

Coyote Teams Score Victories On The Road

MACOMB, Ill. (AP) — Brandon Bos scored 14 points, Eric Robertson added 12 and South Dakota rallied back from a halftime deficit to beat Western Illinois 68-58 on Thursday night.

The Leathernecks closed the first half on a 10-2 run to lead by eight points at intermission. Tyler Larson tied it at 37-all for South Dakota with 13:01 left to play and the Coyotes controlled the game from there, leading by as many as 15 points with 4:43 left on the clock. Robertson scored nine of his points in the second half, while Bos scored 10 of his 14 before the break. Sekou Harris added 10 points and Larson finished with eight for the Coyotes (10-10, 4-2 Summit).

J.C. Fuller scored 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting, and Garret Covington added 15 for the Leathernecks (7-11, 2-5).

S. DAKOTA 68, W. ILLINOIS 58
S. DAKOTA (10-10).....9 29 50 75
Hunter 2-6 1-2-5, Burnette 2-7 0-0-5, Bos 4-9 4-4 14, Kasperbauer 1-5 0-0-2, Larson 2-10 4-5-8, Norris 2-2 5-8 9, Harris 3-7-2

2-10, Thoseby 0-2 0-0-0, Davis 1-3 0-0-3, Robertson 3-7 6-8 12, Totals 20-58 22-29 68.
W. ILLINOIS (7-11)
Stensgaard 1-2 0-0-2, Conde 3-3 0-0-6, Sandifer 1-5 0-0-3, Batish 1-6 0-0-3, Covington 6-17 0-0-15, Fuller 9-13 1-4 23, Anrum 1-3 0-0-3, Roberts-Burnett 1-4 0-0-2, Chapman 0-3 1-2 1, Totals 23-56 2-6 58.
Halftime—W. Illinois 33-25, 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 6-12 (Bos 2-2, Harris 2-2, Davis 1-2, Burnette 1-3, Robertson 0-1, Thoseby 0-1, Kasperbauer 0-1), W. Illinois 10-23 (Fuller 4-5, Covington 3-10, Anrum 1-1, Sandifer 1-2, Batish 1-5), Fouled Out—Sandifer. Rebounds—S. Dakota 43 (Hunter, Robertson 9), W. Illinois 32 (Chapman 6), Assists—S. Dakota 10 (Larson 3), W. Illinois 15 (Sandifer 6), Total Fouls—S. Dakota 12, W. Illinois 21. A—1,126.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 69, IUPUI 61 OT: INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Lawrence Alexander scored 24 points on 9-of-17 shooting as North Dakota State hung on to beat IUPUI 69-61 in overtime Thursday night.

North Dakota State opened the overtime period on a 7-1 run, highlighted by two Alexander baskets and an A.J. Jacobson 3-pointer. Alexander and Jacobson combined for all 16 Bison points in OT. IUPUI would trim its deficit as low as four in OT, but could not overcome the slow start.

Jacobson and Dexter Werner each added 10 points for North Dakota State (13-6, 5-1 Summit League). It was Alexander's eighth game this season with 20 or more points.

Paul Miller hit two free throws with 2:07 left to give NDSU a 53-51 lead with 2:07 left. IUPUI's Khufu Najee answered with a basket to tie the

game and neither team scored again in regulation. Aaron Brennan and P.J. Boutte each scored 10 points to lead the Jaguars (7-13, 3-3).

Women

USD 73, Fort Wayne 72
FORT WAYNE, Ind. — South Dakota outscored Fort Wayne 46-40 in the second half to rally to a 73-72 victory over the Mastadons in Summit League women's basketball action on Thursday.

Tia Hemiller and Nicole Seekamp each had 15 points and seven rebounds for USD (15-4, 5-1 Summit). Lisa Loeffler had 10 points.

For Fort Wayne (7-12, 1-5 Summit), which led 32-27 at the half, Haley Seibert led the way with 31 points, including 6-8 from three-point range. Keanna Gary netted 12 points. Courtney Ogle added 11 points.

