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S.D. State (15-6)	7	1	.875	—
S. DAKOTA (11-10)	6	2	.750	1
IUPUI (11-9)	5	3	.625	2
Omaha* (14-6)	4	4	.500	3
W. Illinois (10-10)	3	5	.375	4
Fort Wayne (7-13)	3	5	.375	4
N.D. State (7-13)	3	5	.375	4
Kansas City (7-14)	3	5	.375	4
Oakland (8-12)	2	6	.250	5

Tuesday, January 29
Western Illinois at Chicago State, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30
South Dakota State at South Dakota, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 31
Omaha at Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.
North Dakota State at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 2
Omaha at Oakland, 1 p.m.
South Dakota State at Kansas City, 2 p.m.
IUPUI at Western Illinois, 4:30 p.m.
North Dakota State at South Dakota, 7 p.m.

Coyote Women Set For Rematch Against SDSU

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VERMILLION — As regular season games in the DakotaDome go, this is a critical one.

First place in the Summit League is on the line tonight (Wednesday), when first-place South Dakota State visits Vermillion for a 7 p.m. showdown with second-place University of South Dakota.

How are the hometown Coyotes (11-10, 6-2) preparing for yet another rivalry game in the South Dakota Showdown Series?

"We're trying to not make it bigger than it is, but yeah, it's pretty big," head coach Amy Williams said Tuesday. "I'm really working as hard as I can to keep it business as usual.

"Our kids are playing really confident and loose right now, so I don't want them to get all tense."

The challenge now for the Coyotes — winners of four straight — is to repeat last season's home victory over the Jackrabbits

and exact revenge from a 12-point loss in Brookings three weeks ago.

No easy task, sure, but the recent surge naturally breeds confidence for the Coyotes.

"We feel like we're starting to build a little momentum, but we also certainly know that the hottest teams don't always stay the hottest teams," Williams said. "We don't want to fall into that; can't take anything for granted."

Especially against SDSU.

The only league blemish for the three-time champion Jackrabbits (15-6, 7-1) was a 1-point home loss on Jan. 19 to IUPUI, a team the Coyotes beat by 20.

Ashley Eide leads SDSU — which dropped one spot to No. 18 in this week's mid-major women's poll — in scoring at 14.2, while Megan Waytashek averages 14.2 points and 4.3 rebounds and Leah Dietel is first in rebounding at 5.5.

Freshman point guard and Yankton native Chloe Cornemann has played in all 21

games, and has recorded 2.2 points and 1.4 assists per contest.

The Jacks won the first meeting between the rivals, 72-60, in Brookings three weeks ago. And since that game, SDSU has gone 4-1 and the Coyotes have won four of six.

Experience plays a key role in overcoming obstacles like the one in Brookings, Williams said.

"We've been able to see in the last couple games, that we can get past some adversity like that," she said, referencing an early 8-0 hole at IUPUI. "That's where we really see that kind of experience, with Alexis (Yackley) and Tempestt (Wilson) to step in and settle us down.

"There's a comfort knowing we've got that on our side."

If stats are any indication, the Coyotes have adjusted well to the new offensive-based mindset of their new coach.

USD, which is still among the league leaders in defense, ranks first in shooting per-

centage (45.6), as well as assists (15.2) and rebounds (38.4) per game in conference action.

"We found where we feel like we can have the most success and tried to lock in on that," Williams said. "I feel like we've got everybody in the program to buy into those things, and we're starting to figure it out."

Wilson, a senior guard, has epitomized the Coyotes' surge in the past few weeks. The Elk River, Minn., native has reached double figures in points each of the past 10 games — including a career-high 26 last Saturday at IUPUI.

"That's all been a positive; we needed that punch from her," Williams said. "She's always had that capability, we just needed a little more consistency.

"We're hoping she can carry that all the way through."

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Lancers Score 16th Victory

MMC Holds Off Lady T's 85-77, Host No. 10 Briar Cliff On Saturday

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The Mount Marty women's basketball team continued its hot streak and continued a four-game win streak on Tuesday.

The Lancers got a combined 40 points from guards April Winne and Taylor Forsch to defeat the Dakota State Lady Trojans 85-77 in a non-conference two matchup at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

"This was our last non-conference game of the season," head coach Tom Schlimgen said. "We haven't been good enough at home lately. We wanted to get the momentum for some big home games coming up."

Mount Marty (16-9) started the game off the way they wanted, picking up a few easy baskets.

A back and forth early first half was halted by a viscous Lancer defensive attack.

A 15-1 run topped off by a Winne back-door layup by Mount Marty gave them a 19-7 cushion with around 10 minutes of play in the first half left.

The Lancers benefited from the return of guard Alyssa Whetham from injury.

Whetham hit a key three pointer with eight minutes left to give the Lancers a 22-11 point lead.

The Dakota State Lady Trojans (6-14) did not give into the Lancers, however. The Lady Trojans went on a 6-0 run with five minutes left to bring the game at 29-23.

After a time-out, the Lancers rolled into the second half on a high note.

Mount Marty went on an 8-0 run capped off by two jumpers by forward Allison De Kam.

"We came out really strong in the first half," De Kam said. "I feel we crashed the boards really hard too."

Courtney Hulstein led the way for the Lady Trojans with 11 points. Courtney Hamblin netted five points and three rebounds in the first half.

Early in the second half, a put in



Mount Marty guard April Winne, 15, weaves through the defense of Dakota State's Cassie Jacobsen, 32, and Julie Munson, 12, during the first half of their women's basketball game on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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Wayne Upends Crofton In MSC

NORFOLK, Neb. — Wayne defeated Crofton 60-37 in the Mid-State Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament on Tuesday in Norfolk, Neb.

Jalen Barry led the way for Wayne (17-3) with 26 points. Grant Anderson added 10 points in the victory.

Tyler Koch led the way for Crofton (7-10) with 10 points. Ben Hegge and Austin Wockman each added five points in the loss.

Wayne advances to play Hartington Cedar Catholic in the semifinals on Friday at Northeast Community College, while Crofton plays at Norfolk Catholic on Friday in consolation action.

WAYNE (15-3)15 30 49 60
CROFTON (7-10)4 19 26 37

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PLAINVIEW, Neb. — Laurel-Concord-Coleridge and Randolph advanced to the championship game of the Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference Boys' Basketball Tournament with semifinal wins Tuesday night.

LCC edged Creighton 54-47 in overtime and Randolph rolled past Plainview 58-28. The two winners will face each other Friday night in Plainview for the title.

Elkhorn Valley beat Neligh-Oakdale 47-29 in consolation action Tuesday.

No other information was provided from the games.

Canistota 46, Viborg-Hurley 40

VIBORG — Third-ranked Class B Canistota used a 12-of-14 effort at the free throw line to upend fourth-ranked Viborg-Hurley 46-40 in boys' action Tuesday night in Viborg.

Alex Robertson had 14 points, including 4-of-4 at the line in the final minute, to lead the Hawks (12-1). Boone DeKramer added 11 points.

Canistota led 32-28 after three quarters.

For the hometown Cougars (11-2), Andrew Hora recorded 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks.

Viborg-Hurley hosts Freeman Academy in Hurley on Friday and Canistota visits Freeman on Saturday.

CANISTOTA (12-1)4 17 32 46
VIBORG-HURLEY (11-2)10 18 28 40

Centerville 87, Alc.-Hudson 46

CENTERVILLE — Seamus O'Malley scored 20 points as the Centerville Tornadoes returned to their high-scoring ways Tuesday night by beating Alcester-Hudson 87-46 in Centerville.

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Dakota State Men Escape Mount Marty

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Despite holding a lead with under eight minutes left to play, Mount Marty could not keep Dakota State from hitting some big shots down the stretch to escape Yankton with a 63-55 victory on Tuesday night at the Cimpl Arena.

Dakota State, 16-7, shot just 40 percent for the game but due to 14 steals, the Trojans were able to put the ball in the air eight more times than the Lancers and converted a few of those extra shots to some big threes late in the game.

"Our turnovers are just killing us right now," Mount Marty head coach Jim Thorson said. "They (Dakota State) had 14 steals off of some not very good passing."

At the same time however, Mount Marty used solid inside passing to make a late first-half run to tie the game at 30 heading into the locker room after trailing by as many as nine points early in the contest.

"I thought we were really good working the ball on the interior passing in the first half and scoring whenever we wanted to," Thorson added. "We just have to keep working at it."

Led by freshman Brookings native Alex Irvine's eight points in only seven minutes of first-half action, Mount Marty muscled their way back into the game and hung right with the Trojans until Dakota

State took a six point lead with four minutes to play in the game.

"He (Irvine) adapted really well and just battled in there," Thorson said. "He responded very well so that will mean more minutes for him. We just let down a couple times - it was a tight game and then they got lost for one and we tried to play catch-up."

Senior Austin Harms (Lennox) recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lancers. Irvine finished with nine points in eight minutes on the floor while sophomore Tyler Payer (Amour) added eight points as a trio former South Dakota prep standouts paced Mount Marty.

John Lamb scored 13 points to lead Dakota State.

Mount Marty, losers of eight of its last nine contests over the course of the past month, falls to 7-17 on the year. The Lancers shot 54 percent from the field in the first half but were 0-for-8 on three-pointers in the second half and made just nine of 20 free-throw attempts in the game.

The Lancers host Briar Cliff on Saturday evening as Mount Marty must win a minimum of three of their final five regular season games to have a chance at qualifying for the GPAC Tournament.

"At this point we are not putting tournament pressure on us," Thorson said. "Hopefully we keep improving — fix turnovers and free-



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Mount Marty's Alex Irvine goes to the basket against Dakota State's Cameron Krump during their men's basketball game on Tuesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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