



OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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- Oklahoma's second-half comeback fell short Wednesday night on the road as the Sooners fell to South Dakota State, 67-61, inside Frost Arena. Down 38-26 at halftime, OU limited the Jackrabbits to just 5-of-26 (.192) shooting in the second half as OU trimmed the deficit down to 50-47 at the start of the fourth quarter. The Sooners would get within two points with 19 seconds left in the final quarter, but South Dakota State sealed the win at the free throw line down the stretch to hold on for the victory.
- OU dropped to 3-5 overall, while South Dakota State improved to 7-2. The Sooners lead the all-time series, 2-1, with the Jackrabbits. Wednesday's game marked the first time the Sooners have played a game in the state of South Dakota.
- Shaina Pellington led the Sooners in scoring for the third straight game, finishing with 16 points on 5-of-10 shooting from the field and 6-of-10 attempts at the foul line. Pellington's six made free throws and 10 free throw attempts set a career high.
- Gabbi Ortiz added 13 points and knocked down three triples against South Dakota State. The senior passed Carin Stites (152, 1991-92) for eighth place on OU's all-time 3-point field goals list. Ortiz has 154 career 3-pointers and needs eight more treys to move into seventh place at OU (161, Peyton Little, 2014-17).
- Ortiz recorded a career-high two blocks against the Jackrabbits. The senior had just one block in 106 games during her career prior to Wednesday's game.
- Ortiz also extended her streak of consecutive made free throws to 36, finishing 2-of-2 at the foul line versus South Dakota State. Ortiz's streak is second all-time at OU and the senior needs three more made free throws to break the school record by LaNeisha Caufield (39, 2001-02).
- Maddie Manning picked up her 55th career double-figure scoring game with 10 points, while adding in eight rebounds in 39 minutes. Manning also set a career high with four blocked shots.
- Mandy Simpson logged nine rebounds, setting a career high for the freshman.
- Ijeoma Odingbe also tied her career high with nine rebounds. The junior matched her career high, which came against California last season.
- Gileysa Penzo's four assists marked a career high. The redshirt junior also played a career high 24 minutes.
- OU's starting lineup vs. South Dakota State -- Shaina Pellington (G), Gabbi Ortiz (G), Ana Llanusa (G), Maddie Manning (G/F), Mandy Simpson (F). OU's lineup featured three freshmen as Llanusa and Pellington both made their first career starts.
- Wednesday's game marked the first time OU started three freshmen in one game since Dec. 21, 2014 against Arkansas (Gabbi Ortiz, Vionise Pierre-Louis and LaNesia Williams).
- OU's four-game losing streak is the longest since the Sooners dropped four straight during the 2003-04 season.
- Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale is 468-232 in her 22 seasons at Oklahoma. Wednesday's contest marked the 700th game of Coale's career as OU's head coach.
- Up next, the Sooners return home to face No. 16 South Florida at Lloyd Noble Center Saturday at 2 p.m. CT. The Bulls are the first ranked non-conference opponent to visit the Sooners since No. 4 Louisville came to Norman during the 2013-14 season. USF leads the all-time series, 1-0.