

South Dakota men roll past Dana 100-65

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The date and opponent may have changed, but the initial start was the same. In the Nov. 20 home opener against Mayville State, the University of South Dakota men's basketball team struggled through the first half before cruising to a 32-point victory. And Saturday afternoon against Dana College, not even a 6-of-8 start to the game was enough to muster momentum. But eventually, the hot shooting of the Division I hosts proved to be too much. Thanks to a 59-percent effort from the field, the Coyotes routed Dana, an NAIA school, 100-65 at the DakotaDome. The victory came just four days after USD faced Big East Conference power Marquette last Tuesday, a factor that may have accounted for the early defensive lapses Saturday. "We had trouble coming out hard for this one," said senior Tyler Cain, who led USD with 18 points, a total that pushed him over 1,000 for his career. "There wasn't much fire right away, but then we kicked it up a notch." Both teams went back-and-forth in the game's first 13 minutes before Dana tied the game at 27-27 on a Tristan Washington layup at the 7:22 mark. That prompted the Coyotes to call a timeout to, if nothing else, slow the visitors' momentum. "It was almost like we were just going through the motions out there," USD coach

Dave Boots said. "But after that timeout, we got things figured out." Over the next four minutes, USD went on a 15-2 run to pull ahead 40-29, and the margin hit 46-33 at halftime. And that's when the drama ended. USD's cushion — which was at one point as high as 41 points — was aided by a trio of three-pointers by Jake Thomas in a 2:08 span. By the time the freshman from Racine, WI, drained his final trey at the 13:54 mark, the rout was on. The lead hit 88-47 on a layup by USD's Roman Gentry, and over the final 7:44, the cushion was never less than 35. "It's a lot easier to play with a lead," said Thomas, who had 17 points and seven rebounds. "But we need to do that in the first half. We can't be messing around and let teams in it." Playing with a such a lead in the second half allowed USD to send in the reserves. All 10 players who saw time scored for the Coyotes, who shot 58.5 percent (38-of-65) from the field in the win. Five players scored in double figures, with Cain (18), Thomas (17), Louie Krogman (16), Mitchell Bouie (14) and Gentry (13). Krogman, the sophomore point guard from White River, also pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds. "We needed our perimeters to start rebounding a little bit more for us," Boots said. "They needed to be more active, especially against a three-point shooting team. And Louie and Jake both did today, and we were happy with that."

Also in the win, Cain eclipsed the 1,000-point barrier on a layup at the 4:08 mark of the first half, becoming the 39th player in school history to reach the milestone. "It's nice to be recognized for something like that," said Cain, who also owns USD records in blocked shots (274) and is third in rebounds (795). "I've worked hard on my offense over the last few years." USD returns to action tomorrow (Sunday) against NAIA Midland Lutheran at 3 p.m. in the DakotaDome. **DANA (2-7)** Tristan Washington 6-9 0-0 13; AJ Gordon 4-6 0-0 10; Taylor Oltjenbruns 4-6 0-0 9; Chris Walker 4-10 1-2 9; PJ Mallette 3-7 0-0 8; Alex McCleary 3-5 0-0 6; Danny Petersen 2-4 0-0 5; Adam Zobel 1-4 0-0 3; Josh Harris 1-5 0-0 2; Matt Poppen 0-3 0-0 0; Jake Brandl 0-8 0-0 0; Blake Maaske 0-4 0-0 0. TOTALS 28-71 1-2 65. **SOUTH DAKOTA (3-3)** Tyler Cain 8-11 2-4 18; Jake Thomas 6-9 0-0 17; Louie Krogman 6-12 2-2 16; Mitchell Bouie 5-5 4-6 14; Roman Gentry 5-10 2-2 13; Steve Smith 3-6 2-2 8; Jordan Boots 2-5 1-2 6; Conrad Krutwig 1-3 1-2 3; Dustin Tetzlaff 1-3 1-2 3; Kendall Cutler 1-1 0-1 2. TOTALS 38-65 15-23 100. At the Half: USD 46, DC 33. 3-Pointers: USD 9-19 (Thomas 5-7, Krogman 2-5, Gentry 1-3, Boots 1-4), DC 8-25 (Mallette 2-6, Gordon 2-2, Washington 1-1, Zobel 1-4, Oltjenbruns 1-2, Petersen 1-3, Poppen 0-1, Brandl 0-5, Maaske 0-1). Total Rebounds: USD 43 (Krogman 10), DC 31 (Walker 5). Assists: USD 25 (Cutler 5), DC 14 (Maaske 5). Total Fouls: DC 17, USD 9. Fouled Out: None. Attendance: 850.

