

Mount Marty Men Avenge Loss To Saints



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's Alex Irvine, 24, tries to shoot around the defense of Presentation's Nick Gillett during their men's basketball game on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

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The Mount Marty men's basketball team knew coming into their game with Presentation College on Saturday afternoon would be a winnable game if they stuck to their game plan.

After being down 40-38 at half-time, the Lancers (3-14, 1-8 in GPAC) were able to top the Saints (10-5) 70-59 behind a great defensive outing in the second half, giving up only 19 points at the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

"This win feels great and top of it, to do it in front of the home crowd is awesome," Chris Richardson said. "This was my first home game back that we've had everyone ready to go, it feels really good."

To start the contest off, Lancers swingman Chris Richardson hit three three-pointers in the opening minutes to give Mount Marty a 13-12 lead with 13 minutes remaining in the contest.

After both squads traded three-pointers, junior Tyler Payer cashed a corner three pointer to give Mount Marty an 18-15 lead halfway through the first half.

After a time-out, the Saints roared to a 9-0 run, which frustrated the Lancers.

Payer ended the drought with a floater, cutting the Presentation lead to 27-20 with six minutes remaining in the half.

The remaining minutes of the first half saw the Lancers fighting to overcome unneeded mistakes. Mount Marty was able to hang in the contest and trailed Presentation 40-38 at the half.

Coach Baker feels that his squad played decent in the first half, but avoided giving up big runs to stay in the game.

"To be honest our defensive effort won us this game," Baker said. "We didn't bury ourselves a hole and we stuck with the good shots. If we're down too much, that defensive effort may not have been so crucial for us."

Nick Gillett led the Saints at the half with 12 points and four rebounds. Jeremy Comer added 10 points and two assists in the first half. The Saints shot 57 percent from the field in the first half, as well.

Bud Smith led the Lancers at the

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Mount Marty's Cassidy Gebhart, 3, goes past Presentation's Sydney Larson for a layup during their women's basketball game on Saturday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Lancer Women Get Back To .500

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The Mount Marty College women moved to 6-8 this season after beating Presentation College 70-58 in their third home game win Saturday.

It was a back-and-forth game for the first three quarters but the Lancers gained distance as they built a 12-point lead late in the second half.

"(Presentation) did a nice job against our zone, we've been playing a lot of zone, and they had a lot of energy. Give them credit, I think they had a lot more energy then we did the first half," Lancers coach Tom Schlimgen said.

Cheyenne Lambley led the Lancers with 10 offensive rebounds for the game and scored seven points. Wagner and Kelsey Schmidt each scored in double digits with 15 points respectively, and Cassidy Gebhart scored 13 points with four assists.

Rachel Fuhrmann scored a game high 18 points for the Saints with six rebounds. Hanna Phillips also scored in double digits with 14 points and had three assists. Teammate Sydney Larson had double-double scoring 13 points with 10 rebounds.

The Lancers were unable to cope with Presentation's defense in the first half, shooting only 29 percent from the field and giving up five turnovers. This allowed the Saints to gain a six-point lead over the Lancers by Fuhrmann and Phillips making some three pointers with 13:30 to play in the first half.

The Lancers struggled to get points on the board in the first half shooting only 5-12 from the free throw and 9-31 from the floor.

Mount Marty's Wagner was able to pick up the momentum for the Lancers in the first half, shutting down the Saints momentum with a three-pointer to give the Lancers a one-point lead and their first lead of the game.

"That first half we had a lot of intensity, we were doing a lot of good things, we were guarding the ball really well," Presentation coach Eric Nelson said. "We lost some of the first three or four minutes at the start of the second half, they hit three threes putting them up by about 10, and from then on out it was pretty even."

At the start of the second half, the Lancers came out shooting with Schmidt making two three-pointers and Wagner making one putting distance on the Saints.

Although the Saints were able to regain the lead for a possession the Lancers battled back to win with 12-point lead.

