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3RD: Hartington Cedar Catholic 55, Free South Dakota State 66, IUPUI 49 Western Illinois 54, South Dakota 53 Sunday, March 10

Class D1 Tournament CHAMP: Howells-Dodge 49, Paxton 34 3RD: St. Mary's 46, Burwell 43 Oakland vs. Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. North Dakota State vs. Kansas City, 8:30 Class D2 Tournament

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SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Inv (MMC vs. Park, 1:30 p.m.; MMC vs. Lubbock Christian, 3:30 p.m.) Wednesday, March 13 No activities scheduled

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Western Illinois vs. North Dakota State UMKC winner, 8:30 p.m. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT First Round Saturday, March 9 South Dakota State 67. Oakland 53 IUPUI 59, UMKC 47

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Tyler Flack from the University of South Dakota slams home two points against Western Illinois in the first half of their game at the 2013 Men's Summit League Tournament Saturday evening.

USD Men

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we couldn't come up with it," said head coach Dave Boots.

Again, regular season co-champion Western Illinois made those plays.

Keyed by 11 straight points at one time from sixth-year senior point guard Ceola Clark, the Leathernecks turned a 6-point deficit with 8:57 to play into a 46-41 lead with 3:57 remaining.

USD whittled the deficit down to 50-48 with 37 seconds left, but the combination of missed shots and a turnover doomed any rally. Karim Rowson hit two free throws and Juevol Myles swished a threepointer, but time — and ultimately their season - ran out on the Coyotes.

"I don't know what it is with us and them, we match up pretty well; I think we showed that in all three games," USD sophomore guard

played evenly, the largest lead for either side in the first half was a 4point cushion for the Coyotes after two foul shots from Myles at the 1:18 mark.

Spurred on by a 9-2 run over the final 3:38, the Coyotes took a 25-21 lead into halftime. USD's cushion reached six on three occasions after halftime, the latest at 39-33 with just under minutes left.

'They never stop attacking, never stop scoring, never stop making free throws," WIU coach Jim Molinari said of the Coyotes. "I told our team that, that's one thing about coach Boot's team.'

Clark — the unquestioned leader for WIU — scored consecutive baskets, and after a Gruis hook shot, hit a jumper and drained a three-pointer a the 4:47 mark.

The Leathernecks closed a 9-0 run on an Adam Link layup in transition and never looked back. For the Coyotes, that's now all

thev can do is look back. In what Boots called the "final piece" to the transition puzzle, USD now has to look to the future and ultimately become a fixture in the

they have, I don't need to spell it out for them.'

The Coyotes will graduate two seniors, Myles and Jordan Boots, and will return six of the eight players who saw action Saturday. USD also gets redshirts Trey Norris (G), Adam Thoesby (G) and Tyler Larson (G) eligible next season. Motivation is everywhere, ac-

cording to Bos. Any time you lose by one, I think that's more than enough to motivate you," he said. "We'll probably remember it for a long time, it'll always be in the back of our heads.

'We got our feet wet in the tournament," he added. "We'll just use it to fuel us in the off-season and come back stronger."

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W. ILLINDIS 24, S. DAROTA 33 S. DAKOTA (10-20) Flack 2-7 3-4 7, Gruis 6-11 0-0 12, Myles 3-7 6-6 14, Bos 2-12 2-4 8, Kasperbauer 3-7 0-0 6, Boots 0-0 0-0 0, Tecker 1-1 0-0 2, Rowson 1-4 2-4 4. Totals 18-49 13-18 53.

W ILLINOS (22-7) Houpt 2-6 0-0 6, Link 1-3 7-10 9, Ochereobia 3-6 0-2 6, Clark III 9-15 0-0 21, Roberts-Bumett 3-6 0-0 6, Foster 0-2 3-6 3, Hawthome 0-0 0-0 0, McAvoy III 1-5 1-4 3. Totals 19-43 11-Halftime-S. Dakota 25-21, 3-Point Goals-S. Dakota 4-15

Haimme—S. Dakota 25-21. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota 4-15 (Myles 2-4, Bos 2-7, Flack O-1, Kasperbauer 0-3), W. Illinois 5-13 (Clark III 3-8, Houpt 2-3, Foster 0-2). Fouled Out—Gruis, Link. Rebounds—S. Dakota 31 (Gruis 12), W. Illinois (Clarker III 3), Assists—S. Dakota 9 (Bos, Myles 3), W. Illinois 7 (Clark III 3), Total Fouls—S. Dakota 17, W. Illinois 16. A—

Jacks Survive Slow Start, Beat Oakland

BY CHRIS RILEY sports@yankton.net

SIOUX FALLS — It took them a while to warm up, but the Summit League Championship favorite and top seed SDSU women claimed a 67-53 victory over Oakland University (Mich.) in the first round of tourney play on Saturday afternoon at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The Jackrabbits trailed the Grizzlies at the beginning of the first half, falling behind 12-7 after a number of early turnovers. Then the SDSU seniors, a group

that has never lost a Summit League tournament game, heated up, keying a 16-2 Jackrabbit run that gave State the lead for good. SDSU senior Ashley Eide, a

Sioux Falls native, said that her team remained calm despite the early deficit.

