

S.D. State Class B Girls Basketball Tournament

Raiders Fall In Tourney Debut

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HURON — Late in the first quarter, Sully Buttes head coach Mark Senftner decided that his team wasn't getting things done. Unfortunately for Gayville-Volin, his Chargers team got things straightened out.

Top-seeded Sully Buttes outscored Gayville-Volin 53-21 after that first quarter time out, rolling past the Raiders 65-31 in the opening round of the S.D. State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament on Thursday at Huron Arena.

The victory sends the Chargers (22-1) to a semifinal matchup with defending state champion Warner (22-2) Friday at 6 p.m. Gayville-Volin (15-8) will look to bounce back at noon against Lemmon (22-2).

Karlea Stahl struggled from the line, making just six of 15 free throw attempts, but still finished with 16 points to lead a balanced Sully Buttes attack. Remi Wientjes had 15 points, Chloe Lamb netted 13 points and Racquel Wientjes scored 10 points off the bench in the victory.

Genny Clark scored 12 points to lead Gayville-Volin.

Sully Buttes took advantage of some Raider offensive struggles to take an early 7-2 lead, but two free throws and a three-pointer by Clark tied the game at seven.

"We got some good looks, but had some missed opportunities," said Gayville-Volin head coach Matt Malloy. "When we did get into what we wanted to run, we had some success."

The Chargers scored the next five points, but Laura Nelson got loose for a three-pointer for Gayville-Volin, prompting Senftner's time out.

"We weren't matching up. We weren't doing a good job of switching and communication," Senftner said. "I knew that if we let them get in rhythm, we'd be in trouble."

The Chargers responded to the time out with a defensive barrage, holding Gayville-Volin to three field



Gayville-Volin's Genny Clark attempts a free throw during the first half of the Raiders' S.D. State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament matchup with Sully Buttes on Thursday at Huron Arena. Sully Buttes beat Gayville-Volin 65-31, sending the Raiders to today's (Friday) noon consolation semifinals against Lemmon.



CLASS B TOURNAMENT

March 13-15 at Huron
First Round, March 13
 Sully Buttes 65, Gayville-Volin 31
 Warner 59, Lemmon 35
 Hanson 69, Lyman 36
 Sanborn Central-Woonsocket 52, Kimball-White Lake 27
Consolation Semifinals, March 14
 Gayville-Volin (15-8) vs. Lemmon (22-2), noon
 Lyman (15-9) vs. Kimball-White Lake (15-8), 1:45 p.m.
Semifinals, March 14
 Sully Buttes (22-1) vs. Warner (22-2), 6 p.m.
 Hanson (22-2) vs. Sanborn Central-Woonsocket (23-1), 7:45 p.m.

State Debut

LEFT: Gayville-Volin's Rachel Haas goes in for a layup during the first half of their opening round game with Sully Buttes in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament on Thursday.

RIGHT: Gayville-Volin's Kelia Barta weaves through the Sully Buttes defense for a shot attempt during the first half of their opening round game in the S.D. State Class B Girls' Basketball Tournament on Thursday.



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State Hoops: EPJ Throttles Webster In Class A

SPEARFISH — Second-seeded Elk Point-Jefferson made quick work of Webster, rolling the Bearcats 77-30 in the opening round of the S.D. State Class A Girls' Basketball Tournament on Thursday in Spearfish.

The Huskies led 20-9 after one quarter and 44-18 at the half. EPJ forced 24 turnovers and shot 9-15 from three-point range.

McKenzie Mennenga scored a game-high 23 points, including 5-9 from three-point range, to lead EPJ. Keely Bertram finished with 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Payton Donnelly hit all three of her three-point attempts, finishing with nine points. Skylore Curry added eight points in the victory.

