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ROUNDUP: Northwood's Fillmore beats FSU at buzzer

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SERVICES

BIG RAPIDS

Derek Fillmore tipped in a basket at the buzzer to push Northwood to a 72-71 win over Ferris State in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament quarterfinal Tuesday.

Dallas Logan led the Timberwolves (17-11) with 13 points and Nemanja Kreckovic added 11. They were the only Northwood players to score in double figures. Northwood will play in the semifinal on Friday at Findlay, a 65-54 winner over Mercyhurst.

Fillmore finished with eight points.

Michael Daniels and Carlton Epps led the Bulldogs (14-14) with 16 points each.

Gannon 64, Wayne State 59:Matt Jones scored 22 for host Gannon (22-6). Kendon Edwards had 15 points and 15 rebounds for Wayne State (17-11). Gannon plays **Michigan Tech** at Findlay on Friday.

Michigan Tech 87, Northern Michigan 66:Josh Buettner had 26 points and seven assists for host **Michigan Tech** (20-6). Billy Hill came off the bench to score 33 for Northern (15-12). TOP 25

St. Joseph's 82, St. Bonaventure 50:Jameer Nelson scored 25 and Chet Stachitas 16for host No. 2 St. Joseph's (27-0, 16-0 Atlantic 10). St. Bonaventure is 6-20, 2-13.

Mississippi State 105, Auburn 91:Winsome Frazier scored 26 as host No. 5 Mississippi State (24-2, 13-2) clinched a share of the Southeastern Conference title. Auburn is 13-13, 4-11.

Pittsburgh 88, Providence 61:Chris Taft scored 24 points, Chevon Troutman had 23 and Carl Krauser added 22 and the No. 6 Panthers (26-3, 12-3) snapped the host No. 12 Friars' (20-6, 11-4) six-game winning streak.

Virginia 84, Wake Forest 82:Devin Smith converted a three-point play with 5.8 seconds to playto lift host Virginia (16-10, 6-9 Atlantic Coast) over No. 11 Wake Forest (19-7, 9-6). Smith and Derrick Byars led Virginia with 15 points each. Chris Paul led the Demon Deacons with 21 points.

North Carolina 69, Clemson 53:Rashad McCants scored 30 for host No. 14 North Carolina (18-8, 8-7 Atlantic Coast). Sharrod Ford scored 14 for the Tigers (10-17, 3-13).

Syracuse 65, West Virginia 52:Hakim Warrick had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead visiting No. 24 Syracuse (20-6, 10-5 Big East). D'or

Fischer scored 19 for West Virginia (14-12, 6-9).

WOMEN'S GLIAC TOURNAMENT

Lake Superior State 77, Saginaw Valley 64:Randi Johnson scored 23 points and Mandi Johnson 17 for the host Lakers (23-3), who will host Gannon in a semifinal on Friday. Jennifer Brogger scored 17 for Saginaw Valley (16-11).

Gannon 74, Wayne State 69:Jen Gwin scored 15 points, Katie Garms 14 and Casey England 13 for host Gannon (18-10). Shatona Clark scored 20 for Wayne State (12-15).

Ashland 95, Northern Michigan 82:Alanna Buurma scored 23 points for host Ashland (22-6), which will face Ferris State in a semifinal at Lake Superior State. Emily Samuelson scored 19 for the Wildcats (19-8).

Ferris State 72, **Michigan Tech** 70:Lucy DeMartin scored 18 for host Ferris State (20-8). Amanda Sieja scored 20 for Ferris State (16-11).

WOLVERINE-HOOSIER TOURNAMENT

Cornerstone 66, Spring Arbor 51:Stephanie Allers had 11 points and 12 rebounds and Cathie Velzen had 11 points as host Cornerstone (27-5) won the league title.

Jessica Weston scored 15 points to lead the Golden Eagles. Shanna Grubaugh scored 14 for Spring Arbor (24-10).

MID-AMERICAN

Eastern Michigan 89, Central Michigan 68: Nikki Knapp scored 23 points and Marion Crandall and Ryan Coleman each scored 17 for visiting Eastern (19-7, 12-4). Casey Manning scored 17 to pace Central (5-22, 1-15).

Notebook: Michigan senior center Jennifer Smith of DeWitt was voted All-Big Ten by the media. Smith, who is averaging 21.5 points and 7.3 rebounds, made the second team selected by coaches. . . .

Michigan State sophomore Lindsay Bowen of Dansville

made the media second team, and MSU sophomore Liz Shimekof of Maple City Glen Lake made the third team. MSU guard Rene Haynes was voted to the media all-freshman team. . . .

Penn State senior guard Kelly Mazzantewas voted most valuable player by the coaches and media; both also selected Rene Portland of Penn State the coach of the year. . . .

The Oakland University women will be the fourth seed and face No. 5 Oral Roberts in the first round of the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, which starts Saturday in Kansas City, Mo. OU is 17-10, 10-6; Oral Roberts is 15-12, 9-7. Western Illinois is the top seed. The championship game is Tuesday. . . .

