CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 4

Sunday, Jan. 5

p.m. (CBS)

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ment, beginning on Tuesday. BOYD COUNTY (6-1)

Hartington 52

nament on Saturday.

on Thursday

WAUSA (2-7)

HARTINGTON (1-7).....

CREIGHTON (6-1).

Sunday, Jan. 12

Creighton, 6-1, travels to Bloomfield on Tues-day. Boyd County, 6-1, hosts its annual tourna-

CREIGHTON, Neb. — The Wausa Vikings jumped out to a 23-8 lead after one quarter, then held on for a 55-52 victory over Hartington in the consolation game of the Creighton Holiday Tour-

Tori Clausen led three Vikings in double fig-ures with 15 points. Leanna Rosberg netted 14 points and Tara Munter had 13 points in the vic-

For Hartington, Sophie Noecker had 25 points and nine rebounds. Ryley Eickhoff had 10 assists

and five steals. Shelby Hochstein added nine points and five steals for the Wildcats.

ington plays in the Classic Tournament, beginning

Other Games

Dell Rapids 42 ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson jumped out to a 40-26 halftime lead on the way to a 71-42 vic-tory over Dell Rapids in Dakota XII girls' basket-ball action on Saturday.

Keely Bertram scored a game-high 31 points

and had seven steals to lead EPJ. McKenzie Men-nenga had 14 points and five steals for the

Mikaela Stofferahn led Dell Rapids with 16 points and eight rebounds. Brittany Kludt added

11 points. EPJ, 5-1 overall and 5-0 in Dakota XII play, hosts West Central on Thursday. Dell Rapids, 3-2

DELL RAPIDS (3-2)......14 26 32 42 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (5-1)......21 40 57 71

Lennox 60, Platte-Geddes 49 LENNOX — Tara Kuper scored 21 points to lead Lennox to a 60-49 victory over Platte-Geddes

in girls' basketball action on Saturday. Katelyn Hinker and McKenzie Weeldreyer

Josie DeGroot led Platte-Geddes with a game-

high 23 points. Lennox, 2-4 and winners of two straight, trav-

els to Dakota Valley on Thursday. Platte-Geddes, 2-4, travels to Tri-Valley on Friday.

Winner 80, Parkston 20 PARKSTON — Kelsey Bertram scored 15 points to lead Winner to an 80-20 victory over

Parkston in girls' basketball action on Saturday. Tawny Sherman scored 12 points and Sara

For Parkston, Justene Alley scored seven points and Sydney Weber had seven rebounds.

day. Parkston, 1-5, hosts Corsica-Stickney on

the GPAC, hosts Briar Cliff on Wednes-

Winner, 6-0, travels to Chamberlain on Tues-

Husher added 10 points in the victory.

each had 11 points in the victory.

and 2-1, travels to Garretson on Tuesday.

Huskies, who recorded 21 steals in the victory.

Elk Point-Jefferson 71,

Wausa hosts Elkhorn Valley on Tuesday. Hart-

Consolation: Wausa 55,

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Roosevelt at Brookings (5 p.m.)

Coyote Men Coast Past Iowa Wesleyan

BY JEREMY HOECK jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

VERMILLION - The way mismatched games go, the University of South Dakota men's basketball team handled their business and helped boost some confidence.

In their final non-conference tune-up before next weekend's Summit League opener, the Coyotes easily took care of NCAA Division III Iowa Wesleyan 86-52 on Saturday at the ĎakotaDome.

Following a 6-game losing skid, the Coyotes (5-9) have now won two straight to start a 5-game homestand.

With a lot of the losses, after a lot of them in a row, it hurts us," said sophomore Tyler Flack, who scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds. "Our effort tonight was good, and I think we can keep it going.

Not that there was much drama to worry about. USD led the entire way and outscored the Tigers 54-14 in the paint.

In short, it was a game the Coyotes should have won handily.

"The greatest thing about these games is that guys that don't get to play as much, it gives them an opportunity to come in and hopefully get them going," interim head coach Joey James said.

Eight players scored for USD, helping the considerably-taller hosts dominate the rebounds, 43-24. Reserve Tyler Larson led with nine rebounds to go along with seven points, while senior Trevor Gruis had six boards.

