at the Dakota XII Conference Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in North Sioux City.

HURON — Spencer Huber won the 126-pound division and Casey Skillingstad finished second at 145 pounds in his return to action at the Huron Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Aberdeen Central scored 237.5 points to run away with the team title, beating out Huron (172), Winner (166.5) and Watertown (148).

Huber became Yankton's single-season leader in victories, going 3-0 on the day — all with bonus points — to improve to 42-10 on the season. He came into the meet tied for Yankton's single-season mark with Nick and Ben Smith, who each went 39-0.

Skillingstad (21-4), who missed the past month due to injury, pinned his first two op-

ponents before forfeiting the 145-pound championship to Aberdeen Central's Zach Russman.

Also for Yankton, Cody Vornhagen finished third at 106 pounds, improving to 21-19 on the season. Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem (113) also earned a third place finish. Brock Folkers (195) and Landon Binder (220) each finished fourth in their weight classes.

Yankton next competes in the Region 2A Tournament, Thursday and Friday in Lennox.

TEAM SCORES: Aberdeen Central 237.5, Huron 172, Winner 116.5, Watertown 164, Mitchell 148, Webster 135, Yankton 107

CHAMPIONSHIP: 106 — Victor Padilla, Aberdeen dec. Tim Lawrence, Watertown 7-5; 113 — Patrik Aeschbach, Winner dec. Josh Moore, Aberdeen 3-2; 120 — Wyatt Shillingstad, Huron dec. Trevor Hieb, Aberdeen Central 6-2; 126 — Spencer Huber, Yankton maj. dec. Seth Moore, Aberdeen Central 13-2; 132 — James Suter, Watertown dec. Chet Glanzner, Huron 9-6;

138 — Sean Bice, Winner dec. Nolan Richie, Webster 7-3; 145 — Zach Russman, Aberdeen by forfeit over Casey Skillingstad, Yankton; 152 — Alex Herrick, Mitchell dec. Tyler Wagner, Webster 6-3; 160 — Tyson Mitzel, Aberdeen tech. fall Matt Larson, Mitchell 16-1; 170 — John Frisco, Aberdeen maj. dec. Sterling Gehrike, Watertown 10-2; 182 — Preston Skinner, Mitchell dec. Cole Carlson, Aberdeen 9-4; 195 — Tyler Kleinsasser, Huron pin. Jesse Forman, Watertown 4-35; 220 — Dalton Cox, Aberdeen dec. Scott Assman, Winner 6-1; 285 — Robert McCordle, Mitchell dec. Josh Waagen, Huron 4-2.

THIRD: 106 — Cody Vornhagen, Yankton pin. Aiden Grout, Webster 1-59; 113 — Bashir Abd-Al-Kreem, Yankton tech. fall Trevor Ripplingier, Watertown 20-5; 120 — Zach Ayers, Winner pin. Justin Andrews, Watertown 3-35; 126 — Briggs Havik, Mitchell dec. Trevor Watson, Watertown 3-1; 132 — Logan Richie, Webster dec. Collin Haar, Aberdeen 9-8; 138 — Mitchell Johnson, Aberdeen by default over Landon Neugebauer, Mitchell; 145 — Tyrel Haley, Winner pin. Austin Grout, Webster 2-29; 152 — Dylan Mitzel, Watertown pin. Nick Christensen, Huron 2-44; 160 — Corey Schlotte, Webster maj. dec. Colin Simons, Huron 14-4; 170 — Nathan Deune, Webster pin. Forrest Caw, Winner 4-50; 182 — Mark Wiley, Webster dec. Bailey Schoenfelder, Brock Folkers, Yankton 2-1; 195 — Tyson Sprinkle, Mitchell pin. Brock Folkers, Yankton 3-42; 220 — Jeremiah Johnson, Huron maj. dec. Chase Kingman, Mitchell 12-1; 285 — Colton Best, Winner pin. Landon Binder, Yankton 1-21.

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