The Albion women (23-5) will make their first NCAA Division III tournament appearance tonight when the Britons play at Wilmington, Ohio (21-6). The winner will play Saturday at Franklin, Ind. (21-4). Calvin (19-9) will make its 14th Division III tournament appearance when it plays Thursday at John Carroll (22-5). The winner will play Saturday at Wittenberg (24-4). . . .

Police said they found marijuana, a firearm and drug paraphernalia during a search of Oklahoma center Jabahri Brown's home. Brown was not arrested and no charges have been filed, Norman police spokeswoman Jennifer Newell said.

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HOCKEY: COLLEGE REPORT

Interim Coach Leads Colgate

By MARK SCHEERER

Regular-season champions were crowned in four conferences last weekend, and the most surprising winner was Colgate, which had been picked to finish eighth among 12 teams in preseason polls of Eastern College Athletic Conference coaches and news media.

"To do something that's been done only twice in the history of Colgate hockey is an honor and a pleasure to have happened to a great group of players," the interim coach Stan Moore said in a telephone interview.

Colgate (19-10-5, 14-6-2), was 17-19-4 last season.

Despite turning the Raiders into Cleary Cup winners, Moore is expected to return to being an assistant coach.

Moore took the head coaching job in September when Don Vaughn was named Colgate's interim athletic director. Vaughn will return to his hockey job on July 1. Does that feel awkward? "Not necessarily," Moore said. "Don and I have known each other a long time. We tell our players, 'Intelligence is the ability to adjust.'"

As for this season's success, Moore said it was not unusual for a college hockey team to

defy expectations. "Every year, and you've seen it happen in other leagues around the country, you're going to have a team or two who get it," he said. "They find a way to create a chemistry and maintain the chemistry over the course of a year."

The blossoming of two Raiders players has been integral to Colgate's success.

Jon Smyth, who had only two goals and one assist in 25 games as a freshman last season, has 21 goals this season, 17 in league play. His 28 points tied him for the conference lead in scoring; he has 39 points over all, tied for 10th in the nation.

Steve Silverthorn, a junior, won the starting goaltender job over the senior David Cann before midseason and fashioned a 1.91 goals against average, sixth best in Division I.

Cann, filling in for an injured Silverthorn, led Colgate to a 2-1 victory over Cornell in January.

And what if Moore, who was named the E.C.A.C. coach of the year at Union College in 1997, wins the honor this season, only to return to being an assistant?

"That's one for the books," he said.

HOCKEY EAST

Tale of Two Teams in Boston

Boston College (26-4-4, 17-2-3) clinched the regular-season title Friday, beating New Hampshire, 4-2, while second-place Maine was losing at Massachusetts-Lowell, 3-2.

Boston University (9-15-8, 5-13-4) is clinging to the last playoff berth in the nine-team conference. The Terriers, who finish with two games against New Hampshire, are 2 points ahead of Northeastern, which faces Massachusetts in a home-and-home series.

Northeastern kept its post-season tournament hopes alive with a 2-2 tie and a 6-3 victory against B.U. The Terriers are assured of their worst finish in Hockey East; they went 8-13-3 in 1998-99.

COLLEGE HOCKEY AMERICA

Bemidji State Wins Title

With a 9-1 rout of Air Force, Bemidji State clinched its first conference championship since elevating its program to Division I in 1999.

Niagara, which had been chasing the Beavers in C.H.A., was swept by Findlay, which will downgrade ice

hockey to a club sport at the end of the season.

Bemidji State (18-11-3, 15-2-1) won 13 small-college national championships from 1967 to 1997.

ATLANTIC HOCKEY

Holy Cross Rallies

Mercyhurst, winner of three-straight regular-season titles in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, had a 4-2 third-period lead over Holy Cross Friday night, but the Crusaders (19-7-4, 17-2-3) scored four goals in the final 10 minutes to win the conference title and the top seeding in the postseason tournament.

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Logjam at the Top

Michigan was swept at Notre Dame, missing a chance to clinch the regular-season title. Now, there could be a two- or three-way tie for first place among Michigan, Miami of Ohio and Michigan State. Michigan plays Michigan State on Friday in East Lansing and on Saturday at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Miami plays a home-and-home series against Ohio State.

WESTERN COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Down to the Wire

By sweeping Minnesota-Duluth, visiting North Dakota reclaimed the No. 1 ranking in the U.S. College Hockey Online Poll and took a 2-point

lead entering the final weekend of the regular season.

North Dakota (24-6-3, 18-5-3) finishes with two games against last-place **Michigan Tech**, while second-place Minnesota-Duluth plays at Wisconsin, which has a six-game unbeaten streak.

WOMEN

Duluth's Run Endangered

The three-time defending national champion, Minnesota-Duluth (17-11-2, 13-8-1 W.C.H.A.), is in danger of not qualifying for the four-team N.C.A.A. tournament this season. Minnesota (24-4-2, 17-3-2) swept the visiting Bulldogs last weekend and moved into first place in the online poll.

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Michigan Tech 87, N. Michigan 66

HOUGHTON, Mich.

Josh Buettner had 26 points and seven assists and **Michigan Tech** shot 58 percent in an 87-66 victory over Northern Michigan in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament quarterfinal game Tuesday.

