

# Press&Dakotan STAR CHART

**A look at some of the top individual performances from our coverage area in the past week.**  
**To nominate an athlete, email us at [sports@yankton.net](mailto:sports@yankton.net)**

## Boys' Basketball

**Jake Anderson, Parker:** Scored 18 points in a 61-35 win over Freeman Academy on Tuesday. Scored 20 points in a 70-44 victory over Freeman on Friday.  
**J.J. Hejna, Yankton:** Had 20 points and 11 rebounds in a 54-37 win over Brandon Valley on Tuesday.  
**Jack Huether, Viborg-Hurley:** Scored 22 points in a 63-48 loss to Centerville on Friday.  
**Jayce Huska, Vermillion:** Had 21 points and 5 assists in a 60-45 win over Beresford on Saturday.  
**Coby Johnson, Platte-Geddes:** Had 22 points and 8 rebounds in a 55-24 win over Dakota Christian on Tuesday.  
**James Kaiser, Hartington Cedar Catholic:** Had 23 points in a 66-65 loss to Ainsworth on Monday.  
**Gabe King, Irene-Wakonda:** Scored 30 points in a 67-47 win over Gayville-Volin on Monday. Had 19 points, 3 assists and 4 blocked shots in a 53-49 loss to Viborg-Hurley on Tuesday.  
**Dylan Kludt, Viborg-Hurley:** Scored 20 points in

a 53-49 win over Irene-Wakonda on Tuesday.  
**Brandon Koomich, Avon:** Had 17 points and 13 rebounds in a 53-51 loss to Colome on Monday.  
**Dustin Lehr, Menno:** Scored 20 points in a 54-40 win over Marion on Monday.  
**Jason Luptes, Dakota Valley:** Scored 19 points in a 56-54 loss to Beresford on Thursday.  
**Logan Mudder, Avon:** Had 23 points and 12 rebounds in a 53-51 loss to Colome on Monday.  
**Seamus O'Malley, Centerville:** Had 24 points and 5 assists in a 63-48 win over Viborg-Hurley on Saturday.  
**Cole Paulson, Freeman:** Scored 23 points in a 64-46 win over Menno on Tuesday.  
**Derek Soukup, Wagner:** Had 18 points and 12 rebounds in a 66-62 loss to Mount Vernon-Plankinton.  
**Brandon Van Oedel, Gayville-Volin:** Scored 21 points in a 67-47 loss to Irene-Wakonda on Monday.

## Girls' Basketball

**Allison Arens, Crofton:** Scored 28 points in a 68-

45 victory over Lindsay Holy Family on Friday.  
**Cortney Arkfelt, Wynot:** Scored 16 points in a 55-38 victory over Falls City Sacred Heart on Friday.  
**Genny Clark, Gayville-Volin:** Had 19 points and 7 rebounds in a 44-40 overtime win over Freeman on Thursday.  
**Erika Sage, Freeman:** Had 16 points and 4 steals in a 44-40 overtime loss to Gayville-Volin on Thursday.  
**Maggie Schulte, Wynot:** Scored 19 points in a 56-39 win over Bancroft-Rosalie on Thursday. Had 29 points and 15 rebounds in a 53-38 victory over Sterling in the Class D2 championship on Saturday.  
**Quinn Wragge, Crofton:** Had 12 points, 12 rebounds and 3 assists in a 62-40 victory over Hastings St. Cecilia in the Class C2 championship on Saturday.

## Hockey

**Tyler Wenande, Yankton JV Boys:** Stopped 23 shots in a 3-0 shutout of Sioux Falls on Friday.

## SCOREBOARD

### VOLLEYBALL

**YANKTON PARKS & REC**  
**WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE TOURN.**  
RESULTS: Yankton Motorsports def. Shoombs 21-18, 21-23, 21-14  
**CHAMPIONSHIP:** Neu Pond & Landscaping def. Yankton Motorsports 21-12, 21-12.

