

23rd Annual Roger Haas Basketball Tournament Begins Today

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The annual Roger Haas youth basketball tournament continues to be not only a source of enjoyment for the hundreds of youth who take part in the annual event, but a source of funding for youth and athletic projects in Yankton.

The main portion of the 23rd annual event, which begins today (Friday), will feature 86 teams in grades 6-8. Play begins at 5:30 p.m. today and concludes Saturday afternoon, with each team taking the court at least three times.

"We haven't maxed out, but we're close to

full," said Yankton Basketball, Inc., president Curt Roth. YBI is the non-profit group that grew out of the original tournament committee. "We're about where we want to be."

Several teams from Yankton join the field of teams from South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

"We probably have 10 to 12 travel teams, and another five or six rec teams that were put together for the tournament," Roth said. YBI has tried to make the tournament available and free to every Yankton player in the age group that wants to participate. "We usually get at least one travel team and one rec team per grade."

Entry fees, t-shirt sales, concessions and

sponsorships not only pay for the tournament, but are a source of money for several youth-related and athletics-related projects in the community.

"We've been in talks with (Yankton Activities Director) Ryan Mors about projects that he and the athletic department are interested in," Roth said. "We will definitely have a major project ourselves or with the (YHS Athletic) Booster Club and other groups soon. We like to have a major project every year or two."

Besides special projects, YBI has also funded several scholarships and camp scholarships for YHS students, as well as two scholarships for Mount Marty College student-athletes.

The tournament is run entirely by volunteers, a force that has remained loyal because YBI has made an effort to show their appreciation.

"We have an appreciation supper on Saturday at the Riverfront Events Center, beginning at 6 p.m.," Roth said. "We invite past and present volunteers to join us there after the tournament."

Games will be played at the Summit Activities Center, Yankton Middle School and Mount Marty College. A schedule for the tournament is in today's Scoreboard, Page 8A.

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Michigan Upends Jackrabbits

BY NOAH TRISTER
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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Trey Burke hit the ground with a thud, and a rough night suddenly turned downright painful.

The Michigan star left the court for a bit but came back pretty quickly. No big deal — Burke was OK, and his teammates had this game under control.

Glenn Robinson III scored 21 points and Mitch McGary added 13 points and nine rebounds, helping fourth-seeded Michigan to a 71-56 NCAA tournament win over 13th-seeded South Dakota State on Thursday night.

Burke scored only six points, including two field goals. The good news for Michigan (27-7) is he'll be back to try and do better in Saturday's third-round game.

"I hit my back and my elbow and a piece of my head, but I'm fine," Burke said. "My elbow's just a little sore, and my tailbone is a little sore, but besides that, I'm fine."

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 21 points and picked up some of the slack for Burke, who was held in single digits for the first time all season.

"We knew he was frustrated. I could see it in his body language in the first half," South Dakota State coach Scott Nagy said. "Nate's a tremendous defender and he doesn't get much credit for it, but he did a good job."

The Wolverines will face either Virginia Commonwealth or Akron on Saturday.

Michigan lost to another No. 13 seed, Ohio, in last year's tournament. The Wolverines looked vulnerable again at halftime of this one. They led 30-26, but Burke hadn't made a shot from the field.

On this night, though, he had plenty of help. Robinson, the son of the former Purdue star with the same name, scored Michigan's first 11 points of the second half, including three 3-pointers.

Robinson put the Wolverines up 41-30 with a 3. He finished 8 of 9 from the field.

"My confidence has always been there, but tonight the ball just felt right coming out of my hand," Robinson said. "It hasn't felt like that for a while, but when I started hitting shots, my teammates went right back to me. That's the way this team plays. Even when Trey isn't hitting shots, he's making passes and getting us open shots."

Hardaway, another Michigan player with a familiar name, went 8 of 13 and made five 3-pointers.

With 11:01 to play, Burke fell hard while competing for a defensive rebound. He immediately grabbed his head, although it wasn't yet clear if the main point of impact was his head, his back or his left arm.

"That was a scary moment for us. One thing I know — the kid is tough as nails," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "That was not a good feeling, but I saw him sort of move quickly right away, felt he was going to be fine, then I went about my business of arguing with the officials. But apparently it was our own player that knocked him off balance."