The Huskies (20-6), ranked No.21 in NCAA Division II, spotted the Wildcats (15-12) the opening basket, a layup by Antwan Holt 10 seconds into the contest. **Michigan Tech** then ran off 15 unanswered points - 10 by Radayl Richardson, the rest by Buettner - and led by double digits the last 2:52 of the first half and the entire second half.

Richardson finished with 19 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Bob Evand and Jeff McHenry added 16 and 13 points, respectively, for the Huskies.

Billy Hill came off the bench to hit 7-of-10 3-pointers and score 33 points in 30 minutes for Northern. Holt scored 14 and Steve Watts had 12.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY: Gophers women defeat Duluth behind Horak

From news services

The No. 2-ranked University of Minnesota women's hockey team beat Minnesota-Duluth 4-2 Saturday afternoon in a Western Collegiate Hockey Association game in front of 3,142 at Mariucci Arena.

The Gophers (23-4-2 overall, 16-3-2 WCHA) took a 3-0 lead midway through the second period and then held off the defending national champion Bulldogs (17-10-2, 13-7-1) behind the steady play of goalie Jody Horak.

Both teams managed 33 shots; Horak kicked out 31 of them, 10 in the scoreless first period.

Andrea Nichols, Natalie Darwitz and La Toya Clarke scored in the first 9:34 of the second period for the Gophers. Nichols started the scoring with her ninth goal of the season at 1:24, tipping in a rebound. Darwitz, who returned last weekend after missing 10 games with an elbow injury, scored her 19th goal of the season at 8:00 before Clarke scored unassisted at 9:34. Clarke blocked a shot by Julianne Vasichek at the blue line and skated in alone to score her 19th goal of the season.

Minnesota-Duluth got its first goal at 17:06 when Trica Guest scored on a power play, the first power-play goal the Gophers have allowed in five games.

Ashley Albrecht restored the Gophers' three-goal lead just 49 seconds later with a goal at 17:55

when she tipped in a rebound of a shot by Nichols.

The Bulldogs added their second goal with 36 seconds left in the game, also on a power play.

Horak improved to 16-4-2 on the season and was selected the game's No. 1 star.

The teams play again at 2:05 p.m. today at Ridder Arena and the game will be televised live on Fox Sports Net North.

Augsburg 2, St. Thomas 1: Calla Lundquist scored at 1:29 of overtime as the host Auggies (14-9-2, 10-6-2) snapped a 20-game Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference unbeaten streak for St. Thomas (18-4-2, 16-0-1).

Bethel 3, St. Catherine 0: Amy Hockett made 16 saves to shut out St. Kate's (6-17-1) at Columbia Arena. Stephanie Williams, Cassandra Barton and Heidi Govednik scored for Bethel (10-14-1).

MEN

Colorado College 5, St. Cloud State 2: Trevor Frischmon scored two goals to lead Colorado College to a victory at St. Cloud State for a sweep of a weekend Western Collegiate Hockey Association series.

Minnesota State (Mankato) 3, **Michigan Tech** 2: Bob Rankin scored the go-ahead goal in the second period to lead Minnesota-Mankato to a WCHA victory over

Michigan Tech at Houghton, Mich.

Bemidji State 9, Air Force 1: Brendan Cook had two goals and an assist to lead visiting Bemidji State to a victory over Air Force and its first College Hockey America conference championship.

The Beavers (18-11-3, 15-2-1 CHA) swept the Falcons (12-20-2, 4-13-1) in the two-game series.

St. John's 4, Augsburg 0: Adam Hanna made 16 saves to shut out the Auggies (8-13-4, 5-8-3) for the second straight night as the Johnnies (21-3-1, 15-1-0) won at St. Cloud, Minn. St. John's clinched the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title with Friday night's 4-0 victory at Augsburg.

Kevin Willey scored two goals for the Johnnies.

Bethel 6, Concordia (Moorhead) 2: Chris Carroll scored two goals to spark Bethel (6-17-1, 4-12-0) to a victory over Concordia (5-17-3, 4-10-2) at Moorhead, Minn.

LATE FRIDAY

Wisconsin 3, Alaska Anchorage 0: Forward Robbie Earl scored two goals, leading Wisconsin to a shutout victory at Alaska Anchorage.

Wisconsin's Bernd Bruckler kicked aside 23 shots to pick up his second shutout of the season.

The Associated Press State & Local Wire

February 28, 2004, Saturday, BC cycle

Ferris St. 70, Michigan Tech 61

BIG RAPIDS, Mich.

Ferris State won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Northern Division on Saturday, beating **Michigan Tech** 70-61 on the strength of Dennis Springs 21 points.

The Bulldogs, which did not win a single non-conference game, finished 14-13 on the season and had only four conference losses.

The Huskies (19-6, 13-5) shot just 37.7 percent from the field for the game. The Bulldogs got 23 points from its bench and edged **Michigan Tech** on the boards 42-35.

Josh Buettner and Jason Marcotte both had 23 for **Michigan Tech** in the losing effort.