### BOWLING

**YANKTON BOWL**  
**INDUSTRIAL**  
HIGH TEAM GAME: H&K Oil #2 897  
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Carey's Bar 2618  
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Marty Sorenson 279, Nick Sherman 276, Don Casey 270, Darwin Gerlach 258, Tom Grass 257  
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Darwin Gerlach 739, Marty Sorenson 730, Don Casey 686, Michael Brunick 674, Robin Holec 730  
STANDINGS: Steiner's Locker 24, Kallen's Carls & Service 23, Carey's Bar 19, Yankton Red-Mix 18, H&K Oil #2 17, Thrivent 16, KPI Bowl Dogs 11, Dakota Trailer 10, Don's Auto 9, Wholesale Supply 8, H&K Oil 4

### BASKETBALL

**LITTLE MISSOURI/VAL. CONF.**  
**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
FINAL STANDINGS: Wagner 6-0, Avon 5-1, Bon Homme 3-3, Parkston 3-3, Scotland 3-3, Tripp-Delmont-Armour 1-5, Andes Central 0-6  
**ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**  
FIRST TEAM: Ali Kuca, Wagner; Emily Brunson, Wagner; Chesney Nagel, Avon; Ariana Orlong, Avon; Carley Skorpac, Scotland  
SECOND TEAM: Gina Soukup, Wagner; Sadie Schoenfelder, Parkston; Halli Heisinger, Parkston; Kelsey Sutura, Bon Homme; Hannah Just, TDA  
THIRD TEAM: Amber Alvey, Scotland; Heidi Cap, Avon; Jessica Sandau, TDA; Emily Pachous, Bon Homme; Justine Alley, Parkston  
**SOUTHEAST S.D. CONF.**  
**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**  
FINAL STANDINGS: Winner 7-0, Mount Vernon-Plankinton 6-1, Chamberlain 5-2, Wagner 4-3, Platte-Geddes 3-4, Parkston 2-5, Bon Homme 1-6, Gregory 0-7

**ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**  
FIRST TEAM: Kelsey Bertram, Winner; Cassidy Hanson, Winner; Kennedy Wagner, Chamberlain; Megan Bultsma, MVP; Ali Kuca, Wagner  
SECOND TEAM: Becca Glanzner, MVP; Josie DeGroot, Platte-Geddes; Sara Husher, Winner; Emily Brunson, Wagner; Halli Heisinger, Parkston  
THIRD TEAM: Katie Mahis, Winner; Brianna Erickson, Platte-Geddes; Payleen O'Day, MVP; Kelsey Sutura, Bon Homme; Abbey Handel, Chamberlain  
**SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURN.**  
March 8-11 at Sioux Falls  
**MEN'S TOURN.**  
First Round  
Saturday, March 8  
Fort Wayne 85, IU/PUI 47  
Sunday, March 9  
Denver 71, South Dakota 55  
South Dakota State 71, Western Illinois 50  
Semifinals, March 10  
North Dakota State 83, Denver 48  
Fort Wayne 64, South Dakota State 60  
Championship, March 11  
No. 1 North Dakota State (24-6) vs. No. 2 Fort Wayne (24-9), 9 p.m.

**WOMEN'S TOURN.**  
First Round  
Saturday, March 8  
IUPUI 72, North Dakota State 64  
Sunday, March 9  
Denver 73, Fort Wayne 73  
Semifinals, March 10  
South Dakota 72, South Dakota State 58  
Denver 76, IUPUI 69  
Championship, March 11  
No. 4 South Dakota (18-13) vs. No. 6 Denver (9-22), 1 p.m.

**AP TOP TWENTY FIVE**  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Florida (50)	29-2	1,610	1
2. Wichita St. (15)	34-0	1,574	2
3. Villanova	28-3	1,454	6
4. Arizona	28-3	1,435	3
5. Louisville	26-5	1,237	11
6. Virginia	25-6	1,186	5

## AREA CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 11**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** Tucson Trip (MMC vs. Olivet Nazarene, DH, 3 p.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** Summit League Tour: at Sioux Falls (Championship — USD vs. Denver, 1 p.m., KVHT-FM, ESPN) **BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Regions** — 1AA (Watertown at YHS, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM); 4A at Harrisburg (Championship — Vermillion vs. Tea Area, 7 p.m., KVTK-AM); 5A at Salem (Championship — Parkston vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton, 7 p.m.); 5B at Tea (Centerville vs. Parker, 7 p.m.); 6B at Mitchell (Platte-Geddes vs. Gregory, 6:30 p.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Howard, 8 a.m.; USD vs. Bucknell, noon)