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65 win over Dana, USD scored at least 100 points in two straight games for the first time since the 1970-71 season. "These are hard games to sustain two quality halves, but we did that today," Boots said. "I thought our guys were disciplined out there and didn't let up." Aside from Thomas' 31 points and Krogman's 18, USD got 15 points from Mitchell Bouie, 13 from Tyler Cain and 10 from Krutwig. Freshman Dustin Tetzlaff, a native of Watertown, led the Coyotes with 10 rebounds, while Krutwig — a freshman from Algonquin, IL — pulled down nine. "Those two are feeling their way through," Boots said. "They get to play against Tyler and Steve (Smith) in practice every day, so they should feel pretty comfortable when they get in games." Midland Lutheran (2-8) got 21 points from Jason Ahrens, as well as 18 points and 10 rebounds from Zach Rosenboom.

MIDLAND LUTHERAN (2-8) Jason Ahrens 9-19 3-4 21; Chad Langemeier 1-7 0-0 2; Justin Kulwicki 3-9 1-3 8; Zach Rosenboom 9-20 0-0 18; Brandon Mach 3-5 2-3 8; Jordan Moline 0-0 0-0 0; Marc Kilma 0-0 0-0 0; Eric Pieper 0-3 0-0 0; Ben Shanahan 0-1 2-2 2; Alex Knobbe 4-4 2-3 10; Gavin Blum 0-1 2-2 2; Ben Knobbe 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 29-70 12-17 71. **SOUTH DAKOTA (4-3)** Roman Gentry 3-8 0-0 6; Louie Krogman 7-14 0-0 18; Jake Thomas 11-14 0-0 31; Tyler Cain 6-8 1-2 13; Steve Smith 1-6 2-2 4; Mitchell Bouie 5-10 5-5 15; Jordan Boots 1-5 0-0 3; Conrad Krutwig 4-7 2-2 10; Dustin Tetzlaff 2-2 0-2 4. TOTALS 40-75 10-13 104. At the Half: USD 51, MLC 32. Three-Pointers: USD 14-29 (Thomas 9-12, Krogman 4-9, Boots 1-5, Smith 0-1, Gentry 0-2), MLC 1-14 (Kulwicki 1-6, Pieper 0-1, Blum 0-1, B. Knobbe 0-1, Ahrens 0-2, Langemeier 0-3). Total Rebounds: USD 50 (Tetzlaff 10), MLC 30 (Rosenboom 10). Assists: USD 23 (Cain 6), MLC 10 (Ahrens 5). Total Fouls: MLC 14, USD 12. Fouled Out: None. A: 865.

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- First Annual Parade of Lights "Christmas Past & Present" in downtown Vermillion at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. Please join us for this inaugural event. At the end of the parade join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they light the community Christmas tree. Following the tree lighting, children can enjoy storytelling and crafts at the Vermillion Public Library. If you are interested in entering a vehicle/float, please contact the Chamber or fill out the entry form that is located on our Website: www.vermillionchamber.com
- Pre-Legislative Tour — David Owen from the SD Chamber will be stopping in Vermillion on Monday, Dec. 14 from 12 to 1 p.m. on his Pre-Legislative Tour. The VCDC will offer lunch to those who come to the session, which will be free for Chamber members and \$5 for non-members. Those attending are being asked to RSVP by noon on Friday, Dec. 11.
- Ribbon Cutting/Open House for the Prairie Inn on Monday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

This Weeks Happenings!