The team's goal was a 20rebound edge, according to sophomore reserve Adam Thoseby.

"Plus 19 still a pretty good effort," he said.

Behind 52 percent shooting and a plus-9 edge on the glass, the Coyotes raced out to a 47-29 lead at halftime and never looked back — leading by as many as 36 in the second half.

"One thing we keep talking

Coyotes

said. "She does attack the

boards. She's just got a spe-

cial knack to chase the ball

"We call Tia the 'little

post," McCloud said. "She

even jumps over us some-

times. She's one of our best

Hemiller was far from

Her teammates know that

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down.'

all too well.

rebounders."



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK The Coyotes' Trevor Gruis maintains control of the ball under the hoop despite the effort of Iowa Wesleyan defenders. Gruis contributed 15 points to South Dakota's 86-52 victory Saturday.

to our guys about is, 'You've gotta be more consisent in the second half. You've gotta be able to rebound and be tough

in there," James said. 'If we can just clean that up, I really like our team."

And so, how much does Saturday's win help?

"For our morale, it changes our team entirely," Thoseby said. "We were on a six game skid, but we're right back into it now."

The Coyotes open Summit League action next Saturday at home against newcomer Denver — projected to be a title contender.

"I think we've been ready for a lot of year," Thoseby said. "We've played a lot of good teams, and we haven't

been blown out except for the last two.

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S. DANO1A 80, IOWA WESLE TAN 52 IOWA WESLETXN (3-6) Lee 0-3 0-0 0, Lennon 0-0 0-0 0, Schwengels 6-14 0-0 13, Lightner 1-4 0-0 2, Martin 1-2 0-0 3, Politte 2-4 0-0 4, Stephenson 3-6 2-3 9, Taylor 2-5 1-2 6, Hurt 3-7 0-2 6, Caudie 3-3 1-2 9, Lewis 0-2 0-0 0, Tilk 0-1 0-0 0 Tayler 24 1-4 0, 62 0. Totals 21-51 4-9 52.

 Totals 21-51 4-9 52.
 S. DAKOTA (5-9) Flack 7-13 2-3 16, Rowson 0-2 0-0 0, Gruis 7-8 1-115, Norris 3-5 1-1 9, Bos 4-8 3-3 12, Thoseby 5-9 0-012, Foley 0-3 0-00, Pomlee 3-6 0-0 7, Robertson 3-6 1-2 8, Larson 2-7 3-5 7. Totals 3-467 11-15 86.
 Halftime—S. Dakota 47-29. 3-Point Goals—Iowa Wesleyan 6-16 (Caudie 2-2, Taylor 1-2, Martin 1-2, Stephenson 1-2, Schwengels 1-4, Hurt 0-1, Lee 0-1, Lewis 0-2), S. Dakota 7-17 (Norris 2-2, Thoseby 2-3, Bos 1-3, Robertson 1-3, Pomlee 1-3, Larson 0-1, Row-son 0-1, Foley 0-1). Foulied Out—Robertson. Re-bounds—Iowa Wesleyan 24 (Caudie, Lightner, Stephenson 4), S. Dakota 43 (Larson 9). Assists—Iowa Wesleyan 11 (Lightner 3), S. Dakota 21 (Bos 7), Total Wesleyan 11 (Lightner 3), S. Dakota 21 (Bos 7). Total Fouls-Iowa Wesleyan 13, S. Dakota 12. A-NA.

and we have some weapons, but we have got to find a way to commit to becoming a better defensive team if we want to make any kind of a run in our conference.³

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CLEVELAND STATE (5-8)

Imani Gordon 1-6 5-8 7; Haley Schmitt 0-3 0-0 0; Adesuwa Aideyman 3-8 0-1 7; Cori Coleman 6-13 5-8 17; Kiersten Green 11-15 0-0 26; Allison Mitchell 1-3 0-0 3; Khayla Livingston 2-5 2-2 7; Brooke Smith 0-2 0-0 0: Olivia Voskuhl 1-4 0-0 3, TOTALS 25-59 12-19 70.