"We're kind of familiar with the emotions and everything it takes to come out and play a tournament game." Eide said.

Eide, who scored 10 points in the first 9:30 of the game, helped lead the Jackrabbits with 18 points and three assists. Fellow senior Katie Lingle — recently named the Summit League women's sixth woman of the year — also scored 18 points for SDSU while adding a game-high nine rebounds.

Senior Leah Dietel also finished in double figures for the Jacks, posting 12 points and five rebounds. With the victory, SDSU improves

to 23-7 this season. The Jackrabbits are now 13-0 overall in Summit

League Championship play. Oakland, 9-20, got 17 points form Olivia Nash and 14 points from Victoria Lipscomb. The Grizzlies shot just 31 percent from the field for the game.

Yankton-native Chloe Cornemann, a Jackrabbit freshman, played 18 minutes without attempting a shot but did record an assist. SDSU turned the ball over 17

times, but out-rebounded Oakland 43-35 which led to a 16-12 secondchance points edge. Jackrabbits coach Aaron Johnston was some-

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Williams to call a time-out.

The big message in that huddle was that I thought we were playing passively and that is not South Dakota basketball," Williams said. "That's not what wins you games at this time of the year.

The Coyotes got the message loud and clear, as a three-pointer by Mehr with 14:38 to play keyed an 18-0 USD run that spanned the next five minutes, resulting in a 48-35 Coyote lead with 9:57 left in the game.

Mehr, who finished just three point shy of her career high (17 against Iowa Wesleyan in November of 2009), attributed the offensive outburst to USD's increase in defensive pressure.

"It all started with picking up



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Leah Dietel from South Dakota State University drives past Elizabeth Hamlet from Oakland University in the first half of their game at the Sioux Falls Arena during the 2013 Summit League Tournament Saturday afternoon.

what concerned about his team's turnovers.

"We are going to have to value the ball a little more and play a little more consistently on offense.' Johnston said. "Oakland's aggressiveness got us spread out a little too much."

The Jackrabbits now face IPFW which beat Western Illinois in double overtime — at noon today (Monday) in semifinal action.

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had much playing time her whole career but has stayed ready all the time. It certainly adds some depth and gives us one more shooting thereat on the perimeter."

Mehr, who has appeared in more games than any other current Coyote (112) but has never started, added to her heroic scoring efforts with four rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks.

Seekamp and senior Tempestt Wilson finished with 15 points apiece. Freshman Margaret Mc-Cloud also ended in double digits, scoring 10 points while adding six rebounds. Wilson and sophomore Lisa Loeffler grabbed seven rebounds each.

The Coyotes shot 51 percent from the field in the second half after managing just 36 percent in the first. They outshot NDSU 44-32 percent for the entire game and also finished with a 45-40 rebounding edge. Most telling was the bench scoring margin, 30-2 in favor of the Coyotes.

OAKLAND (9-20) Olivia Nash 7-15 0-0 17, Victoria Lipscomb 5-13 2-2 14, Russell 3-7 4-5 10, Elena Popkey 3-12 0-07, Annemarie Ham-let 0-3 2-2 2, Amy Cartton 1-3 0-1 2, Peyton Aapsey 0-5 1-2 1, Shelby Hernington 0-0 0-0 0; Elizabeth Hamiet 0-3 0-0 0, Julia Vestin 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 19-61 9-12 53.