Burke was able to walk off the court but went down the tunnel toward the locker room. He returned to the game with 9:23 to go. Burke finished with seven assists, which helped offset his poor shooting.

"I knew that my shot wasn't falling, and I just tried to contribute in different ways, and we had different hot hands tonight," Burke said.

McGary, a freshman making only his third start of the season, gave the Wolverines some added muscle inside. The 6-foot-10, 250-pound McGary added an exclamation mark late in the game when he stepped in front of a pass by Wolters, stole the ball and went all the way for a dunk to make it 65-52.

Brayden Carlson had 20 points for the Jackrabbits, but only four after halftime.

Burke is a national player of the year candidate, and Wolters is one of the country's top scorers, but the much-anticipated matchup of talented point guards never really lived up to the hype.

Burke scored only two points in the first half, and Wolters had only four.

"It was just difficult to get in the lane, and they did a good job on pick-and-rolls just kind of staying with me and trapping me a little bit," Wolters said. "Brynden really got us going first half. He was our only source of offense."

Carlson kept the Jackrabbits in the game, and Hardaway picked up the slack for the Wolverines with 12 first-half points, all on 3-pointers.

South Dakota State used only six players, with four going 40 minutes.

Michigan was ranked No. 1 in the country earlier this season but leveled off down the stretch in the rugged Big Ten. The Wolverines are playing in their home state in the NCAA tournament for the first time.



JULIAN H. GONZALEZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS/MCT
Michigan Wolverines' Glenn Robinson III fights for the ball on the floor with South Dakota State Jackrabbits' Jordan Dykstra and Brayden Carlson during first-half action in the men's NCAA basketball tournament at The Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Thursday. Robinson scored 21 points to lead the Wolverines to a 71-56 victory. SDSU, the two-time Summit League champions, finished the season with a 25-10 record.

NCAA Roundup: Marquette Escapes Davidson, Gonzaga Avoids Upset

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Vander Blue's layup with one second left capped Marquette's rally from a nine-point deficit and gave the third-seeded Golden Eagles a 59-58 victory over Davidson Thursday in the NCAA tournament.

Blue and Jamil Wilson made consecutive 3-pointers to bring Marquette within 58-57 with 11 seconds left. The Golden Eagles then caught a huge break when De'Mon Brooks' long inbounds pass went out of bounds at mid-court with 5.5 seconds left, providing another opportunity.

Blue took full advantage after getting Wilson's inbounds pass, driving left and finding room for the winning basket. He then sealed Marquette's improbable win by stealing Davidson's last-ditch inbounds pass at midcourt to set off a celebration among players and Golden Eagles fans at Rupp Arena.

Blue scored seven of Marquette's final 11 points to finish with 16. Wilson added 14 points as the Golden Eagles (24-8) won for the fifth time in six games and advanced to face Butler in Saturday's third round of the East Regional.

Jake Cohen's 20 points led Davidson (26-8), who seemed in control leading 49-40 with 6 1/2 minutes left.

BUTLER 68, BUCKNELL 56: Andrew Smith had a double-double including a career-high 16 rebounds, Roosevelt

Jones added 14 points and Butler made its free throws down the stretch to hold off upset-minded Bucknell.

After trailing for most of the game, 11th-seeded Bucknell got back into it with a 19-2 second-half run. But after Joe Willman's jumper cut Butler's lead to 43-42 with 6:56 left, the Bison (28-6) went almost five minutes without scoring. Butler went 18-of-20 at the line in the last 4:43.

Willman scored a career-high 20 points for Bucknell, but the Bison couldn't overcome an off day by two-time Patriot League Player of the Year Mike Muscala. Bucknell's all-time leading scorer had nine points, only the second time this season he'd failed to reach double figures.

CALIFORNIA 64, UNLV 61: SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Allen Crabbe had 19 points and nine rebounds, reserve Robert Thurman scored all 12 of his points on dunks and 12th-seeded California held off UNLV.

Buoyed by the crowd support of a strong contingent so close to Berkeley, the Golden Bears (21-11) held the Runnin' Rebels (25-10) without a basket for more than 11 minutes in the second half. Cal turned a tie game into a nine-point lead during that stretch and withstood a late UNLV push for its first tournament win since 2010.