USD remains on the road, traveling to IUPUI on Saturday. Start time

is set for 6 p.m.
SOUTH DAKOTA (15-4)
Tia Hemiller 6-11 1-1 15, Raeshel Contreras 3-10 1-1 9, Margaret McCloud 4-8 0-0 8, Nicole Seekamp 5-8 4-5 15, Lisa Loeffler 4-10 2-2 10, Kelly Stewart 0-5 0-0 0, Bridget Arens 1-2 3-3 5, Kate Lwinrighouse 2-5 2-2 6, Heidi Hoff 2-4 1-1 5. TOTALS: 27-63 14-15 73.
FORT WAYNE (7-12)
Haley Seibert 10-14 5-7 31, Hillary Moore 1-4 2-2 4, Mur Hagerman 1-2 2-2 4, Rachel Rinehart 0-3 1-2 1, Keanna Gary 6-11 0-2 12, KeShyra McCarver 3-7 0-4 6, Courtney Ogle 3-5 4-4 11, Kamillah Carter 1-7 0-0 3, Brett Green 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS: 25-55 14-23 72.
At the half: FW 32, USD 27. Three-Pointers: FW 8-16 (Seibert 6-8, Ogle 1-2, Carter 1-2, Rinehart 0-1, McCarver 0-3), USD 5-15 (Hemiller 2-4, Contreras 2-4, Seekamp 1-2, Hoff 0-2, Stewart 0-3), Rebounds: USD 41 (Hemiller 7, Seekamp 7), FW 30 (Hagerman 5, Rinehart 5), Personal Fouls: USD 21, FW 18. Fouled Out: None. Assists: USD 16 (Hemiller 4), FW 10 (Seibert 3, Carter 3), Turnovers: USD 19, FW 15. Blocked Shots: USD 3, FW 3 (Gary 2), Steals: USD 7 (Hemiller 2, Seekamp 2), FW 7 (Seibert 3). Attendance: 356

JV: MMC 93, Dordt 71
The Mount Marty College women's basketball team rolled past Dordt 93-71 in junior varsity action Thursday night at Cimpr Arena. Kieran O'Malley led the Lancers with 22 and Erica Dreckman followed with 21 points on the night. Ashley Green led with 10 rebounds and was able to tack on 17 points. Anna Tersenaire led Dordt Col-

lege with 25 points and 18 rebounds.

Next Monday night, Mount Marty will travel down to Sioux City, Iowa, to take on Briar Cliff's JV squad.

NO. 16 NEBRASKA 89, WISCONSIN 72: MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Tear'a Lauderhill and Emily Cady combined for 34 of their 43 points in the first half on Thursday to lead No. 16 Nebraska to an 89-72 win over Wisconsin.

Lauderhill had 18 of her 24 points and Cady 16 of her 19 as the Cornhuskers (15-3, 5-2 Big Ten) shot 62 percent in the first half for a 53-31 lead.

Rachel Theriot added 11 points, Haillie Sample 10 and Cady, who hit 8 of 9 shots, grabbed 12 rebounds as Nebraska won its fifth straight.

Dakota Whyte and Nicole Bauman had 15 points each for the Badgers (7-11, 3-5). Tessa Cichy scored 14 and Cassie Rochel 10 with 12 rebounds.

Wisconsin only trailed by seven with 8:17 to go in the first half when the Huskies went on a 14-2 run to lead 39-20 on a Theriot jumper at the 4:15 mark. The Badgers never got closer than 14 early in the second half.

Parker Upends Irene-Wakonda

WAKONDA — Parker traveled to Irene-Wakonda and walked away with a difficult 75-64 boys' basketball win on Thursday night in Wakonda. Zach O'Keefe had a well-rounded game leading the way with 29 points, nine rebounds and six steals for the visitors from Parker. Landon Leberman was able to add 18 points for his team.

The home side was led by Gabe King. King also had a solid game as he led his team with 29 points, 16 rebounds and four assists.

Parker will be in action on Saturday when the take on Flandreau at home. Irene-Wakonda will make the trip to Centerville on Tuesday for their next match.

PARKER (9-4).....9 29 50 75
IRENE-WAKONDA (9-3).....20 33 52 64

Centerville 47, Scotland 38

SCOTLAND — Racking up 21 points Thursday night, Christian Gruschin led the Centerville Tornados to a 47-38 victory against Scotland.

Tyrell Martz added 14, with Rory O'Malley contributing six of Centerville's 20 rebounds.

Tanner Skorepa scored 17 points and had eight rebounds for the Highlanders, while Travis Skorepa added 11 points.

Scotland hosts Alcester-Hudson Monday, while travels to Freeman today (Saturday) to play Freeman Academy.

CENTERVILLE (8-4).....13 26 35 47
SCOTLAND (8-4).....10 17 27 38

Parkston 60, Bon Homme 50

PARKSTON — Dillan Thuringer scored 31 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as

the Parkston Trojans beat Bon Homme 60-50 on Thursday night in Parkston.

Ty Kinneberg added nine points for Parkston (7-2), which was 20-of-29 at the free throw line.