Ferris State will host Northwood in the conference tournament on Tuesday.

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February 28, 2004, Saturday, BC cycle

Minn.-Mantato 3, Michigan Tech 2

HOUGHTON, Mich.

Bob Rankin scored the go-ahead goal in the second period to lead Minnesota-Mankato to a 3-2 win over **Michigan Tech** Saturday night.

Rankin's second goal of the game came on the power play to put the Mavericks (7-22-5, 6-18-4 WCHA) up 2-1 at 16:31 of the second period. Brad Thompson added another power-play goal early in the second for a two goal-lead.

Michigan Tech (8-21-5, 6-17-3) lifted Cam Ellsworth from net and Brett Engelhart scored his second of the game with the extra man, but the Huskies could not generate an equalizer in the remaining 22 seconds.

John Volp made 36 saves for Mankato. Ellsworth stopped 24 shots at the other end.

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP: Notre Dame routs Wolverines, 4-1

FREE PRESS NEWS SERVICES
SOUTH BEND, Ind.

Jason Paige scored two power-play goals to lead Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Michigan on Friday.

The Irish (16-11-4, 12-10-3 Central Collegiate) scored three second-period goals. Eric Nystrom scored for Michigan (23-9-1, 18-6-1) early in the third, but the Wolverines couldn't stage a rally.

Paige's second goal of the game a minute later closed out the scoring.

Bowling Green 2, Northern Michigan 1: Jordan Sigalet made 42 saves, and James Unger scored the winning goal for host Bowling Green (10-16-8, 8-13-5 CCHA). Unger also assisted on D'Arcy McConvey's first-period goal. Matt Hunter scored for Northern (16-14-3, 11-13-1).

Western Michigan 2, Miami (Ohio) 2: Mike Jarmuth had a goal and an assist to rally Western Michigan from a 2-0 deficit at Oxford, Ohio. Jarmuth's unassisted goal at

16:12 of second period cut the RedHawks' lead to one. With 55 seconds left in the third and the Broncos' goalie pulled for an extra attacker, Jarmuth tossed the puck at the net, and it deflected in off teammate Pat Dwyer. Western is 16-14-4, 12-11-3 CCHA; Miami is 18-11-4, 15-7-3.

Ferris State 2, Lake Superior State 1: Simon Mangos' third-period goal capped a rally by host Ferris State. The Bulldogs (15-15-3, 10-14-1 CCHA) trailed early in the third period when Mangos assisted on Tim Vokey's first goal of the season to tie it at 1. Mangos netted a power-play goal at 12:10 for the come-from-behind win. Mike Adamek scored for the Lakers (7-17-7, 5-15-5), who went 0-for-4 on the power play.

Michigan Tech 4, Minnesota State-Mankato 3: Brett Engelhardt scored two goals to lead host **Michigan Tech**. The Huskies (8-20-5, 6-16-3 Western Collegiate) scored twice in the first period on power-play goals by Rolf Ulvin and Taggart Desmet before Engelhardt's two second-period goals. The Mavericks are 6-22-5, 5-18-4.

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UNMAP

COLORADO COLLEGE 7, ST. CLOUD STATE 1

NEWS SERVICE REPORTS

DENVER

Senior Connor James recorded his first two-goal game of the season and sophomore Brett Skinner had three points as Denver scored four consecutive goals Friday to beat Minnesota 6-2 at Magness Arena.

The Pioneers (20-10-5, 10-10-5 Western Collegiate Hockey Association) have four wins in the past six games and moved within two points of fifth-place Minnesota (20-12-3, 13-11-1).

Jake Fleming gave Minnesota a 1-0 lead, but Denver rallied 28 seconds later on a goal by Jeff Drummond and later went up 4-1. Thomas Vanek also scored for Minnesota.

Kellen Briggs was in goal for Minnesota and Adam Berkhoel started for Denver.

COLORADO COLLEGE 7, ST. CLOUD STATE 1

Tyler Liebel and Brett Sterling each had two goals as visiting Colorado College rallied from a 1-0 deficit to score the final seven goals.

Colorado College (17-13-3, 10-13-2) trailed 1-0 just 2:26 into the game on a Nate Raduns goal. The Tigers then scored three goals in 2 minutes for a 3-1 lead after one period.

Tim Boron started in goal for St. Cloud State (18-11-4, 12-9-4). Adam Coole played the last two periods.

Colorado College outshot St. Cloud State 32-26.

MICHIGAN TECH 4, MINNESOTA-MANKATO 3

Brett Engelhardt scored twice to help host **Michigan Tech** defeat Minnesota State-Mankato.

The Huskies (8-19-5, 6-15-3) scored twice in the first period on power-play goals from Rolf Ulvin and Taggart Desmet before Engelhardt's two second-period goals extinguished the Mavericks' chances.

Kurtis Kisio, Steven Johns and Brock Becker each scored on the power play for the Mavericks (6-22-5, 5-18-4).

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COLLEGE HOCKEY: Sioux snap UMD streak, forge tie for lead

From news services

North Dakota defenseman Nick Fuher picked the perfect time for the first multi-goal game of his career Friday night.