The fifth-seeded Rebels rallied to within a point in the final seconds before missed free throws and a costly inbounds pass sealed the loss.

Bryce Dejean-Jones scored 15 points and Anthony Bennett shook off a poor start to finish with 15 points and 11 rebounds for UNLV, which beat Cal 76-75 in Berkeley on Dec. 9.

MIDWEST
MICHIGAN STATE 65, VALPARAISO 54: AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Derrick Nix had 23 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help power third-seeded Michigan State past the 14th-seeded Crusaders in the Midwest Regional.



PABLO ALCALA/LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER/MCT
Marquette's Trent Lockett (22) and Jake Thomas (23) celebrate their win over Marquette during the men's NCAA basketball tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., Thursday. The Marquette Golden Eagles defeated the Davidson Wildcats, 59-58.

The Spartans went on a 26-5 run in the first half to take control, and cruised to an easy victory.

Michigan State (26-8) will play Memphis on Saturday when coach Tom Izzo's Spartans will be shooting for a spot in the round of 16 for the fifth time in six years. The Crusaders (26-8) were no match

for Michigan State in their first NCAA tournament in nine years.

Enik Buggs scored 14 and Matt Kenney had 10 points for the Crusaders.

MEMPHIS 54, ST. MARY'S 52: AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Matthew Dellavedova's 3-pointer from the right wing missed everything as time expired,

allowing sixth-seeded Memphis to hold on for a win over 11th-seeded Saint Mary's.

The Tigers (31-4) led by 15 in the first half but nearly gave the game away in the final seconds.

With Memphis ahead 54-49, Eividas Petrulis banked in a 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds to play. The Tigers then lost the ball when the Gaels' Jordan Giusti deflected the inbound pass off Joe Jackson of Memphis and out of bounds.

Saint Mary's (28-7) was out of timeouts but had a chance to regroup while officials reviewed the previous sequence. It didn't matter. Dellavedova, the career leader in scoring for Saint Mary's, was able to get a shot off, but it didn't come close to going in.

It was the first win in the NCAA tournament for Memphis since 2009, when John Calipari was still coach. The Tigers face third-seeded Michigan State on Saturday.

D.J. Stephens had nine points and eight blocks for Memphis, and Jackson had 14 points and seven assists. Brad Waldow scored 17 points to lead Saint Mary's.

Dellavedova had 10 points, seven assists and six turnovers in 40 minutes.

SAINTE LOUIS 64, NEW MEXICO STATE 44: SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Dwayne Evans scored 24 points, Cody Ellis added 12 points and fourth-seeded Saint Louis overwhelmed New Mexico State in the Midwest Regional.

Playing through the death of Rick Majerus in December, Saint Louis reached another mark for its late coach. The Billikens (28-0) eclipsed the 1988-89 team's school record of 27 victories.

Evans shot 11 of 16 and finished a point shy of his career best to propel Saint Louis past 7-foot-5 New Mexico State freshman Sim Bhullar. The Billikens held Bhullar to four points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

Saint Louis plays Oregon on Saturday. Bandja Sy had 17 points and nine re-

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MICHIGAN 71, S. DAKOTA ST. 56										
S. DAKOTA ST.	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS			
		M-A	M-A	O-T						
Walters	40	3-14	4-4	1-5	6	0	20			
Carlson	40	8-12	1-2	2-8	4	0	20			
White	32	1-8	0-0	0-1	1	4	2			
Fiengen	40	6-6	0-0	1-2	1	2	12			
Dykstra	40	5-11	1-2	1-9	1	4	12			
Bittle	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0			
Totals	200	23-52	6-8	8-29	13	10	56			

Percentages: FG .442, FT .750.
3-Point Goals: 4-19, 211 (Carlson 3-6, Dykstra 1-3, White 0-5, Walters 0-5).
Team Rebounds: 3.
Blocked Shots: 0.
Turnovers: 12 (Fiengen 4, Walters 3, Carlson 2, White 2, Dykstra).
Steals: 3 (Walters, Fiengen, Carlson).
Technical Fouls: None.