Vestin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-61 9-12 53. **SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (23-7)** Ashley Eide 8-11 0-0 18, Katie Lingle 7-9 4-5 18, Leah Di-etel 4-7 4-5 12, Megan Waytashek 2-4 2-2 7, Tara Heiser 1-5 2-25, Gabrielle Boever 2-7 0-0 4, Rachel Walters 1-6 0-0 3, Mariah Clarin 0-5 0-0 0, Chloe Cornemann 0-0 0-0 0, Hannah Strop 0-2 0-0 0, Megan Stuart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-56 12-14 67. Haffitme – SDSU 33, OU 22. Three-Point Field Goals – OU 6-25 (Nash 3-6, Lipscomb 2-7, Popkey 1-4, Carlton 0-2, Apsey 0-3, E Hamlet 0-1, A Hamlet 0-2), SDSU 5-16 (Eide 2-3, Walters 1-6, Waytashek 1-3, Heiser 1-1, Strip 0-1, Boever 0-2), Foulded ut = E Hamlet Rebounder – OU 35 (Ponkey 6, Nash 6) out — E. Hamlet. Rebounds — OU 35 (Popkey 6, Nash 6), SDSU 43 (Lingle 9). Assists — Oakland 6 (Hamlet 3), SDSU 19 (Heiser 4, Boever 4) Total Fouls — OU 15, SDSU 11. Attendance

member of Division I is quite fun.

"It is exciting," Tempestt Wilson said. "The University of South Dakota has been waiting for this for a long time."

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE (10-19) Liz Keena 3-8 2-2 8, Marena Whittle 2-10 0-0 5, Dani De-Gagne 5-16 0-1 12, Katie Birkel 8-14 0-0 20, Jamie Van Kirk 3-8 0-0 6, Holly Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Britney Gaines 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 2-268 2-35

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 Polly Harrington 4-11 1-1 9, Lisa Loeffler 1-3 0-0 2, Tempestt Wilson 4-12 4-6 15, Alexis Yakcley 1-6 0-0 2, Nicole Seekamp 6-12 2-2 15, Tia Hemiller 0-0 0-0 0, Sam Mehr 5-7 0-0 14, Pam January 1-3 0-0 0, Margaret McCloud 5-7 0-0 10, Heidi Hoff 1-2 1-2 4, Totals 28-63 8-11 73.

Heidi Hoff 1-2 1-2 4. Totals 28-63 8-11 73. Halfilme — USD 28, NDSU 26. Three-Point Field Goals — USD 9-22 (Mehr 4-6, Wilson 3-7, Hoff 1-2, Seekamp 1-3), NDSU 7-20 (Birkel 4-6, DeGagne 2-2, Whittle 1-3). Total Rebounds — USD 45 (Loeffler 7, Wilson 7), NDSU 40 (DeGagne 9). Personal Fouls — NDSU 12, USD 10. Assists — USD 19 (Seekamp 5), NDSU 12 (Yan Kirk 4). Turnovers — NDSU 8, USD 6. Blocked Nots — USD 2 (Mehr 2), NDSU 0. Steals — USD 5 (Seekamp 3), NDSU 2 (Keena 1, Whittle 1). Fouled Out — None. Attendance — 3,971.

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Brandon Bos said. "It's been a fight right to the end, but unfortunately for us we've come up short in every one."

Proof that the action was

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (22-8) Logan Feilmeier 4 1-5 10, Jared Wieseler 0 0-0 0, Taylor Kathol 3 0-2 6, Trent Jansen 1 0-0 2, Ryan Becker 0 3-4 3, Frank Herbolshimer 0 0-0 0, Bennett Steffen 0 0-0 0, James Kaiser 8

5-8 25, Grant Howell 3 2-2 8, Patrick Wieseler 0 1-2 1. TOTALS:

Neb. Boys c2 — SOUTHERN VALLEY 38, SUTTON 34, OT:

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Dakota Best scored five of his nine points in overtime, leading Southern Valley to a 38-34 victory over Sutton in the Class C2 boys state champi-

onship basketball game Saturday. Spencer Kucera led the Eagles (24-3) with 20 points,

A - OMAHA CENTRAL 69, PAPILLION-LA VISTA

12 rebounds and three blocked

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State

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post-season tournament.

"At least we've been through everything now," Boots said. "We have to get back in the gym. "Players know the weaknesses

44: LINCOLN Neb (AP) — Omaha Central is the Class A boys basketball state champion for the fourth straight year and seventh time in eight years after defeating Papillion-La Vista 69-44 on Saturday

DeAndre Hollins-Johnson led the Eagles with 17 points. Central (25-4) also got 16 points and nine rebounds from Tra-Deon Hollins and 13 points and seven rebounds from Kevin Sc

B - SOUTH SIOUX CITY 55, SCOTTSBLUFF 53: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jordan Comstock scored a layup off Nathan Rogers' pass with 2.9 seconds left, giving South Sioux City a 55-53 victory over defending champion Scottsbluff in the Class B boys state championship basketball game Saturday r C1 — WAHOO

ball game Saturday night. C1 — WAHOO 45, BOONE CENTRAL/NEWMAN GROVE 42: LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Brook Stuart scored 17 points and made the go-ahead 3-pointer in Wahoo's 45-42 victory over Boone Central/Newman Grove in the Char GA the active backletball de registration area for Class C1 boys state basketball championship game Sat-

urday. D1 — HOWELLS-DODGE 49, PAXTON 34: LIN-COLN, Neb. (AP) — Matt Gooch had 10 points, 16 re-bounds and five blocked shots to lead Howells-Dodge to a 49-34 victory over Paxton in a meeting of unbeaten teams in the Class D1 boys state championship basketball game Saturday night.