Hunter Young scored 13 points for Bon Homme (2-8), while Chase Kortan had 11 points, Devin Millen grabbed 11 rebounds and Cole Uecker dished out three assists.

Both teams are at a neutral site on Saturday, as Parkston plays St. Thomas More at the Hanson Classic and Bon Homme plays West Central at the Dakota State Classic.

BON HOMME (2-8).....2 18 26 50
PARKSTON (7-2).....14 27 44 60

Freeman 54, Menno 43

MENNO — Freeman beat Menno 54-43 in a Cornbelt Conference matchup on Thursday night in Menno.

Cole Paulsen led Freeman with 13 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Brennan Schmidt led with nine rebounds and also added 10 points.

Andrew Schaeffer led the home team with 15 points; Dustin Lehr followed with 11. Derrick Lehr led the team with six rebounds.

Both teams will travel to Dakota State University on Saturday to participate in the DSU Classic.

FREEMAN (4-3).....17 26 38 54
MENNO (5-6).....9 24 36 43

Avon 64, Andes Central 39

AVON — Logan Mudder scored 30 points to lead the Avon Pirates to a 64-39 win against the Andes Central Eagles Thursday night in Avon. Mudder also had eight re-



Parker's Zach O'Keefe tries to split the defense of Irene-Wakonda's Trey King, left, and Tate Gale during their boys' basketball game on Thursday in Wakonda.

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1980 US Olympic Hockey Team To Relive 'Miracle On Ice' Moment

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — Most members of the gold medal-winning 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team are expected to return to Lake Placid in February to participate in a special event centered around the 35th anniversary of their famed Miracle on Ice.

The evening at Herb Brooks Arena on Feb. 21 will include video, audio and photos, as well as a tribute to team member Bob Suter, who

died in September while coaching kids. His No. 20 jersey will be raised to the rafters of the 1980 Rink where the U.S. team produced stirring victories over the Soviet Union and Finland to win the gold.

The event is part of the eighth annual Hockey Weekend Across America, a three-day nationwide celebration of the sport, and NBC will have a live studio show from Lake Placid.

No. 3 Bon Homme-Scotland Pins Past Elk Point-Jefferson 48-18

TYNDALL — Third-ranked Bon Homme-Scotland took advantage of six pins to score a 48-18 victory over Elk Point-Jefferson in prep wrestling action on Thursday.

Zach Sykora (126), Dommonick Pechous (152), Lucas Crownover (170), Tanner Iwan (182), Kreg Kepplinger (220) and Dan Stibral (285) all won by pin for Bon Homme-Scotland. Stibral and Duncan Stoebner (120) each won to

remain undefeated on the season.

Ethan Marx (113) and Jared Hueser (145) won by pin for Elk Point-Jefferson. **BON HOMME-SCOTLAND 48, ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 18:** 106 — Kaleb Crownover BH-S dec. Zak Fowler 4:0; 113 — Ethan Marx EPJ pin. Garrett Mitzel 3:11; 120 — Duncan Stoebner BH-S dec. Dylan Colt 9:3; 126 — Zach Sykora BH-S pin. Roman Fehr 1:55; 132 — Alex Caba BH-S maj. dec. Alex Norby 9:0; 138 — Kyle Fowler EPJ dec. Sam Caba 7:3; 145 — Jared Hueser EPJ pin. Stockton Waller 1:19; 152 — Dommonick Pechous BH-S pin. Tristan Gill 1:59; 160 — Justin Broekemeier EPJ dec. Josh Valt 9:6; 170 — Lucas Crownover BH-S pin. Loren Gregg 2:36; 182 — Tanner Iwan BH-S pin. Hunter Ewing 4:8; 195 — Alan Haataja BH-S dec. Andrew Flannery 3:0; 220 — Kreg Kepplinger BH-S pin. Andrew Tepy 3:39; 285 — Dan Stibral BH-S pin. James Smith 1:49

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Patriots Offer No Explanation For Deflated Footballs

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The two men most responsible for delivering wins for the New England Patriots both said Thursday they have no explanation for how footballs used to reach the Super Bowl were underinflated by 2 pounds per square inch.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said he has not been contacted by the NFL, even as league officials investigate whether the team cheated against the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game.

"I don't know what happened," Brady said, answering questions from reporters hours after Patriots coach Bill Belichick said he almost never thinks about football pressure and doesn't know what happened, either.

"I didn't alter the ball in any way," Brady said.

