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Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

TODAY March 5		BSB: vs. Jamestown at Tucson, DH, noon SB: at Tucson, vs. Park, 1:30 p.m., vs. Lubbock Christian, 3:30 p.m.	WBB: Summit League Tour. at Sioux Falls (if win), 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY March 6			
THURSDAY March 7		BSB: vs. Valley City State at Tucson, DH, 11 a.m. SB: at Tucson, vs. Avila, 11 a.m., vs. Purdue-NC, 1:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY March 8		BSB: at Tucson, vs. Minot State, 2 p.m.; vs. Wayland Baptist, 6 p.m. SB: at Tucson, vs. Baker, 1:30 p.m.; vs. Dickinson State, 3:30 p.m.	
SATURDAY March 9			
SUNDAY March 10			
MONDAY March 11			

RADIO & TELEVISION

Today 2:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	WOMEN'S BB: Summit League — Women's Final MEN'S BB: Summit League — Men's Final	KVHT-FM WNAX-AM
Thursday 6 p.m.	BOYS' BB: S.D. State Tour. — Viborg-Hurley vs. JV Christian	KVHT-FM
Friday	TBA BOYS' BB: S.D. State Tour. (Viborg-Hurley)	KVHT-FM
Saturday	TBA BOYS' BB: S.D. State Tour. (Viborg-Hurley)	KVHT-FM

Coyotes

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utes but in spurts we look pretty good,” USD head coach Amy Williams said. “We’ve had a couple of good second halves in this tournament.”

The Coyotes shot 77 percent from the field in the second half, including 4-for-4 from long range. USD also converted 23 of 27 free-throw attempts and out-rebounded the Jaguars 33-26.

Tempestt Wilson (14 points), Polly Harrington (11 points) and Lisa Loeffler (10 points) all joined Seekamp in double figures. Freshman Margaret McCloud added seven points and a team-high six rebounds off the bench while senior Sam Mehr stepped up off the bench in a big way for the second day in a row, scoring nine points on 3-for-5 three-point shooting.

“We are not a one-man show,” Williams added. “We had four people in double figures and lots of people contributing. I am thrilled to death and just so proud of this team.”

Jaguars’ senior Kerah Nelson had a huge game for IUPUI, putting up 32 points and grabbing six boards in the loss.

“I think our team gave it all we had,” Nelson said. “(USD) has given us problems throughout the season. We played as hard as we could but they just made a lot of big shots.”

Up next for the Coyotes is a rematch with rival SDSU for the Summit League crown and a ticket to the big dance – the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The last time SDSU and USD faced each other with this much at stake it was the 2002-03 regional final, with an Elite-Eight berth on the line, which SDSU won in Brookings on their way to a 32-3 overall record and the Division II national title.

These players weren’t even in high school yet at that time though, and they will be eager to add to the storied history of the USD/SDSU rivalry.

“I have a ton of respect for (SDSU coach) Aaron Johnston and what he’s been able to build there,” Williams said. We feel excited to be in this championship and in a position to be able to get another crack at them. Look for it to be a very physical, aggressive game between two teams that really want to battle it out.”

Tip-off is today (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena in a game that will be televised on ESPN.

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SOUTH DAKOTA (17-14)

Polly Harrington 3-8 5-6 11, Lisa Loeffler 5-8 0-0 10, Tempestt Wilson 4-7 5-6 14, Alexis Yackley 2-2 0-0 4, Nicole Seekamp 8-12 8-8 27, Tia Hemmiller 0-0 0-0 0, Sam Mehr 3-6 0-0 9, Pam January 0-0 0-0 0, Margaret McCloud 1-1 5-7 7, Heidi Hoff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-44 23-27 62.

IUPUI (20-11)

Kerah Nelson 12-21 5-5 32, Nevena Markovic 5-11 2-3 13, Dee-Dee Bellamy 3-6 0-0 6, Katie Cornello 1-7 0-2 2, DeAira 3-7 3-4 9, Nicole Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Shawnee Teague 1-1 0-1 2, Jordan Barton 0-0 1-2 1, Akliah Sims 2-4 0-1 4, Demetri Nunley-Lash 0-0 0-0 0, Dawn Luster 1-5 1-1 3, Alyssa Holder 0-0 0-0 0, Clara Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-62 12-19 72.

