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#### Other Saturday Kansas City 64,

#### South Dakota St. 57 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Martez Harrison scored 25 points, 17 in the second half, and dished out six assists as Missouri-Kansas City slipped by South Dakota State 64-57

on Saturday. UMKC (4-2) trailed most of the first half but grabbed the lead in the second and held on to give the Jackrabbits (6-1) their first loss this season.

UMKC was trailing 32-31 at the break but Harrison nailed consecutive treys to start the second half to take a 37-32 lead and the Kangaroos never trailed again.

South Dakota State's Jake Bittle, who finished with 10 points, made four-straight free throws and Deondre Parks sliced in for a layup to tie at 57 with 1:02 remaining. Harrison made seven free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

George Marshall led the Jackrabbits with 14 points. Bittle had seven rebounds

and five assists. UMKC 64, S. DAKOTA ST. 57 S. DAKOTA ST. (6-1) Teilinghuisen 3.8 0-0.8, Theisen 1-2 2-2 4, Parks 3-12 2-29, Bitle 2-75-61 0, Marshall 5-12 1-2 14, King 0-1 0-0 0, Moffitt 2-2 0-0 4, Daum 2-4 4-8 8, Severyn 0-1 0-0 0, Devine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-49 14-20 57. UMKC (4-2)

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0-0 2, Steward 2-5 2-2 7, Smith 1-2 0-1 2, Newbill 0-0 0-0 0, Leek 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 22-55 15-21 64. Haltime–S. Dakota St. 32-31. 3-Point Goals—S. Dakota St. 7-24 (Marshall 3-9, Tellinghuisen 2-5, Bittle 1-2, Parks 1-7, Severyn 0-1), UMKC 5-13 (Harrison 2-3, Austin 1-1, Steward 1-3, Boyd 1-4, Leek 0-1, King 0-1). Fouled Out–Marshall. Rebounds—S. Dakota St. 37 (Bittle, Tellinghuisen 7), UMKC 32 (Steward 5). As-sists—S. Dakota St. 11 (Bittle 5), UMKC 10 (Harrison 6). Total Fouls—S. Dakota St. 19, UMKC 20. A—911.

## No. 4 Iowa St. 84,

Illinois 73 NICEVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Georges Niang scored 23 points and helped lead a decisive run during the second half in Iowa State's victory over Illinois in the Emerald Coast Classic championship game.

Jaylon Tate's layup gave the Illini a 58-57 lead before Iowa State (5-0) went on an 18-4 run to take control. Niang scored six points, while Monte Norris (20 points, nine rebounds) and Abdel Nader (18 points) had four apiece.

Malcolm Hill led Illinois (3-4) with 20 points, and Kendrick Nunn added 19.

### Nebraska 82,

Tennessee 71 NEW YORK (AP) — Wait until Tai Webster feels well. The junior guard from New Zealand played both games of the Barclays Center Classic feeling under the weather with

some stomach issues. Still, he was able to score instead of an outside game and then obviously he's been an excellent defender for us, too. That's a staple of our program.'

It was the key to the big run that gave the Cornhuskers control of the game.

The Cornhuskers (5-2) used a 21-5 run spanning halftime to take command and their biggest lead was 60-38 with 12:29 to play. Nebraska used some stifling defense and control of the boards to take control, holding the Volunteers to 2-for-16 shooting during the big run. Andrew White III scored all

of his 15 points in the second half for Nebraska

Shavon Shields and Jake Hammond both had 11 points for Nebraska, whose only losses this season have been to ranked teams: then-No. 11 Villanova and No. 24 Cincinnati in the opening round of this tournament.

Kevin Punter led the Volunteers with 23 while Robert Hubbs III had 13 and Admiral Schofield added 12

#### Denver 69,

#### South Alabama 56

DENVER (AP) — Bryant Rucker shot 6 for 6 from the field for 16 points and had a career-high eight assists while Marcus Byrd added 16 points and five rebounds to lead Denver over South Alabama 69-56 on Saturday.

