

MMC Men

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the get-go competed with a lot of energy and focus and at a high level.

"As a team — when you think about what being a team means — that was one of our better efforts of the year," Baker added.

The Lancer shooting slumped to 29 percent in the second half while just one of six 3-point attempts fell.

Meanwhile, Dakota Wesleyan built a 67-45 lead after Jason Spicer banked in a jumper.

The Lancers got as close as 77-61 after Jake Anderson canned a 3-pointer and Cody Willett converted a 3-point play.

"I was a lot more pleased with our defense in the second half," Wilber said. "We guarded with a lot more juice and energy."

"Offensively, we lost some of our tempo," Baker said of the Lancer 2nd half. "They turned it up defensively and they beat us in transition a couple of times."

Without their top scorer, Jalen Voss, who is out with a sprained ankle, Menning led the Tigers with 24 points. Bergh scored 16 points while Jade Miller added 11 counters.

Spicer, a freshman who scores 4.5 ppg, finished with 20 points.

"When you lose a guy like Jalen Voss on the inside, it's nice to have a kid step up like Jason Spicer did," Wilber said. "With Voss, the guys know we have to play without him for a while."

Willett led the Lancers with 11 points and Bud Smith scored 10. Alex Irvine added nine points.

The Lancers (1-16, 0-11) will host Midland Sunday at 4 p.m.

Dakota Wesleyan (19-1, 9-1) will host Nebraska-Wes-



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Mount Marty's Bud Smith goes in for a layup against Dakota Wesleyan's Luke Bamberg, 2, and Joey Mitchell during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

leyan Sunday.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN (19-1)
 Luke Bamberg 2-7 4-4 8, Trae Bergh 7-14 1-1 16, Kris Menning 7-12 8-24, Jade Miller 5-11 0-0 11, Joey Mitchell 3-9 0-1 7, Jon Norwald 0-0 0-0 0, Gibson Sawyer 0-0 0-0 0, Tale Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Karst Kellam 0-0 0-0 0, Luke Carr 0-1 0-0 0, Stephen Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Jason Spicer 6-10 8-9 20, Jesse Taylor 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 30-64 21-23 86.
MOUNT MARTY (1-16)
 Blake Bartscher 2-6 1-2 6, Bud Smith 4-12 2-2 10, Jake Anderson 2-7 0-0 6, Alex Irvine 3-6 3-4 9, Cody Willett 4-8 1-1 11, Deric Denting 0-0 0-2 0, Lorenzo Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson Seitzinger 2-8 0-0 4, Seamus

O'Malley 1-3 1-1 3, KJ DeChristino 3-7 0-0 7, Jalen Hurley 2-5 2-2 7, Patrick Ciganovic 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 24-63 10-14 65.

At the Half: DWU 44, MMC 37; 3-Point Goals: DWU 5-21 (Bamberg 0-2, Bergh 1-7, Menning 2-4, Miller 1-4, Mitchell 1-3, Carr 0-1), MMC 7-21 (Bartscher 1-1, Anderson 2-4, Willett 2-5, Seitzinger 0-3, O'Malley 0-1, DeChristino 1-5, Hurley 1-2); Rebounds: DWU 44 (Mitchell 8), MMC 31; Personal Fouls: MMC 22, DWU 19; Fouled Out: None; Assists: DWU 17 (Bergh, Menning 4), MMC 14 (Willett 4); Turnovers: MMC 10, DWU 5; Blocked Shots: DWU 4, MMC 2; Steals: DWU 4, MMC 0.

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The Coyotes overcame a slow start — they made one of their first seven shots — to take a 30-26 halftime lead, though both teams were under 40 percent from the floor.

South Dakota then led by as many as eight points, 47-39, in the second half before the Bison took a brief 1-point lead with 3:14 left.

The lead then changed hands three times before Larson's offensive rebound and put-back at the 1:01 mark.

"We're learning how to win," Smith said. "We're benefiting from the fruits of our labor."

Bison senior Lawrence Alexander, the league's leading scorer, went over 17 minutes between the two halves

without netting a point. Over the final 8:36, however, he scored 11 to finish with a game-high 20 points.

Kory Brown added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Bison, who got to the free throw line nine times.

The Coyotes, on the other hand, were 24-of-27 at the free throw line — perhaps evidence of their extra effort in a close game?

"The past two or three years, we've had so many close games and weren't able to finish, now we're able to turn the tables," Bos said.

"That's really important for us, moving forward to the Summit League tournament."

Having now beaten the No. 1, 2 and 5 teams from the preseason poll, the Coyotes take their shot at South Dakota State (12-7, 3-2) — the preseason No. 4 pick.

"Especially after playing such a good team like this, we're very excited to go into

Frost Arena and try to get a win," Larson said.