**Wednesday, March 12**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Branson, Mo.  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Arizona Trip (MMC vs. Purdue, 3:30 p.m.; MMC vs. Peru State, 6 p.m.)  
**Thursday, March 13**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** Tucson Trip (MMC vs. Jamestown, DH, 9 a.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Branson, Mo.  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa

7. Duke 24-7 1,185 4  
8. Michigan 23-7 1,143 12  
9. San Diego St. 27-3 1,143 10  
10. Kansas 23-8 1,087 8  
11. Syracuse 27-4 1,055 7  
12. Wisconsin 25-6 973 9  
13. Cincinnati 26-5 922 15  
14. Creighton 24-6 922 13  
15. North Carolina 23-8 709 14  
16. Iowa St. 23-7 572 16  
17. Oklahoma 23-8 472 17  
18. Saint Louis 26-5 433 27  
19. Memphis 23-8 367 20  
20. New Mexico 24-6 344 21  
21. UConn 24-7 330 19  
22. Michigan St. 23-8 318 22  
23. VCU 24-7 205 11  
24. Ohio St. 23-8 165 —  
25. SMU 23-8 152 18  
13. Wisconsin 25-6 440 11  
14. Creighton 24-6 384 13  
15. North Carolina 23-8 350 14  
16. Iowa State 23-7 289 17  
17. Saint Louis 26-5 252 16  
18. Oklahoma 23-8 221 23  
19. Memphis 23-8 195 20  
20. New Mexico 24-6 177 21  
21. Connecticut 24-7 152 19  
22. Michigan State 23-8 129 22  
23. SMU 23-8 94 18  
24. Ohio State 23-8 84 —  
25. VCU 24-7 71 —

**USA TODAY TOP 25 POLL**  
The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 9, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (25)	29-2	738	1
2. Wichita State (7)	34-0	775	2
3. Villanova	28-3	721	6
4. Arizona	28-3	678	3
5. Louisville	26-5	654	9
6. Duke	24-7	591	4
7. San Diego State	27-3	584	10
8. Virginia	25-6	581	5
9. Michigan	23-7	536	12
10. Kansas	23-8	509	8
11. Syracuse	27-4	497	7
12. Cincinnati	26-5	447	15
13. Wisconsin	25-6	440	11
14. Creighton	24-6	384	13
15. North Carolina	23-8	350	14
16. Iowa State	23-7	289	17
17. Saint Louis	26-5	252	16
18. Oklahoma	23-8	221	23
19. Memphis	23-8	195	20
20. New Mexico	24-6	177	21
21. Connecticut	24-7	152	19
22. Michigan State	23-8	129	22
23. SMU	23-8	94	18
24. Ohio State	23-8	84	—
25. VCU	24-7	71	—

**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA** Tour. at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Spearfish (Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Webster, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Huron (Gayville-Volin vs. Sully Buttes, noon, KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State** Tour. at Lincoln (D1 — Randolph vs. Elm Creek, 10:45 a.m.)  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Indiana State, noon; USD vs. Bucknell, 4:30 p.m.); Arizona Trip (MMC vs. Missouri Valley, 3:30 p.m.; MMC vs. Alfred, 6 p.m.)  
**Friday, March 14**  
**BASEBALL, COLLEGE** Tucson Trip (MMC vs. Mayville State, DH, 10 a.m.)  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Branson, Mo.  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA** Tour. at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Spearfish (Elk Point-Jefferson, KVHT-FM); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Huron (Gayville-Volin, KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State** Tour. at Lincoln  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Siena, 2:30 p.m.; USD vs. Albany, 4:30 p.m.)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR** NCAA Indoor Championships at Albuquerque, N.M.