For Webster, Lindsey Vogl led the way with 11 points.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON 77, WEBSTER AREA 30
 WEBSTER AREA (14-8): Ma Volesky 0-4 0-0 0, Bullert 2-5 1-1 5, Vogl 5-10 0-3 11, Rausch 1-6 1-2 4, McVolesky 1-3 0-0 2, Rithmiller 1-1 0-0 3, Schoenbeck 0-4 0-0 0, McCreeary 1-3 2-3 4, Stomaker 0-0 1-2 1. Totals: 11-36 5-12 30.
 ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (20-2): Donnelly 3-4 0-0 9, Stabe 0-0 1-2 1, Mennenga 9-17 0-0 23, Erickson 0-1 0-0 0, Corio 1-1 3-3 5, Heeren 0-2 0-0 0, Flynn 0-0 2-4 2, Zeller 1-2 2-3 4, Curry 3-5 2-2 8, Bertram 7-12 3-5 17. Totals: 27-51 14-21 77.
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ST. THOMAS MORE 61, GARRETSON 16
 SPEARFISH (AP) — Alexys Swedlund scored 20 points as St. Thomas More rolled to a 61-16 win over Garretson Thursday in the first round of the South Dakota Class A basketball tournament.
 Swedlund made eight of 14 shots from the field for the top-seeded Cavaliers (21-1), who are the 2012 state champions. St. Thomas More raced out to a 26-4 lead after one quarter.
 Cavaliers' Moira Duffy added 14 points.
 Brianna Mudder and Haley Edmundson led Garretson (11-12) with four points each. The Blue Dragon had lost 11 of 12 games to end the reg-

ular season, but earned its second state tournament berth, and first in Class A.

SIoux VALLEY 60, PINE RIDGE 49
 SPEARFISH (AP) — Carley Peterson had 11 points and 12 rebounds to lead Sioux Valley over Pine Ridge 60-49 Thursday at the South Dakota Class A girls basketball tournament.

Peterson had three of the Cossacks' 10 three-pointers. As a team, Sioux Valley (20-3) shot better from long range (42 percent) than it did overall (38 percent). It also went 20-for-25 from the line.

Kaylee Granum had 17 points and Anna Keeffe added 14 points, five rebounds and five assists.
 Pine Ridge got a team-high 16 points from Santana White Dress.

The Lady Thorpes (20-3), who were runners-up at last year's state tourney, shot 33 percent from the field.

Class AA

MITCHELL 70, S.F. ROOSEVELT 65
 BROOKINGS (AP) — Mitchell blew a 16-point lead but held on behind Macy Miller's 38 points to beat Sioux Falls Roosevelt 70-65 Thursday at the South Dakota Class AA girls' basketball tourna-

ment.

The Kernels (22-1) led a 25-9 lead evaporate in the third quarter, but quickly retook the lead and held on. Roosevelt (13-11), the seventh seed, scored the first 11 points of the third quarter.

Miller was 10-for-26 from the field and 18-for-19 from the line. She also grabbed 17 rebounds and dished out seven assists.

Paige Mriden led the Rough Riders with 29 points. She had five 3-pointers and was 8-for-9 from the line. Nicole Hatcher had 19 points.

S.F. WASHINGTON 50, HARRISBURG 35
 BROOKINGS (AP) — Sioux Falls Washington shook off a one-point third quarter and beat Harrisburg 50-35 Thursday in the first round of the South Dakota Class AA girls basketball tournament.

The Warriors (21-2) were cruising along with a 31-21 lead at half. It helped that Harrisburg (15-9) scored just five points in the third.

Michaela Mayer had a double-double for Washington with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Ellie

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USD Volleyball Coach Leaves For Minnesota

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has another head coaching vacancy.

After leading the Coyote volleyball program to 97 wins in his six seasons, head coach Matt Houk is leaving to become an assistant at Minnesota, USD announced Thursday.

In its same release, USD announced that associate head coach Leanne (Felsing) Williamson will become the interim head coach to replace Houk — who moves into a Gophers program that annually ranks in the top 25.



Houk

"It was unique in the sense that I wasn't out looking for anything. My family and I were very happy and feeling good about USD," Houk said Thursday. "But when I got the call, it was obviously something we had to consider."

Such a quick transition from Houk to Williamson (in the interim) to bridge the gap figures to help the program continue moving forward, Williamson — who has been Houk's assistant for five years — said.

"That was a relief for the players, you could see it," she said, "knowing this could be a pretty seamless transition. "Every one of them knows me, and they know not much would change," she added. "I think that gives them a little bit of relief from the stress of the unknown."

Houk, whose 97-85 record with USD ranks as the best winning percentage (.533) in school history, helped transition the Coyotes from a struggling Division II program into a regional force on the D-I scene.

He was especially successful against rival South Dakota State, winning the last seven matches against the Jackrabbits dating back to the 2010 season.