Smith, who joked that as a history major he looks up stats like this, realizes that his program hasn't won in Brookings since 1998.

"To be a great rivalry, both teams have to win consistency," Smith said. "We've got to figure it out."

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S. DAKOTA 71, N. DAKOTA ST. 67
N. DAKOTA ST. (11-9)
 Jacobson 2-6 2-2 8, Kading 1-2 0-0 2, Alexander 7-21 4-5 20, Dupree 6-14 0-1 12, Brown 7-9 0-1 15, Ishola 0-0 0-0 0, P. Miller 1-4 0-0 2, Werner 4-7 0-0 8. TOTALS 28-63 6-9 67.
S. DAKOTA (9-9)
 Hunter 0-2 2-2 2, Burnette 4-9 1-9 29, Bos 2-8 7-7 12, Kasperbauer 7-10 0-0 18, Larson 4-12 2-2 10, Norris 3-4 4-10, Thosley 2-2 2-2, Davis 0-5 5-6 5, Robertson 1-4 1-2 3. TOTALS 21-56 24-27 71.
 Halftime—S. Dakota 30-26, 3-Point Goals—N. Dakota St. 5-17 (Jacobson 2-3, Alexander 2-9, Brown 1-1, P. Miller 0-2, Dupree 0-2), S. Dakota 5-14 (Kasperbauer 4-5, Bos 1-4, Davis 0-1, Burnette 0-1, Thosley 0-1, Norris 0-1, Larson 0-1). Fouled Out—P. Miller, Robertson—N. Dakota St. 39 (Brown, Dupree, Werner 7), S. Dakota 35 (Larson 14). Assists—N. Dakota St. 6 (Dupree, Jacobson 2), S. Dakota 10 (Norris 3). Total Fouls—N. Dakota St. 18, S. Dakota 14. A—1,863.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

The Mount Marty College bench reacts to a made basket by the Lancers during their 78-72 victory over DWU on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena.

Lancers

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this game. They are bigger than us and stronger than us but we did a decent job of shutting them down," said Coach Schlinggen.

Coming in to this match, MMC was led by Alex Kneeland who is averaging 16.58 points per game and had 315 total points (333 now). She also ranks third in the division in total three-pointers made. Celeste Beck is who DWU looks for in attack with an average 13.26 points per game. She also ranks seventh in total three-pointers made

"We knew who we had to mark up but we lack the leadership needed to win games, nothing is going to go well until we establish some leadership on the court," said

Coach Christensen.

This game was played at a high pace with lots of counter attacking and a lot of fouls for both sides. DWU made 17 of their 21 attempted free throws while Mount Marty made eight of their 11. Celeste Beck, DWU's top scorer this season, was held to nine points on the night thanks to the close marking of Rachel Sutura and Holly Hegge.

Both teams fought hard for every ball but in the end it all came down to how well the Lancers marked up. The fouls committed by the home side were a result of the close marking.

Despite being down by 12 points at the half, DWU rallied and, with the help of some free throws, narrowed the margin to three points with just under four minutes to play. The Lancers got some inspiration of their own and scored eight more to fin-

ish off DWU with the score of 78-72.

The Lancers will host Midland University on Sunday, a team they beat 86-81 in November. DWU will also play at home on Sunday as they host Nebraska Wesleyan, a team they beat 77-56 in November.

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DAKOTA WESLEYAN (11-9)
 Gabby Frytko 4-12 0-10, Micaela Erickson 3-4 6, Erica Herrold 5-6 5-8 16, Celeste Beck 3-7 2-9, Katie Johnson 7-9 3-3 17, Madison Kuehl 0-0 0-0 0, Chesney Nagel 0-0 0-0 0, Kristin Sabers 3-6 0-0 6, Josie Huber 0-0 2-2, Ashley Bray 1-4 2-2 4. TOTALS: 24-66 17-21 72.
MOUNT MARTY (13-7)
 Alex Kneeland 7-19 2-3 18, Cassidy Gebhart 1-2 1-1 3, April Winne 4-11 2-3 10, Holly Hegge 5-6 0-0 12, Raquel Sutura 4-7 0-0 9, Logan Wagner 6-9 3-4 20, Denae Veldkamp 0-0 0-0 0, Cheyenne Lambley 2-5 0-0 4, Kellie Winkler 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 30-60 8-11 78.
 Halftime MMC 40, DWU 28. Three pointers: MMC 10-24 (Kneeland 2-9, Wagner 5-8, Hegge 2-2, Sutura 1-3, Winne 0-2), DWU 7-18 (Sabers 2-3, Frytko 2-7, Erickson 1-1, Herrold 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Bray 0-1). Rebounds: DWU 31 (Johnson 10, Sabers 6), MMC 27 (Sutura 7, Lambley 5). Assists: MMC 20 (Kneeland 7), DWU (Johnson 4). Turnovers: DWU 15 (Beck 4), MMC 11 (Winne 3). Blocks: MMC 2, DWU 0. Steals: MMC 5, DWU 2. Attendance: 986.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 18
 Green Bay at Seattle, 2:05 p.m. (FOX)