Fuher scored twice in the first period, breaking a 1-1 tie and lifting the second-ranked Fighting Sioux to a 4-1 victory over No. 5 Minnesota Duluth on Friday night in Duluth, snapping the Bulldogs' school-record 14-game unbeaten streak.

With the victory, North Dakota moved into a tie with UMD for first place in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association with three games remaining.

"We had to have these two points," Sioux coach Dean Blais said, praising his team's defensive play. "We didn't give them a lot of time to make plays or a lot of second chances. We played pretty solid defense throughout."

The Bulldogs had not lost since dropping a 6-3 decision at North Dakota on Dec. 13.

"They got a couple of easy goals, and that's not a team you want to play catch-up against," Bulldogs coach

Scott Sandelin said. "It was an off night for our team."

Goaltender Jake Brandt made 22 saves for the Sioux, who put the game out of reach with David Lundbohm's short-handed goal early in the third period.

Colorado College 7, St. Cloud State 1: Tyler Liebel and Brett Sterling had two goals each to lead Colorado College to a victory at St. Cloud State.

Michigan Tech 4, Minnesota State (Mankato) 3: Brett Engelhardt scored twice to help **Michigan Tech** defeat Minnesota State (Mankato) at Houghton, Mich.

Bemidji State 7, Air Force 4: Sophomore left wing Ryan Huddy collected his first career hat trick to lead Bemidji State (17-11-3, 14-2-1) to a College Hockey America victory over Air Force (12-19-2, 4-12-1) at Colorado Springs, Colo.

St. John's 4, Augsburg 0: The Johnnies (20-3-1, 14-1-0) clinched their second consecutive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular-season men's title and sixth in school history with a

victory at Augsburg (8-12-4, 5-7-3).

Adam Hanna made 25 saves for his third shutout of the season.

St. Thomas 4, Gustavus Adolphus 2: Adam Cozine scored two goals to spark the Tommies (15-7-3, 13-2-1) to a victory over the Gusties (12-10-3, 9-5-2) at St. Peter, Minn.

Bethel 4, Concordia (Moorhead) 3: Chris Carroll scored once in each period for a hat trick to lead Bethel (5-17-1, 3-12-0) over Concordia (5-16-3, 4-9-2) at Moorhead, Minn.

WOMEN

St. Cloud State 2, Minnesota State (Mankato) 1: Randie Jelinski scored her first collegiate goal at 17:28 of the second period, which proved to be the winner as the Huskies won at Mankato.

St. Thomas 2, Augsburg 2: St. Thomas (18-4-2, 16-0-1) secured its second consecutive outright women's MIAC championship with a tie with visiting Augsburg (13-9-2, 9-6-2).

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Michigan Tech 4, Minn. Mankato 3

HOUGHTON, Mich.

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Kurtis Kisio, Steven Johns and Brock Becker each scored on the power play for the Mavericks (6-22-5, 5-18-4).

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP: No. 17 Arizona falls without Stoudamire

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NEWS SERVICES
TUCSON, Ariz.

Tre Simmons scored a career-high 22 points and Washington held off No. 17 Arizona, 89-84, on Thursday night to move ahead of the Wildcats into second place in the Pac-10.

The Wildcats were playing without leading scorer Salim Stoudamire, suspended by coach Lute Olson "for failure to meet team responsibilities."

After opening the conference schedule with five straight losses, the Huskies (14-10, 9-6) have won nine of 11 – including a sweep of Arizona. TOP 25

Stanford 73, Oregon State 47:Josh Childress had 12 points and five assists in No. 1 Stanford's school-record 24th straight victory. The Cardinal (24-0, 15-0 Pac-10) and No. 2 St. Joseph's (25-0) are the only unbeaten teams in Division I.

Duke 97, Valparaiso 63:Daniel Ewing scored 20 points to lift the No. 5 Blue Devils to their 41st consecutive home win. Luol Deng added 18 points for Duke (23-3), which hit a season-high 15 three-pointers.

Gonzaga 97, San Diego 78:Blake Stepp scored 24 points, all on three-pointers in the second half, as host No. 4 Gonzaga beat undermanned San Diego for the Bulldogs' 17th consecutive victory. GLIAC

Northwood 86, Lake Superior State 67:Dallas Logan scored 21 points on 7-of-10 shooting and Richard Kamm had 16 points and a game-high seven rebounds to lead the visiting Timberwolves (16-11, 10-8). Scott Jamison had 16 points and six rebounds for the Lakers (8-19, 1-15).

Wayne State 69. Gannon (Pa.) 46:Kendall LeSure scored his 1,000th career point and 21 in the host Tartars' win over division-leading Gannon. Wayne State (16-10, 10-6) took advantage of Gannon's 21 turnovers, scoring 30 points. The Warriors committed only nine turnovers in the game and led, 35-22, at the half.

Grand Valley State 83, Michigan Tech 63:Eric Chess was 9-of-9 on free throws and scored 21 points and Courtney James and Marcus Wallace had 15 each for the host Lakers (14-12, 6-11). Center Josh Buettner scored 26 points on 12-of-17 shoot-

ing for the Huskies (19-5, 13-4).