S.D. Girls AA—S.F. LINCOLN 51, MITCHELL 36: RAPID CITY (AP) — Ellie Brecht scored 19 points as Sioux Falls Lin-

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coln celebrated its first title-game berth in 24 years with a 51-36 win Saturday over Mitchell at the South Dakota girls Class AA basketball tournament.

Cera Ledbetter had 12 points for Lincoln (17-8) and Sydney Miller added 11. Defending champion Mitchell (22-4) was led by Kerri

Young, who scored 13 points. **A** — HARRISBURG 64, PINE RIDGE 49: WATER-TOWN (AP) — Morgan Beaner and Hailey Halling helped Harrisburg defeat Pine Ridge 64-49 on Saturday in the championship game of the South Dakota girls Class A bas-ketball tournament.

It was Harrisburg's first trip to the state Class A tournament. Pine Ridge was playing in its fourth title game. Beaner scored 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds,

while Halling posted a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Tigers (25-1). Leading by nine through three quarters, Harrisburg outscored Pine Ridge 25-19 in the final quarter to pull away

B - WARNER 31, DE SMET 19: HURON (AP) -Rachel Rogers scored more than half of Warner's points and the Monarchs beat De Smet 31-19 Saturday in a lowscoring title game at the South Dakota girls Class B bas-ketball tournament.

Rogers nearly outscored the entire De Smet team. finishing with 16 points on 7-for-8 shooting. She also had a pair of free throws and shared team-high rebounding honors with 10.

the intensity on defense," Mehr said. "Everyone fed off each other."

In addition to USD's scoring outburst, the Coyotes also managed to slow down Birkel as the senior scored just seven points after halftime.

(Birkel) had a big first half and was pretty much doing everything," USD sophomore Nicole Seekamp said. "We were made aware of where she was and it wasn't just Alexis (Yackley) playing defense on her, it was the whole team.'

The Bison did manage to close the deficit back to eight points with just over six minute to play, but a 12-2 Coyote run sparked by a pair of Mehr three's put South Dakota back up by 18 points with less than three minutes to play and NDSU never mounted another serious threat.

Williams couldn't help but praise Mehr after the game.

"I couldn't be more proud of Sam," Williams said. "She has not

Birkel finished with 20 points for the Bison, who end their year 10-19. Senior Dani DeGagne was the only other Bison in double fig-

ures, scoring 12 points. USD, 16-14, plays IUPUI at 2:30 p.m. today (Monday) with the winner advancing to Tuesday afternoon's championship game and a shot to advance to the NCAA women's tournament

USD is 2-0 against IUPUI this year, picking up a 76-56 road win on January 26 and knocking off the Jaguars in the DakotaDome by a final of 56-39 on February 21.

"We feel like we haven't really got their best shot this year," Williams said of the second-seeded Jaguars. We know how difficult it is to beat a team for the third time in a season so we're going to have to be sharp."

Now that they are just two victories away from a NCAA tournament appearance, the Coyotes are finding that being a full-fledged

nisced about his first Summit League Tournament experience back in 2009 — when the Jacks were finally out of the 5-year Division I transition.

'I was so emotional because those five years were so tough on our program and it was so fun to feel like we're playing for something again," Nagy said.

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S. DAKOTA ST. 66, IUPUI 49

UPUI (6-26) Gibbs 5-7 0-0 10, Patton 6-12 5-6 17, Rice 3-7 0-1 6, Esposito 2-7 0-0 6, Hubert 3-6 0-1 8, Gaines 1-1 0-0 2, Shanklin 0-2 0-0 0, Kitcoff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-42 5-8 49.

S. DAKOTA ST. (23-9)
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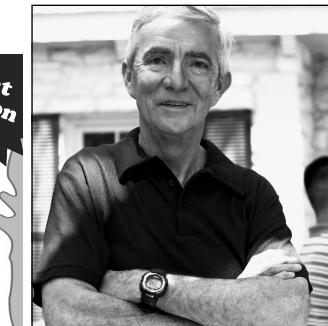
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