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Big Ten Tourney: Minnesota Survives Scare From Penn State

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Austin Hollins scored 18 points, Deandre Mathieu added 13 and Andre Hollins hit a late 3-pointer Thursday to give Minnesota a badly needed 63-56 win over Penn State in the Big Ten tournament.

The seventh-seeded Golden Gophers (20-12) advanced to Friday night's quarterfinal against No. 12 Wisconsin with their third win in four games.

10th-seeded Penn State (15-17) had a miserable night shooting, making only 32.2 percent from the field. D.J. Newbill had 16 points

and senior Tim Frazier added 11. Penn State heads home from Indianapolis after losing for the third time in four games.

Minnesota took control quickly with a 9-0 lead and never trailed.

Penn State got within three just before halftime and within 58-54 with 2:35 to go, but Andre Hollins made a free throw and hit the 3 in the final minute to close it out.

The big question now is whether this win will convince the selection committee Minnesota belongs in the tourney?

Most outsiders thought Min-

nesota needed at least one win at Bankers Life Fieldhouse to give them a shot at one of the 36 precious at-large bids and beating the Badgers for the second time this season would certainly help. As it stands now, the Gophers have three wins this season over the Nittany Lions but are just 5-10 against the rest of the league. It does have two wins over Top 25 teams, but both came at home.

And they didn't look particularly good Thursday.

At one point, early in the second half Minnesota was 11 of 30

from the field, and in the final three minutes they missed the front end of two one-and-ones.

Andre Hollins then missed two more free throws but was bailed out by a lane violation on the second one and made his third free throw with 54.7 seconds to go to make it 59-54.

It was that kind of night. Penn State charged back late in the first half, using 10-2 run to get within 28-25.

Minnesota closed the half with a 14-foot buzzer beater from Maverick Ahanmisi to make it 30-25 at

Lancer Softball Wins First Games

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mount Marty College won its first softball games of the season Thursday in close fashion down at the Tucson Invitational.

Mount Marty held off Purdue University-North Central 7-6 in the first game of the day, and later edged Alfred University 3-2.

In the first game, MMC's Kristin Loutsch drove in four runs, while Megan Meister had two hits and Olivia Rodriguez had two RBI.

Amber Krause pitched four innings for the Lancers, striking out two batters, and Courtney Hansen pitched three innings.

In the second game against Alfred, Karley Suentjens had two hits and an RBI, while Lauren Orwig

walked twice. In the pitching circle, Krause went four innings and Katie Groteluschen pitched three frames.

MMC, now 2-2, is off until Saturday when it plays Presentation College for a doubleheader.

PURDUE U.-NORTH CENTRAL 6, MMC 4: In the season opener for the Lancers on Wednesday, Purdue U-NC jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and held on for the win.

Olivia Rodriguez and Courtney Hansen both had two hits for MMC, while Rodriguez drove in two runs. Karley Suentjens, Megan Meister and Britni Bormann had the other hits.

PERU STATE 9, MMC 7: Peru State (Neb.) used an 8-run top of the fifth inning to pull away.

Kristin Loutsch was 3-3 with a home run and three RBI for the Lancers, while Amber Krause had two hits and an RBI. Suentjens, Lauren Orwig, Karlee Kozak, Emilie Pechacek and Jessica Wirth all added a hit.

Jamestown Sweeps MMC Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Jamestown, N.D. Jimmies swept a baseball doubleheader with Mount Marty College on Thursday in Tucson, Ariz.

Jamestown won the first game 9-1 and rallied to win the second game 8-7.

In the opener, Jamestown pitcher Kyle Shaikoski allowed one run on seven hits in a complete game effort.

Jared Miller was 2-3 for the Lancers, while Tyler Edler, Derrick Nelson, Michael O'Connell, Derek Blumenstock and Nick Sehr all added a hit.

Dominic Wieseler (2-2) took the loss after allowing seven runs, two

earned, in four innings. Josh Teichrow went the final three innings.

In the second game, Jamestown rallied from a 5-0 deficit to win on a throwing error in the bottom of the seventh inning.

O'Connell was 2-2 with two RBI for Mount Marty, while Zac Hollenback, Edler, Miller, Blumenstock, Julian Cutolo and Alex Mueller all had one hit.

Alex Mogensen pitched into the fifth inning for MMC, and was relieved by Dakota Kirkman who got the loss.

Mount Marty (7-5) returns to action today (Friday) for a doubleheader against Mayville State in Tucson.