**Saturday, March 15**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Branson, Mo.  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa  
**BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA** Tour. at Brookings; S.D. State Class A Tour. at Spearfish (Elk Point-Jefferson, KVHT-FM); S.D. State Class B Tour. at Huron (Gayville-Volin, KVHT-FM)  
**BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State** Tour. at Lincoln  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Rebel Spring Games at Winter Haven, Fla. (USD vs. Creighton, 10 a.m.; USD vs. St. Peter's, noon); Arizona Trip (MMC vs. Presentation, DH, 1:30 p.m.)  
**TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR** NCAA Indoor Championships at Albuquerque, N.M.  
**Sunday, March 16**  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Arizona Trip (MMC vs. Valley City State, 9 a.m.; MMC vs. Mayville State, 11 a.m.)  
**Monday, March 17**  
**BASKETBALL, MEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Branson, Mo.  
**BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S** NAIA Tour. at Sioux City, Iowa  
**SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S** Arizona Trip (MMC vs. Huntington, 9 a.m.; MMC vs. Dickinson State, 11 a.m.)




**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Cody Allen, LHP Scott Barnes, RHP Carlos Carrasco, C Yan Yan Zimmerman, Jason Adam, Aaron Brooks and Sugar Ray Marmon; C Juan Graterol; INF Brandon Laird and OFs Jorge Bonifacio, Gorkys Hernandez, Melky Mesa and Paulo Orlando to their minor league camp.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Optioned LHP Chris Dwyer to Omaha (PCL) and LHP John Lamb, INF Chesler Cuthbert and OF Lane Adams to Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Assigned RHPs Kyle Zimmer, Jason Adam, Aaron Brooks and Sugar Ray Marmon; C Juan Graterol; INF Brandon Laird and OFs Jorge Bonifacio, Gorkys Hernandez, Melky Mesa and Paulo Orlando to their minor league camp.  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Optioned LHP Michael Roth to Salt Lake (PCL), Reassigned RHP Jarrett Grube, RHP Michael Morin, RHP Mark Sappington and LHP Justin Thomas to their minor league camp.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Optioned OF Shane Peterson to Sacramento (PCL), RHP Raul Alcantara to Midland (Texas) and RHP Michael Ynoa to Stockton (Cal.).  
**National League**  
**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Named Horacio Ramirez coaching assistant.  
**CINCINNATI REDS** — Named Chris Spier special assistant to the general manager.  
**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Optioned LHP Luis Cruz, RHP David Martinez, OF Domingo Santana and C Max Stassi to their minor league camp.  
**NEW YORK METS** — Optioned OF Cesar Puello, RHP Erik Goeddel, LHPs Steven Matz and Josh Edgin and INF Wilfredo Tovar to minor league camp. Reassigned LHPs Jack Leathersich and Adam Kolarek, RHPs Logan Verrett, Chasen Bradford and John Church; C Kevin Plawecki; INFs Danny Muno and INF Dustin Lawley; and OFs Brandon Nimmo and Cory Vaughn to minor league camp.  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Reassigned RHP Jameson Taillon, INF Matt Hague and C Carlos Paulino to their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Casey Sadler to Indianapolis and INF Alan Hanson and LHP Joely Rodriguez to Altoona (EL).

**AP WOMEN'S TOP 25**  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:  

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. UConn (36)	33-0	900	1
2. Notre Dame	32-0	864	2
3. Louisville	30-3	799	3
4. Tennessee	26-5	784	6
5. West Virginia	29-3	719	7
6. Stanford	28-3	711	4
7. Baylor	28-4	698	9
8. South Carolina	27-4	665	5
9. Duke	27-6	607	10
10. Kentucky	24-8	563	12
11. Maryland	24-6	537	8
12. North Carolina	24-9	504	13
13. Nebraska	25-6	464	16
14. Penn St.	22-7	408	11
15. Texas A&M	24-8	402	15
16. NC State	25-7	374	14
17. Purdue	21-8	247	17
18. Gonzaga	27-4	229	21
19. Iowa	26-8	226	23
20. Michigan St.	22-9	210	19
21. Oklahoma St.	23-8	203	18
22. Middle Tennessee	26-4	180	22
23. DePaul	25-6	115	25
24. California	21-9	64	20
25. Bowling Green	27-3	49	—

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Optioned LHP Tim Berry and C Michael Ohlman to Bowie (EL). Reassigned C Brian Ward to their minor league camp.  
**Others receiving votes:** Kentucky 43, Gonzaga 32, Texas 27, Oregon 21, Southern Miss. 21, Stephen F. Austin 17, Baylor 15, Iowa 10, Harvard 8, UMass 8, Nebraska 5, Louisiana Tech 3, Pittsburgh 3, George Washington 1, Kansas State 1, Oklahoma State 1.

