

Lancers Roll Past Dakota State

MMC Draws Valley City State Friday

The Mount Marty Lancers built a nine point lead by halftime led by Taylor Forsch's 16 first half points, and added 12 more points to that lead in the second half to beat up on the Dakota State Trojans 70-49.

Forsch dropped in 25 points on the night going 5-8 from the three point line to lead the home-standing Lancers. Forsch also added five rebounds, four assists, and four steals. Kylie Gross ended with 11 points and six rebounds. April Winne and Alexa Berg each added nine points to the balanced scoring attack.

Winne also had five rebounds. Alison DeKam was the leading Mount Marty boarder with 11 rebounds, five of which were offensive rebounds. DeKam also had three steals.

Dakota State was led by Courtney Hamblin and Julie Munson, who each had 12 points. Hamblin added seven rebounds to her stat sheet. Kylie Westover ended the night with nine points and eight rebounds for the Trojans, and Sharee Galbraith had six points, 10 rebounds, and two steals.

Mount Marty, who is receiving a vote in the national poll, will now face Valley City State University on Friday in Yankton at 6 p.m. Dakota State will host York College on Friday.

MOUNT MARTY LANCERS 70, DAKOTA STATE 49

DAKOTA STATE (1-2)
Courtney Hamblin 4-6 2-2 12; Julie Munson 4-16 2-4 12; Kylie Westover 3-10 0-0 9; Jayda Swenson 2-3 2-3 6; Sharee Galbraith 3-7 0-1 6; Cassie Jacobsen 1-8 2-2 4; Kirby Bertram 0-2 0-0 0; Katy Pillar 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS 17-54 8-13 49.

MOUNT MARTY (3-1)
Taylor Forsch 9-17 2-5 25; Kylie Gross 4-10 3-6 11; Alexa Berg 4-11 0-0 9; April Winne 2-6 5-7 9; Kaylea Karst 1-1 2-2 5; Alison De Kam 2-7 0-0 4; Brittany Little 2-4 0-0 4; Hannah Youngberg 1-5 0-0 3; Alyssa Whetham 0-4 0-0 0; Johanna Scheich 0-2 0-0 0. TOTALS 25-67 12-20 70.

At The Half: MMC 36, DSU 27. 3-Pointers: DSU 7-26 (Westover 3-8; Munson 2-9; Hamblin 2-3; Jacobsen 0-3; Bertram 0-2; Swenson 0-1), MMC 8-25 (Forsch 5-8; Karst 1-1; Berg 1-6; Youngberg 1-4; Whetham 0-2; Scheich 0-1; De Kam 0-1; Winne 0-2). Fouled Out: DSU, Hamblin, MMC, None. Rebounds: DSU 46 (Galbraith 10), MMC 43 (De Kam 11). Assists: DSU 10 (Jacobsen 3), MMC 12 (Forsch 4). Total Fouls: DSU 17, MMC 15. Attendance: 300



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Mount Marty's Johanna Scheich (3) dives for a loose ball while applying defensive pressure on Dakota State's Kirby Bertram during women's basketball action Tuesday night at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena in Yankton. The Lancers won the game 70-49.

ND Senate: UND May Drop Fighting Sioux Name

BY DALE WETZEL
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — State senators voted Tuesday to let the University of North Dakota scrap its Fighting Sioux athletics nickname, but ordered the school to wait three years to pick a replacement for a name the NCAA says is offensive to American Indians.

State law requires UND's athletics teams to be known as the Fighting Sioux. The school has sought to retire its nickname for years, and UND has been under sanctions from the NCAA since August for keeping the name and a logo that depicts the profile of an American Indian warrior.

"Let us ... recognize that being forced to change what you're called doesn't mean changing who you are," said state Sen. Mac Schneider, D-Grand Forks, a former UND football player.

"We are the University of North Dakota, and we'll always be fighting," Schneider said.

The state Senate voted 39-7 to approve the legislation, sending it to the House, which has been more hostile to dumping the nickname. Rep. RaeAnn Kelsch, R-Mandan, the chairwoman of the House Education Committee, said she believed the measure would win House approval.

The proposed three-year wait "gives the emotions a little bit of time to heal, whether they actually will or not," Kelsch said.

Gov. Jack Dalrymple, who would have to sign an approved bill into law, has already expressed support for retiring the UND nickname and an American Indian school logo.

UND supporters say the law has caused scheduling problems with schools that object to the name. It has been under fresh scrutiny since 2005, when the NCAA listed UND among a group of schools with objectionable American Indian nicknames, logos and mascots.

