

# Defense Powers Wagner Past Irene-Wakonda In TVC Classic



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Wagner's Kristi Soukup tries to find a way around the pressure of Irene-Wakonda's Caitlin Hinseth during their matchup in the Tri-Valley Conference Classic on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

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What seemed like a quick win for Wagner just four minutes into their game against Irene-Wakonda proved to be more of a challenge than expected.

Even with two comebacks within two points from Irene-Wakonda, three-point shots got the Red Raiders a 69-51 win Saturday at the Laddie E. Cimpr Arena during the last game of the Tri-Valley Classic.

"In number of baskets made we were pretty even with them," said Irene-Wakonda's head coach Todd Bak. "They're outside shooting was just outstanding. But this has been an improvement for our girls over the last five games."

Wagner went on a 15-0 to begin the game, ending the first period ahead of the Golden Eagles 18-7.

Irene-Wakonda managed a comeback, coming within two points of the Red Raiders, who still led 23-21 with 4:35 left in the second period.

The Eagles then came within two points again with just over two minutes remaining in the second quarter, trailing Wagner 30-28. Wagner led at the half by just four points, 32-28.

"We've never played Irene-Wakonda before, but we knew they were going to run good defense," said Wagner's Emily Brunings. "We knew we had to pick it up."

Ali Kuca led the Red Raiders at the half with 12 points and four rebounds,

with teammate Emily Brunings adding nine points and five rebounds.

Caitlin Hinseth had a total of nine points and three assists for Irene-Wakonda, while Lauren Sokolowski contributed six points and three rebounds.

"We took a lot of shots and had a few misses, and we missed a lot of shots inside," said Wagner's head coach Mike Koupal. "In the fourth quarter we were able to step up defensively and balance out our offense."

Wagner increased the lead by 11 points by the end of the third quarter, leading 49-38. The Red Raiders ended the game with the 69-51 victory.

Kuca ended the night with

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## Barta Scores 1,000th Point As GV Downs Canistota

Gayville-Volin's Kelia Barta scored her 1,000th career point as the Raiders rolled past Canistota 55-35 in the Tri-Valley Conference Girls' Basketball Classic on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena in Yankton.

Genny Clark scored 17 points, including a 3-4 effort from three-point range, and had eight rebounds to lead Gayville-Volin. Barta, who now has 1,003 career points, scored 16 points and had seven rebounds. Megan Hirsch had nine points in the win.

For Canistota, Kalli Ortman led the way with 14 points. Sadie Anderson added 11 points.

Gayville-Volin, 13-1 and winners of six straight, hosts Freeman Academy in TVC action on Thursday. Canistota travels to Irene to face another TVC member, Irene-Wakonda today (Monday).

CANISTOTA (3-11).....4 12 25 35  
GAYVILLE-VOLIN (13-1).....14 28 44 55

## Dakota Christian 35, Alcester-Hudson 30

Dakota Christian scored the game's first 13 points and kept Alcester-Hudson at bay the rest of the contest, claiming a 35-30 victory over the Cubs in the Tri-Valley Conference Classic on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

Ahna Vander Pol led Dakota Christian with 14 points. Abbi Baan Hofman and Kennedy Muckey each grabbed 10 rebounds in the win.

For Alcester-Hudson, Amelia Stene led the way with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Dakota Christian, 11-3 and winners of nine straight, travels to Andes Central today (Tuesday). Alcester-Hudson travels to Centerville on Tuesday for a TVC matchup.

DAKOTA CHRISTIAN (11-3).....17 22 35  
ALCESTER-HUDSON.....8 17 25 30

## Viborg-Hurley 72, Dell Rapids St. Mary 37

Abby Hora posted a double-double, finishing with 21 points and 10 rebounds, to lead Viborg-Hurley to a 72-37 victory over Dell Rapids St. Mary in the Tri-Valley Conference Classic on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

Hora went 4-7 from outside, helping the Cougars to an 11-19 effort from three-point range. Angie Lee, who scored 17 points, went 3-4 from outside. Duana Lee went 3-3 from three-point range to finish with nine points.

For St. Mary, Ally Mullaney led the way with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Viborg-Hurley, 11-4, hosts Freeman Academy on Friday. St. Mary hosts Bridgewater-Emerly today (Monday).

DELL RAPIDS ST. MARY (4-11).....1 13 29 37  
VIBORG-HURLEY (11-4).....20 31 56 72

## Centerville 79, Bon Homme 57

Centerville freshman Shannon O'Malley scored a game-high 42 points to lead the Tornados to a 79-57 victory over Bon Homme in the Tri-Valley Conference Classic on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena.

O'Malley also had seven assists for the Tornados. Valerie Sunderland scored 13 points, and Kristina Laska and McKenzie Goedne each had seven rebounds in the win.

For Bon Homme, Morgan Rothschild led the way with 23 points and eight rebounds. Bailey Kortan netted 11 points. Jeni Schmidt added a game-high 11 rebounds.

