



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



GPAC Conference Championship

Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm, the Hastings College women's basketball team will host the Northwestern Red Raiders in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Tournament Championship game. The upcoming game will pit the top two teams in the conference, and the top two of three teams in the country. Hastings finished the season ranked #1 and comes in with a 29-3 record, while Northwestern is ranked #3 in the country and has a 26-4 record. To advance, Hastings beat Morningside 76-62 while Northwestern beat Briar Cliff 94-75.

Last time the two teams played, it was senior night for the Broncos, and they came away with an 83-70 win. The Broncos controlled most of the game and built a 20 point lead in the second half that the Red Raiders were not able to rebound from. Five girls scored in double digits for Hastings, and Alicia Statler led that group with 21 points. Randa Hulstein led Northwestern with 16 points.

To get to this point, Hastings beat Morningside 76-62 Saturday in the GPAC Semifinals. The first 15 minutes of the game saw two very good teams battling each other with the score staying close. The teams traded 1 point leads for the first 3/4 of the half. In the last 5 minutes, the Broncos put a little distance between the two teams finishing on a 12-4 run, which put them up 36-29 at half. Neither team shot well from the 3 point line going a combined 3-21. Lindsay Ducey led the team with 14 points with Tanaeya Worden leading the Mustangs with 15 points.

In the second half, both teams had little spurts. With tough defense, the Broncos started on an 8-2 run to get up by 13. They caused a shot clock violation and made the Mustangs take tough shots. But then the Mustangs went on their own run to get within one point. The final seven minutes belonged to the home team allowing the Mustangs only 10 points. Hastings also made big free throws down the stretch with Kim Faimon going 10-10 in the second half. Ducey led the way with 30 points, which puts her over 2,000 points in her career. Kim Faimon ended with 16 while Alicia Statler had a double double with 14 points and 16 rebounds. Worden led Morningside with 21 points.

Statistical Comparison

	Hastings College	Northwestern College
Scoring Off	3 rd - 78.1	2 nd - 84.3
Scoring Def	2 nd - 60.2	7 th - 66.0
FG %	2 nd - .467	1 st - .488
3 pt FG %	2 nd - .397	3 rd - .367
Assist/ TO Margin	1 st - .99	2 nd - .97
Leading Scorer	Lindsay Ducey	Becca Hurley