Since August, the NCAA has banned UND from hosting post-season tournaments and has said the school's athletes may not wear uniforms with the nickname or logo during postseason play.

Brian Faison, the university's athletics director, said the nickname's continued use has made it difficult to schedule rival schools, including Minnesota and Wisconsin, and has cast doubt on whether UND will be allowed to join the Big Sky Conference in July.

Hanson Upends Andes Central To Earn State Berth

BY KEITH A. BROCKBERG
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SCOTLAND — The Hanson Beaverettes had to hold off the hard-charging Andes Central Lady Eagles to win the Region 6B Volleyball Tournament, 21-25, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17, at Scotland's High School gym Tuesday night.

The Beaverettes earned a trip to the South Dakota State B Volleyball Tournament to be held Nov. 17-19 at the Sioux Falls Arena. Hanson also denied the Lady Eagles a third-straight trip to the state tourney.

"It's hard to say what this feels like because we've never been in this position before," Hanson senior middle hitter Ashley Robinson said. "We just came in and played with the enthusiasm that we had for the district championship and now we're going to state."

"The girls never gave up; they had it in their hearts that they wanted to get there and they knew it ever since the summer," Hanson head coach Jessi Kampshoff said. "They deserve everything they're getting tonight."

Even in a rebuilding year with no senior starters, the Lady Eagles looked like

they would be able to turn the triple trick as they came back from a 20-12 deficit to earn a 25-21 win to open the match.

The Beaverettes were dominant up front with Robinson scoring on a pair of blocks and a kill for a 5-1 Hanson lead. Hailey Doyle served up a pair of aces and Kendra Cheeseman scored with a kill, and Hanson led 10-4.

Kellie Winckler finally got the Lady Eagles going from behind the service-line with a pair of aces to draw Andes Central to within 10-8.

Hanson looked to close out the game as Cheeseman knocked down a kill and

won a ball at the net for a point and a 19-12 Beaverette lead.

Trailing 20-12, Andes Central charged back with Winckler serving.

The 6-1 junior hitter racked up eight points with her sinking serve as the Lady Eagles ran out to a 24-21 lead. A kill and a block from Morgan Flying Hawk aided the Andes Central cause during the run.

The Lady Eagles completed the 25-21 game-1 comeback as Hanson served into the net on game point.

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Parker

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Thompson said. "Our girls played awesome every single time, but if we would've won the first one, maybe it's a different outcome."

In that first set, Parker scored three straight points to break a 17-17 tie. Even despite a timeout, the Cubs could not stop the momentum and the Pheasants won 25-20.

Parker led for most of the second set and built a 23-19 lead on two straight ace serves. Yet, as it would all night, Alcester-Hudson rallied, tying the game at 23. Two straight points gave the Pheasants the win.

"I knew they wouldn't give up; they only had three losses and beat some really good teams," Christensen said of Alcester-Hudson. "We knew it wouldn't be easy."

Even up 2-0, Leloux said the Pheasants weren't thinking a sweep would happen.

"We were confident, but we weren't over-looking them,"

Leloux said. "We went five last time, so we knew it could happen again."

In the third set, the Cubs jumped ahead 20-18 before Parker responded to tie things at 22 moments later. Yet this time, Alcester-Hudson was able to record late points to take a 25-23 victory.

The fourth set saw ties at 18-18, 22-22 and 23-23, providing a lot of nail-biting by both sides, Leloux said.

"Emotions were high, that's for sure," she said. "We knew what we had to do; stay composed and not get too high or

too low."

Ultimately, Parker came out on top, culminating in a three-month season that featured its fair share of high moments.

"I knew this summer at team camps that we could be very special if we avoided injuries," Christensen said. "It was going to have to be a total team effort, and that's exactly what we got (Tuesday)."

Now, Parker looks ahead to state, where the Pheasants will look to improve on last year's fourth-place finish.

"I'm very excited, just like everyone else is," Leloux said.

"It'll be a good time, and hopefully we can do something good."

Senior Ivy Pearson recorded 19 kills and 24 digs for Alcester-Hudson, which will lose five seniors. Brittani Liston posted five kills and four blocks, while Rie Barnes had 18 digs and Alyce Johnson added 18 set assists.

Getting back to regions won't be easy, but this year's success could set the tone, Thompson said.

"My first year, we lost in regions to Chester (Area), and now we've got three ranked teams in our district," she said. "No matter what year it is, we've got to play amazing volleyball to even have a chance."

