

# Lancers Complete Weekend Sweep

MMC Opens GPAC  
Play Next Weekend

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Despite claiming two victories Friday night, the Mount Marty Lancers knew they needed to prepare mentally in order to improve their offense for the next day.

The Lancers did just that, continuing their streak to bring home two more wins over Winnipeg University Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park Bob Tereshinski Stadium, winning 6-0 and 12-2

against the Wesmen. "It's always a work in progress, but we responded to things from (Friday) and were more in tune," said head coach Andy Bernatow. "We were better at being able to put the pressure on, and we threw the ball well."

Mount Marty took a 3-0 lead in the second inning off of three RBIs, with Alex Mueller, Hunter Hallock and Cody Ulmer.

Zach Hollenbeck scored in the fifth off of a sacrifice fly from Bryton Carlson, while Ryan Buck stole home to put the Lancers ahead 5-0. Justin

Miller scored in the fifth, and the Lancers closed out the game 6-0.

"It was good to get people playing," said pitcher AJ Griffith. "We were able to hold on, and we did well with some young arms throwing."

The Lancers swept the second game 12-2, with Mount Marty getting 11 hits to Winnipeg's six hits and four errors.

"We're feeling great, but we're not satisfied," said outfielder Zac Hollenback. "We're ready to come back and win some conference games now and keep working

to do the little things right." The Lancers are ready to use the momentum from this weekend to prepare for their conference games, which begin this weekend against Doane College on Saturday and Concordia on Sunday. "Winning is fun," Hollenback said. "We're going to keep working as a team this week and stick together. When we do that we do well."

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JEREMY HOECK/P&D  
Mount Marty's Alex Mueller, 18, high-fives his teammates after scoring in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Winnipeg at Riverside Field at Bob Tereshinski Stadium.

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# Three Bucks Earn All-ESD Honors

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Three members of the Yankton boys' basketball team were recognized today (Monday), as senior Brady Hale and junior Tanner Frick were named to the all-Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball team. Senior Evan Greeneway was an honorable mention selection for the Bucks.

The 6-3 forward Hale, a repeat selection, averaged a team-best 16.6 points per game. He also pulled down 5.3 board per contest and hit 29 three-pointers, ranking second on the team in both categories. The South Dakota State football recruit missed the final seven games of the season due to injury.

"I'm happy for Brady. It was well-deserved," said Yankton head coach Chris Haynes. "It was good to see him get the post-season recognition he deserved."

Frick, a 5-10 guard, ranked second on the team in scoring with 8.8 points per cno-textst. He also had team-bests of 74 assists and 25 steals, tying for top honors in steals. His 79 attempted free throws led the squad.

"Tanner fulfilled the role that we needed him to do," Haynes said. "He handle



Yankton senior Brady Hale (left photo, 34) and Tanner Frick (right photo) were named to the All-Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' basketball team, announced today (Monday). Senior Evan Greeneway was an honorable mention selection to the squad.



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# Northern Colorado Escapes USD In WNIT

GREELEY, Colo. — The University of South Dakota women's basketball team saw its season end at the hands of Northern Colorado with a 59-58 decision in the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament on Sunday at Bank of Colorado Arena in Greeley, Colorado.

USD, the Summit League regular season champions and tournament runners up, finished the season with a 26-8 record. UNC (22-12) will travel to UCLA in the third round on Thursday.

D'Shara Strange led UNC with 14 points and eight rebounds. Stephanie Lee scored 11 points, Kyleigh Hiser had 10 points and Lindsay Mallon had eight rebounds in the victory.

Nicole Seekamp scored 19 points

in her final game for USD. Raeshel Contreras, also a senior, finished with eight points. Margaret McCloud had seven points and 10 rebounds.

Northern Colorado trailed 56-52 with 5:08 remaining, but got a 3-pointer from Savannah Scott and a jumper from Rebecca Howell on back-to-back possessions to take a 57-56 lead with 3:43 left. The Bears later drew a charge on a drive to the basket by Seekamp with seven seconds remaining, which forced USD to foul Strange with two seconds left in the game.

After Northern Colorado's D'Shara Strange hit a pair of free throws with two seconds remaining, Seekamp caught a long inbounds pass from Margaret McCloud and hit the shot while running away from the basket.

The officials ruled Seekamp was inside the arc when she shot the ball and upheld it following a review.

