

Wilson helps Coyote women drop Idaho State

Junior Tempestt Wilson scored a season-high 19 points and sophomore McKayla Knudson added a career-high 13 to lead the South Dakota women's basketball team to a 66-54 win over Idaho State in nonconference action Wednesday night, Dec. 21, in Pocatello, ID. With the win, the Coyotes improved to 9-2 overall, while Idaho State fell to 7-5.

Wilson (Elk River, MN) hit 4-of-8 – including 3-of-5 from three-point range – from the field but was 8-of-9 from the free throw line. She also added six rebounds.

"Tempestt Wilson had a big-time game," South Dakota head coach Ryan Williams said. "It was neat to see her

get going. She hit some big threes for us."

Senior Amber Hegge (Crofton, NE) added 14 points and eight rebounds in just 24 minutes of action, while sophomore McKayla Knudson (South Sioux City, NE) collected a career-high 13 points off the bench to go with five rebounds. Sophomore Pam January (Richfield, MN) had nine points in 12 minutes off the bench, just one away from a career high.

"Our bench did outstanding," Williams said. "Pam January gives us nine points in 12 minutes. And McKayla Knudson, you saw some glimpses of what she is capable of. Everybody was extremely productive."

South Dakota's defense – ranked fourth in the nation in points allowed at 47.8 points per game – again played a vital role in the win. The Coyotes held Idaho State to just 31.6 percent shooting (18-of-57), including just 23.5 percent (4-of-17) from three-point range. To open the game, South Dakota held Idaho State to just one made field goal on the Bengals' first 15 attempts – a percentage of 6.7 percent.

The Coyotes took an 8-3 lead 5:08 into the game, with Hegge accounting for six out of the eight points. Idaho State cut the lead to 8-7 with 11:21 left in the half, but the Coyotes responded with eight straight points over the next 2:18 to build a 16-7 advantage. January

had five points during that run while Wilson drained a key three-pointer.

"We got that early lead, and we guarded well early," Williams said. "We made some plays early and that got us comfortable."

The Bengals cut the gap to 22-18, but the Coyotes finished the half on a 7-2 run to take a 29-20 lead into the break. That late-half run was sparked by Knudson, who had five points.

South Dakota pushed the lead into double digits early in the second half as Wilson scored five straight points in the first 1:30 to extend the Coyote lead to 34-20.

The Bengals cut the lead to 47-37 with 10:55 left, but the Coyotes

answered with six straight points – four coming on free throws by senior Annie Roche (Vermillion) after two technical fouls on the Idaho State bench – over the next 35 seconds to push the lead to 53-37. From there, South Dakota pushed the lead to as much as 18 on its way to clinching a double-digit win.

"We played with really good poise and toughness down the stretch," Williams said.

Senior Jodie Boss (Columbus, NE) had seven points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Junior Alexis Yackley (Onida) and Hegge had two steals each.

43rd annual South Dakota Pork Congress set \$289.1 million invested in rural South Dakota

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council (SDPPC) announces their 43rd Annual Pork Congress to be held at the Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel and Exhibit Hall on Jan. 12 and 13, 2012.

The two-day trade show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13. Exhibitors will display the latest in technology, equipment, feeds, and vet supplies. Admission to the trade show is free and a pork loin feed is available to all in attendance Thursday beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Ramkota Exhibit Hall Annex.

In the morning on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. an educational seminar will feature Dr. Steve Meyer, president of Paragon Economics, who will discuss the economic outlook for the pork industry, including input costs.

A PQA Plus® certification session is available on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. in the seminar area of the exhibit hall. PQA Plus® is a voluntary program for pork farmers to demonstrate to consumers their commitment to

providing the best care possible for their animals while also providing the highest quality and safest product possible.

Following the PQA Plus® training session producers will be able to get TQA® Certification at 2 p.m. Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) is a program designed by the National Pork Board to give handlers an understanding of how to handle and transport pigs.

Thursday's events culminate with a live auction that evening which raises funds for SDPPC's Non-Checkoff funds. The auction takes place after the Master Pork Producers Recognition Banquet in the Washington Room of the Ramkota Hotel.

SDPPC also holds its Non-Checkoff and Checkoff Annual Meeting of the members during the Pork Congress and the election of the 2013 Pork Act Delegates and 2012 NPPC Delegates.