Halftime — IUPUI 31, USD 26. Three-Point Field Goals — USD 7-11 (Mehr 3-5, Seekamp 3-4, Wilson 1-2), IUPUI 4-16 (Nelson 3-5, Markovic 1-4). Total Rebounds — USD 33 (McCloud 6), IUPUI 26 (Nelson 6). Personal Fouls IUPUI 20, USD 16. Assists — USD 18 (Yackley 9), IUPUI 14 (Cornello 5). Turnovers USD 17, IUPUI 14. Blocked Shots — IUPUI 5 (Nelson 2), USD 2 (Mehr 2). Steals — IUPUI 10 (Bellamy 4), USD 8 (Mehr 3). Fouled Out — Loeffler. Attendance — 5,245.

All-ESD

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Pesicka said. “She leaves a big hole in the post for us, definitely some big shoes to fill. She was a three year varsity player, there is no price tag for that.”

“UNK is getting a great athlete,” he said. “The college game is different, though. It will be an adjustment, she has the athleticism to succeed at the college level.”

Fitzgerald feels that being apart of Yankton basketball will help her progress at Nebraska-Kearney.

“As a freshmen I probably won’t get much playing time, so patience is key for next year,” she said. For me, I just hope my team next year

is just as close as mine was this year, because we were all going through the same things.”

Tesser, a junior wing, said it was humbling to be recognized by her league counterparts.

“It’s an honor to be mentioned with this pool of talented athletes,” she said. “I feel like my hard work got me noticed.”

Despite a concussion early in the season, Pesicka and his staff threw everything they could at Tessier.

“She had to play a lot of positions for us,” he said. “We asked her to play guard, post, perimeter — essentially every spot. She responded very positive for us.”

After her injury, she was right back on the court eager to get on the court.

“She loves to play the game of basketball,” Pesicka said. “It’s tough

to slow her down, I know it drove her crazy not being able to play in the beginning.”

Tessier contributed 7.3 points, four rebounds, and two assists a game for the Gazelles.

The Yankton Gazelles graduate six players this spring, giving Tessier more control.

“She’s going to be a kid to lean on,” Pesicka said. “She has a lot of experience, she was on the floor a lot this past season.”

Tessier plans to use this as motivation for next years’ season.

“I expect myself to be in the gym and my driveway to make our team better,” she said. “I hope my teammates do the same.”

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Coyote Women Have Overcome Quite A Bit This Season

BY CHRIS RILEY
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SIoux FALLS — Well, so much for a rebuilding year. After losing 60 percent of their offensive production from last season due to the graduation of Amber Hegge, Annie Roche and Jodie Boss, the Coyotes’ women’s basketball team has marched all the way to the Summit League title game.

Despite not quite matching up to last season’s win total (23-8, 12-6 Summit), this year’s squad is peaking at the opportune time in head coach Amy Williams’ inaugural season.

“It means a lot for our program,” Williams said after Monday’s semifinal 82-72 victory over IUPUI. “I’m thrilled for the young women that we have in our program to be on this stage and get that recognition.”

Umpires Meeting March 17

VERMILLION — There will be a certification meeting for baseball umpires on Sunday, March 17 at the Vermillion High School gym.

Start time is 2 p.m. For more information, contact John Wieseler at 661-7806.

Yankton Men’s Softball Meeting

March 18

The Yankton Men’s Softball League will hold a preseason meeting on Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Summit Center meeting room.

Individuals and teams interested in participating in the league this year are asked to attend. For more information, contact Craig Shelburg at 605-661-1895.

Bowl-A-Thon April 6

All Yankton-area youth in grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Big Friend Little Friend’s 17th annual Bowl-A-thon, set for April 6 at the Yankton Bowl.

Area sponsors invite kids to play two games of bowling, plus enjoy prizes, popcorn pop and fun. Door Prizes to be given away at event.

There will be two sessions: at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This event is free to all participants. Put a team together, or make new friends.

Registration forms were sent home to all area schools and can also be found online at bigfriendlittlefriend.org or by calling 665-6365.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

