

# FIRST-QUARTER OUTBURST GREASES SATURDAY RAIDER WOMEN'S WIN

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ORANGE CITY — A 23-13 start for the Northwestern College women on Saturday, Feb. 11, defensive hounding, a rebounding advantage and a love to run cued up a 78-58 win over visiting Mount Marty.

The Red Raiders, with the Great Plains Athletic Conference victory, boosted their record to 13-7 in the conference and to 18-8 overall. The Lancers faded to 4-16 in the loop and to 7-19 in their season.

Two regular-season GPAC contests remain for the Raiders. They hosted number-four and top GPAC team the Dordt Defenders in a Wednesday, Feb. 15, game and will travel to Hastings to face the Broncos on Saturday, Feb. 18. The Great Plains Athletic Conference quarterfinals then approach, the line-ups to be determined for those games on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

In the senior day event (Emilee Danner, Maddie Jones, Hannah Nerem and Taylor VanderVelde were honored prior to the game), after the teams traded opening baskets, the Raiders scored 10 straight for a lead they didn't give up. Molly Schany added four more after opening Raider scoring. Adding three each in that opening spurt were VanderVelde with a bucket-and-one and a Danner make from outside the arc.

"Great start for us on Senior Day," said Raider coach Kristin Rotert. "I thought our team came out with a lot of energy on both ends of the floor. We were able to get some shots in transition right away that helped create some offensive momentum. Our defense was very good to start the game, forcing MMC into tough shots."

Mount Marty responded with five straight to cut the Raider lead to three points, but the visitors didn't get any closer. From a 14-11 lead, Hali Anderson added two on a finish on a fast break. Maren Nerem drained a three-pointer. Anderson then put the Raiders up by 10 again with a drive to the basket.

At the break, the Raiders held the 23-13 advantage.

The double-digit lead remained through the next three quarters.

In the second period, the Raiders advanced to a 19-point lead, first on an 11-2 run, Jones contributing six of those points on a free throw after a basket and foul and a make outside the arc. The Raiders answered each Lancer basket with one of their own until the visitors whittled the lead to 38-25 with consecutive three-point strikes.

Three drives to the rim at the start of the third quarter, re-established a 19-point lead. The Lancers chipped away from that 44-25 disadvantage, getting to within 12 points near quarter's end, but the the Raiders advanced from that 53-41 lead via two free throws and a Danner trey to a 58-41 lead at the break.

The Raiders went basket-for-basket at the start of period four and, from a 65-49 lead, extended to a 23-point lead on a Danner

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Mount Marty	13	12	16	17	58
Northwestern	23	15	20	20	78

  

Athlete	Min	FG	3Pt	FT	Reb	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
Maddie Jones *	30	7-12	2-4	1-2	10	0	9	2	1	1	17
Molly Schany *	27	7-17	0-2	1-2	8	1	1	0	0	1	15
Emilee Danner *	26	5-8	2-5	2-4	4	1	8	1	2	0	14
Taylor VanderVelde *	30	2-7	1-3	4-5	6	1	2	3	0	1	9
Hannah Nerem *	27	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Maren Narem	13	3-4	1-2	0-0	3	3	0	1	0	0	7
Hali Anderson	13	3-7	0-2	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kylie Foss	14	1-2	1-2	0-0	3	2	1	0	0	2	3
Payton Beckman	10	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Grace Van Namen	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	0	2
Ellie Karolevitz	2	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lexie Van Kekerix	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashtyn Wobig	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	198	31-67	7-21	9-17	45	13	23	11	3	5	78

\* Starters

lay-up, a Kylie Foss trey and two VanderVelde free throws. With multiple reserves on the floor in the last couple minutes of play, the game ended with the 20-point NWC advantage.

Northwestern ended the game with a 31-67 tote in shooting from the field, including 7-21 from long range; they were 9-17 from the free-throw line.

"Great pace in transition and making the extra pass created a lot of good scoring opportunities for us," Rotert said.