Ferris State 69, Northern Michigan 51:Guard Willie Thomas scored 17 points to lead the host Bulldogs (13-13, 13-4). Guard Antwan Holt scored 16 points for the Wildcats (15-11, 9-8). Ferris State's bench outscored Northern's, 32-7, as the Bulldogs took control in the second half.

Findlay 74, Hillsdale 60:Dustin Pfeifer scored 21 points for visiting Findlay (21-6, 13-4), which outscored the host Chargers, 44-30, in the second half. Hillsdale (13-13, 6-10) was led by Tom Farmer's 17 points.

Baylor report:Former Baylor University basketball coach Dave Bliss made payments to players, allowed major NCAA infractions and then tried to cover up the improprieties, the school president said Thursday.

In summing up a seven-month internal investigation, president Robert Sloansaid Baylor "failed to exercise appropriate institutional control" and missed clues that could have stopped wrongdoing by Bliss.

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WOMEN'S ROUNDUP: Smith sets record as U-M tops 'Cats

FREE PRESS NEWS SERVICES

Senior center Jennifer Smith scored 27 points to set the single-season scoring record as Michigan downed Northwestern, 73-55, Thursday night at Crisler Arena.

Smith, who had 604 points this season, shot 9-for-13 and went 8-for-9 from the free throw line.

She was among four Wolverines (12-16, 5-10 Big Ten) who scored in double figures. Tabitha Pool had 14 points and 11 boards, Stephanie Gandy had 13 points and Rachael Carney had 10.

Samantha McComb scored 21 points for Northwestern (8-19, 1-15).

MORE BIG TEN

Purdue 84, Iowa 55:Shereka Wright had 21 points to lead fourth-ranked Purdue(24-2, 14-1) to its 15th straight victory.Katie Gearlds added 15 points for the Boilermakers.Wright and Gearlds didn't take Iowa (15-11, 9-6) by surprise. The two stars scorched the Hawkeyes in their last meeting, combining for 64 points in Purdue's 90-79 win at Iowa on Feb. 10.

Ohio State 76, Minnesota 62:Brandie Hoskins had 17 points and 11 assists, and No. 25 Ohio State upset No. 12 Minnesota. The Buckeyes

(18-8, 10-5 Big Ten) had 16 steals and forced 19 turnovers as they moved into sole possession of third place in the Big Ten. Janel McCarville scored 19 points for the host Gophers (20-6, 9-6), who were playing their fifth game without senior Lindsay Whalen, their leading scorer. She suffered two broken bones in her right hand on Feb. 12 in a game at Ohio State, but could return in time for the NCAA tournament.

Wisconsin 59, Illinois 53:Jordan Wilson scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds for visiting Wisconsin (10-15, 4-11). Angelina Williams and Tiffanie Guthrie scored 15 each for Illinois (10-16, 4-11).

STATE

Detroit Mercy 75, Youngstown State 40:The host Titans took a 39-16 half-time lead and cruised to a Horizon League victory. Katie Solner led Detroit (13-13, 10-6) with 15 points. Sara Crum added 12 points and five rebounds. Youngstown State shot 26 percent and fell to 4-22, 2-13.

Lake Superior State 82, Northwood University 50:Hillary Bultema scored 22 points for host Lake Superior (22-3, 15-2 Great Lakes). Kate Deupree had 12 for Northwood (5-21, 2-16).

Hillsdale 92, Findlay 83:Nikki Wustman scored 25 points for host Hillsdale (10-15, 7-9 Great Lakes). Michelle Vorst scored 20 for Findlay (14-13, 6-11).

Ferris State 85, Northern Michigan 78:Lucy DeMartin scored 29 points for host Ferris (19-7, 14-3 Great Lakes). Tiffany Grubaugh scored 35 for Northern (18-6, 10-6).

Wayne State 97, Gannon 72:Jodi Young scored 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds for host Wayne State (10-12, 6-7 Great Lakes). Shatona Clark added 26 points and nine rebounds. Emily Thornbury had 17 for Gannon (17-10, 10-7).

Michigan Tech 71, Grand Valley State 57:Visiting **Michigan Tech** forced 18 turnovers.

Calvin 59, Kalamazoo 53:At Grand Rapids, Lisa Nanniga and Lisa Winkle scored 16 each as Calvin (23-3) advanced to Saturday's Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association final against Albion. Angie Neu scored 15 for Kalamazoo (14-13).

Albion 63, Hope 47:Sarah Caskey scored 19 points as visiting Albion (22-5) advanced to the MIAA final. Adelynn Vilmann scored 15 for Hope (23-4).

Aquinas 78, Siena Heights 63:At Grand Rapids, Jackie

Braspenninx scored 23 points as Aquinas (15-16) advanced to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinals. Nicole Coffey's 27 points led Siena Heights (9-21).

Indiana Tech 76, Madonna University 73: Sarah Thompson scored 21 points for the Crusaders, who advanced to the WHAC semifinals.

