



# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



## Bronco Scoreboard 0-0, 0-0 GPAC

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 31	Black Hills State	4:30 pm
Nov. 1	S.D. Mines	1:00 pm
Nov. 6	\$Davenport	3:00 pm
Nov. 7	\$Dakota State	11:00 am
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Southwestern</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Nov. 13	%College of the Ozarks	7:30 pm
Nov. 14	%John Brown College	1:00 pm
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Univ. of Sioux Falls*</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
Nov. 24	Nebraska Wesleyan *	6:00 pm
<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>^Tabor College</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	<b>^Sterling</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Midland*</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Dec. 4	York	7:00 pm
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Concordia*</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Dec. 12	Briar Cliff *	2:00 pm
Dec. 19	Bethel	3:00 pm
Jan. 2	Dakota State	6:00 pm
Jan. 6	Doane*	8:00 pm
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Mount Marty*</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Dana*</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Jan. 16	Dordt *	2:00 pm
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Nebraska Wesleyan*</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Jan. 27	Midland*	6:00 pm
Jan. 30	Morningside*	2:00 pm
Feb. 3	Concordia*	6:00 pm
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Briar Cliff*</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>Doane*</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>Northwestern*</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
Feb. 16	Dana*	7:30 pm
Feb. 20	Dakota Wesleyan*	1:00 pm

\$ - Morningside College Classic (Sioux City, Iowa)

% - Ozarks Classic

^ - Hastings College Classic (Hastings, Neb.)

\* GPAC Games

**BOLD** games at home

October 31, 2009

### *Hastings Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> Nationally in Preseason Poll*

The first preseason national poll has the Lady Broncos ranked #4 in the country. The team is looking to improve off a very successful season. Last year, the Lady Broncos qualified for the national tournament as a #5 seed and beat the #4 seed College of Idaho in the first round. The team then played the #1 seed in the eight team pod and the #2 team in the country in Shawnee State. With the use of the experience from the previous year's tournament, they beat a very good team in overtime. Next, the team took on a familiar foe, fellow GPAC school Concordia (NE) and beat them to advance to the final four. In the semifinal match, the Lady Broncos defeated #1 seed College of the Ozarks, the team that that just happened to knock them out of the 2008 tournament. The finals awaited as the Lady Broncos faced another familiar team in Morningside College. The game went back and forth, but the Mustangs were too much in the end. The Lady Broncos finished the year with a 27-8 record and an impressive run in the national tournament.

The 2009-2010 season could bring very similar results. The team returns two time All- American Lindsay Ducey, National All Tournament Team Selection, Kim Faimon, and Honorable Mention All-Conference Rachel Isherwood. The team will have to replace Kay Broekemeier and Amanda Kulus, but with the return of key reserve and Honorable Mention All- Conference selection Heather McKeon, the Lady Broncos have a very experienced line up. The GPAC this year, as in every year, will be very difficult, and the team must be prepared game in and game out to duplicate last year's success. As proof of the difficulty of the conference, the preseason GPAC poll came out and the Lady Broncos were picked to finish third behind Morningside and Northwestern College. Just a few days later, the national poll came out, and the Lady Broncos were selected #4 behind #1 Morningside and #2 Northwestern. The conference season will be a battle of heavy hitters. Along with Morningside and Northwestern, Hastings plays 7 other preseason nationally ranked teams—#9 Black Hills State, #3 Davenport, #19 Southwestern, #7 College of the Ozarks, #15 University of Sioux Falls, #13 Sterling, #22 Concordia.

The season begins Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> as the Lady Broncos make the long trip to Spearfish, SD to take on their first of many ranked opponents, Black Hills State. Black Hills went 26-8 last year and returns 4 starters and an All- American for a team that made it to the Elite 8 of last year's national tournament. They turn around the next day to play SD School of Mines and Technology. The Lady Rockers have a good mix of veteran players and talented new comers. They finished the 2008-2009 season with a 10-19 record.