SOUTH DAKOTA (9-6) Lisa Loeffler 2-5 0-0 4; Polly Harrington 5-9 0-0 10; Tia Hemiller 5-11 2-4 13; Taylor Moore 0-4 0-0 0; Raeshel Contreras 5-14 3-6 15; Madeleine White 1-3 4-6 6: Bridget Arens 1-4 1-2 3: Javlah Jackson 1-2 4-5 6; Margaret McCloud 8-11 1-4 17. TOTALS 28-63 15-27 Halftime: USD 34-28. Three-Pointers: CSU 8-27 (Green 4-6, Livingston 1-2, Voskuhl 1-2, Mitchell 1-3, Aideyman 1-5, Schmitt 0-1, Gordon 0-2, Coleman 0-6), Adegyman 1-5, Schmitte 1, Gordon U-2, Coleman U-5), USD 3-16 (Contreras 2-9), Hemiller 1-1, Loeffler 0-1, White 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Moore 0-3). Total Rebounds: USD 42 (Hemiller 5), CSU 30 (Gordon 12). Assists: USD 16 (Hemiller 5), CSU 11 (Coleman 3). Turrovers: CSU 14, USD 11. Personal Fouls: CSU 20, USD 17. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 1163.

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BASKETBALL SATURDAY'S AREA BOYS	Avon 59, Irene-Wakonda 56 SATURDAY'S AREA GIRLS	Monday, January 6 BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Free- man vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda
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FBS BOWLS Sanford Classic

Area Hoops: Parkston Boys Shut Down Winner for the championship of the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Saturday. Paige Mitteis led Creighton with 17 points. Emily Sorensen added 12 points in the victory. Amber Bendig led Boyd County with 15 points.

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

PARKSTON — Jalen Hurley scored a game-high 17 points to lead Parkston past Winner 55-36 in boys' basketball action on Saturday. Zach Scott scored 11

points and Spencer Lucas grabbed eight rebounds in the victory.

Nate Galbraith led Winner with eight points, six rebounds and three steals.

million on Friday. Winner, 3-2, travels to Chamberlain on

Championship: Wausa 68, **Creighton 50**

Seth Wilmes, Justin Wilmes and Austin Diedrichsen each had 11 points for Creighton. Beau Schindler added 10 points for the Bulldogs. Wausa, 8-1, hosts Elkhorn Valley on Tuesday. Creighton, 4-2 with both setbacks at the hands of Wausa, travels to Bloomfield on Tuesday.

WAUSA (8-1)18 32 45 68 CREIGHTON (4-2)..... ...10 17 32 50

Consolation: Boyd Co. 52, Hartington 32

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Boyd County started each half well, outscoring Hartington a combined 31-15 in the first and third quarters in a 52-32 vic-tory over the Wildcats in the consolation game of the Carintee Unided the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Saturday. Caleb Rihanek scored 13 points, Drew Stahlecker had 12 points and Dylan Reiman

added 11 points for Boyd County. For Hartington, Riley Haug led the way with

eight points. Boyd County, 4-2, hosts its annual tournament beginning on Tuesday. Hartington, 3-4, plays in the Classic Tournament, beginning on Thursday. BOYD COUNTY (4-2) HARTINGTON (3-4).....

Sanford Classic

Avon 59, Irene-Wakonda 56 SIOUX FALLS — The Avon Pirates earned their first victory of the season, beating Irene-Wakonda 59-56 in the Sanford Pentagon Classic

on Saturday. Logan Mudder posted 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead Avon, which shot 48 percent from the field in the contest. Devin Tolsma and Cody Namminga each had nine points. Brandon Kocmich hit five of six free throws down the

Lancers From Page 7

At the half: MMC 29, NWU 29. Three-Pointers: MMC 8-16 (Schmidt 4-5, Sutera 2-2, Wagner 2-5, Veld-0-1 Dreckman 0-1) NWU 5-8 (

stretch, finishing with seven points in the victory. Gabe King and Garrett Anderson each had 12 points for Irene-Wakonda. King also had 10 points. Avon, 1-4, hosts Dakota Christian on Friday. Irene-Wakonda hosts Menno on Tuesday in Irene. AVON (1-4) IRENE-WAKONDA (0-5)13 32 44 5913 28 42 56

Other Games Dell Rapids 66,

Elk Point-Jefferson 55 ELK POINT — Cody Nielsen went 10-10 from the field, finishing with 23 points and 11 rebounds, as Dell Rapids beat Elk Point-Jefferson 66-55 in Dakota XII Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday. Saturday. Ty Hoglund and Zane Schumacker each

For EPJ, Andrew Flynn scored 19 points. Brandon Koupal hit five three-pointers to finish with 17 points off the bench. Jordan Brandon added nine rebounds for the Huskies.

