



Basketball Report

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WOMEN

Augustana 75, South Dakota 63

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Alison Adamson scored 18 of her career-high 26 points in the first half and Ashley Holiday notched her fourth double-double of the season to lift Augustana to a 75-63 over South Dakota at the Sioux Falls Arena.

Adamson sparked the Vikings in the first half as she netted 18 points on 8 of 12 shooting. She also grabbed 6 of her career-best 8 rebounds in the first half.

Adamson's hot start helped the Vikings grab the early momentum. With Augie trailing 15-8, Adamson ignited a 19-2 run that saw the Vikings take a 27-17 lead with 6:09 left in the half. Adamson scored 10 of those points.

After South Dakota managed to pull within 8 points at 32-24, Adamson scored 5 points during a 7-0 run that helped push the lead to 39-24 with 1:31 left in the period.

South Dakota made a run in the second half. Trailing 50-34, the Coyotes went on an 18-4 run to narrow the gap to 54-52 with 9:38 to play in the game. Following an Augustana basket, USD tied the score at 56-56 with just over 8 minutes remaining.

Holiday then took over the game, scoring 9 of Augustana's next 13 points as the Vikings regained a double digit lead at 69-59 with 2 minutes left in the contest.

Augustana shot 44 percent (26 of 59) from the field, compared to 33 percent (21 of 63) for USD. Augustana also dominated the glass, outrebounding the Coyotes by a 48-29 margin. The Vikings managed to haul in 16 offensive boards.

While Adamson finished with 26 points and 8 rebounds, several other Vikings had strong outings. Holiday had 17 points, 13 in the second half, and 11 rebounds, while Whitney Hofer set a new career high with 11 rebounds. Chelsea DeVille was the third Viking in double figures with 11 points.

Four Coyotes scored in double digits. Shannon Daly led the way with 15 points, while Ashley Robinette added 12. Jeana Hoffman and Natalie Carda scored 10 points apiece.

Standings	NCC	Over.
North Dakota	9-2	26-3
Augustana	9-3	24-5
St. Cloud State	5-6	17-9
South Dakota	5-6	19-7
Minnesota Duluth	4-6	13-12
Nebraska-Omaha	3-7	15-9
Minnesota State	3-8	14-11

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South Dakota 86, Augustana 71

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- South Dakota used an 8-0 run midway through the second half to pull away from Augustana and earn an 86-71 victory played in front of 4,847 spectators in the Sioux Falls Arena.

This is the 14th time in school history that USD has reached the 20-victory plateau. Notable of those 14-victory campaigns is that 13 have come under the direction of head coach Dave Boots.

USD's Dylan Grimsley set a season-high with 29 points on 12-of-19 shooting, and recorded his second straight double-double with 10 rebounds, both of which were game highs.

Eric Hall added 22 points, helped by making 5-of-8 three-point attempts. Steve Smith added 19 points on 8-of-14 shooting for the Coyotes.

Dustin Little was the fourth USD player to reach double-digits in scoring by recording 11 points, all 11 of which came in the second half. Little also had eight rebounds and dished out a season-high six assists.

Augustana was lead in scoring by Nick Olson's 13 points. Matt Paulson added 12 points, while Ian Thomas came off the bench to contribute 11 points.

USD shot 54.8% from the field for the game, which was the second-highest percentage allowed by the Vikings this season. The Coyotes swatted away five Augustana shots on the night. South Dakota also enjoyed a 39-30 advantage in rebounding over the Vikings.

The first half was a wild, seesaw affair that featured 13 lead changes and two ties. Neither team held a lead of greater than six points, which Augustana accomplished with 11:23 remaining in the half with a 19-13. The Vikings closed out the first 20 minutes of play with a 10-2 run to take a 44-40 lead into halftime.

South Dakota opened the second half with a quick 8-1 run to regain the lead at 48-45 2:37 into play. Later on, with the Coyotes holding a 58-57 advantage, USD scored eight straight points to take its largest lead of the evening to that point, a nine-point differential at 66-57 with 9:12 left. From that point on, South Dakota was able to gradually pull away and eventually close out the book on the Vikings regular season.

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South Dakota	9-2	20-6
St. Cloud State	7-4	18-8
Minnesota Duluth	4-6	13-12
Nebraska-Omaha	3-7	12-13
North Dakota	3-8	11-15
Augustana	3-9	16-11