

Top-Ranked Hastings Falls In NAIA D-II Tournament

SIoux CITY, Iowa — It may have taken seven years, but Grand View (Iowa) was able to get revenge against Hastings (Neb.) with a 69-61 second-round victory Friday at the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship on Friday afternoon.

Hastings spent the final four polls of the regular season as the nation's top-ranked team and had won 10 straight games prior to Friday's loss.

Gary Smith's Vikings (27-8) advance into their first quarterfinals appearance in four trips to the national championship and will square off against

Shawnee State (Ohio) Saturday at 1 p.m. Hastings' season ends with a record of 31-4.

For Grand View, Jennifer Jorgensen finished the game with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Hastings had three players averaging double figures, but Lindsey Ducey was the lone offensive component for the Broncos in the losing effort. The senior forward closed out her career with a 32-point effort.

NORTHWESTERN 92, STERLING 50. SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The Northwestern Red Raiders cruised past Sterling (Kan.) 92-50 to punch a ticket into the quarterfinals Friday at the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball

National Championship. The Red Raiders, now 28-6 on the season, advance to the quarterfinals for the third straight year and will square off against Iowa Wesleyan Saturday at 3 p.m. Sterling's 14th national championship appearance ends in the second round and the Warriors exit at 27-5.

Play down low was also all Northwestern with 51 rebounds and 44 points in the paint. Four starters were double-figure scorers, led by 19-point outings from both Kendra De Jong and Becca Hurley. Randa Hulstein scored 14 points and Kami Kuhlmann contributed 12.

OZARKS 92, MORNINGSIDE 74. SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Three were the weapon of choice for both College of the Ozarks (Mo.) and Morningside in second-round action on Friday, but Ozarks was nearly unstoppable from long range to dethrone the defending national champions 92-74 at the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship.

In the loss for the Mustangs (21-12), Tanaya Worden finished with 26. Leslie Foral recorded 13 points and Bobbi McManaman chipped in 11.

IND. WESLEYAN 58, BLACK HILLS STATE 50. SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The ability to knock down free throws with time winding down was a key factor in Indiana Wesleyan's 58-50 second-round win over Black Hills State on Friday at the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship.

Black Hills State (25-7) had a balanced scoring effort, but only had one player log double figures with 12 points from Jenna Bolstad on 6-of-9 shooting.

Division II

CSU-PUEBLO 59, WAYNE STATE 48. DURANGO, Colo. — Wayne State College went 11-07 without a basket in the second half as seventh-seeded CSU-

Pueblo rallied from an 11 point second half deficit to shock the second-seeded Wildcats 59-48 Friday afternoon in the first round of the NCAA Division II Central Regional Women's Basketball Tournament in Durango, Colo.

The ThunderWolves advance to Saturday's semifinals with a 21-10 record while ending Wayne State's season at 26-5.

CSU-Pueblo got within six points again at 40-34 with 11:58 left in the game following a three pointer but WSC's Ashley Arlen hit a three on the next possession to push the Cats back to nine at 43-34. But WSC went ice cold from the floor, going 11-07 without a basket, as CSU-Pueblo rallied for the win.

Mara Hjelte led all scorers with 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats, going 12-of-26 from the field. Ashley Arlen added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

NBA: James Leads Cavaliers Past Philly 100-95 In Return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — LeBron James had 23 points, 10 assists and six rebounds in his return from a two-game absence, and the Cleveland Cavaliers won for the 14th time in their last 19 road games with a 100-95 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday night.

James was in the starting lineup after missing the previous two with an injured right ankle, and the league's leading scorer had his 26th double-double. He entered the game averaging 30.0 points, 8.5 assists and 7.2 rebounds.

Mo Williams added 21 points and Delonte West contributed 17 for the Cavaliers (51-15), who have the league's best record.

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 30 points, Elton Brand added 24 and Thaddeus Young had 15. **SPURS 103, TIMBERWOLVES 85.** MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Richard Jefferson had 19 points, nine rebounds and three assists in his first start in seven games to help San Antonio beat hapless Minnesota.

George Hill had 19 points and eight assists and Tim Duncan had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs, who have won six of their last seven games, including two of three without injured star Tony Parker. **CELTICS 122, PACERS 103.** BOSTON

(AP) — Paul Pierce scored 20 points and Rajon Rondo had 16 points and 11 assists in just the quarters as Boston snapped a two-game losing streak. Reserves Nate Robinson and Glen Davis scored 15 points for Boston, which played its third game in four nights.