Rucker scored 13 of the Pioneers' first 25 points as Denver (5-1) built a 10-point lead. A 9-5 Denver run wrapped up the half for a 34-20 lead at the break.

Rucker's final points of the game came on a 3 giving the Pioneers a 49-29 lead with 10:27 left.

The Pioneers have now hit a 3-pointer in 291 straight games. Denver's five-game winning streak is the longest since the Pioneers won 10 straight during the 2012-13 season.

Ken Williams led the Jaguars with 12 points and Shaq Calhoun added 11. South Alabama (2-4) shot 18 for 46 from the field; 4 for 17 from 3-point range.

#### Creighton 97, Western Illinois 67

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - Khyri Thomas scored 18 points - 14 after halftime — as Creighton sent Western Illinois crashing from the ranks of the unbeaten, 97-67 on Saturday night.

Geoffrey Groselle added 17 points on 6-for-9 shooting with nine rebounds and three blocked shots for the Blue Jays (5-1). Groselle was largely unchallenged underneath, adding a two-handed dunk after halftime, and a one-handed put-back dunk in the first half. Creighton outrebounded Western Illinois 47-29 and shot 51 percent from the floor (35 of 69).

The Leathernecks (5-1) had come into the game tied for the I (5-0, 1986-87). But Creighton was red-hot, leading 44-31 by halftime and opening the second half on a 14-7 run. Creighton led by as many as 32 points, 95-63.

#### Northern Iowa 97, North Dakota 51

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) Paul Jesperson scored 18 points and Northern Iowa trounced North Dakota 97-51

on Saturday. Jesperson was 5 of 7 from the floor with four 3-pointers and grabbed six rebounds. Klint Carlson added 15 points.

The first half was a tale of two extremes: Northern Iowa (4-1) came out fast and shot 70 percent (21 of 30) before intermission, including 9 of 13 from beyond the arc, to score 54 points heading into the break. Jesperson led the way with 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting from 3. The Panthers finished with 12 3-pointers on 19 attempts (63 percent).

On the other hand, North Dakota (2-4) was ice cold, accounting for just 20 points in the first half. The Fighting Hawks were 7 of 29 from the floor (24 percent) and just 2 of 10 on 3-point attempts — and only three players made the scoresheet.

Quinton Hooker led North Dakota with 14 points.

#### North Dakota St. 77, N.C. A&T 56

FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Paul Miller scored a career-high 27 points and the Bison used a big second half to beat North Carolina A&T 77-56 on Saturday.

The Bison (4-1) trailed by one, 28-27, at halftime after making just 3 of 16 3-point-ers and shooting 38.5 percent overall. They shot 54 percent in the second half when Miller scored 17 points.

North Dakota State took its first lead at 33-30 on back-toback 3-pointers by Malik Clements and Miller early in the second half. The Bison went up 10 with 7:51 left and a 10-0 run gave them a 63-44 lead with 3:19 remaining. Miller was 8 of 15 from

the floor and made 8 of 9 free throws. A.J. Jacobson added 17 points and Dexter Werner 11 and Clements 10.

Bruce Beckford led the Aggies (0-7) with 19 points with Joshea Singleton scoring 18. The Bison had 16 turnovers, 10 in the second half.

#### IPFW 64, UNC-

#### Greensboro 58

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) Max Landis scored 14 points and made two free throws in the final minute as IPFW held on to beat UNC-Greensboro 64-58 in the Spartan Showcase on Saturday night.

Landis made two 3-pointers and was 6 of 7 from the line. John Konchar had 13 points and nine rebounds for IPFW (6-1), which has won since six straight since losing its opener to Valparaiso.

Kayel Locke had 13 points to lead UNC Greensboro (2-3). RJ White added 11 points with nine rebounds.

### Iowa, Michigan State Set For Big Ten Title Game

#### BY LUKE MEREDITH AP Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – Iowa took a lot of grief this season for not playing the top teams in the Big Ten East.