"I think they got all the hustle plays the first half and the second half I think Cheyenne Lambley did a great for us," Schlimgen said. "I think she picked up our intensity She got after a lot of loose balls, we thought Kellie Winkler did a nice job for

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Lynx Cool Off YHS

BV Ends Bucks' 3-Game Streak With 45-42 Win

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The Yankton Bucks saw their winning streak end in the epic battle, as the Brandon Valley Lynx scored a 45-42 decision in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday at the Summit Center.

The biggest lead Brandon Valley had was six points with 34 seconds left in the game. Yankton its greatest lead of five with 3:34 left in the second quarter. The score was tied eight times in the course of the contest.

"It's disappointing to lose in such a close game," Yankton Head Coach Haynes said.

With the game so close, both the intensity had to be kept high.

"I'm proud and happy with the amount of effort the boys put in," Haynes said.

The low scores can account to the defense demonstrated by both teams.

"Defense is our key, we struggled in offense tonight," said senior gaurd Ryan Olson.

Haynes credited the Lynx defense for their tenacity.

"You have to give Brandon Valley credit," he said. Their tough defense took us out."

Out of the shoot in the first quarter was Chipper Granflat-ten who scored within the first minute of the game.

Early in the second quarter Ryan Olson cashed his first three pointer for the night and started the Bucks on a scoring



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Lane Sawatzke goes in for a layup during the Bucks' matchup with Brandon Valley in Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball action on Saturday.

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Hanson Girls Hand Avon First Setback Of Season

ALEXANDRIA — The Hanson Beaverettes outscored Avon 5-4 in overtime to claim a 39-38 victory over the Lady Pirates, handing Avon its first loss of the season.

Kynedi Cheeseman scored 18 points to lead Hanson, which outscored Avon 15-6 in the second half to force overtime. Sarah Kayser snagged seven rebounds. Tayah Waldera added four steals

in the victory.

Chesney Nagel led Avon with 15 points, three assists and three steals. Heidi Cap had eight rebounds for the Lady Pirates.

Hanson, 7-1, hosts McCook Central-Montrose on Tuesday. Avon, 7-1, travels to Mount Vernon to face Mount Vernon-Plankinton today (Monday).

AVON (7-1) 8 28 30 38
HANSON (7-1) 9 19 24 39

Freeman 55, Irene-Wakonda 52

WAKONDA — Freeman out-scored Irene-Wakonda 20-10 in the fourth quarter on the way to a 55-52 comeback girls' win Saturday in Wakonda.

Erika Sage had 17 points and Taylor Hermesen added 14 points for the Flyers (6-2), who were down 42-35 heading into the fourth quarter.

Cailey Roth added seven points and seven rebounds for Freeman, while Haley Glanzer also grabbed seven rebounds.

For the Eagles (3-4), Amy Morman scored 14 points, Makayla Mohr had 10 points, Caitlin Hinseth posted 12 points and seven assists, and Andrea Sokolowski grabbed 10 rebounds.

Both teams are in action tonight (Monday), as Freeman visits Tyndall to play Bon Homme and Irene-Wakonda hosts Parker in Wakonda.

FREEMAN (6-2) 10 22 35 55
IRENE-WAKONDA (3-4) 11 25 42 52

Corsica-Stickney 62, Wagner 56

CORSICA — Hope Menning led Corsica-Stickney players in double figures with 23 points as the Jaguars edged Wagner 62-56 on Saturday in Corsica.

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DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
USD's Brandon Bos (12) is slowed but not stopped by Denver's Brett Olson during the second half of action in the DakotaDome Saturday. Bos scored nine of his 15 points in the second half and made two free throws with 12 seconds left for the final points of the game.

USD Men Upend Denver In Summit League Opener

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VERMILLION — The first Summit League game of the season is in the books as a win for the University of South Dakota men, but it was anything but easy.

A win is a win, though.

"Home court in this league is huge," said senior Trevor Gruis, who scored a season-best 19 points as USD held off Denver 59-54 in Saturday's conference opener at the DakotaDome.

"It's a great win for our team; helps all the guys."