Dell Rapids, 3-1, hosts Pipestone, Minn., on Tuesday. EPJ hosts Vermillion on Tuesday. .11 28 47 66

DELL RAPIDS (3-1) ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (0-4)

Vermillion 42, Tri-Valley 30 VERMILLION — Tyrell Harper posted 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead Vermillion to a 42-

30 victory over Tri-Valley in Dakota XII Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday. Nick Jensen added 13 points for Vermillion, which outscored the Mustangs 13-2 in the fourth

quarter for the victory. Brendon Boomsma led Tri-Valley with 14

Vermillion (5-0) travels to EPJ on Tuesday. Tri-Valley, 3-2, hosts West Central on Tuesday.

Girls

Vermillion 57, Tri-Valley 46 VERMILLION — Josie Huber posted 30 points and 10 rebounds to lead Vermillion to a 57-46 vic

tory over Tri-Valley in Dakota XII girls' basketball action on Saturday. Haleigh Melstad added 10 points and five steals in the victory. Taylor Will had 12 points for Tri-Valley. Abbie

Heiberger grabbed 14 rebounds. Vermillion, 4-2, travels to Canton on Thursday. Tri-Valley, 6-1, hosts Platte-Geddes on Friday.

Emerson-Hubbard 61,

Wynot 49

WYNOT, Neb. — Abby Drieling scored 25 points to lead Emerson-Hubbard past Wynot 61-49 in Lewis & Clark Conference girls' basketball action on Saturday. Jenna Heine and Maggie Schulte each had 12

points to lead Wynot. Emerson-Hubbard, 6-2, plays in the Bob Clough Tournament, beginning Thursday in Wake-field, Neb. Wynot, 6-4, plays in the Classic Tourna-ment, beginning on Thursday. points to lead Wynot.

Creighton Tourn. Champ.: Creighton 51,

Boyd County 46

half.

CREIGHTON, Neb. — The Creighton Bull-dogs used a 20-10 margin in the third quarter to take control of a 51-46 victory over Boyd County

first Great Plains Athletic Conference victory of the season, beating Nebraska

Wesleyan 68-56 on Saturday. Mount Marty took control with a 6-0

Tyler Payer hit five three-pointers on

day. MOUNT MARTY (2-13) MUUNI MARY (2-13) Tyler Payre 8-18 0-0 21, Alex Irvine 4-4 4-6 12, Ben Hegge 0-0 0-0 0, Bud Smith 3-7 7-10 14, Nermin Krdzalic 3-5 6-8 14, Lorenzo Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Patrick Ciganovic 1-2 4-4 7, Mitchell Newhouse 0-0 0-0 0. TO-TALS: 19-36 21-38 68. run in the first half, taking a 21-16 lead. The Lancers never trailed again, and led by as many as 16 points in the second

Tuesdav.

NEBRASKA WESI EYAN (9-3)

Trevor Johnson 3-6 3-8, Tim Schweitzer 4-4 2-2 10, Jonah Bradley 7-17 4-5 20, Trey Bardsley 2-9 0-0 5, Eric Jackson 2-13 0-0 4, Casey Wiens 0-1 0-0 0, Byron Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Andrew Mitteis 1-2 0-0 2, Travis

Hemiller said. "Even in practice, we're fighting and battling. That's what makes us better.'

> made 8-of-27 three-pointers, got 26 points from Kiersten Green and 12 rebounds from Imani Gordon.

schedule out of the way, the Denver.

Certain areas (defense, mainly) still need addressing, Williams said, but she be-

Cleveland State, which

With their non-conference Coyotes now turn their attention to Summit League action, starting Sunday at newcomer

lieves her squad is ready tor

Parkston, 5-0, hosts Ver-

Tuesday. WINNER (3-2) PARKSTON (5-0)11 15 22 3613 22 40 55

Creighton Tourn.