MICHIGAN STATE 65, VALPARAISO 54										
MICHIGAN STATE	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS			
		M-A	M-A	O-T						
Robinson III	37	8-9	2-2	2-6	0	2	21			
Burke	35	2-12	2-2	0-0	7	2	6			
McGary	25	6-9	1-4	3-9	0	2	13			
Hardaway Jr.	39	8-13	0-0	0-4	1	1	21			
Stauskas	38	3-9	1-1	2-2	2	0	8			
Albrecht	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0			
Horford	14	1-1	0-0	0-4	0	0	2			
LeVert	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2			
Morgan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Totals	200	28-55	6-9	8-29	12	8	71			

Percentages: FG .509, FT .667.
3-Point Goals: 9-20, 450 (Hardaway Jr. 5-7, Robinson III 3-3, Stauskas 1-4, LeVert 0-1, Burke 0-5).
Team Rebounds: 3.
Blocked Shots: 3 (Burke 2, McGary).
Turnovers: 9 (McGary 3, Burke 2, Stauskas, LeVert, Hardaway Jr., Albrecht).
Steals: 6 (McGary 2, Horford, Stauskas, Hardaway Jr., Robinson III).
Technical Fouls: None.

Seekamp Scores 33 As USD Downs Utah State

WBI: Coyotes Play At Lamar On Sunday

LOGAN, Utah — Sophomore Nicole Seekamp scored a career-high 33 points, including 28 after halftime, as the South Dakota women surged past Utah State 77-69 on Thursday night in the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI).

Seekamp, the Summit League tournament MVP, was 11-of-16 from the field and 7-of-8 at the free throw line, to go along with five rebounds and four assists.

The Coyotes, who improve to 18-15 on the season, will travel to No. 2 seed Lamar on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in Beaumont, Texas.

In what was the second meeting between the teams this season, USD responded from a sluggish first half with an explosive second.

The Coyotes were down 32-24 at halftime and by as many as 10 early in the second half. They took the lead, 54-53 on a Seekamp three-

pointer with 7:45 to play. USD pulled in front for good with 5:37 left on a three-pointer by Tempest Wilson — the first of three straight by the Coyotes.

Senior point guard Alexis Yackley made up for a 1-of-4 shooting night with 11 rebounds and nine assists for USD. Polly Harrington added 15 points and eight rebounds, while Wilson scored 12 points.

Jennifer Schlott led Utah State (18-14) with 25 points, while Devyn Christensen added 16 points.

SOUTH DAKOTA (18-15)
Tempest Wilson 3-10 5-10 12; Nicole Seekamp 11-16 7-8 33; Alexis Yackley 1-4 0-2; Polly Harrington 5-11 3-5 15; Lisa Loeffler 4-7 0-0 8; Margaret McCloud 3-9 3-9 1-7; Sam Mehr 0-6 0-0 0; Tia Hemiller 0-0 0-0 0; Heidi Hoff 0-1 0-0 0; Pam January 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 27-64 16-28 77.

UTAH STATE (18-14)
Makenzie Williams 0-1 0-0 0; Jennifer Schlott 10-6 2-3 25; Devyn Christensen 6-22 2-2 16; Jenna Johnson 2-11 4-4 8; Franny Vaalu 3-6 0-0 6; Haylee Thompson 3-7 2-2 8; Pualei Furtado 1-3 0-0 2; Stephanie Baird 0-5 0-0 0; Elise Nelson 1-2 2-4 4. TOTALS 26-73 12-15 69.

Halftime: USD 32, USD 24. Three-Pointers: USD 7-17 (Seekamp 4-6, Harrington 2-2, Williams 1-3, Mehr 0-6), USU 5-24 (Schlott 3-7, Christensen 2-11, Wilson 0-1, Furtado 0-1, Baird 0-1, Johnson 0-3). Rebounds: USD 50 (Yackley 11), USU 44 (Johnson 13). Assists: USD 24 (Yackley 9), USU 16 (Schlott 8). Steals: USU 8 (Christensen 8), USD 4 (Seekamp 2). Turnovers: USD 12, USU 10. Personal Fouls: USU 22, USD 14. Fouled Out: Johnson. Attendance: 633.