The Hawkeyes will get the best one Saturday — likely with a trip to the playoffs on the line. No. 4 Iowa (12-0, 8-0 Big

Ten) and No. 5 Michigan State (11-1, 7-1) will face off in Indianapolis in the biggest game these programs have ever played against each other.

up with a game to spare. The Spartans clinched the East with a 55-16 drubbing of Penn

State this weekend. "This was our first goal, to get to this game," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said Sunday in a teleconfer-

ence. Iowa finished its regular season unbeaten for the first time since 1922. Though the Hawkeyes didn't play the toughest of schedules, they beat the likes of Pitt, Wisconsin and Northwestern to put coach Kirk Ferentz in position for his fourth conference coach of the year award. Michigan State wasn't far

The Spartans only lost on the road at Nebraska 39-38 thanks in part to a questionable call at the end of the game.

Recent wins at Ohio State and against the Nittany Lions have made Michigan State a slight favorite.

Here are some of things to look for as Iowa and Michigan State renew acquaintances. THE COMMITTEE IS

WATCHING: The winner of Saturday's game is all but guaranteed a shot at the fourteam playoff, especially after Notre Dame lost to Stanford and dropped out of the running. If Clemson or Alabama lose this weekend, the Big Ten's hold on a playoff spot will only tighten. "I just can't imagine whoever wins this ball game not being in the playoffs," Ferentz said. "But

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# **Peterson Runs For 2 TDs;** Vikings Beat Falcons 20-10

#### **BY PAUL NEWBERRY** AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Adrian Peterson was still miffed about his performance the previous week. He took it out on the

Atlanta Falcons.

Bouncing back from a tough loss to Green Bay, Peterson ran for 158 yards and a pair of touchdowns and the Minnesota Vikings beat the slumping Falcons 20-10 on Sunday.

Minnesota (8-3) jumped ahead on Peterson's 1-yard run in the opening quarter, and clinched it when he got loose on a 35-yard scamper down the sideline with 4:15 remaining in the game.

"We took it personal, the loss last week," Peterson said.

In the 30-13 setback to the Packers, he was held to 45 yards — his lowest output since Week 1. He also had a crucial fumble in the fourth quarter that thwarted any hopes of a comeback.

"It was an opportunity for us to get into the end zone, and I ruined it," Peterson recalled. "Coming in here, just being conscious of holding the ball tight, and taking advantage of any opportunities they present me with.'

Against the Falcons (6-5), who came in with the league's top-ranked defense against the run, Peterson ripped off his sixth 100-yard game of the season. He also moved to 18th on the NFL career rushing list with 11,354 yards, passing O.J. Simpson (11,236), Corey Dillon (11,241) and John Riggins

(11, 352)."I just come in and try to

Falcons quarterback threw

Atlanta has lost five of

its past six games, including

of becoming one of the few

5-0 and miss the playoffs.

teams in NFL history to start

said. "I've got to know when

to throw the ball away, cut

replace the majority of their

offensive line and much

game-high 14 tackles.

terback Brady Gustafson,

who completed 24 of 39

of their defense, including

senior linebacker T.J. Lally,

who finished Saturday with a

passes for 295 yards. Nguyen

ran for 107 yards on 18 car-

ries and Ben Roberts led all

Grizzly receivers with eight

Now Montana turns its

(and four-time defending FCS

State Bison, who the Grizzlies

defeated 38-35 in the season

attention to the No. 3-seed

champion) North Dakota

opener for both teams in

Missoula.

catches for 133 yards.

Montana was led by quar-

Jacks

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It starts with me," Ryan

four straight, and is in danger

two more interceptions -

pick in the end zone.

my losses, and take the field goal."

Teddy Bridgewater completed 20 of 28 for 174 yards, though the Minnesota quarterback did throw an interception in the end zone to take potential points off the board. It didn't hurt. The Vikings' defense kept Atlanta out of the end zone until Ryan's 1-yard touchdown pass to Nick Williams with

Minnesota really clamped

The Vikings reclaimed a one-game lead over Green Bay in the NFC North, taking advantage of the Packers'

You want to be aggressive," Ryan said. "But there's a time and place for that. That was not the place."

