

Bucks Fall To SFR

YHS Faces Sturgis In Consolation Play Today

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RAPID CITY — For the second straight meeting this season, Sioux Falls Roosevelt used a strong third quarter to upend the Bucks.

Roosevelt outscored Yankton 22-11 to start the second half, then held on for a 59-53 victory over the Bucks in the opening round

of the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Basketball Tournament on Thursday in Rapid City.

Roosevelt takes a 20-3 record into a semifinal meeting with second-seeded Rapid City Stevens (20-3) in the 8:45 p.m. Central time tonight (Friday). The Bucks (14-10) will look to bounce back in the consolation round against Sturgis (14-10), a 2:45 p.m. Central start.

Chris Phillips scored 20 points, including

8-8 from the line, to lead Roosevelt. Jason Spicer finished with 15 points. Colton Kooima added 11 points.

For Yankton, Brady Hale hit 4-7 from three-point range on the way to 16 points. J.J. Hejna score 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Ryan Olson added 12 points for the Bucks.

Yankton got off to a quick start, as it did in the first meeting. A Brady Hale three-pointer



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Evan Greeneway, left, gets inside the defense of Roosevelt's Jason Spicer for a layup during the first half of their quarterfinal in the S.D. State Class AA Boys' Basketball Tournament on Thursday at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

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Bison Pull Off Upset Of Sooners

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Lawrence Alexander hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to force overtime and freshman Carlin Dupree scored four points in the final 75 seconds as No. 12 seed North Dakota State knocked off Oklahoma 80-75 Thursday night.

The Bison (26-6) picked up their first NCAA tournament win by rallying in the final minute and then outlasting the No. 5 seed Sooners in overtime. Alexander finished with a career-high 28 points, but it'll be his falling-down, fist-pumping celebration after the tying 3-pointer that will be replayed in Fargo for years.

Dupree came on in the closing seconds of overtime after Taylor Braun fouled out. He hit two free throws and scored on a difficult baseline leaver with 41 seconds left.

Cameron Clark led Oklahoma (23-10) with 25 points.

HARVARD, 61, CINCINNATI 57

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Siyani Chambers scored 11 points, including five straight in the final 2 minutes, and 12th-seeded Harvard won its second NCAA tournament game in history, upsetting fifth-seeded Cincinnati 61-57 on Thursday in the East Regional.

Wesley Saunders led the Crimson (27-4) with 12 points as Harvard pulled off an upset for the second straight year. Last year, Harvard upset New Mexico as a 14 seed.

The Crimson became the first Ivy League school with NCAA tournament wins in consecutive years since Princeton in 1983-84.

Harvard never trailed after the opening moments. They played with confidence and scrap against the Bearcats, who shared the American Athletic Conference regular season title.

Sean Kilpatrick led Cincinnati (27-7) with 18 points, but the Bearcats failed to win a tournament game for the second straight year.

MICHIGAN ST. 93, DELAWARE 78

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) Adreian Payne scored a career-high 41 points to get Michigan State off to a solid start in the NCAA tournament.

Payne, a 6-foot-10 senior, scored 12 straight points in the first half to help the fourth-seeded Spartans (27-8) to an 18-point lead.

He set an NCAA tournament record by making all 17 of his free throws and broke the program's tournament scoring record, set previously by Greg Kelsier in 1979.

Devon Saddler had 21 points and Davon Usher added 20 for the 13th-seeded Blue Hens (25-10).

Travis Trice scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half for the Spartans.

UCONN 89, SAINT JOSEPH'S 81, OT

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Shabazz Napier shook off a miss at the sec-

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Getting Down To Business



TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
Splashes of red in the form of signs and banners made a bold statement against a clear blue sky as fans of the USD Coyote women's basketball team gathered early Thursday afternoon near the Muenster University Center in Vermillion to give the players a proper sendoff on their way to the NCAA Tournament in Ames, Iowa. The Coyotes play Stanford in Saturday's first-round regional contest.

State B Tournament

JVC Gets Past Centerville

BY JOHN PAPPENDICK
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ABERDEEN — The stars shined Thursday in Aberdeen, but more importantly especially for James Valley Christian, so did the role players.

Top-seeded JVC defeated stubborn eighth-seeded Centerville 85-68 in the opening round of the State B boys' basketball tournament. The Vikings (23-1) will play Potter County (22-2) at 6 tonight in the State B semifinals at Wachs Arena.

JVC got standout games from 6-foot-4 senior Nathan Wedel with 34 points and from 6-foot-5 senior Andrew Ulvestad with 17 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. But it was the 17 points from Alex Waldner, the seven points, five steals and three assists from Tim Wager, the eight points, four assists and two steals from Cole Glanzer and the defense of Alex's younger brother Jayden Waldner that rowed the Vikings into semifinal waters.

"Our team can have a different leading scorer every night," Ulvestad said. "We trust anyone to do anything for this team. Scoring, rebounding, assists, steals, my teammates can do it all. And that is really awesome to see."

In the first three quarters, JVC built double-figure leads only to see Centerville rally. JVC coach Darwin Hofer said he team didn't keep up its intensity, but credited Centerville as well. "We got a little complacent at times," he said. "They were able to pick up on that and make a run. This is the state tournament, and teams are not going to quit on you, especially a good team like Centerville."

After Wedel banked a 25-foot three-pointer in right before half, he and Glanzer opened the third quarter with baskets to expand JVC's lead to 49-34. In the next five minutes, Centerville used baskets by five different players to twice cut JVC's lead to six points, including the last time at 56-50 with more than 10 minutes left in the game.