CREIGHTON, Neb. — Austin Conn and Spencer Rosberg combined for 47 points as Wausa downed Creighton 68-50 for the championship of the Creighton Holiday Tournament on Conn scored 26 points and Rosberg had 21

points and six rebounds for Wausa. Devon Munter netted 14 points and had four assists. Jordan Burns grabbed six rebounds in the victory.

alone Saturday, though. Freshman reserve Bridget Arens had six rebounds to help the Coyotes to a 42-33 edge on the glass.

'Most games, if you can win the rebounding battle, you can win the game,"

the next step.

"I don't think this team has really scratched the surface of what we're capble of," Williams said. "We're giving up too many points.

"We are a pretty good offensive team on given nights,

ski 1-1, Ziegenbein 1-1, Albert 1-2, Diaz 0-2). Rebounds: NWU 39 (Cook 7), MMC 36 (De Kam 9). Personal Fouls: NWU 30, MMC 18. Fouled Out: TeKol-ste, Cook, Sanchez. Assists: MMC 14 (Wagner 5), NWU 12 (Diaz 5) Turnovers: NWU 25 MMC 12 Blocked Shots: NWU 10 (Ashley 6), MMC 3. Steals: MMC 8 (Gebhart 2), NWU 3. Attendance: 129.

Men: MMC 68, NWU 56 I INCOLN. Neb. — The Mount Marty College men's basketball team earned its

on, Yankton didn't give up,

going on an 10-0 run, down

Mitchell held onto a 56-32

To end the third quarter,

After a decent absence in

the third quarter, Miller made

herself known in the fourth,

with five straight points, giv-

ing Mitchell a 65-34 lead with

game was solid timing to get

his bench ready for the rest

through ninth girls ready to

go and get them some play-

ing time," Morgan said. "We

set some goals for them to be

more active on the offensive

With two minutes remain-

ing, Hale hit a running jumper

to cut the lead down to 69-39.

Ultimately, the Kernels

were able to topple Yankton

"I think our fast break was

Morgan feels the Yankton

We have to get our sixth

five minutes remaining.

of the season.

side of the ball."

71-39.

56-32.

lead.

the way to a game-high 21 points for Mount Marty. Bud Smith and Nermin Krdzalic each scored 14 points, with Krdzalic recording six assists. Alex Irvine netted 12 points. Patrick Ciganovic grabbed nine rebounds in the victory.

Jonah Bradley led NWU (9-3, 3-3 GPAC) with 20 points. Tim Schweitzer netted 10 points.

Mount Marty, 2-13 overall and 1-7 in

Giesselman 0-0 0-0 0. Trent Scheitel 3-4 0-0 6. TO-

TALS: 22-57 9-15 56. At the half: MMC 27, NWU 24. Three-Pointers: MMC 9-17 (Payer 5-10, Krdzalic 2-3, Smith 1-2, Ciganovic 1-2), NWU 3-24 (Bradley 2-9, Bardsley 1-7, Jackson 0-8). Rebounds: MMC 34 (Ciganovic 9), NWU 26 (Johnson 5, Scheitel 5). Personal Fouls: NWU 48, MMC 16. Fouled Out: Schweitzer. Assists: NWU 18, (Scheitel 6), MMC 14 (Krdzalic 6). Turnovers: MMC 17, NWU 8. Blocked Shots: NWU 1 (Scheitel), MMC 0. Steals: NWU 6 (Bradley 2), MMC 2. Attendance: 140.

Gazelles

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the first quarter, going on two crucial runs to skip ahead of the Gazelles.

Halfway through the first, Mitchell took their first lead of the game at 11-8. The next possession, Yankton sophomore Becky Frick hit a baseline jumper to cut the lead to one.

The Gazelles did not score the rest of the quarter, as Mitchell went on a 10-0 run to end the quarter, giving the Kernels a 21-10 advantage going into the second period.

We have to keep coaching when we get down in the first half, we have a young team, and we're always trying to work on new things. There's a learning curve here for both players and coaches, we'll get better, but we just need to learn to compete at a higher level."

According to Mitchell coach Wes Morgan, the first quarter is when his team sets the pace for the rest of the contest.

"I thought we had a lot of energy tonight, even after playing a tough game last night," Mitchell coach Wes Morgan said. "I felt Yankton came out with great intensity and kind of weathered the storm there early. That first quarter definitely set the tone for us the rest of the game.'

