



Women's Basketball Report

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North Dakota 96, Nebraska-Omaha 67

Grand Forks, N.D. -- Kierah Kimbrough had a game-high 23-point, 10-rebound performance to lead North Dakota over Nebraska-Omaha, 96-67. However, the afternoon belonged to senior Carissa Jahner.

Jahner scored 16 points, becoming the 25th Sioux player in the program's history to surpass 1,000 career points. Jahner also hit two straight three-pointers that sealed UND's victory in front of 3,005 fans at Betty Engelstad Sioux Center.

Despite first impressions of the final score, the game was as close as one point in the second half.

Nebraska-Omaha trailed 51-38 with 16:23 remaining in regulation. However, after a steal by Omaha's Lacey Geitzenauer, Ashley Nelson drained a three-pointer to pull the Mavericks within 10. That three-pointer started a 14-2 run, capped by a Geitzenauer lay-up that pulled the Mavericks within 53-52 with 11:14 remaining in the game.

The Sioux had an answer. Kimbrough scored the next six points for UND, as the Sioux held onto a 58-52 lead at the 10:13 mark. On Omaha's next possession, Alyssa Green made a lay-up to pull the Mavericks within five points.

However, Jahner drilled a three-pointer 16 seconds later. Then on UND's next possession, Jahner hit another three-pointer for a 65-54 lead and the Sioux rolled from there. Those two Jahner three-pointers sparked a 19-3 run that lasted nearly five minutes.

The game marked the fourth straight double double for Kimbrough. Kelsey Maffin added 10 points, while Jahner also had seven assists.

Karen Thies led Nebraska-Omaha with 16 points, while Green ended with 12.

Minnesota Duluth 66, St. Cloud State 61

St. Cloud, Minn. - It was a bittersweet moment for Erika Quigley as she broke St. Cloud State's points record, scoring 32 points in the Huskies loss to Minnesota Duluth, 66-61, Saturday at Halenbeck Hall.

With eight games left to increase her lead, she charted 32 points in the game, giving her a grand total of 2,363 points. Quigley tallied her 18th and 19th point at 18:17 in the second half of action to take the title. Earlier this season Quigley broke the record for rebounds, currently leading the bunch with 1256 rebounds in her career.

Shannon Francis came up big for the Huskies tallying 17 points, seven boards and four assists. Quigley charted her fourteenth double double of the season, grabbing 11 rebounds and blocking six shots.

Four Bulldogs came out with hot-hands, each charting figures in double-digits. Kim Wagers picked up a double-double with 12 points and 14 boards. Katy Freeman, Justing Axtell and Katie Winkelman rounded out their top scorers with 17, 13, and 11 points respectively. The trio combined for 23 rebounds.

Augustana 72, Minnesota State 67

Mankato, Minn. -- Minnesota State lost its third-straight contest falling to Augustana in Taylor Center, 72-67. The game marked the 50th time the two North Central Conference schools have ever faced-off.

The Mavericks started off slow, scoring only three points in the first five minutes while Augustana sunk 16. With 11:33 remaining, MSU trailed by 15 points, 23-8, but finished the half on a 28-14 run to trail by only one at halftime, 37-36.

After shooting an icy 36 percent (14-39) in the first compared to Augie's 56 percent (15-27) effort, the Mavericks came back to shoot 43 percent (12-28) in the second. A jumper by Alex Andrews gave MSU its first lead 1:50 into the second half, and the Mavericks went on to lead by as much as five points on two different occasions. But the Vikings — who came into the game riding a 19-game winning streak that dated back to Nov. 5, 2006 — used another solid 50 percent (13-26) effort from the field to secure their fifth league victory of the season.

MSU out-rebounded Augustana, 38-31, which included a 19-7 advantage in offensive rebounds. For the third-straight game, Andrews led MSU with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Tiffany Moe recorded 11 points and six rebounds.

The Vikings were led by Alison Adamson with 23 points (10-17), while teammate Ashley Holiday added 12 points and Amy Puthoff posted 10 points.

Standings	NCC	Over.
Augustana	5-0	20-2
North Dakota	4-0	21-1
Minnesota Duluth	3-2	12-7
South Dakota	1-2	14-3
Minnesota State	1-3	12-6
St. Cloud State	1-4	12-7
Nebraska-Omaha	0-4	11-6