The Lancers were 22-60, including 6-23 from beyond the arc; they were 8-9 from the charity stripe.

NWC held a 45-33 rebounding margin, including 15 offensive boards that contributed to 12 points. The Raiders piled on 23 assists compared to nine by the Lancers. The Raiders had 11 turnovers, the Lancers 18; the Raiders harvested 23 points from the Mount Marty turnovers. The Lancers had seven steals, the Raiders five.

Jones put a first-of-career double-double in the books and was just one assist away from a triple-double. Jones scored 17, grabbed 10 rebounds and helped on nine baskets.

"Maddie was fantastic for us," Rotert said. "She found a great balance of making aggressive plays in transition, getting herself to the rim, and finding the open player. Her work on the defensive helped us (and her) get out in transition quickly, creating lots of scoring opportunities."

Schany scored 15 and had eight rebounds. Danner was 5-8 in shooting on the way to 14 points, assisting on eight makes and blocking two shots. VanderVelde scored nine and rebounded six. Maren Nerem scored seven.

For the Lancers, Eve Millar scored 16, rebounded six and blocked four shots. Klara Berndt scored 10 and Kaity Hove seven. Briona Jensen had five rebounds.



**Breakaway**  
Maddie Jones leads a fast break in the Saturday, Feb. 11, game against Mount Marty in Orange City. The Raiders took the lead at the games start and pulled away to a 78-58 win. Jones led the way with a first-of-career double-double, scoring 17 points, rebounding 10 and nearly doubling with nine assists. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)

# DORDT THEATRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD

SIOUX CENTER — The Dordt University Theatre Department received many accolades and awards at the Region 5 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, hosted in Des Moines on Jan. 22 – 28.

"There are several competitive dimensions to the festival, but most valuable is that the events offered give our students access to unique learning experiences in the full range of theatre's disciplines, including instruction and feedback from professionals and faculty from other institutions," says Laurel Koerner, professor of theatre: acting and directing as well as chair of the theatre department. "For students, it's inspiring to gather with thousands of peers who share their love of theatre. As faculty and staff, we get to walk alongside them while they consider the bigger questions of why they do theatre, what excellence looks like, and who it's really for."

Student Lindsay Kuiper placed first in the sound design category for her work in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the spring 2022 mainstage production. Her work, which included original compositions, will go on to compete at the national level at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

"I was absolutely not expecting to win the sound design category for the region," she says. "When they announced I would be progressing to nationals, I'm sure I turned pale. It was such an honor. I remember talking with some of the other regional recipients backstage as we signed some paperwork; we were all afraid our information would be illegible because we were shaking so much from the adrenaline!"

*The Importance of Being Earnest* was also recognized with a scene selected to be performed in the Invited Scenes Showcase, says Koerner.

"Ten scenes total from our seven-state region were selected to be performed," she adds.

Members of the show's production team received special recognitions as well:

- Ensemble Performance: the cast
- Hair and Makeup Design: Christianna Marcy
- Assistant Hair and Makeup Design: Miranda Munson
- Dramaturgy: Jessica De Jauregui
- Sound Design: Lindsay Kuiper
- Costume Design: Becky Donahue, theatre department production manager and costumer

• Direction, Dialect Coaching: Laurel Koerner  
In addition, the fall 2023 mainstage show, *Our Town*, received recognitions:

- Publicity Design: Elizabeth Brouwer
- Projection Design, Assistant Scenic Design: Malorie De Kam
- Composition, Music Direction: Lindsay Kuiper
- Costume Design: Becky Donahue
- Direction: Laurel Koerner

A tap dance number choreographed by student Anna Janssen was selected to be performed in the Musical Theatre Cabaret, where Janssen and other students received feedback and coaching from Broadway professionals. The tap dance number was originally presented as part of *Unfinished; a dance concert*, directed by Theatre Arts Department Assistant Robin Suing in April 2022.