Centerville, 11-3, hosts TVC rival Alcester-Hudson on Tuesday. Bon Homme begins a six-game home stand with Gregory today (Monday).

BON HOMME (3-10).....5 16 41 57  
CENTERVILLE (11-3).....21 47 65 79

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# Bench Powers USD Past ORU

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VERMILLION – Three weeks ago, the University of South Dakota women's basketball team suffered a 16-point loss in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Coyotes vowed in the locker room to get revenge.

A 39-point swing certainly did the trick.

Getting 46 points from its bench, first-place USD flipped the script by routing Oral Roberts 93-70 in Summit League action Saturday afternoon at the DakotaDome.

"We had this marked on our calendar," USD senior Raeshel Contreras said, "and I think we came out ready and wanted to throw the first punch."

Freshman post Kate Liveringhouse scored a season-high 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting, while reserves Kelly Stewart (11) and Bridget Arens (10) also reached double figures in the second consecutive lop-sided victory.

That kind of production from the bench has been a consistent theme for the Coyotes (17-5, 7-2), but it wasn't as though it was an emergency need – USD's starters combined for 47 points.

"It builds up their confidence, lets them know that they are going to be counted on to bring something to table, and that they're capable of that," head coach Amy Williams said of her reserves.

How key is that for the Coyotes?

"It's really a huge relief," said Contreras, who had 19 points with four 3-pointers.

While balance told the story for USD, the Golden Eagles were led by one player.

Vicky McIntyre, a 6-foot-7 senior center, had 19 points

THE SUMMIT LEAGUE				
	W	L	Per	GB
South Dakota (17-5)	7	2	.778	-
S.D. State (15-7)	6	3	.667	1
W. Illinois (14-8)	6	3	.667	1
IUPUI (10-12)	5	4	.556	2
N.D. State (9-12)	5	4	.556	2
Denver (7-15)	4	4	.500	2.5
Oral Roberts (10-12)	4	5	.444	3
Fort Wayne (8-14)	2	7	.222	5
Omaha (6-15)	1	8	.111	6

and 14 rebounds in the first meeting. The Florida transfer was better in both areas Saturday, with 32 points and 17 rebounds.

"I thought about what would be effective against her, and we stuck to our game plan," Liveringhouse said. "I just think attacking her was the best thing to do, and it really worked."

Aside from McIntyre, the Golden Eagles (10-12, 4-5) combined for 38 points and 14 rebounds. Williams joked that she wasn't about to say USD conceded letting McIntyre have a big night to stop everyone else.

"I just keep telling my staff at some point we're going to stop giving the other team's best player career night after career night," Williams said. "We're searching for ways to find answers to those things."

Nineteen points from the reserves played a key role in USD building a commanding 41-23 halftime lead, already approaching their total offensive output in the first meeting.

The Coyotes then led by double digits for the entire second half, shooting 54 percent to balloon the margin – their second straight rout, following a 26-point win over Denver last Wednesday.

Seniors Lisa Loeffler and Nicole Seekamp each added

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South Dakota's Kate Liveringhouse goes up for a shot during the Coyotes' 93-70 home victory over Oral Roberts on Saturday in the DakotaDome. Liveringhouse scored a career-high 21 points, leading a 46-point bench effort in the victory.

# Super Bowl 49: Patriots Deny Seattle's Repeat Bid

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tom Brady and the Patriots made this Super Bowl all about football, not footballs.

Clutch football, spiced by a sensational fourth-quarter rally and a goal-line, game-saving interception.

The record-setting Brady threw for four touchdowns, including a 3-yarder to Julian Edelman with 2:02 remaining Sunday night as New England rallied from a 10-point deficit to win its fourth Super Bowl in the Brady-Bill Belichick era, 28-24 over Seattle.

But the Patriots (15-4) had to sur-

vive a last-ditch drive by the Seahawks (14-5), who got to the 1, helped by a spectacular juggling catch by Jermaine Kearse. Then Rookie Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Ricardo Lockette to pick off Russell Wilson's off-target pass and complete one of the wildest Super Bowl finishes.

Brady leaped for joy on the Patriots sideline after Butler's interception.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up," said Brady, who won his third Super Bowl MVP award.

Brady surpassed Joe Montana's

mark of 11 Super Bowl touchdown passes with a 5-yarder to Danny Amendola to bring the Patriots within three points.

Seattle, seeking to become the first repeat NFL champion since New England a decade ago, was outplayed for the first half, yet tied at 14. The Seahawks scored the only 10 points of the third period, but the NFL-leading defense couldn't slow the brilliant Brady when it counted most.

It didn't matter how much air was in the balls, game Brady was unstoppable

when the pressure was strongest. While pushing aside the controversy over air pressure in the footballs stemming from the AFC title game, the Patriots toyed with Seattle in the final 12 minutes.