CORNBELT CONFERENCE Boys' All-Conference FIRST TEAM: Alex Robertson, Canistota (MVP); Clayton Dye, Bridgewater-Emery; Jordan Marquardt; Hanson; Jason Van Winkle, Canistota; Cody Burger, Canistota SECOND TEAM: Steve Larsen, Howard; Matt Huber, Hanson; Shaun Becker, Freeman; Cole Paulsen, Freeman; Caleb Lang, Freeman THIRD TEAM: Austin Herboldt, Menno; Landon Lable, Howard; Nick Gortmaker, Marion; Jacob Schweitzer, Bridgewater-Emery; Boone Dekramer, Canistota Girls' All-Conference FIRST TEAM: Dina Soulek, Freeman (MVP); Cassidy Graham, Hanson; Kendra Cheeseman, Hanson; Chloe Nielsen, Canistota; Justine Dye, Bridgewater-Emery SECOND TEAM: Kynedi Cheeseman, Hanson; Kylie Hughes, Marion; Kelsey Dawson, Howard; Kylee Kessler, Menno; Tiana Kayser, Bridgewater-Emery THIRD TEAM: Nicole Saarie, Freeman; Katherine Luke, Marion; Abby Herboldt, Menno; Natasha Letcher, Canistota; Erika Sage, Freeman	Championship, March 12 South Dakota State vs. South Dakota winner, 2:30 p.m.																																																																																																								
THE TOP TWENTY FIVE The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:	<table><tr><th></th><th>Record</th><th>Pts</th><th>Prv</th></tr><tr><td>1. Gonzaga (54)</td><td>30-2</td><td>1,611</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2. Duke (11)</td><td>27-4</td><td>1,559</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>3. Indiana</td><td>26-5</td><td>1,491</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>4. Louisville</td><td>26-5</td><td>1,421</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>5. Georgetown</td><td>24-5</td><td>1,344</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>6. Michigan</td><td>25-6</td><td>1,230</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>7. Kansas</td><td>26-5</td><td>1,224</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>8. Michigan St.</td><td>24-7</td><td>1,184</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>9. Miami</td><td>24-6</td><td>1,082</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>10. Ohio St.</td><td>23-7</td><td>1,073</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>11. Kansas St.</td><td>25-6</td><td>892</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>12. Marquette</td><td>23-7</td><td>821</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>13. Florida</td><td>24-6</td><td>838</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>14. Oklahoma St.</td><td>23-7</td><td>805</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>15. New Mexico</td><td>26-5</td><td>771</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>16. Saint Louis</td><td>24-6</td><td>557</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>17. Pittsburgh</td><td>24-7</td><td>551</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>18. Arizona</td><td>24-6</td><td>523</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>19. Syracuse</td><td>23-8</td><td>362</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>20. Memphis</td><td>27-4</td><td>316</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>21. UCLA</td><td>23-8</td><td>245</td><td>23</td></tr><tr><td>22. Wisconsin</td><td>21-10</td><td>191</td><td>22</td></tr><tr><td>23. Creighton</td><td>27-7</td><td>190</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>24. Notre Dame</td><td>23-8</td><td>171</td><td>—</td></tr><tr><td>25. VCU</td><td>24-7</td><td>157</td><td>21</td></tr></table> <p>Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Cal) 117, Butler 105, North Carolina 49, Colorado St. 48, Temple 20, Belmont 13, UNLV 7, Wichita St. 6, Kentucky 5, Oregon 4, Valparaiso 1, Villanova 1.</p>		Record	Pts	Prv	1. Gonzaga (54)	30-2	1,611	1	2. Duke (11)	27-4	1,559	3	3. Indiana	26-5	1,491	2	4. Louisville	26-5	1,421	8	5. Georgetown	24-5	1,344	5	6. Michigan	25-6	1,230	7	7. Kansas	26-5	1,224	4	8. Michigan St.	24-7	1,184	10	9. Miami	24-6	1,082	6	10. Ohio St.	23-7	1,073	14	11. Kansas St.	25-6	892	9	12. Marquette	23-7	821	15	13. Florida	24-6	838	11	14. Oklahoma St.	23-7	805	13	15. New Mexico	26-5	771	12	16. Saint Louis	24-6	557	16	17. Pittsburgh	24-7	551	20	18. Arizona	24-6	523	18	19. Syracuse	23-8	362	17	20. Memphis	27-4	316	25	21. UCLA	23-8	245	23	22. Wisconsin	21-10	191	22	23. Creighton	27-7	190	—	24. Notre Dame	23-8	171	—	25. VCU	24-7	157	21
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BIG DAKOTA CONFERENCE Girls' All-Conference FINAL STANDINGS: Chamberlain 7-0, Winner 6-1, McLaughlin 4-3, Todd County 4-3, Cheyenne Eagle Butte 3-4, Miller 3-4, Stanley County 1-6, Mordridge-Polkick 0-7 ALL-CONFERENCE: Jensen Hunter, Miller; Erin Grimsaw, Todd County; Kelsey Bertram, Winner; Jamie Mentzer, Miller; Jaymee Knippling, Chamberlain; Selma Big Crow, Todd County; Kennedy Wagner, Chamberlain; Cassidy Hanson, Winner; Shaunte' Brown Ott, McLaughlin; Kaleb Shepherd, Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Tawny Barry, Winner; Nelly Dupris, Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Alex Pederson, Chamberlain HONORABLE MENTION: Shayla Gayton, McLaughlin; Marquel Shepherd, Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Logan Pickner, Chamberlain; Kelsey Sharkey, Todd County; Katie Mathis, Winner; River Gunnville, Cheyenne Eagle Butte; Bobbi Jamerson, McLaughlin; McKenna Vetter, McLaughlin; Corrina Reuser, Chamberlain; Jayda Badhorne, McLaughlin; Kaitlin Goodshield, Mordridge-Polkick; Cody Ryckman, Stanley County																																																																																																									
SUMMIT LEAGUE TOUR. March 5-12 at Sioux Falls Arena MEN'S TOURNAMENT Semifinals, March 11 South Dakota State 72, Fort Wayne 56 Western Illinois vs. North Dakota State, 8:30 p.m. Championship, March 12 South Dakota State vs. WIU-ND SU winner, 8 p.m. WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT Semifinals, March 11																																																																																																									