Seekamp's basket was the only field goal for the Coyotes in the last 7:37 of the game and the only shot USD had in the final 4:18. Prior to that basket, USD turned the ball over in each of their previous six possessions.

The game featured 10 lead changes and 10 ties. Both teams never had a lead larger than eight points and were tied 32-32 at halftime.

The Coyotes held advantages in rebounds (41-29) and points in the paint (28-20), but went 2-for-16 from 3-point range in the game (12.5 percent). South Dakota also had more made free throws (16-of-21) than

Northern Colorado had free throw attempts (7-of-11). However, UNC was 6-of-18 (33.3 percent) from 3-point range and held a 16-8 advantage in points off of turnovers.

Four Coyotes ended their collegiate careers on Sunday: Seekamp, Contreras, Lisa Loeffler and Taylor Moore. Seekamp leaves USD ranking seventh on USD's all-time scoring list with 1,484 points and sixth on USD's all-time assist list with 396. Contreras leaves USD in a tie for ninth on USD's all-time 3-pointers list with 147. Loeffler finishes her career with 120 game appearances and 84 starts, while Moore finishes with 59 game appearances and three starts.

## Hanson Tops Lions In OT For 'B' Title

ABERDEEN (AP) — Jordan Marquardt hit six of Hanson's 11 3-pointers and the Beavers beat Langford Area 47-44 in overtime Saturday in the championship game of the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Marquardt finished with 19 points and nine rebounds for the Beavers (22-4). He was 6 of 10 from distance. Sam Vander Stouwe hit four 3-pointers and finished with 18 points, and Taylor Nichols grabbed 13 rebounds.

CJ Steiner made six 3-pointers and led Langford Area (24-2) with 18 points. Bo Fries had 13 points, nine from the free throw line, and 11 rebounds.

The game was tied 36-36 at the end of regulation.

Third: Hitch.-Tulare 52, White River 44

ABERDEEN (AP) — Tyler Oechsle had 17 points and eight rebounds and Hitchcock-Tulare beat White River 52-44 on Saturday for third place in the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament.

Oechsle was 8 for 12 from the field for the Patriots (18-8), who shot 46 percent. Landon Gatzke added 14 points and Trevor Hofer 10.

Hitchcock-Tulare outscored White River 33-23 in the second half.

The Tigers (22-4) got 12 points each from Link Tucker and Justin Folkers.

Seventh: Gregory 61, Faith 54

ABERDEEN (AP) — Mitchell Klundt had six 3-pointers and 20 points as Gregory beat top-seeded Faith 61-54 in the seventh-place game at the South Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament on Saturday.

Klundt was 6-for-12 from 3-point range for the Gonillas (19-7), who shot 52 percent. Mason Juracek added 19 points and Jayd VanDerWerff 12.

Faith (22-4) shot just 29 percent and missed its first 20 3-pointers before hitting its last one.

Tyler Hohenberger had 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Longhorns. Janius Halligan added 14 points.

## Class A

First: Ab. Roncalli 53, Dell Rapids 50

RAPID CITY (AP) — Zach Hammerich had 17 points and nine rebounds and Aberdeen Roncalli beat the Dell Rapids 53-50 in the South Dakota Class A tournament for its first boys basketball championship in 40 years.

Dell Rapids (22-3) outscored the Cavaliers 17-12 in the fourth quarter but Zane Schumaker's potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer was long.

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# Down To 16 Teams, NCAA Tournament Still Has A Lot To Watch



DAVID EULITT/KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS

Wichita State Shockers guard Fred VanVleet (23) reacts after hitting a three-point basket to take the lead into halftime against the Kansas Jayhawks during the third round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament on Sunday at CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

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It's the Sweet 16 — the second week of the NCAA Tournament — and that means bragging rights for college basketball programs.

Check the cover of media guides or banners adorning arenas. They always start with Sweet 16 appearances. No bragging about the first weekend. Playing this week means you had two good wins and you are just two wins from the Final Four.

The story of the tournament has been Kentucky's pursuit of a perfect season. Everyone's playing in that shadow. The Wildcats improved to 36-0 — the best start to a season for any team — and they're trying for 40-0. That would be the first undefeated season by a national champion since Indiana in 1976.

The East Region changed dramatically entering the Sweet 16 with top seeds Villanova and Virginia ousted. It's only the eighth time that the top two teams from one region failed to advance to the second week. The last time that happened was in 2004.

