

Concordia Men Outgun MMC

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Bud Smith did all he could. But he needed some help that never came. Smith scored a game and career-high 30 points but Concordia handed the Mount Marty College men's basketball team an 88-70 defeat in Great Plains Athletic Conference action Wednesday night at Cimpr Arena.

Dealt with the exit of some players from the varsity program earlier in the week, the Lancers (0-5, 0-2) leaned on younger players, but it was Smith who stepped forward. "I've got to start creating more for others and for myself," said Smith, who was 10-of-17 from the field and also had team highs in rebounds (7) and assists (5).

"Coach asks me to create, and I knew when we got down, I had to be more aggressive."



Mount Marty's Bud Smith, 10, looks for an opening against the defense of Concordia's Rudy Knight during their Great Plains Athletic Conference men's basketball game on Wednesday at Laddie E. Cimpr Arena. Smith scored 30 points for the Lancers in a 88-70 loss to the Bulldogs.

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Aside from Smith's production, the next-highest scorer for MMC was Taylor Millay with 10 points (and five rebounds). The four other starters around Smith combined to score 21 points on 8-of-26 from the floor.

"Bud's a great player, but we need other people to step up around him," head coach Andrew Baker said. "We're playing some younger guys now, and they're getting their chance."

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Smith scored 21 first-half points and mounted a serious threat of the school record (44) — he still finished with the most points in two seasons.

Though short-handed and thus forced to tweak the rotation, the Lancers still showed flashes of progress — with mostly newcomers on the floor.

They were unable, though, to get the deficit into single digits.

Smith did the bulk of the offensive work for the Lancers in the first half, as

the four other starters combined for six points — with Smith at 21.

Concordia was a little bit better, building a 45-36 margin at halftime. From there, the Bulldogs (3-2, 1-0) never let the Lancers get within 10.

"The second half, we didn't start the way we wanted to," Smith said. "We didn't talk much at all on defense. "We've just got to get better on defense."

Patrick Ciganovic came off the bench to score eight points and grab five rebounds for the Lancers.

The Bulldogs, though, got four starters in double figures,

led by 16 points from Joel Haywood. Concordia out-rebounded the Lancers 42-33.

"Every game this year the other team has played more aggressive and a lot harder, and we weren't that," Baker said.

The Lancers will stay in Yankton the rest of the week and will host Dakota State on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

"We've got to get better, and it starts with me," Baker said. "I'll always own it. "It's frustrating, but we'll keep working."

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CONCORDIA (3-2, 1-0 GPAC)
Robby Thomas 5-8 2-2 14; Micah Kohlway 2-6 1-2 6; Joel Haywood 6-9 2-2 16; Rudy Knight 4-8 0-0 11; Chandler Folkerts 5-12 1-1 11; Kevin White 0-2 2-4 2; Eli Ziegler 4-6 0-1 10; Aaron Walker 0-2 0-0 0; Reilly Carew 1-2 2-4; Stephen Llewellyn 0-0 0-0 0; Scott Johnson 0-0 0-0 0; Alex Wakefield 0-0 2-2 2; Justin Damme 1-4 2-2 4; Nathan Toerjes 2-4 4-8 8. TOTALS 30-63 19-24 86.

MOUNT MARTY (0-5, 0-2 GPAC)
Blake Bartscher 1-5 0-0 3; Jackson Seitzinger 1-6 0-0 2; Bud Smith 10-17 9-16 30; Alex Irvine 2-6 2-3 6; Taylor Millay 4-9 2-2 10; Lorenzo Davis 1-1 1-2 3; Seamus O'Malley 1-4 1-2 4; Jake Anderson 0-1 0-0 0; K.J. DeCristino 2-6 0-0 4; Patrick Ciganovic 3-5 0-0 8; Grant Flick 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 25-60 15-25 70.

Halftime: CU 45, MMC 36. Three-Pointers: CU 10-19 (Knight 3-4, Thomas 2-2, Haywood 2-4, Ziegler 4-4, Kohlway 1-3, Walker 0-1, Carew 0-1), MMC 5-14 (Ciganovic 2-2, Bartscher 1-2, O'Malley 1-2, Smith 1-3, Seitzinger 0-1, Anderson 0-1, DeCristino 0-3). Total Rebounds: CU 42 (Folkerts 10), MMC 33 (Smith 7). Assists: CU 13 (3 with 2), MMC 13 (Smith 5). Turnovers: MMC 15, CU 14. Personal Fouls: MMC 24, CU 21. Attendance: 491.

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his size, is the toughest kid I've seen all year." The Tigers have also hung their hat on defense, allowing 12 points in three playoff games.