Gazelle freshman Lindsay Hale opened the second quarter with a corner three to cut the Kernel deficit down to 21-13

However, just like they did all night, Mitchell capitalized on three Yankton turnovers in a row to go on an 11-0 run



Yankton's Andi Sprakel, right, tries to drive past Mitchell's Macy Miller during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' basketball game on Saturday at the Summit Center.

halfway through the quarter. With 4:45 remaining in the half, the Kernels led the Gazelles 32-13.

After a time-out, Frick ended the Yankton drought with a put-back, cutting the lead down to 35-15.

With two minutes remaining, Cassidy Musick hit an open three-pointer to give Mitchell a 38-17 lead.

The Kernels were able to coast to a 43-22 lead going into the second half.

Miller led the Kernels at the halfway mark with 16 points. Volesky added 11 points and three rebounds in the first half. Emma Schmidt contributed seven points and four rebounds, as well. The Kernels shot 80 percent from the field in the first half, and 67 from beyond the arc.

For Yankton, Hale led the Gazelles with seven points and two steals. Andi Sprakel added six points and two rebounds, while Morgan Tessier added five points and two rebounds. The Gazelles shot 48 percent from the field and 25 percent from beyond the arc. Yankton also committed 14 turnovers in the first half.

To come out of the gate, Mitchell had the first six points, four of them by Volesky on the fast break.

Halfway through the third quarter, Mitchell led Yankton

49-22 After a Yankton time-out and turnover, Volesky sunk a wide open three pointer to give the Kernels a 54-22 lead

with 3:30 left in the quarter. 'We didn't do a very good job of defending the ball and our transition defense wasn't up to par," Pesicka said. They got a lot of easy baskets and got to the free-throw line a lot. I really thought their transition game was a huge difference in this game."

The next Mitchell possession, Sprakel stole the ball and went the distance.

the deciding factor in this As the third quarter went

game, I also thought we played great man-to-man defense," Morgan said. "We made every shot tough, we got the rebound and ran, that's what we're good at.'

Miller also had six rebounds and seven steals, with Volesky contributing five rebounds.

"Macy Miller had a number of steals where she just jumped the passing lane or picked our ball handlers pocket," Pesicka said. "She did a lot of things that way. Once you get a little tired, you stop being aggressive and when you play a team like Mitchell, you just can't

The Kernels will host Brandon Valley on Tuesday in the Corn Palace. The Gazelles will travel to Brookings on

'We have to play good half

37-30. Sarah Rockne led Yankton with five points.

Yankton rolled to a 45-20 victory in the sophomore game. Ellie Fedders scored 12 points to lead Yankton. Josie Sayler had eight points and four blocked shots. Hannah Bockholt added six rebounds.

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MTCHELL (6-0) Torrie Michels 2-5 0-0 4, Taylor Volesky 8-10 3-3 20, Macy Miller 11-13 5-6 29, Emma Schmidt 3-5 1-2 7, Shelly Iburg 2-2 0-0 4, Cassidy Musick 1-1 0-0 3, Julie Knight 0-0 0-00, Alex Weber 1-1 0-0 2, Hallie Misiazek 0-2 0-0 0, Rachel Bucholz 0-1 0-0 0, Ally Goldammer 0-2 2-4 2, Kaley Nolz 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 28-42 11-25 71

YANKTON (2-3)

Andi Sprakel 4-6 0-0 8, Whitlee Larson 2-6 2-2 6, Becky Frick 2-4 0-0 4, Morgan Tessier 3-4 1-2 7, So-phie Drotzmann 0-3 1-2 1, Sarah Rockne 0-2 0-2 0, Anna Guick 0-0 0-0 0, Linday Hale 5-7 0-0 11, Allie Thiesse 0-0 0-0 0, Kami Cornemann 1-3 0-0 2, Allie

YANKTON10 22 32 39 son 4), M 8 (Schmidt 3). Turnovers: Y 28, M 17. Blocked Shots: None. Steals: M 16 (Miller 7), Y 11 (Larson 3, Hale 3).

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court defense against Brandon Valley in order to win, we'll also have to spread the ball around offensively," Morgan said.