Students Lindsey Kuiper, Elizabeth Brouwer, and Sofia Schaeffer presented their work in the Design Expo, where they received feedback from professionals in their respective design areas.

Brouwer placed first in the poster design category for her work on *Our Town*.

Student Tommy Shin was one of 10 students selected to direct one of the student-written 10-minute plays that received readings at the festival.

*Almost Lifelong*, a one-act play by student Sommer Schaap, received the honor of being one of just three one-acts out of more than 50 submitted to receive a reading at the festival. *Almost Lifelong* will be fully staged as part of the spring theatre season, with performances at the end of February.

Schaap also advanced to the semi-final round of the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition.

"Notably, KCACTF is not organized by school size," says Koerner. "We present our work alongside much larger programs in a territory covering seven Midwest states."

Kuiper says that the theatre community at Dordt has been one of the biggest blessings during her time at Dordt.

"The students and teachers alike are uplifting and brilliant to be around, and I could not be more grateful to feel their constant support," she says.

## PRO TIPS

ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU

### Manage a tax refund to reach financial goals

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STATE — Managing a tax refund whether it's \$500 or \$5,000, can have a positive impact on your personal and financial wellbeing.



Filing an annual income tax return allows you and the government to determine whether you have paid the amount of taxes owed. This process considers your income and allowed credits and deductions. Should not enough taxes be paid, we must send payment with our tax return. Alternatively, taxpayers who overpay taxes are due a refund from the government. This is the return of earned income to you. Once taxes are filed, you will find out if you have a tax refund and the amount.

Decisions around managing a tax refund should involve a money-smart plan that may include:

1. Start an Emergency Fund. Work towards having three-to-six months' worth of living expenses in savings. Even an emergency savings of a small amount is proven to improve financial wellbeing.
2. Pay Down Credit Cards. Pay off one card or pay down the balances on multiple cards, prioritizing those with the highest rates, and experience savings from interest costs that you will avoid paying.
3. Make an Extra Mortgage Payment. Extra money you put toward your mortgage should go directly toward your loan's principal to reduce the total amount you owe. You will have more equity in your home and pay your mortgage off a little sooner.
4. Fund Your Child's 529 Plan for College. The 529 plan is a tax-advantaged method of saving for your child's higher education cost.
5. Set Aside Money for Future Needs. Consider the possible needs and goals that you will encounter throughout all of 2023 before deciding how to use your refund. For example, you could set some money aside for car repairs or new tires, or for back-to-school or holiday expenses later in the year.
6. Consider ways your refund could help to build long-term financial security. These might include paying down high-interest debts, boosting your emergency savings, or setting some money aside for retirement or college expenses.
7. Don't throw away part of your refund on loan fees. Companies that offer 'quick refunds' are just giving you a loan. It's a high-cost, high-risk loan that could come back to bite you if your refund is held by the government to pay back student loans or other government debts.

You and your family may benefit from having the use of this money throughout the year instead of waiting for the tax return. Consider reviewing your annual withholding amount. If you decide to change your withholding rate, submit a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-4>) to your employer. Be sure to discuss changing the withholding rate with your spouse if you are married. Coordinate your withholding rates so you do not accidentally under-pay your taxes, which would cause your household to owe money the following year.

For those who get big refunds, but experience extremely tight finances during the year, it sometimes makes sense to reduce the amount of tax that is withheld from your income. This reduces the size of the tax refund but offers larger monthly paychecks year 'round.

If your tax situation is more complex, you will want to see Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax (<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-505>). If you identify a need to update your tax withholding, you can enter the results from the Tax Withholding Estimator in a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-4>) and submit this to your employer. In this way you avoid under or over withholding income taxes.

Reminder that ISU Extension and Outreach specialists are available for individual financial consultations with lowans who are working toward financial goals and would like some information, tools or strategies that would assist them. Contact me, Carol Ehlers, at 712-732-5056 or [ehlers@iastate.edu](mailto:ehlers@iastate.edu) for more information or to schedule an individual consultation.

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