- Curbside Recycling Announcement — Alley pickup for curbside recycling has been moved due to winter weather. If you currently recycle in an alley, please place your recycling curbside until further notice. To avoid recycling bins being damaged by snow plows, please put recycling bins next to the sidewalk near the driveway in a visible & accessible location free from ice & snow.
- Curbside Recycling Holiday Schedule
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Dec. 25, Christmas Recycling will be collected Dec. 21.
Jan. 1, New Year's Day Recycling will be collected on Dec. 28.
- Downtown Holiday Tree Contest — Downtown merchants and the City of Vermillion will have decorated trees in their businesses which people are encouraged to visit and vote for their favorite tree. One voter's name will be drawn and the winner will receive a basket of goodies from the downtown merchants. Voting to take place between Dec. 2 and Dec. 5. The winner will be announced on Monday, Dec. 7. Participating merchants include: Bank of the West, Chae's, City of Vermillion, Civic Council, Coffee Shop Gallery, Collier Law Office, Cortrust Bank, Coyote Twin Theater & Hollywood Video, First Dakota National Bank, Heart and Soul Fitness, Heartland Home Care, Lumo Studios, Nook 'n Cranny, Plains Justice, Raziels, Silk Road Cafe, Vermillion Vision, and Willson Florist. This is being

- organized by the Downtown Vermillion Action Committee.
- Book Signing & Open House at Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, Friday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Brown Bag Lunch Program at the National Music Museum featuring the South Dakota Holiday Brass Quintet on Friday, Dec. 4 from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- High School State Oral Interp Friday, Dec. 4 at Sioux Falls (TBA).
- High School Bowling vs. West Central Friday, Dec. 4 at Prairie Lanes in Vermillion.
- USD Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving at Falcon Invitational in Minneapolis, MN, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5.
- USD Men's & Women's Diving in St. Cloud, MN, Fri., Dec. 4-5.
- USD Symphony Orchestra's Winter Concert Friday, Dec. 4 at Colton Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Seventh/Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball, Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at DakotaDome (TBA).
- Christmas Tour of Homes on Friday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Vermillion. Tickets are on sale at Nook n'Cranny, Davis Pharmacy, Vermillion Beauty Shop and the Austin-Whittemore House at \$12.50/person. Refreshments will be served on Friday night and Saturday afternoon following the tour at the Austin-Whittemore House. The homes are all beautifully decorated and the Baptist Church which is on the tour has been a large part of the history of Vermillion since the flood of 1881. This is a Sesqui-

- centennial event sponsored by the Clay County Historical Society.
- Peter Pan play by USD Theatre on Dec. 4, 5, 7, and 8 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in Vermillion. Admission Fee: \$12 Adult, \$8 Youth K-12, & \$5 USD Student with ID. One of the world's most celebrated musicals to be enjoyed by the whole family. Reservations: 605-677-5400.
- High School State Oral Interp Saturday, Dec. 5 at Sioux Falls (TBA).
- High School Wrestling vs. Sioux Falls Roosevelt Saturday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. (away).
- High School Winter Formal Saturday, Dec. 5 at Vermillion High School from 8 to 11 p.m.
- USD Opera Presents "Amahl & the Night Visitors" at the Akron Opera House in Akron, IA Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and \$16 for balcony seating. Call 712-568-8747 for ticket information.
- Heartland Humane Society Hosts Meet & Greet with the Shelter Animals Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 to 12 p.m. Meet the shelter animals and check out the new shelter office at 601 ? Burleigh Street in Yankton. Animals will be available for adoption and those in foster care will be available to meet as well. Contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midsonet-network.com for more information.
- Forty-third Annual Christmas Festival is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the W.H. Over Museum. Crafts, music, refreshments and a bake sale as well as a hospitality table will be featured.

- USD Women's Basketball at Santa Clara University, Sunday, Dec. 6 at Santa Clara, CA at 4 p.m.
- Sharing the Dream in Guatemala Open House, Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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