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Tennessee 93, Arkansas 71: Tasha Butts scored 25 points and Shyra Ely added 17 for second-ranked Tennessee (24-2, 13-0 Southeastern Conference). Shameka Christon led Arkansas (16-10, 5-8) with 25 points.

Louisiana Tech 83, Texas-El Paso 60: Amisha Carter scored 22 points for No. 7 Louisiana Tech (21-2, 14-1 Western Athletic). Ingrid Goslin led host UTEP (14-11, 9-7) with 16 points.

Oregon 67, Stanford 66: Corrie Mizusawa's lay-up with 8.2 seconds left gave host Oregon (13-14, 5-12 Pac-10) the victory over the No. 10 Cardinal (20-6, 13-4).

North Carolina 71, Florida State 58: Camille Little scored 16 points, helping No. 11 North Carolina (21-5, 11-4) to the second seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. Tasheika Allen had 22 points for the Seminoles (14-13, 7-9).

LSU 85, Mississippi 68: Temeka Johnson had 22 points and seven assists for host No. 15 LSU (22-5, 10-3 Southeastern Conference). Armintie Price led Mississippi (15-12, 6-7) with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Auburn 72, Alabama 40: Le'Coee Willingham had 17 points and eight rebounds to help No. 18 Auburn (21-6, 9-4 SEC) beat Alabama (12-14, 4-9) in Tuscaloosa

Florida 69, Georgia 59: Bernice Mosby scored 14 of 19 points in the second half for host Florida (17-9, 7-6 SEC). Christi Thomas had 20 points for the No. 19 Bulldogs (18-8, 7-6).

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Titans win 7th straight

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DETROIT: The Detroit Mercy Titans swept February.

Now it's on to the madness of March.

With a 61-52 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay before 2,220 at Calihan Hall for senior night, the Titans have won seven straight ? all this month ? to conclude the regular season.

That's their longest winning streak since two eight-game streaks during the 1989-1999 season.

UDM still has a mathematical shot, albeit a slim one, to earn a bye for the first round of the Horizon League tournament that begins next week. But the Titans (16-10, 9-6) more than likely will play Tuesday night at home against Loyola of Chicago.

"It's indicative of our maturity, guys buying in, getting a little more trust in each other," UDM Coach Perry Watson said of his team's play this month. "It's just part of the maturation (process)."

It was a dismal first half for each team, with the Titans holding a 19-18 lead at half-time. They endured a six-minute stretch without a field goal. The Phoenix were held to five field goals.

"They packed the zone in," Watson said of the Phoenix's defense. "They really changed their whole philosophy coming in here. They've probably been looking at what we've been doing lately and knew they would have some match-up problems because of our quickness, our speed, our inside, so they packed their zone in, and it got us into a snail's pace and I thought we were not having movement.

"We only shot 29 percent because we weren't active, and we weren't touching the ball inside and out. We addressed that at halftime, and guys came out and attacked the zone. When they started attacking and started having success, then (the Phoenix) were in trouble because they had to go man-to-man and that's when we were in control from that point on."

Wisconsin-Green Bay built a 32-27 lead eight minutes into the second half, but UDM went on a 16-5 run that gave it a 41-35 lead with 7:47 remaining. Reserve guard James Thues, who had all 16 of his points in the second half, scored eight during that run.

"I wanted to come out and give a good effort for the seniors because it was senior night," said Thues, a transfer from Syracuse.

For the Titans, this was the type of second-half flourish they said will propel them with confidence into the tournament. Their two losses before the winning streak were by a combined four points.

"We made a promise to ourselves that we were going to work hard in the second half of the season," Thues said. "We know we could be in a better position right now, but we're just fighting."

More state

(At) Ferris State 69, Northern Michigan 51: Willie Thomas scored 17 for Ferris (13-13, 13-4 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference). Antwuan Holt had 16 for Northern (15-11, 9-8).

Findlay 74, (at) Hillsdale 60: Tom Farmer scored 17 for Hillsdale (13-13, 6-10 GLIAC).

(At) Grand Valley State 83, **Michigan Tech** 63: Eric Chase had 21 points and eight rebounds for Grand Valley (14-12, 6-11 GLIAC). Josh Buettner scored 26 for Tech (19-5, 13-4).

Northwood 86, (at) Lake Superior State 67: Dallas Logan scored 21 for Northwood (16-11, 18-8 GLIAC). Scott Jamison had 16 for Lake Superior (8-19, 1-15).

(At) Wayne State 69, Gannon 46: Kendall LeSure scored 21

and surpassed 1,000 career points for Wayne State (16-10, 10-6 GLIAC).

Top 25

(At) No. 5 Duke 97, Valparaiso 63: Daniel Ewing scored 20 and Luol Deng 18 for Duke (23-3), which hit a season-high 15 three-pointers. Valparaiso is 13-12.

Washington 89, (at) No. 17 Arizona 84: Tre Simmons scored a career-high 22 for Washington (14-10, 9-6 Pac-10). Arizona (17-8, 9-7) was playing without leading scorer Salim Stoudamire, who was suspended by Coach Lute

Olson "for failure to meet team responsibilities."