Unlike Belichick, who answered questions briefly after a long opening remark by repeatedly saying "I've told you everything I know" and "I don't have an explanation," Brady answered many questions for a half hour and said he doesn't think about the conditions of the ball during games.

"I get the snap, I drop back, I throw the ball," Brady said. "I don't sit there and try to squeeze it and determine that."

He does, however, have his preferences — he likes the football to be pumped to 12.5 pounds per square inch of air pressure, he said. The NFL requires balls to be inflated between 12.5 and 13.5 pounds per square inch. Brady said he never has knowingly played with a ball with less than 12.5 pounds per square inch of pressure.

"To me, that's a perfect grip for the football," said Brady, who will face the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. "I would never do

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Gymnastics: Gazelles Win At Vermillion

VERMILLION — The Yankton Gazelles claimed three of the top four spots in the all-around to edge Vermillion 127.95 to 122.65 in prep gymnastics action on Thursday in Vermillion.

Vermillion's Carter Williams earned all-around honors with a 33.45. She also won on the balance beam (8.5) and floor exercise (8.7).

Yankton's Kaitlin Guthmiller (32.65), Haleigh Diede (31.4) and Samantha Kortan (31.3) went 2-3-4 in the all-around. Diede and Guthmiller tied for top honors on the bars, each scoring 8.0. Yankton's Jaiden Boomsma won on the vault with an 8.95.

Yankton goes to Sioux Falls on Tuesday for a quadrangular with Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Sioux Falls Washington and Madison. It will be the final event before the Eastern South Dakota Conference championships for the Gazelles.

Vermillion is off until a quadrangular with West Central and Wagner-Bon Homme on Feb. 2 at Wagner. That will be the final regular season event for the Tanagers.

Yankton also claimed top honors in JV action, 110.05 to 64.35. The Gazelles claimed the top six spots in the all-around, led by Lauren Vik's 29.9. Vik also won on the bars (7.15), floor (7.35) and vault (8.15). Trinity Goeman, who was second in the all-around at 27.8, won on the balance beam with a 7.45.

TEAM SCORES: Yankton 127.95, Vermillion 122.65
ALL-AROUND: Carter Williams V 33.45, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 32.65, Haleigh Diede Y 31.4, Samantha Kortan Y 31.3, Cheyenne Mallory V 30.95, Anneliese Taggart V 30.9
-bars: Haleigh Diede Y 8, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8, Samantha Kortan Y 7.75, Carter Williams V 7.7, Morgan Mason V 7.5, Jaiden Boomsma Y 7.25
BEAMS: Carter Williams V 8.5, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.05, Samantha Kortan Y 7.3, Cheyenne Mallory V 7.25, Shayla Kietzner V 7.2, Morgan Mason V 6.85
FLOOR: Carter Williams V 8.7, Sophie Bisgard Y 8.65, Jaiden Boomsma Y 8.6, Anneliese Taggart V 8.35, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.2, Cheyenne Mallory V 8.05
VAULT: Jaiden Boomsma Y 8.95, Haleigh Diede Y 8.65, Carter Williams V 8.55, Cheyenne Mallory V 8.45, Samantha Kortan Y 8.45, Kaitlin Guthmiller Y 8.4

JUNIOR VARSITY
TEAM SCORES: Yankton 110.05, Vermillion 64.35
ALL-AROUND: Lauren Vik Y 29.9, Trinity Goeman Y 27.8, Cheyenne Crisman Y 26.45, Shanna Hill Y 23.2, Haley Gokie Y 22.75, Storm Yaggle Y 20.3
-bars: Lauren Vik Y 7.15, Cheyenne Crisman Y 6.05, Trinity Goeman Y 5.2, Haley Gokie Y 5, Shelby Pietrazak Y 4.4, Madison Slahy Y 3.15
BEAM: Trinity Goeman Y 7.45, Lauren Vik Y 7.25, Cheyenne Crisman Y 6.9, Shanna Hill Y 5.9, Storm Yaggle Y 5.7, Sidne Furry Y 5.4
FLOOR: Lauren Vik Y 7.35, Shanna Hill Y 7.2, Trinity Goeman Y 7.15, Haley Gokie Y 6.1, Cheyenne Crisman Y 5.85, Kaya Leach V 5.8
VAULT: Lauren Vik Y 8.15, Trinity Goeman Y 8, Cheyenne Crisman Y 7.65, Shanna Hill Y 7.55, Haley Gokie Y 7.5, Kayla Ericsson Y 7.25



Yankton's Sophie Bisgard competes in the floor exercise during the Gazelles' gymnastics dual at Vermillion on Thursday.

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