Seattle didn't quit — it never does — and Kearse's 33-yard catch with 1:06 remaining got it to the 5. Marshawn Lynch rushed for 4 yards, then backup cornerback Butler, who was victimized on Kearse's reception, made the biggest play of his first NFL season with 20 seconds remaining.

# Oral Roberts Edges Past Coyote Men

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VERMILLION – Having potentially escaped the shadow of consecutive frustrating performances, the University of South Dakota men's basketball team were instead dealt an even bitter pill.

A one-point loss in which a possible game-winning layup was thwarted.

Oral Roberts overcame a 10-point halftime deficit and benefited from a no-call at the buzzer to rally past the Coyotes 73-72 in a high-energy, physical Summit League matchup Saturday afternoon at the DakotaDome.

Once the dust had settled, the Coyotes (10-13, 4-5) were left to again pick up the pieces from a losing effort – their third straight in league play.

"Especially when we've lost two in a row and we really needed to get a win to get yourself back on track, this one definitely stings," said senior Brandon Bos, who scored 16 points.

"Any time you lose by one, it hits you pretty hard, and this one definitely did."

Having scored 50 and 55 points in the two previous games, USD shot 48 percent and led for 37 of 40 minutes, but still came up just short to the Golden Eagles (12-10, 5-3).

"Everyone says, 'You lose by one, it doesn't come down to one play,'" head coach Craig Smith said. "But there's a defining moment though where you can

make a play."

That defining play came just ahead of the final horn.

Junior reserve Eric Robertson put USD ahead 72-71 with a pair of free throws with 36.1 seconds to play. ORU's Denell Henderson was then fouled on the ensuing trip and his two foul shots gave the Golden Eagles a 73-72 edge.

Following a pair of missed free throws by Oral Roberts, USD, though, had a chance to win. Senior Tyler Larson drew contact on a drive to the basket with two seconds left, but no foul was called, and ORU grabbed the ball as time expired.

"After the shot, a hundred things went through my head for what I could've done different," said Larson, who finished with eight points and 11 rebounds.

"You've just got to make that play. Especially this being your last year, you may never get to make that play too many more times."

Oral Roberts, though, did make the key plays down the stretch.

The Coyotes led by as many as 11 points, 57-46, midway through the second half, but struggled to string together stops against an aggressive Golden Eagles squad.

Conversely, USD was able to get to the free throw line on a consistent basis, but a 22-of-33 performance at the line had Smith and his player scratching

their heads afterward – the Coyotes shot 73 percent on the season.

"If you say to me we're going to shoot 48 percent and shoot 33 free throws, we're probably going to win nine out of ten times," Smith said. "And this was the one time we didn't."

The Golden Eagles got a game-high 24 points from Obi Emegano, as well as 14 points from Henderson and 11 off the bench from Albert Owens.

Junior Casey Kasperbauer added 16 points for the Coyotes, who are off until Friday when they host Western Illinois. For now, though, they've got to figure out how to move on.

"We've got no choice but to move forward," Larson said. "We can't let this game affect us the next game."

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ORAL ROBERTS (12-10, 5-3)  
Denell Henderson 3-5 8-14; Aaron Young 0-1 0-0 0; Obi Emegano 8-12 7-8 24; Corey Billbury 3-12 2-5 8; Darian Harris 0-1 0-0 0; Bobby Word 2-7 1-1 6; Jabbar Singleton 0-1 0-0 0; Brandon Conley 1-3 0-1 2; Adron Webber 2-6 0-5; Dederick Lee 1-3 0-0 3; Albert Owens 5-6 1-3 11. TOTALS 25-57 19-26 73.  
SOUTH DAKOTA (10-13, 4-5)  
James Hunter 2-2 0-0 4; Tre Burnette 3-7 4-6 10; Brandon Bos 6-9 2-4 16; Casey Kasperbauer 4-7 4-4 16; Tyler Larson 1-7 6-7 8; Trey Norris 1-4 0-2; Adam Thoresby 0-0 1-2; Duol Mayot 1-1 2-2; D.J. Davis 0-1 1-2; Eric Robertson 4-9 2-4 10. TOTALS 22-46 22-33 72.  
Halftime: USD 39-29. Three-Pointers: USD 6-14 (Kasperbauer 4-7, Bos 2-3, Larson 0-1, Burnette 0-3), ORU 4-17 (Emegano 1-1, Lee 1-3, Word 1-4, Webber 1-4, Harris 0-1, Singleton 0-1, Billbury 0-3). Total Rebounds: ORU 35 (Billbury 10), USD 34 (Larson 11). Assists: USD 9 (Norris 5), ORU 7 (Billbury 3). Turnovers: ORU 6, USD 10. Personal Fouls: USD 23, ORU 24. Fouled Out: Burnette. Attendance: 2064.



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South Dakota's Brandon Bos attacks the basket against an Oral Roberts defender during their Summit League men's basketball game on Saturday at the DakotaDome.