Indianapolis at New England, 5:40 p.m. (CBS)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Traded Dan Butler to Washington for LHP Danny Rosenbaum.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with DH Chris Carter on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned OF/1B Marc Krauss outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated RHP Gonzalez Germen for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Ivan Nova on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded RHP Lars Huijter to the Chicago Cubs for LHP Mike Kikham. Designated LHP Anthony Fernandez for assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed RHP Matt West off waivers from Texas. Designated RHP Cory Burns for assignment.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with OF Drew Stubbs and RHP Jordan Lyles on one-year contracts and RHP Tyler Chatwood on a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Acquired INF Yonel Escobar from the Oakland Athletics for RHP Tyler Clippard.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON RED SOX — Fined Detroit G Brandon Jennings \$15,000 for making an obscene gesture during the Monday's game.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed G Dahntay Jones to a 10-day contract.

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Nate Wolters to a 10-day contract.

PHOENIX SUNS — Assigned G Archie Goodwin to Bakersfield (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Retained special teams coordinator Danny Crossman.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed G Derek Dennis, TE Kevin Greene, WR Marcus Lucas, LB Horace Miller, RB Darin Raaves, DT Micaron Regis, OT Martin Wallace and DBs Kimano McFadden and Lou Young to future contracts.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Isaiah Lewis and OT Emmett Cleary to future contracts.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed G Jon Halapio to a future contract.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DB Trevin Wade to a future contract.

NEW YORK JETS — Named Todd Bowles coach.

MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Traded D Dallas Ehrhardt to Rapid City for D Landon Oslanski.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

— Promoted Chuck Sullivan to assistant commissioner for communications.

AIR FORCE — Agreed to terms with football coach Troy Calhoun on a five-year contract through 2019.

KANSAS — DT Darius Philon announced he will enter the NFL draft.

ANNOUNCED DT Eddie Goldman will enter the NFL draft.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Announced the addition of wrestling as an intercollegiate sport.

HUNTINGDON — Named Latonia Allen volleyball coach.

KENTUCKY — Announced RB Braylon Heard will enter the NFL draft.

JOHNSON C. SMITH — Announced the resignation of football coach Steven B. Aycock.

LSU — Named Ed Orgeron defensive line coach.

MICHIGAN — Named Greg Jackson secondary coach.

OHIO STATE — Promoted co-offensive coordinator Ed Warinner to offensive coordinator. Named Tim Beck co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.

OKLAHOMA — Announced the retirement of assistant head football and cornerbacks coach Jack Wright.

OREGON — Announced QB Marcus Mariota and DL Ark Armstead will enter the NFL draft.

SPORTS DIGEST

Yankton's Beckmann

Commits To Morningside

Yankton High School senior Danielle Beckmann (front center) has committed to attending Morningside College and competing in track and field for the Mustangs. Also pictured are (front) parents Charlie (left) and Jeanne Beckmann, (back) Morningside head coach David Nash, Morningside assistant coach Jeff Seagren and Yankton head coach Luke Youmans.

USD Recruit Nominated For McDonald's All-Am. Team

Norfolk High School senior Jaycee Bradley, a University of South Dakota recruit, was one of four Nebraska girls' basketball players nominated Wednesday for the 2015 McDonald's All-American Game.

The annual game, which features some of the best high school talent in the country, will played April 1 in Chicago. The list will be trimmed down to 48 players on Jan. 28.

Bradley, a 5-foot-10 guard, averaged 18.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game last season. This season, she is averaging 20.8 points and 4.4 rebounds for the Norfolk Panthers.

There are three other Nebraska girls' players nominated: Rachel Tucker (Pierce), Kianna Ibis (Omaha Benson) and Jessica Shepard (Fremont). South Dakota players nominated included Roosevelt's Tagyn Larson and St. Thomas More's Alexys Swedlund.



AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, January 15

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

North Dakota State at USD (7 p.m., KVHT-FM, MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, BOYS'

Bloomfield at Bon Homme; Centerville at Beresford; Hartington-Newcastle at Homer; Lennox at Vermilion (8 p.m., KVTK-AM); Platte-Geddes at Andes Central; Santee at Allen; Viborg-Hurley at Gayville-Volin; Wagner at Parkston

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

Avon at Scottard; Bridgewater-Emerly at Menno; Crofton at West Central; Elk Point-Jefferson; Hartington-Newcastle at Marion; Lennox at Vermilion (6:30 p.m., KVTK-AM); Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto at Dakota Valley; Parker at Hanson; Platte-Geddes at Andes Central; Santee at Allen; Viborg-Hurley at Gayville-Volin; Wagner at Parkston

GYMNASTICS, PREP

Wagner-Bon Homme at YHS (5:30 p.m.)