In defeating the preseason No. 2 Pioneers, the Coyotes (6-9) won their third straight game thanks to a season-high 57 percent shooting.

Ultimately, though, the game was won on the defensive end for USD — which held Denver to 38 percent shooting for the game.

"They just dug in. They didn't want this thing to slip out of their hands," USD interim head coach Joey James said.

It was a more exciting finish than it needed to be, as the Coyotes saw a 10-point lead with under six minutes left to get

whittled down to 57-54 with 1:04 left.

USD struggled late against a backcourt press, which was naturally a sign of concern after the game.

"It became a point to where we started becoming non-aggressive, almost like we were trying not to lose the game," James said.

"You've got to continue putting pressure on those guys."

The Pioneers (7-9) missed a game-tying three-pointer with 21 seconds left, and junior Brandon Bos hit two foul shots with 12.5 remaining for the Coyotes.

From there, the third consecutive victory was in hand.

"Any time you can get a winning streak, it gives our guys a lot of confidence going forward," said Bos, who added 15 points.

"Conference games are crucial, so it was a great win for us."

Gruis nearly single-handedly carried the Coyotes in the first half, scoring half (6) of their field goals, and nearly half of their points (16) and rebounds (5).

USD shot 63 percent in the opening half — Denver shot 50

percent — to build a 34-31 lead at the break.

The Pioneers, though, were just 6-of-23 from the field in the second half, for 26 percent.

"We got stops. We won the game on stops," Gruis said. "We just got stops in the second half that we sometimes struggle to get here at home."

Up next for USD is a Thursday night home game with IUPUI (5-14), which lost its first two league games.

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DENVER (7-9)
Dom Samac 1-3 0-0 2, Chris Udofia 3-9 4-7 10, Jalen Love 3-8 3-4 9, Brett Olson 7-12 4-4 22, Cam Griffin 1-1 0-2 2, Bryant Rucker 1-6 0-0 3, Nate Engesser 0-0 0-0 0, Marcus Byrd 2-8 0-0 6. TOTALS: 18-47 11-17 54.

SOUTH DAKOTA (6-9)
Tyler Flack 4-4 0-0 8, Karim Rowson 2-4 2-4 7, Trevor Gruis 7-12 5-7 19, Trey Norris 2-4 0-0 4, Brandon Bos 4-7 5-6 15, Adam Thoresby 0-0 2-2 2, Casey Kasperbauer 0-3 0-0 0, Tavian Pomies 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Robertson 1-1 0-0 2, Tyler Larson 1-2 0-0 2. TOTALS: 21-37 14-19 59.

At the half: SD 34, DU 31. Three-Pointers: DU 7-24 (Olson 4-6, Byrd 2-6, Rucker 1-4, Samac 0-2, Udofia 0-3, Love 0-3), SD 3-8 (Bos 2-3, Rowson 1-1, Norris 0-1, Kasperbauer 0-3). Rebounds: SD 23 (Gruis 10), DU 21 (Udofia 6). Personal Fouls: DU 18, SD 15. Assists: SD 14 (Norris 4), DU 8 (Udofia 3). Turnovers: SD 15, DU 7. Blocked Shots: DU 4 (Udofia 3), SD 2. Steals: DU 6 (Udofia 3), SD 4. Attendance: 1,506.

USD Women Fall At Denver

DENVER, Colo. — Denver scored a victory in its Summit League debut at the expense of South Dakota, shooting 51.7 percent from the field on the way to a 91-84 victory over the Coyotes in women's basketball action on Sunday.

Theresa Wirth posted 26 points and eight rebounds for Denver (3-13, 1-0 Summit). Morgan Van Riper-Rose had 22 points. Paige Bradley added 14 points and six assists in the victory.

For USD (9-6, 0-1), Raeshel Contreras led five Coyotes in double figures with 21 points. Margaret McCloud had 14 points and seven rebounds off the bench. Nicole Seekamp, seeing her first action since Dec. 21. Polly Harrington also had 13 points. Tia Hemiller added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Coyotes.

USD continues on the road, traveling to IUPUI on Thursday.