## COLLEGE/YHS EVENTS

			
<b>TODAY</b> March 11	<b>BBB:</b> Region 1AA vs. Watertown, 7 p.m. <b>(RED OUT: YANKTON FANS ASKED TO WEAR RED TO THE GAME)</b>	<b>BSB:</b> vs. Olivet Nazarene, DH, 3 p.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	<b>WBB:</b> Summit League Championship at Sioux Falls vs. Denver, 1 p.m. <b>SB:</b> vs. Howard, 8 a.m.; vs. Bucknell, noon (at Winter Haven, Fla.)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 12		<b>SB:</b> vs. Purdue, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Peru State, 6 p.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> March 13		<b>BSB:</b> vs. Jamestown, DH, 9 a.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.) <b>SB:</b> vs. Missouri Valley, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Alfred, 6 p.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	<b>SB:</b> vs. Indiana State, noon; vs. Bucknell, 4:30 p.m. (at Winter Haven, Fla.)
<b>FRIDAY</b> March 14		<b>BSB:</b> vs. Mayville State, DH, 10 a.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	<b>SB:</b> vs. Siena, 2:30 p.m.; vs. Albany, 4:30 p.m. (at Winter Haven, Fla.) <b>T&amp;F:</b> NCAA Indoor Championships at Albuquerque, N.M.
<b>SATURDAY</b> March 15		<b>SB:</b> vs. Presentation, DH, 1:30 p.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	<b>SB:</b> vs. Creighton, 10 a.m.; vs. St. Peter, noon (at Winter Haven, Fla.) <b>T&amp;F:</b> NCAA Indoor Championships at Albuquerque, N.M.
<b>SUNDAY</b> March 16		<b>SB:</b> vs. Valley City State, 9 a.m.; vs. Mayville State, 11 a.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	
<b>MONDAY</b> March 17		<b>SB:</b> vs. Huntington, 9 a.m.; vs. Dickinson State, 11 a.m. (at Tucson, Ariz.)	

## OTHER EVENTS

**Basketball**  
**S.D. GIRLS' STATE: Thursday-Saturday**, Class A at Spearfish (Elk Point-Jefferson); Class B at Huron (Gayville-Volin)  
**NEB. BOYS' STATE: Thursday-Saturday**, at Lincoln (D1 — Randolph)  
**S.D. BOYS' REGIONS: Today**, 1AA (Watertown at YHS, 7 p.m.); 4A at Harrisburg (Championship — Vermillion vs. Tea Area, 7 p.m.); 5A at Salem (Championship — Parkston vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton, 7 p.m.); 5B at Tea (Centerville vs. Parker, 7 p.m.); 6B at Mitchell (Platte-Geddes vs. Gregory, 6:30 p.m.)

## RADIO & TELEVISION

**Today**  
1 p.m. WOMEN'S BB: USD vs. Denver KVHT-FM, ESPN  
7 p.m. BOYS' BB: Watertown at YHS KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM  
7 p.m. BOYS' BB: Vermillion vs. Tea Area KVTK-AM

**Thursday**  
noon GIRLS' BB: Gayville-Volin vs. Sully Buttes KVHT-FM  
7 p.m. GIRLS' BB: Elk Point-Jefferson vs. Webster KVHT-FM

**Friday**  
TBD: GIRLS' BB: Gayville-Volin vs. TBD (State B at Huron) KVHT-FM  
TBD: GIRLS' BB: Elk Point-Jefferson vs. TBD (State A at Spearfish) KVHT-FM

**Saturday**  
TBD: GIRLS' BB: Gayville-Volin vs. TBD (State B at Huron) KVHT-FM  
TBD: GIRLS' BB: Elk Point-Jefferson vs. TBD (State A at Spearfish) KVHT-FM

## 'Red Out' Set For YHS Region Game

The Yankton High School boys' basketball team and cheerleaders are asking that Yankton fans wear red to tonight's (Tuesday) Region 1AA game with Watertown.  
Game time is 7 p.m., with doors opening to the public at 6 p.m. The winner of the game qualifies for the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Basketball Tournament, March 20-22 in Rapid City.  
This is a SDHSAA post-season event. No passes will be allowed. Ticket prices are set by the SDHSAA.

