

Women's Basketball Report January 13, 2007

North Dakota 81, South Dakota 79 (OT)

Vermillion, S.D. -- Kierah Kimbrough hit a short jumper with one second to play to lift North Dakota to a 81-79 overtime win over South Dakota before 2,467 at the DakotaDome.

In this classic, South Dakota rallied several times against UND but ran out of time in the end. UND, which extended its winning streak to 15 games, received a short jumper by Kierah Kimbrough with one second left to gain the advantage as the clock ran out on USD. South Dakota's Shannon Daly, who had 16 points, three rebounds and steal, hit a step-back three-point jump shot with five seconds to play in regulation to tie the game at 69-69 and force overtime. In the overtime, USD's Jeana Hoffman hit a three-point basket with 26 seconds left to tie the game at 79-79. Kimbrough had a game-high 26 points and 11 rebounds.

Hoffman led the Coyotes with 20 points and added two assists and two steals in 41 minutes of action. Hoffman made 8-of-12 shots, including 3-of-5 from three point range. Bridget Yoerger had 17 points, five assists and four rebounds. Also reaching double digits in scoring was reserve Natalie Carda, who had 16 points, four rebounds and a steal in 17 minutes of play.

USD hit 28-of-60 field goals for 46.7 percent, including 9-of-25 three-point field goals for 36 percent. USD made 14-of-21 free throws for 66.7 percent.

Aside from Kimbrough, Kayla Bagaason had 11 points and Ashley Langen added 14. North Dakota made 31-of-72 field goals for 43.1 percent, including 3-of-13 from three-point range. UND was 16-of-24 from the free throw line.

Minnesota Duluth 60, Nebraska-Omaha 59

Omaha, Neb. -- Karen Thies scored 17 points — all in the second half — as UNO made a furious rally against Minnesota Duluth, but the Mavericks fell a point short as the Bulldogs took a 60-59 winat Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Mavericks had a dreadful first half, shooting only 26 percent from the field, including a dismal 1-for-11 from 3-point range. The team failed to score in the last eight and a half minutes, resulting in a 21-17 lead to turn into a 30-21 halftime deficit.

The lead remained at 11 points with 14:10 remaining in the game when Thies took command. She picked off passes on consecutive Bulldogs possessions, converting each into a breakaway layups. That sparked a 15-4 run that brought the teams even at 44-44 with 6:50 to play.

Katie Winkelman, who led all scorers with 21 points, hit a layup to give Minnesota-Duluth the lead momentarily, as a 3-pointer by Thies gave the Mavs a one-point lead.

The score remained tight down the stretch, the largest lead in the final minutes being a four-point Bulldog advantage after Winkelman converted a 3-point play. Two baskets from Ashley Freerksen, including a 3-pointer, gave the Mavs a one-point lead, 59-58, with less than 30 seconds to play.

Kim Wagers was fouled on a shot attempt with 6.9 seconds to play and knocked down both free shots for the decisive score. **Augustana 79, St. Cloud State 70** Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Augustana extended its school-record winning streak to 19 games, beating St. Cloud State, 79-70, at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The Vikings and Huskies traded baskets for the first 10 minutes of the half and were tied at 14 before St. Cloud State went on a 12-5 scoring run to take the lead, 26-19. After receiving her second personal foul with six minutes left in the half, St. Cloud's Erika Quigley was taken out of the game. Augie countered by outscoring St. Cloud State 12-1 in her absence, and end the half up 33-30.

The Vikings continued to lead the game for the majority of the half, until SCSU tied the game at 51 with 9 minutes left to play. After a jumper by Augie's Jamy Eckstaine, Kayla Rengel of St. Cloud State converted on the old-fashioned 3-point play, and the Huskies took the lead 54-53 at the seven-minute mark. Augie took off from there, outscoring St. Cloud 13-to-1 in the next five minutes to go up 66-55 with just under two minutes left in the game.

Augie continued to run down the clock as St. Cloud State began to foul. The Huskies cut the lead to eight thanks to a pair of 3pointers with under a minute left, but the Vikings made six free throws in the final minute to secure the victory.

It was a record night for the Vikings as Alison Adamson netted a season-high 24 points, pulled down a career-high eight rebounds, and recorded four steals and four assists. Ashley Holiday recorded her third double-double of the year with a season-high 21 points and 11 rebounds. She also had 5 blocks, and has now passed the 200 mark in career blocked shots (201). Whitney Hofer added 10 points, nine rebounds, and five assists while Amy Puthoff contributed 13 points and 7 rebounds.

Quigley recorded a double-double with 21 points and 19 rebounds, while Rengel added 14 points and 3 steals.

Standings	NCC	Over.
Augustana	4-0	19-2
North Dakota	3-0	20-1
Minnesota Duluth	2-2	11-6
Minnesota State	1-2	12-4
St. Cloud State	1-3	12-6
South Dakota	0-2	13-3
Nebraska-Omaha	0-2	11-4