"Warner had scored a lot of points coming in. Alcester-Hudson was scoring points,"

Ruml said. The Tigers shut out Warner and allowed six points to Alcester-Hudson. "People were saying neither one of those teams could be contained. Our defense took that as a challenge."

Kaleb Haas has 93 tackles, Bailey Neises 85 tackles and Jordan Kuhle 80 tackles for the Howard defense. Haas also has a team-best five interceptions. Thad Henkel had five fumble recoveries and three sacks up front. Tanner

Henkel has a team-best four sacks. The Warbirds also have keyed on defense, holding Philip to six points on the road in the semifinals.

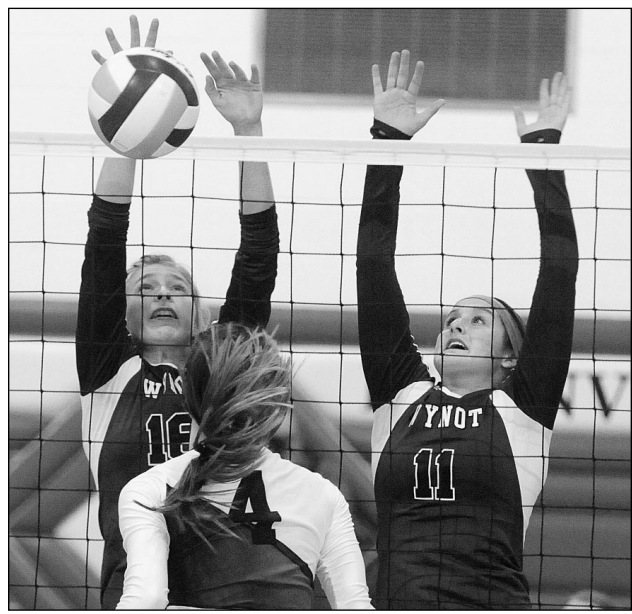
"Up front our line keeps teams inside," Hooks said. "Cole McGehee clogs the 'A' and 'B' gap, and does a great job on defense."

Williams has a team-best 134 tackles, including 18 for loss. Sophomore Dylan Hines has a team-best 16 sacks, as

well as 13 tackles for loss. McGehee has 114 tackles, including 18 for loss.

Both coaches noted that limiting mistakes will be key. "Last time we were in the Dome (in 2012), we played an awful first half," Ruml said. "We can't afford to do that in this game."

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The Wynot defense of Courtney Arkfeld, left, and Carissa Kuchta team up for a block of Stuart's Harlee Fischer during their District D2-2 final. Wynot begins play in the Nebraska State Class D2 Volleyball Tournament today (Thursday) in Lincoln.

Wynot

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"It's amazing just the way they speak and talk, and how much they've grown in a couple months," coach Wieseler said of the sophomores, especially. "It's really tough for freshmen to come out of junior high, for them to understand what you're even talking about."

The six seniors — also including Hannah Lauer, Lacey Heimes, Allissa Kuchta and Marissa Schram — have handled a lot of responsibility, as well, their coach said.

"We rely on them a lot to speak to the girls," coach Wieseler said. "If you have any kind of issues on the

team (which we never do), and they really respond well to that."

Wynot will open the state tournament with third-seeded Exeter-Milligan (24-7), which won a state title in 2012. The Timberwolves are led by a pair of seniors who both boast over 200 kills, with Amber Pribyl (252) and Madison Horne (234).

Exeter-Milligan reminds coach Wieseler a lot of her own team, she said.

"It kind of makes me feel like I'm looking in a mirror a little bit," she said. "They're peaking at the right time, and they've got some strong middle attacking."

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Stibral

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of Intent is signed and sent away.

"It's definitely a relief," he said. "When people ask what

I'm doing after high school, I can just tell them it's all set. "I don't have to worry about all that other stuff."

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"He had almost 200 yards against Kimball-White Lake." Allmendinger knows the Gorillas will have their hands full with the talented Blackhawk offense.

"They are a really good team with some good skill players," he said. "Messmer and Kingsbury are both capable of big plays and they may have more speed than us. It should be a really good game."

second option in the run game, going for 858 yards and 11 scores. Mason Juracek leads the receiving corps with 13 catches for 405 yards and six scores, including a school-record 81-yard score earlier this season. Vomacka (217 yards, 4 TD) and Gavin Thomas (332 yards) each have nine catches, but Thomas has found the end-zone a school record-tying seven times.

"We try to have a passing game, but there might be nights where we don't need to," Allmendinger said of the offense. "But our quarterback throws a nice ball, and our receivers are tall and athletic. When we want to have it, it is available to us."

While Gregory expects to be tested by the Blackhawk offense, Kolousek and the Blackhawks expect to have their hands full with the Gregory attack, a squad that has scored a school-record 563 points already this season.