During the annual awards luncheon on Friday, the SDPPC will present several awards to industry leaders, including a

pork environmental steward award to a McCook County pork farmer, Ferlyn & Karen Hofer of Canistota, whose concern for the environment is evident through their daily farm practices.

Friday afternoon activities will begin with a cooking demonstration from the SDSU Meats Department. They will be going over different techniques in cooking pork.

The second seminar on Friday begins at 2 p.m. educating those about the False Beliefs about Pig Behavior by Nancy Lidster of DNL Farms. This seminar will educate producers of the false beliefs about pig behavior that created problems for Lidsters in the 1980s are still causing pig handling problems for the pork industry workers today. She will go over ineffective handling methods requiring more time and often extra people whose efforts could be invested and profitable in other tasks.

New this year for seminars will be a panel discussion that will allow producers to come in

and ask industry leaders questions about management, finance, nutrition, ventilation and animal handling.

The event culminates with a SIP Reception to all members on Friday evening. There will be a Silent Auction to help raise money for the SDPPC Pork PAC. This reception is open to all current members and prospective SIP members. This great event helps to inform the members of how their Non-Checkoff money is being used and the event will take place in the Roosevelt Room of the Ramkota Hotel.

A full schedule of events is available at www.sdppc.org

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council (SDPPC) was created in 1954 to responsibly serve, support and enhance the success of the South Dakota pork production industry. Along with managing industry issues and improving the image of the pork industry, the SDPPC works to insure a safe, wholesome product for the consumer's confident consumption.

USDA Rural Development in South Dakota reports that more than \$289.1 million was invested in the state from October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011. As outlined in the agencies Annual Report, the funds assisted in the areas of housing, business and community development, energy, and telecommunications.

"USDA Rural Development invested millions of dollars in South Dakota's rural communities through partnerships with business leaders, stakeholders, state government, congressional staff, and citizens," said South Dakota Rural Development State Director Elsie M. Meeks. "South Dakota employees work hard at ensuring rural communities have access to the financial resources available through our agency to stimulate the economy and improve the quality of life for South Dakotans."

Projected benefits and highlights of the funding include:

- Creating 1,082 jobs and saving 1,107 jobs through the \$15.6 million in loans and grants for dedicated to rural business, economic development and cooperative projects.
- Serving 1,390 families through \$170.1 million dedicated to rural affordable housing loans, grants and rental assistance.
- Improving service to 4,293 new water users and building or improving 23 community facilities through \$68 million in loans and grants.
- Building or upgrading electric utility and telecommunications services for rural households, businesses, schools and governments through \$35.3 million in loans and grants.

USDA Rural Development is the one federal agency that can build a community from the ground up and continues to position itself as a 'lender of first opportunity' in South Dakota. USDA Rural Development administers federal programs in business assistance, affordable housing, community facility financing, water and waste infrastructure for rural communities and other technical assistance through offices across South Dakota. The agency also supports financing critical rural health care facilities, building reliable electricity delivery, and improving rural access to upgraded telecommunications service. USDA Rural Development has eight offices in the state that assist rural communities. Office locations include a state office in Huron, along with area offices in Aberdeen, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, and Yankton.

USDA, under its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

10-year capital plan addresses infrastructure needs, growth in research

South Dakota's public university system has prioritized a list of building construction projects and infrastructure upgrades as part of a new 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. While legislators will be asked to approve it when they convene in Pierre next month, no state tax dollars will go to finance any of the construction projects.

The projects are part of the \$204.5 million Capital Improvement Plan approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents at its meeting earlier this month. Similar 10-year campus construction plans were authorized in 2001 and 2005, and completed ahead of schedule due to favorable bonding capacity.

"In each case, all of these projects have been completed without coming to the state to request general tax revenues," said Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO. "While state law does require us to seek legislative authorization for projects paid for with other funds, it is important to note that no state tax dollars have been, or will be, tied to any of these capital improvement projects."

About \$105 million of the total amount will be financed from the state's Higher Education Facilities Fund

(HEFF), which is the 20 cents of every tuition dollar students pay dedicated to construction, maintenance, and repair on the campuses. The remainder of the building projects' costs – about \$99.5 million – will be paid for primarily from private donations secured by the universities and their non-profit foundations, along with some federal grants.