Briefly

Former Baylor coach Dave Bliss made payments to players, allowed major NCAA infractions and then tried to cover up the improprieties, the school president said.

In summing up a seven-month internal investigation, President Robert Sloan said Baylor "failed to exercise appropriate institutional control" and missed clues that could have stopped wrongdoing by Bliss.

The school will send its report next week to the NCAA,

which could impose even harsher sanctions or accept Baylor's self-imposed penalties of reduced scholarships, an additional year of probation and a one-year ban on post-season play.

The report on the basketball program was ordered after Patrick Dennehy was found dead in July and teammate Carlton Dotson was charged with his murder. Bliss resigned in August.

Attorneys for Bliss, who works at a sporting goods store in suburban Denver, didn't return calls Thursday.

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Alaska Anchorage: The Seawolves are riding a season-high losing streak of six games after being swept for the third straight weekend, this time by Minnesota Five of Anchorage's last seven losses have come by just one goal Sophomore Chris Fournier, a UND transfer, now leads the Seawolves in scoring with 27 points UAA is 4-4-4 in its last 12 games against Wisconsin heading into Anchorage's final WCHA series this weekend against the Badgers.

Colorado College: The Tigers are one point away from being mathematically eliminated from a top-five league finish and home ice for the playoffs. They haven't played on the road in the first round of the WCHA playoffs since 1998 CC's nine-member sophomore class has scored 63 of the team's 100 goals The Tigers have outshot their opponent in 22 of their 32 games this season but have won just 15 of them.

Denver: The Pioneers could move into a tie for fifth place in the WCHA this weekend if they can sweep Minnesota in Denver Senior goalie Adam Berkhoeel stopped 53 of 54 **Michigan Tech** shots as the Pioneers played to a 1-1 tie and earned a 3-0 win at **Michigan Tech** last weekend Sophomore Gabe Gauthier leads the Pioneers in scoring with 35 points, including 22 assists, in 32 games.

Michigan Tech: Sophomore forward Chris Conner, who is tied for the national lead in goals (24)

and leads in shorthanded goals (8), tops the fan voting so far for the Hobey Baker Award **Michigan Tech** will finish out of last place in the WCHA if it can sweep Minnesota State-Mankato in Houghton this weekend. The Huskies trail ninth-place Minnesota State by one point with the Mavericks completing league play this weekend. The Huskies have finished last in the WCHA in two of the past four seasons.

Minnesota: Senior Troy Riddle has moved into a tie for 17th place in career scoring at Minnesota with Scott Bjugstad with 163 points Senior captain Grant Potulny scored a goal in his first game back for the Gophers since going down with a shoulder injury on Jan. 23 against UND Former Grand Forks Red River player Danny Irmen leads Gopher rookies in scoring with eight goals and seven assists.

Minnesota Duluth: The Bulldogs, who have won their last 11 games at the DECC in Duluth, can win the MacNaughton Cup outright if they can sweep UND at the DECC this weekend The Bulldogs have a school-record 14-game unbeaten streak going. The last team to beat them was UND on Dec. 13 When Duluth came back from an early 3-0 deficit to beat Colorado College Saturday, it was the first time this season the Bulldogs have won a game when trailing going into the third period.

Minnesota State-Mankato: Senior Shane Joseph has 23 career power-play goals, tying him for

third most in school history with Troy Jutting, now the coach of the Mavericks Joseph, with 64 goals, is tied for 13th on the MSU career list for goals and ranks 17th with 134 career points.

St. Cloud State: A 1-1 tie at Wisconsin last Friday marked the third straight year the Huskies have tied on a Friday night trip to the Kohl Center in Madison Injured goalie Adam Coole did not travel with the Huskies to Madison so that he could attend his grandmother's funeral in Duluth, his hometown The Huskies hit two goal posts and had a goal disallowed in the 3-0 loss to Wisconsin on Saturday Former UND defenseman Nate Wright, who's from Alexandria, Minn., played in his first game of the season on Saturday, skating on St. Cloud's third line St. Cloud's Garrett Larson and UND's Brady Murray are tied for the WCHA lead in shooting percentage, both scoring on 26.7 percent of their shots.

Wisconsin: Freshman Ross Carlson is the only Badger averaging a point per game this season with 14 points in 14 games Bernd Bruckler's shutout win over St. Cloud State on Saturday was his first shutout since Oct. 20, 2001, in his debut in a Badger jersey The Badgers have played in 11 overtime games this season, tying the school record UW is 0-for-22 on the power play over the past six games.

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Grand Valley St. 83, Michigan Tech 63

ALLENDALE, Mich.

Eric Chess scored 21 to lead four Lakers in double figures in Grand Valley State's win over **Michigan Tech** 83-63 on Thursday.

The Lakers (14-12, 6-11 Great Lakes Intercollegiate) controlled the boards, outrebounding the Huskies 42-23, and Chess was red-hot, going 6-of-9 from the field and nailing all nine of his free throws.

Josh Buettner led **Michigan Tech** (19-5, 13-4) with 26 points.

Marcus Wallace and Courtney James both had 15 points for the Lakers and Mike Hall scored 11 and grabbed eight rebounds.