"They are someone similar to us in that they have a lot of athletes and a lot of different options," Kolousek said. "It all starts with the (Kurt) Braun kid, but we are not able to key on one of them."

"We know we are not going to be able to shut them down completely."

Braun already holds Gorilla career records for all-purpose yards (5,430) and touchdown passes (39). For the 2014 season, he has rushed for 1,142 yards and 17 scores, and passed for 1,253 yards and 22 scores.

Jonah Beck gives a solid

Leading the Blackhawk defense are Messmer (87 tackles), Garrett Larson (85 tackles, 9 sacks) and Bechen (81 tackles). Brady Teide (54 tackles) has four sacks. Joe Davis (13 tackles) has four of the team's 10 interceptions.

While both teams have high-profile skill players, Kolousek believes the game will come down to the guys in the trenches.

"It's going to come down to the line of scrimmage," he said. "They have an excellent line, and we feel we have an outstanding line. It will be a really good matchup all game."

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Hagedorn

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Hagedorn will join a program in 2015-16 that will be in year two under head coach Craig Smith, who came to USD after two seasons at Nebraska. USD will also open its new 6,000-seat basketball arena in 2016-17, Hagedorn's second.

"Getting a new arena for basketball, it's state of the art," Hagedorn said. "Having a place like that I can work out in and play in, it's such a big bonus."

But it was more so the connection he developed with Smith that played a key role in his commitment, Hagedorn said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Norfolk standout Tyler Hagedorn, right of center, will attend the University of South Dakota and play basketball for the Coyotes. Hagedorn, coached by former Coyote Ben Ries, signed his national letter of intent on Wednesday.

"I liked him from the beginning," Hagedorn said.

"When I talk to him, he's a very energetic guy, and I have

my ears open all the time with him.

The number one thing he told me was, 'I can develop you,'" Hagedorn added. "That's what I'm putting my faith in."

The Coyotes, who open their 2014-15 season Friday at Utah Valley, see in Hagedorn a versatile threat, according to Smith.

"Tyler is a skilled player with excellent size and has a great feel for the game," he said Wednesday. "He is an excellent passer, a good rebounder and can score inside and out. He has the ability to play multiple positions."

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Kershaw, Kluber Win Cy Young Awards

draws Hastings St. Cecelia (29-4) at 7:30 p.m.

Semifinal matches in all classes will be played at Pinnacle Bank Arena, with the Class C2 semifinals on the north court at 1 and 3 p.m. The Class C2 championship will be played at 1 p.m. at the Devaney Sports Center, with the third place match at 3 p.m. at Lincoln East.

NEW YORK (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw was a unanimous choice for his third NL Cy Young Award, and Cleveland's Corey Kluber edged Seattle's Felix Hernandez to win the AL honor for the first time.

Kershaw led the majors in victories and ERA and threw a no-hitter, going 21-3 with a 1.77 ERA for the NL West champions.

Now, the big question: Is he the Most Valuable Player, too?

The 26-year-old lefty with a wicked curveball will find out Thursday if he's the first NL pitcher to sweep the MVP and Cy Young honors since Bob Gibson in 1968.

As expected, Kershaw earned the pitching prize for the second year in a row, getting all 30 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America announced Wednesday.

"Pretty cool," Kershaw said after the

MLB Network telecast.

Johnny Cueto of Cincinnati was second with 112 points, followed by Adam Wainwright of St. Louis (97) and World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner of San Francisco (28).

"As far as the regular season is concerned, it was a ton of fun," Kershaw said.

Voting was completed before the start of the postseason. Kershaw went 0-2 with a 7.82 ERA in a Division Series loss to St. Louis, leaving him at 1-5 with a 5.12 ERA in his postseason career.

Crofton

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"We played them this summer and beat them," Johnson said. "They have a good coach. I know they will be solid."

The Eagles are led by senior middle hitter Laura McInturf (5-11), who boasts 557 kills, 126 blocks and 194 digs. Cassandra Bose (Fr., 5-7, MH; 152 kills, 228 digs, 37 ace serves, 38 blocks), Shelsa Brooks (Sr., 5-8, OH; 137 kills, 197 digs, 31 ace serves, 22 blocks) and Savana Quinn (So., 5-4, S; 117 kills, 839 assists, 269 digs, 29 ace serves) anchor the Southern Valley squad.

Crofton and Southern Valley play at 1:30 p.m. at Lincoln Southwest. The winner of that game faces the winner between GACC (29-4) and Centura (22-8), a 3:30 p.m. start. On the other side of the bracket, Freeman (30-0) plays Sutton (27-5) at 5:30 p.m., and Elmwood-Murdock (25-5)

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