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Pac-12 entered the round of 32 as the only leagues with three or more teams not to lose a game. Virginia's loss to Michigan State was the ACC's first after a 9-0 start. Oregon lost to top-seeded Wisconsin dropping the Pac-12 to 7-1.

Here are some story lines to watch as the Sweet 16 approaches:

**UCLA'S RUN:** The Bruins were the at-large team complained about the most on Selection Sunday. Wins over SMU and UAB have the 11th-seeded Bruins in the Sweet 16 for the second straight year, the first time they have done that

since reaching the Final Four in three straight seasons between 2006 and 2008.

"The selection committee thought we were good enough to play in this tournament, and I think we proved it," forward Tony Parker said. They will face Gonzaga in the Sweet 16.

"There's no better time to do that than March," UCLA coach Steve Alford said.

UCLA and Gonzaga met on Dec. 13 in Los Angeles, and the then-No. 9 Zags came away with an 87-74 victory. Kyle Wiltjer scored 24 points and Byron Wesley added 20 points for Gonzaga.

Bryce Alford scored 23 points and Isaac Hamilton added 18 for UCLA.

**SPECIAL K:** When the coaches shake hands before the Duke-Utah Sweet 16 game it will be between two men with a lot in common.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Utah's Larry Krystkowiak probably lead the NCAA in name types.

"I don't know how many times two Polish coaches will go against one another, where both of us are called Coach K, but he's a good friend," Krzyzewski said of Krystkowiak. "I had him on my Sirius XM show about a month ago and, boy, he was really good, really good."

**OLD TEAMS:** Arizona coach Sean Miller will face his former school, Xavier, in the Sweet 16. Miller has taken the second-seeded Wildcats to the regional semifinals for the third straight year.

Now, he will face the sixth-seeded Musketeers, whom he coached from 2004-2009. Xavier reached the Elite Eight in 2008 under Miller and the Musketeers were in the Sweet 16 the next year.

Chris Mack succeeded Miller at Xavier when he left for Arizona.

"As far as playing Sean, it's really tough," Mack said. "I recruited all these guys that play for me. But Sean gave me a heck of an opportunity to come back to my alma mater. He put a lot of responsibility and trust in me. He ultimately really pushed for me to become the head coach, and for that I'm eternally grateful. It's hard to play against one of your best friends in the business. But it really won't matter to our guys, nor will it matter to Arizona, because they don't know me from a bucket of paint."

**SPARTY'S PARTY:** Michigan State under Tom Izzo has become as familiar in the Sweet 16 as the guys in a school band wearing enough

face paint to cover a garage.

The Spartans have reached the regional semifinals for the seventh time in the last eight years. They will face Oklahoma winner in Syracuse, New York.

Izzo has a 13-1 record in games in the round of 32. He was surprised a bit that this team won its second game to move on.

"We've been a team all year that has banged around, probably lost more games than we should have just because of the free throw situation or dumb coaching with 2, 3 seconds left to go in the game and people hitting 3s and tying it," Izzo said. "But I think we've had to earn every single thing we've gotten because every game's been like that. So I think they felt comfortable in a game because that's the way not their whole tournament has gone or the Big Ten Tournament, their whole season has gone that way. I'm really proud of this team. I don't use that word lightly when I speak and I am."

**IRISH ALIVE:** For the first time in 12 years Notre Dame is in the Sweet 16 and the Fighting Irish moved on with an overtime win over Butler. Steve Vasturia had 20 points for the third-seeded Irish, who face seventh-seeded Wichita State in the Midwest Regional in Cleveland.

"It's a great feeling. We're playing really well right now," Vasturia said. "We made big plays down the stretch, and we've been doing that all year, getting big defensive stops, hitting shots. So it's a great feeling. We're playing with a lot of confidence right now so we want to keep it rolling."

**KENTUCKY'S CHASE:** The top-ranked Wildcats showed in the round of 32 why they are the even-money favorite to win the whole thing. In their win over Cincinnati, the Wildcats shot just 37 percent and were outrebounded 45-38. There really wasn't a point in the game when Kentucky felt threatened about its winning streak and the 64-51 win was the Wildcats' 29th of 36 by at least 10 points.

"I always like it when my team shoots 37, 36, 35 percent and wins in double digits," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "It shows them they don't have to make shots to win. You can miss them all. No, you can't miss them all. You can miss most of them, and you can still win games if you defend, you rebound and you play that way, make your free throws, and they did."