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Huskies

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blocked down by Branson sparking the six-foot senior, and the rest of the Huskies. From this point on, Branson and the Huskies took control of the match, winning 22-25, 16-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-12.

"We came out in the first two sets and couldn't find a rhythm," Elk Point-Jefferson head coach Traci Kollbaum said. "We couldn't get our hitting past their front line, and we weren't getting our serves in play."

The front line defense that the Huskies could not penetrate was led by the Titan's athletic junior, Lauren Hill, and team captain Morgan Heirigs. In the second set, Tea Area went on an 8-0 run, which included five blocks from Hill and Heirigs, including four blocks in a row.

"We came out and played a check of a match," Tea Area head coach Michaela Thorstenson said. "We lost our steam in the third and fourth set, but it was good to see them battle back in the fifth set."

In the fourth set of the match the play was back and forth for the first half of the set. Neither team could build a lead of more than two points, and there were nine ties by the time the score once again became deadlocked at 10-10. Branson stepped up again for the Huskies putting a block followed by a kill back-to-back to stretch the EPJ lead to 12-10. Thorstenson took a time-

out to gather her Titans.

After the timeout, points were traded for the next 22 points of the set. EPJ maintained their slim lead at 23-21 when Kollbaum called for a timeout of her own. Following the timeout Branson received a set and pounded down a huge kill to put the set at 24-21, the following play a lift was called on Tea Area allowing EPJ to win the set 25-21.

The fifth set saw seven ties by the time the score was 8-8. At this point the Huskies went on a 4-0 run and were ready to put the Titans away. Tea Area countered with a 3-0 run of their own bringing the match to within a point. Two consecutive kills by Branson put the Huskies up 14-11. Tea Area brought it to 14-12 on an EPJ four-hit call. This was when the final rallies came to end the match in the Huskies favor.

"Branson is our go-to girl when we need plays," Kollbaum said. "She is an excellent leader."

The familiarity of these two teams also made for an interesting match. The teams had met three times already in the season before Tuesday's matchup. Tea Area won on Sept. 15 in another five set thriller. EPJ took the other two matches 2-1 (in a shortened triangular match) on Sept. 24 and 3-1 on Oct. 15.

"We were little nervous coming in knowing we had lost twice against them," Thorstenson said. "But we got comfortable right away and played well."

Thorstenson also felt the District 7A championship win over top seeded Harrisburg carried momentum into Tuesday's match.

"They knew they could ac-

complish a win in the Region championship after beating Harrisburg in Harrisburg," Thorstenson said. "But once the momentum shifted tonight we couldn't get it back."

Kollbaum also felt the familiarity of the teams made for a competitive match.

"The familiarity hurt us in the beginning," Kollbaum said. "Tea Area keyed in on our hitters and that was taking us out of our rhythm."

"But our familiarity with them helped us in the final three sets," Kollbaum said. "We knew we had to serve at Heirigs so that she could not set to their hitters. This was key in us winning tonight. I credit Tea Area, they played their hearts out."

Elk Point-Jefferson was led by Branson's 22 kills and nine

blocks. Keely Bertram played strong the entire match and ended with 17 kills and 15 digs. Amy Zeller had nine kills, and Katie Zeller had 14 set assists. Audrey Truhe ended the match with 19 set assists, and Hope Erickson had 18 set assists and two ace serves. Haylee Erickson ended with 16 digs, and Kelsey Abbey led the way with 24 digs.

Tea Area was led by Lauren Hill's 14 blocks and four kills Heirigs had 40 set assists, four blocks, and 10 digs. Mallorie Heiringer had nine kills, and Haleigh Gunn ended with eight kills. The defense was led by Natalie LeVan with 13 digs, Mallory Pfaff with 11 digs, and Brandi Schuiling with 10 digs.

EPJ is now takes a five match win streak to Sioux Falls for the state tournament held Nov. 17-19.

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Gazelles

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Charissa Etrheim (senior) finished with 16 digs. Lexi Hoover (sophomore) had 12 assists. And Brooke Merry (junior) finished the night with an ace and seven assists.

Yankton swept Brandon Valley twice during the regular season, and after a compelling second set, the sun appeared to be set-

ting for Bradon Valley once more. Key kills by Fitzgerald and Hora late in the third set sealed the deal. And the Gazelles stamped their ticket to Regions.

Brandon Valley ended the season and has high hopes for next year, but Tuesday night's loss will be felt for awhile. Smith simply said it best, "Losing is tough."

Yankton will now play at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Friday, with the winner moving on to the State Tournament. Roosevelt swept the Gazelles on Oct. 18 in Sioux Falls.