# Jacks

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the Jackrabbits struggled from the opening tip, but this time it lingered for the entire half.

Fort Wayne drained six three-pointers and led by as many as 10, while SDSU had

as many turnovers (10) as it did baskets. Consecutive baskets brought the Jacks within 30-24 at the break.

The Jackrabbits continued their surge, capping a 13-0 run on a basket by junior Cody Larson to push SDSU ahead 33-30 with 16:48 to play.

From there, though, Fort Wayne was able to make the plays in critical times.

The Mastodons got 18

points (on 6-of-7 three-pointers) from Mo Evans, while Pierre Bland added 12 points and Steve Forbes posted 10 points and eight rebounds.

Carlson led the Jackrabbits with 19 points and senior Chad White chipped in 10 points.

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# Coyotes

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scoring 19 points on 13-of-14 at the free throw line. Harrington added 18 points and nine rebounds, while freshman Bridget Arens had 12 points off the bench.

Megan Waytashek led SDSU with 18 points, while Steph Paluch had 12 points.

A post-game message to the Jacks that their goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament is potentially over was a tough conversation, head coach Aaron Johnston said.

"We didn't play well, but sometimes it happens, and today was a bad day for it to happen for us," he said.

Judging by their No. 42 RPI (which will take a bit of a hit after losing to No. 151 USD), the Jackrabbits aren't completely eliminated from NCAA Tournament competition — as Johnston said, "It's not impossible, I just don't see it."

"Like it or not, this loss hurts us," he said. "That's not a negative toward USD, I'm just looking at it from a numbers standpoint."

The Coyotes, obviously, would have some other options if they lose in today's

final, but for those players back from last year's title game loss, they want to avoid that disappointment.

"It was a feeling you don't want to have again," Harrington said. "I know that all the returners, we don't want that feeling again. So we're going to play as hard as we can."

As has been their nature all season, the Coyotes weren't ready to hang their hats — or their season — on just winning in the semifinals.

"This win for the girls that are sitting in the locker room means absolutely nothing if we don't continue and take care of business tomorrow," Williams said.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA (18-13)**  
Polly Harrington 7-9 4-4 18; Lisa Loeffler 1-5 0-0 2; Tia Hemiller 1-5 6-8 6; Raeshel Contreras 1-0 1-2 4; Nicole Seekamp 3-13 13-18 19; Kelly Stewart 0-4 2-2 2; Taylor Moore 0-0 0-0 0; Bridget Arens 5-9 0-3 12; Margaret McCloud 3-4 1-1 7. TOTALS 21-59 29-34 72.  
**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (22-9)**  
Hannah Strop 1-3 0-0 2; Mariah Clarin 1-3 0-0 2; Gabby Boever 3-10 0-4 6; Steph Paluch 4-10 3-4 12; Megan Waytashek 4-11 9-10 18; Chynna Stevens 0-3 5-6 5; Megan Stuart 1-2 0-0 2; Keri Young 2-6 4-4 6; Tara Heiser 0-1 0-0 0; Clarissa Oler 1-5 0-0 3; Chloe Comemann 0-0 0-0 0; Rachel Walters 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 17-54 21-28 58.  
Halftime: USD 37-25. Three-Pointers: SDSU 3-19 (Over 1-2, Paluch 1-4, Waytashek 1-6, Young 0-1, Strop 0-2, Boever 0-2, Stevens 0-2), USD 1-13 (Contreras 1-5, Loeffler 0-1, Hemiller 0-1, Stewart 0-2, Seekamp 0-4). Total Rebounds: USD 42 (Harrington 9, Hemiller 9), SDSU 39 (Stevens 8). Assists: USD 8 (Hemiller 4), SDSU 7 (Strop 2, Heiser 2). Turnovers: USD 11, SDSU 16. Personal Fouls: SDSU 25, USD 22. Attendance: 5871.

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