WRESTLING, PREP

Sioux Valley Quad (Alcester-Hudson, 5 p.m.); Hartington Cedar Catholic/West Holt vs. Crofton-Bloomfield at Crofton; Norfolk Catholic at Creighton; Ponca vs. Wakefield-Allen at Wakefield (7 p.m.)

Friday, January 16

BASKETBALL, BOYS'

Pierre at YHS (7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); Allen at Whiting; Avon vs. Irene-Wakonda at Wakonda; Bloomfield at Plainview; Niobrara-Verdigre at Verdigre; Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Creighton; Omond at Hartington-Newcastle; Pierce at Hartington Cedar Catholic; Ponca at Elk Point-Jefferson; Randolph at Wausa; Scotland at Andes Central; Tripp-Delmont-Armour at Platte-Geddes; Wynot at Winnebago

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' JV

Pierre at YHS (4 p.m.)

BOWLING, CLUB HS

Yankton at S.F. Lincoln; Dell Rapids vs. Vermilion at Yankton

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE

USD at Western Illinois (4 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR

Holiday Inv. Invitational at Lincoln (USD)

WRESTLING, PREP

YHS/Brandon

Saturday, January 17

BASKETBALL, MEN'S

USD at South Dakota State (4:30 p.m.; KVHT-FM, WNAX-AM, MidcoSN)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

South Dakota State at USD (2 p.m., KVTK-AM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Border

Bash at Garretson (Vermilion vs. Luverne, noon, KVHT-FM); Sanford Pentagon Classic at Sioux Falls (Dakota Valley vs. Webster, 6 p.m.); Tri-Valley Conf. Classic at Yankton (Marty Indian vs. Viborg-Hurley, 11:30 a.m.; Ethava vs. Centerville, 1 p.m.; Scotland vs. Freeman Academy, 2:30 p.m.; Dell Rapids St. Mary vs. Gayville-Volin, 4 p.m.; Dakota Christian vs. Irene-Wakonda, 5:30 p.m.; Burke-South Central vs. Alcester-Hudson, 7 p.m.); Bon Homme at Chamberlain; Creighton at O'Neill; Crofton at Norfolk Catholic; Wynot at Emerson-Hubbard

BASKETBALL, GIRLS'

Border Clash at Garretson (Vermilion vs. Murray County Central, 1:30 p.m., KVHT-FM); Hanson Classic at Mitchell (Viborg-Hurley vs. DeSmet, 10 a.m.; Crofton vs. St. Thomas More, 7 p.m.); Pentagon Classic at Sioux Falls (Dakota Valley vs. Webster, 7:30 p.m.); Bon Homme at Chamberlain; Creighton at O'Neill; Freeman at Howard; Hartington Cedar Catholic at Luther High Northeast; Marty Indian at Gregory; Parker at Canistota; Wynot at Emerson-Hubbard

GYMNASTICS, PREP

Pierre Inv. (YHS, noon); Madison Inv. (Parkston; Ethan-Hanson, Vermillion, Wagner-Bon Homme, noon)

HOCKEY, GIRLS' JV

Rushmore at Yankton (4:30 p.m.)

HOCKEY, BANTAM

Brookings at Yankton (1:15 & 6:30 p.m.)

SWIMMING & DIVING, COLLEGE

USD vs. Eastern Illinois at Macomb, Ill. (11 a.m.)

SWIMMING, YOUTH

Sioux City Sharks Meet (Yankton)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR

Holiday Inv. Invitational at Lincoln (USD); Dorst Inv. (MMC)

WRESTLING, PREP

Harrisburg Inv. (YHS, Beresford, Crofton-Bloomfield, Dakota Valley, 10 a.m.); Battle Creek Inv. (Creighton, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Niobrara-Verdigre, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield-Allen, 9:30 a.m.); Mitchell Tour. (Bon Homme-Scottard, Parkston, Wagner, 11 a.m.); Tri-Valley Tour. (Andes Central, Elk Point-Jefferson, Kimball-White Lake-Platte-Geddes, Marion-Freeman, Parker, 10 a.m.); Wayne Inv. (Vermilion, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, January 18

BASKETBALL, MEN'S

Midland at MMC (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S

Midland at MMC (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)

HOCKEY, BOYS'

Brookings at Yankton (1:30 p.m.)