BOBCATS 106, CLIPPERS 98. CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Stephen Jackson scored 24 points and the Bobcats held off a fourth-quarter rally to beat the struggling Clippers.

Boris Diaw added 16 points, Tyson Chandler 13 and Raymond Felton had 10 points and 11 assists for the Bobcats, who won their fifth straight as they chase the first playoff berth in franchise history.

HEAT 100, BULLS 95. MIAMI (AP) — Jermaine O'Neal scored a season-high 25 points, Quentin Richardson added 23 and Miami added to Chicago's recent run of misery.

THUNDER 104, NETS 102. OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, his franchise-record 36th 30-point game this season, and Oklahoma City held off NBA-worst New Jersey for its 16th win in 19 games.

PISTONS 101, WIZARDS 87. AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Will Bynum had a career-best 20 assists, Jonas Jerebko scored 18 points, and Detroit beat Washington in a matchup of two of the Eastern Conference's worst teams.

NUGGETS 102, HORNETS 95. NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Carmelo Anthony had 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Denver won its fifth straight.

GRIZZLIES 119, KNICKS 112. MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Zach Randolph had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Memphis held on to beat New York.

BUCKS 95, JAZZ 87. MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ersan Ilyasova scored on a putback with 27.2 seconds remaining and Milwaukee knocked off yet another NBA powerhouse.

FLYERS

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Also for Viborg, Sage Knudsen had four assists and three steals. Freeman now plays the consolation championship against top-seeded Newell, which was upset by eighth-seeded Highmore-Harold in the opening round.

"If we go out and play hard, like we did in the third quarter, we can do it," Paulson noted.

Viborg hopes to continue to momentum from its late rally against Freeman into the seventh place game with Wall.

"We need to see if we can get ourselves going," Kraning said. "We need to put more pressure on the ball. If we don't, we're going to struggle."

Viborg and Wall play at noon today (Saturday), with Freeman and Newell playing at 1:45 p.m.

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Viborg's Sage Knudsen (left) knocks the ball away from Freeman's Kaitlyn Stern as Stern tried to go in for a layup during their consolation semifinal game at the South Dakota State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament Friday at the Watertown Civic Arena.

VALLEY

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game. Those half inches are sometimes what makes a difference."

Dakota Valley led 11-8 after the first quarter, but Stickney-Mt. Vernon came back to take a 24-22 lead at halftime. The Panthers retook the lead after third quarter 36-31. The Knights went on a 10-3 run to start the fourth quarter to take the lead at 41-39 and did not give up the lead.

"We tend to do that a lot," Vermeulen said. "We kind of get ourselves in a hole and then we start to figure it out and we start to catch back up. I think it says a lot about us. It says a lot about our character that we just don't give up."

Wall had a double-double in the first half with 10 points, 10 rebounds and added five blocked shots. The University of North Dakota recruit finished the game with 14 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Neff added 12 points for the Panthers.

Dakota Valley (17-7) will play Moberidge-Pollock at noon today (Saturday) for seventh place.

Kelsey Schmidt netted 12 points for the Knights. Stickney-Mt. Vernon (21-4) will play Tri-Valley at 1:45 p.m. today for the consolation championship.

"Being fifth place in the state is something to be pretty proud of and we are happy to be in that position," Giblin said.

STICKNEY-MT. VERNON (21-4) — Lexie Christensen 1-9 0-2 2, Whitney Kuyper 3-15 1-2 9, Kelsey Schmidt 5-12 0-0 12, Sarah Vermeulen 6-16 2-4 17, Shelby Assmus 2-11 1-5, Jackie Niewerhuis 0-0 0-0 0, Stephanie DeWaard 0-0 0-0 0, Shelby Selland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 17-58 5-7 45.

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Thomas led the Coyotes with 19, while Cain posted a double-double with 16 points and 17 rebounds in addition to those five blocks.

"It was all about protecting the basket," Cain said. "I'm not worried too much about blocking a lot of shots, I want to be at the right place at the right time to play defense."

Cutler finished with a season-high 18, while Gentry had 13 as he matched Thomas' effort from behind the arc with four.

The Coyotes shot 60.9 percent from the field (14-23) in the second, but the Broncos had the overall advantage, 48 percent to 44.

There were seven ties and six lead changes in the opening 20 minutes before the Broncos established in the final seven minutes, leading by as many as seven and taking a 35-29 halftime lead.

"They were making good runs," Boots said. "We didn't play very well because