"This is an ambitious plan, but certainly in line with the size of our public university enterprise, with its nearly \$800 million operating budget and a physical infrastructure valued at \$1.4 billion," said Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO. "This investment, made over a 10-year term, will address aging infrastructure needs, remodel and update academic and research buildings, and meet the needs of a growing student population in South Dakota," he said.

The building projects on the new 10-year plan, and the total project cost for each, include:

- Black Hills State University**
 - Jonas Science Renovation, \$2,500,000
 - E.Y. Berry Library Renovation, \$4,500,000
- Dakota State University**
 - Information Systems Building, \$10,000,000
- Northern State University**

- Johnson Fine Arts Center Renovation and Addition, \$7,750,000
 - South Dakota School of Mines and Technology**
 - Research Center, \$37,040,000
 - South Dakota State University**
 - New Headhouse and Greenhouses, \$3,785,000
 - Architecture, Math, and Engineering Building, \$17,082,800
 - Visual Arts Facility, \$12,400,000
 - Performing Arts Center, \$33,103,713
 - New Cow-Calf Research and Education Unit at Volga, \$3,706,000
 - The University of South Dakota**
 - Science, Health, and Research Lab Building, \$30,000,000
 - Patterson Hall Renovation, \$6,500,000
 - Dakota Hall, \$7,500,000
- Seven other projects on the list will fix infrastructure issues on the campuses, paying for utility upgrades, energy efficiency projects, mechanical overhauls, and street improvements. The infrastructure projects will be paid for with \$28.6 million in HEFF funds and \$14.3 million from the campuses' annual maintenance and repair allocation.

Make-A-Wish wishes come true

The Make-A-Wish Foundation* of South Dakota has granted the following wishes to South Dakota children/teens during September-December, 2011.

Wish trip to Walt Disney World to Jovie (4), Sioux Falls; Adopt-A-Wish Partners: Al & Jan Schmuck, Sioux Falls and Mark & Brenda Hitzemann, Sioux Falls

Royal Caribbean Cruise to Haley (16), Redfield; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Minnehaha Country Club Employees, Sioux Falls

Wish trip to Walt Disney World to Andrew (15), Rapid City; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Anonymous

Wish trip to Walt Disney World to Leighton (5), Huron; Adopt-A-Wish Partners: South Dakota Peace Officers, Huron and Tasha's Scrapbooking Treasures, Yale

Wish trip to go Scuba Diving to Ted (12), Sioux Falls; Adopt-A-Wish Partners: Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc., Sioux Falls and Holmes Murphy, Sioux Falls

Bedroom Makeover to Kay-Lee (10), Langford; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Christmas at the Western Mall, Sioux Falls

Entertainment Package to Ivory (4), Peever; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Christmas at the Western Mall, Sioux Falls

Wish trip to Walt Disney World to Chanslee (13), Sioux Falls; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Luxury Auto Mall, Sioux Falls

Wish trip to see Rockhopper Penguins to Jayme (15), Aberdeen; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: Country Tractor Run, New Effington

Bedroom Makeover to Brandon (8), Sioux Falls; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: United Healthcare

Hot Tub to Aidan (3), Tea; Adopt-A-Wish Partners: Lloyd & Barbara Amundson Foundation, Sioux Falls

Wish trip to Walt Disney World to Sawyer (5), Hayti; Adopt-A-Wish Partner: WW Tire Service, Inc., Brookings



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- Word in the title of Johnny Galecki's series
 - Bridges or Foxworthy
 - Tea
 - Inappropriate
 - Shade provider
 - "The ___ Campbell Goodtime Hour" (1969-72)
 - Many hosp. employees
 - Initials for Steffi of tennis
 - "A ___ Man"
 - Initials for golfer Price
 - Ward, for one
 - Related
 - Conjunction
 - 90 degrees from NNW
 - Truck scale division
 - Fight results, for short
 - ___ Sommer
 - Part of the title of Jerry Mathers' show (2)
 - "I Shouldn't ___ Alive"
 - 1996 Mel Gibson movie
 - Initials for the star of "Barney Miller"
 - Parisian pal
 - ___ Alice Young; role on "Desperate Housewives"
 - "___ the Bounty Hunter"
 - Role on "The Waltons"
 - Pack animal
 - "ABC World ___ With Diane Sawyer"
 - Not bananas
- DOWN**
- "How to ___ ___"
 - In fine shape (hyph.)
 - Nolte's initials
 - 1958 best picture Oscar winner



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