Rivalry

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trying to coach one game.”

Already knowing their fate, USD did not shy away from the matchup question. USD head coach Amy Williams talked about a year ago, when she was still coaching at Rogers (Okla.) State and watching SDSU — which had her sister on staff at the time — play in the Summit League final.

“I remember sitting in my office in Oklahoma, cheer during that overtime game,” Williams said. “Now we’re at the other end of it. For me personally, it’s exciting to be in the championship, and to be able to have another crack at them.”

For the Coyote players, their wins Sunday and Monday are another sign that they are out of the purgatory that was the transition period.

“It means a lot. We’ve waited for this moment for a long time,” said USD senior Tempestt Wilson. When first SDSU, then USD, left the comfort of Division II for the rougher road of Division I, this is what they dreamed of: big games on national TV and in front of packed houses. SDSU had gotten a taste of that in recent years, with first the women and, last year, the men, getting to the NCAA Tournament. Now USD will try to get its first taste.

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AREA CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 12			son, Ariz. (DH, 11 a.m.)			Geddes); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hurley)			
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Jamestown at Tucson, Ariz. (DH, noon)			BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tour. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Rapid City (Platte-Geddes vs. Clark-Willow Lake, 1 p.m. CT); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hurley vs. James Valley Christian, 6 p.m., KVHT-FM)			SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Inv. (MMC vs. Baker, 1:30 p.m.; MMC vs. Dickinson State, 3:30 p.m.)			
BASKETBALL, MEN'S Summit League Championships at Sioux Falls: NAIA Division II Tour. at Branson, Mo.			SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Tucson Inv. (MMC vs. Avila, 11 a.m.; MMC vs. Purdue-North Central, 1:30 p.m.)			Monday, March 16			
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S Summit League Championships at Sioux Falls (2:30 p.m., KVHT-FM, if USD advances); NAIA Division II Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa			Friday, March 15			BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tour. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Rapid City (Platte-Geddes); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hurley)			
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Wednesday, March 13			BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. State Class AA Tour. at Sioux Falls; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Rapid City (Platte-Geddes); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Aberdeen (Viborg-Hurley)			No activities scheduled			
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Thursday, March 14						No activities scheduled			
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Valley City State at Tucson, Ariz. (DH, 11 a.m.)									
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15. Delaware	27-3	405	16	New Orleans at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.	11. Georgia Tech	14-2	474	16	Baseball America:
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17. South Carolina	24-7	394	21	San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.	13. Cal St. Fullerton	13-3	467	12	Pvs
18. Dayton	27	325	11	Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.	14. Louisville	12	465	19	
19. Colorado	25-6	279	18	Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.	15. Arizona St.	10-2-1	462	20	
20. Green Bay	26-2	230	20		16. Oregon	11	458	14	
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22. Syracuse	24-6	160	24		18. Stanford	10-5	451	9	
23. Iowa St.	23-7	128	—		19. Oklahoma	12-4	453	1	
24. Nebraska	22-8	121	—		20. Cal Poly	12	452	22	
25. Florida St.	22-9	82	23		21. Notre Dame	10-3	445	25	
Others receiving votes:	Toledo 78, LSU 59, Michigan 36, Gonzaga 24, Oklahoma St. 17, San Diego 13, Oklahoma S. Chattanooga 10, Quinnipiac 1.				22. Arkansas	11-5	443	29	
					23. Florida Gulf Coast	13-3	442	23	
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					26. Clemson	9-5	437	—	
					27. Oklahoma St.	12-3	436	26	
					28. U.C. Irvine	12-4	433	22	
					29. Miami, Fla.	13-4	430	24	
					30. Central Arkansas	14-2	427	—	

Jacks

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scoring advantage in the paint.