"Then we got a timeout and made some adjustments," Hofer said. "And after that, we were able to keep our focus and play a good quarter and a half of solid basketball."

Wedel also made an important buzzer-beating three-



JOHN DAVIS/ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS
Centerville's Tyrell Martz, center left, tries to steal the ball from James Valley Christian's Tim Wager during their opening round game at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament Thursday at Wachs Arena. In the background for Centerville is Rory O'Malley (3).

pointer at the end of the third quarter to keep the momentum rolling in his team's favor. He made 13 of 17 field goals, including four of five from three-point range, and four of five free throws.

"Nathan really stepped up tonight with a great game," Ulvestad said. "He made some really tough shots."

Hofer also agreed with Ulvestad that "it was a complete team effort on offense and defense. Tim and Alex took the two O'Malleys (brothers Seamus and Rory, who average a

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USD Women Arrive In Ames To Prepare For NCAA Tourney Debut

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AMES, Iowa — Not many business trips begin with a police escort out of town.

Yet, try as it might attempt to keep it typical, this isn't an ordinary trip for the University of South Dakota women's basketball team.

On their way to Ames for their first NCAA Tournament at the Division I level, the Coyotes were sent off in style on Thursday. They were met at the DakotaDome by a large group of fans, including U.S. Sen. John Thune, and were guided out of Vermillion by a police escort.

Not a bad way to kick-start a historic weekend, said head coach Amy Williams.

"If I'm being honest, it brought tears to my eyes," Williams said Thursday night after her team practiced at Iowa State's Sukup Basketball Complex. "It's such a special thing. Our kids were all plastered up to the bus windows and waving."

"The Yotes do things the right way, and our fans sent us off the right way."

Champions of the Summit League, the Coyotes (19-13) still have a full day of media responsibilities today (Friday) before Saturday's 5:30 p.m. first round game against No. 2 Stanford.

Yet, USD still found time to enjoy Thursday's celebration.

"It was really cool. It was so nice that everyone came out and supported our team," senior Polly Harrington said. "It just shows how strong our fan support is."

Once they made the three and a half hour bus ride to Ames, the Coyotes later arrived at Iowa State's practice facility for a practice session.

Thus began part of the familiarity with this weekend's tournament for USD. It had already practiced at Iowa State's facility back in November, when the Coyotes geared up to play the Cyclones — a game in which USD held a lead in the second half but ended up losing.

"It's a good feeling to be back here," Harrington said, "but coach really wants us to be in business mode right now."

"Everybody is just focused on the game Saturday and our game plan."

And yet, USD still has another day of NCAA responsibilities.

The Coyotes will take part in a news conference today from 3:30-4 p.m., and will then practice from 4:20-5:50 p.m.

"Any type of media attention we can get is good," Williams said. "It's good for recruiting, and it's good for all the hard work they've put in."

Still, the purpose of the trip is a basketball game, she was quick to add.

"But to be honest, I'm excited to get back on the court and talk strategy," Williams said.

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3 Lancers Named Scholar Athletes



Hegge



Lambley



Schmidt

The National Association of the Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Monday that 243 Division II women's basketball student-athletes have been named 2013-14 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Mount Marty College had three players make the list.

The MMC players that were named are: Holly Hegge, a junior forward from Crofton, Neb.; Cheyenne Lambley, a junior forward from Burke; and Kelsey Schmidt a junior guard from Mount Vernon.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status.

"This is a great achievement for these student-athletes," commented MMC head coach Tom Schlimgen. "To be able to balance a practice schedule with the already demanding work load of being a full-time student is one thing. Then to do it successfully with a high level of academic achievement speaks volumes about the dedication of these ladies."

Into The Semis



JOHN DAVIS/ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS
Platte-Geddes Coby Johnson, right, tries to get around Langford's Chance Olson (5) during Thursday night's game at the South Dakota Class B Basketball Tournament at Wachs Arena. Platte-Geddes defeated Langford 58-50 and will face Ethan in tonight's (Friday) semifinal. Ethan advanced with a 73-62 win over White River. Also in Class B, Potter County dumped Faith 61-58.

SDSU Women Top Butler In WNIT, To Host Creighton

BROOKINGS — Freshman Chynna Stevens scored nine-straight points late in the first half as the South Dakota State women's basketball team (23-9) defeated Butler (15-16), 78-61, in the first round of the Women's NIT Thursday night in front of 1,812 fans in Frost Arena.

Stevens sank a three-point field goal with 2:18 left in the half to give SDSU a 29-25 lead. She later made a layup, a free throw and another three-pointer as SDSU took a 35-27 lead with 59 seconds remaining in the first half. Senior guard Steph Paluch then gave the Jackrabbits a 38-27 lead when she sank a half-court three-pointer that beat the buzzer.

The win extends the Jackrabbits' home win streak

to 18 games, dating to last season. SDSU will play Creighton, which defeated Missouri, 77-51, at 2 p.m. Sunday at Frost Arena in the WNIT's second round. Creighton defeated the Jackrabbits, 68-63, Nov. 12 in Omaha.

Junior forward Mariah Clarin recorded her third double-double the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Paluch added 14 points and a team-high five assists.

Stevens finished with 13 points and junior guard Megan Waytashek (Lino Lakes, Minn.) scored 11 points, all in the second half.

Butler's Taylor Schippers scored a game-high 17 points while Liz Stratman added 15 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots.