



Women's Basketball Report

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South Dakota 62, Minnesota Duluth 52

Vermillion, S.D. -- In different ways, the sister combination of Jeana and Jenna Hoffman were determining factors in South Dakota's 62-52 win over Minnesota-Duluth before 1,859 in attendance at the DakotaDome.

Jeana Hoffman hit a three-point field goal with 1:28 to play in the game which provided USD with a five-point lead that the Coyotes extended to 10 points by the end of the game. Jeana finished with 10 points, four assists and a steal. Her sister, Jenna, had her first career double-double at USD with 13 points and 12 rebounds. The rebound total tied her career-best at USD.

The Coyotes ended a two-game NCC losing streak with the win while UMD dropped its fifth straight overall game. South Dakota has now gone 18-0 in games they have led (16-0) or were tied at halftime (2-0) this season. The two teams split their season series with UMD prevailing, 76-71, in an earlier game in Duluth, Minn. As a result of Augustana's 91-69 win over St. Cloud State on Saturday, USD moved ahead of the Huskies for third place in the league.

Natalie Carda had her second straight double-digit scoring game by tying Hoffman for a game-high 13 points. Carda hit 5-of-6 field goals, including her only three-point field goal attempt. USD also received a huge contribution from Ashley Bjorkman, who had nine points on 3-of-4 shooting from three-point range.

Overall, the Coyotes made 17-of-48 shots from the field for 35.4 percent, including 6-of-19 from three-point range for 31.6 percent. The Coyotes, the NCC's best free throw shooting team, held a significant advantage at the charity line converting 22-of-26 shots for 84.6 percent. Meanwhile, UMD made 5-of-6 free throws. The Bulldogs made 21-of-53 field goals for 39.6 percent, including 5-of-19 from three point range for 26.3 percent.

UMD was led in scoring by Katie Winkleman who had 14 points and 18 rebounds. Alissa Paully added 10 points for UMD.

Augustana 91, St. Cloud State 69

St. Cloud, Minn. - The St. Cloud State Huskies four-game winning streak was snapped by the Augustana, 91-69, in a game that was determined during the second half.

Augustana outshot the Huskies 57 to 36 percent in the second half, charting 53 points after intermission. The battle was back and forth in the first half, with SCSU leading the majority of the time, the score was tied at 38 going into halftime. The Vikings turned on the heat in the second half, as their full court press and tough defense shut the Huskies down.

The Huskies were led by Jackie Carlson with 22 points, a career-high 14 rebounds and five assists. Erika Quigley tallied 18 in the paint and charted seven boards. Kayla Rengel chipped in 12 and dished out five assists.

Allison Adamson charted a game leading 24 points for the Vikings, while tallying six assists. Ashley Holiday scored 19, Andrea Walsh scored 16 and Whitney Hofer scored 13, rounding out the players in double figures.

This was the first game in NCC play that the Huskies have lost by more than 20, and the first NCC game that they have allowed more than 90 points.

North Dakota 81, Nebraska-Omaha 66

Omaha, Neb. -- Nebraska-Omaha refused to fold against North Dakota on Senior Day, but another slow shooting night cost the Mavericks, as the Sioux took an 81-66 victory at Sapp Fieldhouse.

On a day dedicated to the seniors, it was sophomore guard Alyssa Green who led UNO with 18 points, adding three assists and three steals. But two seniors also had strong outings, as forward Lacey Geitzenauer scored 16, including a career-high four 3-pointers, and tying for the team lead with six rebounds. Karen Thies scored 15, adding four assists and two steals.

The Mavs got off to a quick start, taking an 8-2 lead out of the gate. But UNO would shoot only 30 percent in the half. The defense held North Dakota's offense in check, and a lucky roll on a last-second shot by Alys Shea gave the Sioux a relatively small 35-30 lead at the half.

UNO shot a much-improved 44.4 percent in the second half, but it would not be enough as UND would shoot 58 percent, coasting to the win.

Two Sioux players recorded double-doubles, led by Kierah Kimbrough with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Ashley Langen notched 15 points and 13 boards.

Standings	NCC	Over.
North Dakota	9-2	26-3
Augustana	8-3	23-5
South Dakota	5-5	19-6
St. Cloud State	5-6	17-9
Minnesota Duluth	4-6	13-12
Nebraska-Omaha	3-7	15-9
Minnesota State	3-8	14-11