Fort Wayne finishes its season at 13-17. Erin Murphy led the Mastodons with 18 points. Junior Amanda Hyde, who entered the game averaging 18.7 points per game for Fort Wayne was held to 15 points on just 3-of-11 shooting. SDSU is now 14-0 overall in

Semis

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the window in a hurry.”

Gaines scored 17 of his game-high 25 points in the first half. No other player had more than seven points for the ‘Dons, who finished with a 16-17 record.

Nate Wolters, who had scored 53 points in his last game against Fort Wayne, finished with 18 points and matched a career high with 12 assists. Chad White scored 17 points on 6-7 shooting. Tony Fiegen netted 16 points. Jordan Dykstra finished with nine points and nine rebounds in the win.

Fort Wayne scored the game’s first 10 points and led by as many as 12 points, 23-11, near the midway point of the first half.

“We came out flat,” White said. “The game plan wasn’t going, they got Gaines going. A game like that, at the end of the year, I got a little emotional.”

SDSU answered with a 9-0 run, including six points from Wolters, to get back within two, 25-23. The Jackrabbits briefly took the lead with under two minutes to go before another Gaines three-pointer gave the ‘Dons a 34-32 lead at the half.

The Jackrabbits hit three-pointers on their first four possessions of the second half, but still could not pull away, and trailed 45-44 at the first media time out of the second half.

“We were making plays on offense,” Nagy said. “But they were 3-4, and that had to end.”

The SDSU defense answered that call, going on a 22-3 run to take a 67-48 advantage with 6:27 to play. Fort Wayne got no closer than 15 the rest of the way.

“The shots were not falling,” Gaines said. “I thought we got worn down, especially coming off a game last night.”

The ‘Dons’ offensive woes contributed to the Jacks’ run, ac-

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FORT WAYNE (13-17)

Amanda Hyde 3-11 9-10 15, Rachel Mauk 0-2 0-0 0, Stefanie Mauk 2-7 2-8, Haley Seibert 1-4 0-0 3, Erin Murphy 6-13 5-6 18, Courtney Ogle 2-8 2-7, Rebecca Bruner 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 16-49 22-54 59.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (24-7)

Hannah Strop 0-2 0-0 0, Leah Dietel 3-3 2-2 8, Gabrielle Boever 4-8 2-3 10, Megan Stewart 3-5 5-5 11, Tara Heiser 4-6 2-2 10, Jessica Hart 0-0 0-0 0, Chloe Commann 0-2 0-0 0, Rachel Walters 1-3 0-0 3, Mariah Clavin 4-7 1-1 9, Katie Lingle 3-4 4-4 10. Totals 33-57 18-20 86.

Halftime — SDSU 46, FW 29. Three-Point Field Goals — FW 5-22 (S. Mauk 2-7, Murphy 1-2, Seibert 1-3, Ogle 1-6), SDSU 2-12 (Walters 1-3, Waytashek 1-5). Total Rebounds — SDSU 37 (Dietel 7), FW 22 (Seibert 4, Ogle 4). Personal Fouls — SDSU 21, FW 19. Assists — SDSU 22 (Dietel 5), FW 8 (Hyde 2, R. Mauk 2, Murphy 2). Turnovers — FW 17, SDSU 15. Blocked Shots — SDSU 2 (Boever, Lingle), FW 1 (Ogle). Steals — SDSU 13 (Boever 4), FW 8 (Hyde 3). Fouled Out — None.

cording to Fort Wayne head coach Tony Jasick.

“We didn’t do a good job on offense, and that allowed them to get out in transition,” he said. “They are nearly ungaurdable in transition, when the ball has energy.”

The second half was marred by an incident between Gaines and White, with both drawing technical fouls.

“Normally, I’m not crazy about that kind of stuff,” Nagy said of the incident. “But we need a little bit of it, to be honest. I call it ‘grimy.’ We need to be able to get a little grimy. I’m not interested in being dirty, but we need some

people to light some fires under us. If somebody says something, I don’t expect our players to stand there and take it.

“I’m generally not that way, but we need a little bit of that fire.”

While SDSU did not know its finals opponent immediately after the game, Wolters said that the teams were very similar.

“They’re great defensive teams,” he said. “Whoever we play, it’s going to be a battle.”

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