There was plenty of blame to go around.

Coleman, starting for injured running back Devonta Coleman, broke off the longest run of his career in the first quarter. But the 46-yard scamper was wasted when the rookie failed to keep a firm grip on the ball, allowing linebacker Anthony Barr to come up from behind and punch it away. Antone Exum fell on the loose ball at the Minnesota 21, giving Coleman his third lost fumble of the season.

On Atlanta's last gasp in the fourth quarter, Coleman dropped a deep pass down

behind. The Hawkeyes sealed their spot in the title match-

CARLOS GONZALEZ/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/TNS Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) celebrates after scoring a touchdown in the first quarter against the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The Vikings won 20-10.

1:28 remaining.

down on Atlanta star Julio Jones, held to 56 yards on five catches.

loss to Chicago on Thanksgiv-

points in the two games. including 18 on Saturday in the tournament's third-place game, an 82-71 Nebraska victory over Tennessee.

Nebraska coach Tim Miles was really impressed by Webster's effort against the Volunteers.

He was really strong to the rim. I think the last two days was as strong as I've seen him play at the rim," Miles said. He's using an inside game

## Women

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6-6 from three-point range to score a game-high 28 points for DWU (6-1). Kelsey Bertram had a doubledouble, posting 11 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. Also for DWU, Erica Herrold (Parkston) scored nine points and Angie Lee (Viborg)

James Milliken scored 12 points — all in the first half for Creighton.

Western Illinois was led by Garret Covington's 14 points and 13 from Jalen Chapman.

scored four points. Samantha Weston had 12 points and seven rebounds for OLC.

#### Connecticut 88. Nebraska 46

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Breanna Stewart had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead top-ranked UConn to its 40th consecutive victory, 88-46 over Nebraska on

The Mastodons used an 11-4 run to build their largest lead. 46-33 with 11:50 remaining. Michael Calder made two 3-pointers, Landis added another and Konchar made two free throws during the stretch.

Diante Baldwin scored his nine points during a 14-6 surge to pull the Spartans to 59-56 with 52 seconds left. Landis made two free throws, and Konchar scored three points to seal it.

Saturday.

Stewart hit her first nine shots and finished 10 of 11 from the floor, with three 3-pointers.

Katie Lou Samuelson had 14 points. Fellow freshman Napheesa Collier added 10 points, making all five of her shots for the three-time defending national champion Huskies (3-0).

Rachel Theriot had 12 points and six assists for Nebraska (4-1).

## Gazelles

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that are varsity athletes in multiple sports," he said. "The thing you can't impress on kids enough is that if you want to be a competitor, you have to go out and learn how to go compete. They've all been out in other activities, been competing at the varsity level. They walk in here knowing what it takes to be a varsity competitor.'

With all the returning experience, the Gazelles are able to pick up where they left off, Diede said.

We are starting out with a higher skill level than we had last year," she said. "We need to work to perfect every-thing. We have the skills."

Freshmen Alexus Brandt, Samantha Kortan, Alexa Griffith, Madison Schaefer and Miranda Schulte, and eighth graders Hailey Gokie, Mackenzie Havranek and Trinity Goeman are also on the Gazelle roster.

"We're going to be really

competitive at the varsity level, but we're expecting to have a really competitive JV team this year, too. We don't want to make everything about five girls," Youmans said. "We want to make it about a team, which means we want to be really competitive at the varsity level, but we want to go to meets and have a JV team that's competitive with a lot of varsity teams in the state.

"That's the beauty of our situation here. We are as competitive as we've ever been at every position and every level in our gym."

That depth and experience will be tested tonight (Monday) against defending Class AA champion Mitchell, part of a triangular with the Kernels and Parkston-Ethan-Hanson at the Summit Center. Start time is set for 5:30 p.m.

