



# News Release

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## North Central Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player

**Kierah Kimbrough**  
**North Dakota**

## North Central Conference Women's Basketball Standings

*Standings Through Sunday, March 4*

	NCC Games				All Games				Streak
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	
North Dakota	10	2	918	794	29	3	2556	2043	W6
Augustana	9	3	839	789	25	6	2348	1809	L1
South Dakota	6	6	830	784	22	8	2196	1816	L1
Minnesota Duluth	5	7	755	775	15	14	1867	1820	L1
St. Cloud State	5	7	826	884	17	11	2113	1943	L3
Minnesota State	4	8	819	886	16	12	2004	1869	L1
Nebraska-Omaha	3	9	827	902	16	12	2131	1845	L1

**USA Today/WBCA Ranked Teams (Feb. 27)** - No. 3 North Dakota; No. 12. Augustana; No. 22 South Dakota

### Last Week's Results

#### North Central Conference Tournament Wednesday, February 28

#5 St. Cloud St. at #4 Minnesota Duluth, 6 p.m.  
 #6 Minnesota St. at #3 South Dakota, 7 p.m.  
 #7 Nebraska-Omaha at #2 Augustana, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 3

South Dakota 73, Nebraska-Omaha 58  
 North Dakota 74, Minnesota Duluth 54

#### Sunday, March 4, Grand Forks, N.D.

Championship Game  
 North Dakota 72, South Dakota 49

### This Week's Schedule

#### NCAA North Central Region Grand Forks, N.D.

#### Friday, March 9

#1 North Dakota vs. #8 Minn. St., Moorhead  
 #2 Augustana vs. #7 Nebraska-Kearney  
 #3 South Dakota vs. #6 Concordia-St. Paul  
 #4 Regis vs. #5 Metro State

#### Saturday, March 10

UND/MSUM winner vs. RU/MSU winner  
 AC/UNK winner vs. USD/CSP winner

#### Monday, March 12

Championship Game

**NCC Gets Top Three Seeds in NCAA Tournament** - NCC teams received the top three seeds to the North Central Region of the NCAA Division II Basketball Championships it was announced Sunday by the NCAA. North Dakota will host the tournament.

North Dakota is the #1 seed, Augustana is the #2 seed and South Dakota is the #3 seed. The NCC teams are joined by #4 Regis, #5 Metro State and #7 Nebraska-Kearney from Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and #6 Concordia-St. Paul and #8 Minnesota State Moorhead from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Regional winners will advance to the Elite Eight March 21, 22 and 24 in Kearney, Nebraska. The North Central region champ will play the South Region champ in the national quarterfinal game.

## This Week's Double-Doubles

Name	Date	Stats
Katie Winkelman (UMD)	3/3	30 pts., 12 reb.
Ashley Langen (UND)	3/4	15 pts., 13 reb.

## Double-Double Honor Roll (Double digits in points, rebound or assists)

Total To Date .....		83
Name	Team	Num.
Erika Quigley	SCSU	18
Kierah Kimbrough	UND	15
Ashley Langen	UND	11
Katie Winkelman	UMD	6
Bridget Yoerger	USD	4
Jackie Carlson	SCSU	4
AshleyHoliday	AC	4
Alex Andrews	MSU	3
Andrea Walsh	AC	2
Karen Thies	UNO	2
Kayla Rengel	SCSU	2
Carissa Jahner	UND	2
Kelsey Maffin	UND	1
Ashley Robinette	USD	1
Val Sannes	UND	1
Jeana Hoffman	USD	1
Alissa Pauly	UMD	1
Kim Wagers	UMD	1
Whitney Hofer	AC	1
Jacquie Hartman	UMD	1
Jenna Hoffman	USD	1
Liz Trauger	MSU	1

## NCC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

Pl	School (First-place votes) .....	Total
1.	North Dakota (5) .....	47
2.	St. Cloud State (2) .....	43
3.	Augustana .....	29
4.	South Dakota .....	24
5.	Minnesota Duluth .....	23
6.	Nebraska-Omaha .....	19
7.	Minnesota State .....	13

**North Dakota Wins NCC Postseason Tourney** - North Dakota continued with its postseason mastery as the Sioux took home their seventh consecutive NCC Postseason Tournament title Sunday. Here is a recap of the game:

There was no stopping North Dakota at Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. The Fighting Sioux played a nearly flawless game en route to a 72-49 victory over South Dakota in the NCC Postseason Championship. It's their seventh straight NCC tournament championship.

South Dakota, which spent much of the last few day on the road because of the weather, looked a little road weary. The biggest indicator was in the paint, where South Dakota had problems controlling UND. The Sioux outscored the Coyotes 22-10 in the paint and outrebounded them 52-34. UND's post players combined for 39 points.

UND's defense was also on top of its game. The Sioux held South Dakota to a 7-of-32 (21.9 percent) in the second half. South Dakota's 49 points matches the mark for the fewest points against the Sioux this season.

After a close first 12 minutes, the Sioux pulled away at the end of the first half, much like they did the previous night against Minnesota Duluth.

UND held onto a 18-17 point lead at the 8:52, after USD's Ashley Bjorkman drilled a three-pointer. Kierah Kimbrough answered with a lay-up in the paint. Then Carissa Jahner had a steal and Kimbrough hit a jumper after grabbing an offensive rebound. On UND's next possession, Kayla Bagaason scored three of her nine points and the Sioux led by 25-17 with 7:27 remaining. It was all UND from there.

Kimbrough, who was one rebound shy of a double double with 20 points and nine rebounds, was named the tournament's most valuable player. Ashley Langen ended with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

South Dakota was led by Bjorkman's 15 points. Shannon Daly contributed 12 points.