The Gazelles look forward to that challenge, Youmans said.

"I don't think there is any other way to start the season other than seeing the best. We've had years past where it's kinda, the moan and groan of, 'Oh, we gotta

go against Mitchell right off the bat.' This year it's a little different," he said. "Our mindset is, 'We want to see them right away. We want to find out how competitive we can be with the best team.' We're going to find out right away on Monday night how good we are, and how competitive we're going to be with, what we believe, is the best team in the state.

For the Gazelles to get to their goals, shying away from tough competition cannot be on the agenda.

This is the year that we compete with every program in the state, where we don't say 'Mitchell's too good for us. Rapid City Stevens, they're too good for us.,'" Youmans said. "We go in with the expectations that there isn't a team in the state that we can't be competitive with. That we can't be close to them, no matter what level ESD, state – we feel that we are as good, as competitive as any team in the state."

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Ryan squandered one scoring chance in the second helping my team win," Peterquarter when a deep throw son said. "I'll be able to look down the middle was picked at those things after the fact. off by Captain Munnerlyn. For Matt Ryan, it was an-The second interception was other disappointing day. The really costly, coming after Tevin Coleman's 1-yard scoring run, which would've given he's got five in the past two the Falcons a 10-7 lead in the games — and heard perhaps third quarter, was wiped out the loudest boos of his career by a clipping penalty on tight from the home crowd after a end Tony Moeaki.

With the Falcons facing third-and-goal from the 14, Ryan scrambled to his left and tried to force a pass to Jacob Tamme in the end zone. Terence Newman grabbed it instead, giving Minnesota a huge stop.

'You want to make plays.

For Stitt, Saturday's win was big, but he's already looking to next week's rematch in Fargo. When asked what it felt like to have his playoff record at 1-0, he said: "That sounds real good. It'll sound a lot better when it's

2-0.'QUICK HITS: Montana leads the all-time series against the Jacks 8-0. The series dates to 1969 ... SDSU is now 3-5 in FCS playoff games ... T.J. Lalley ended his SDSU career with 415 tackles, good for second on the Jackrabbit career chart. He also started his school-record 53rd consecutive game on Saturday.

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Mont-Ja.Jones 4 pass from Gustafson (Sullivar kick), 1:34

Second Quarter Mont-Henderson 26 pass from Gustafson (Sullivan kick), 10:42. Mont-FG Sullivan 25, 3:00.

the right sideline. Then, on fourth-and-1 at midfield, Ryan was hammered by Barr before he could even get off a quick pass, the linebacker blowing right by lineman Andy Levitre. Notes: Coleman had the

first 100-yard game of his career, finishing with 110 yards on 18 carries. ... Next up for Peterson on the career rushing list: Steven Jackson at No. 17 with 11,388 yards. ... Shayne Graham made a 31yard field goal in his Atlanta debut. He was filling in for regular kicker Matt Bryant, out with a quadriceps injury. ... Jones had a streak of three straight 100-yard receiving games.

Mont—Je.Calhoun 2 run (Sullivan kick), :43. Third Quarter SDSt—FG Carlson 34, 10:02. SDSt—Christion 1 run (Carlson kick), 3:49. SDSt-Goedert 30 pass from Christion (Carlson kick), 4:44. Fourth Quarter

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First downs	21	18
Rushes-yards	41-117	34-139
Passing	230	295
Comp-Att-Int	18-43-0	24-39-0
Return Yards	14	9
Punts-Avg.	9-35.1	9-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-40	12-129
Time of Possession	35:04	24:56
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		

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230. Montana, Gustafson 24-39-0-295. RECEIVING—S. Dakota State, J.Wieneke 6-128, Jones 3-21, Goedert 2-43, Mengarelli 2-13, Wesley 1-11, Raymond 1-6, Andrews 1-4, Paris 1-4, Wallace 1-0, Montana, Roberts 8-133, Horner 6-80, Henderson 4-52, Ja.Jones 4-25, Nguyen 2-5.

