

Watching and waiting...



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Colby Sweet Thunder 12 and under teammates Harley Kriss, first baseman (left) and Alexa Haas, second baseman watched the play at home plate during a recent tournament.

Miami drafts Kansas' Wayne Simien

LEAVENWORTH (AP) — A promise Wayne Simien made when he was 11 years old has been kept, thanks to the guaranteed money he'll receive as a first-round NBA draft choice.

"I got my dad a new fishing boat about three or four weeks ago," the All-American power forward said Tuesday night, a few minutes after the Miami Heat drafted him with the 29th pick in the first round.

"I promised him when I was 11 that when I made it to the next level I was going to get him a new bass boat because that was one of his passions when I was growing up."

Wayne Simien Sr. stood in the back of a small room as his son spoke at a news conference in Warren Middle School, a short drive from his home here.

"I remember when you said it," said the elder Simien, smiling broadly.

It had been a long night for Simien, a 6-foot-9 Big 12 player of the year and a first team All-American with Kansas. Three Big 12 players were drafted ahead of him; Antoine Wright of Texas A&M, Joey Graham of Oklahoma State and, in a bit of a surprise, Linus Kleiza of Missouri.

Simien insisted he was not nervous before Miami called his name. He said Miami had called earlier in the evening and told him they would take him with their late first-round pick if he were still available.

"I'm really excited," he told about 200 family and friends who had gathered at the school. "I'm ecstatic. I'm right where I'm supposed to be."

He will join one of the best front lines in the NBA, anchored by Shaquille O'Neal.

"I was going to be pleased with any team I went to," he said. "Going to a winning organization, a championship-contending team with one of the most dominant players ever to play the game — you couldn't ask for a better pick."

Simien, although hampered by injuries that caused him to miss 32 games in his four-year career, established himself as one of the finest players in the Jayhawks' storied history.

He averaged 24 points and more than 10 rebounds as a senior and set a school record by hitting 34 straight free throws.

He worked out for 16 different teams before the draft but Miami was not one of them.

As he spoke to the media, a restless crowd of fans waited impatiently in the gym for Simien to speak to them. Finally, the crowd's chant of, "We want Wayne! We want Wayne!" became so loud he could hardly be heard.

"I had no idea there were going to be this many people here," he said, smiling. "I didn't expect this big of a showing. I really appreciate everyone being here."

Sweet Thunder wins

Colby's 16 and Under Sweet Thunder team walked away with first place medals at last weekend's Colby Invitational with four wins and no losses.

The team racked up an impressive 42 runs and allowed no runs the entire weekend.

Pitchers Logan Wark and Danielle Pettibone took the wins against the Norton 18 & Unders in a 9-0 win, Burlington Cougars 16U (9-0), Garden City Dusters 16U (13-0), and the Wray Eagles 16U (11-0).

This championship improed Colby's record to 14-2 so far this season.

The team roster is; Brittany Anderson of Hill City, Kelsey Normandin of Plainville, Danielle Pettibone and Erika Gonzales, both of Goodland; Tara Powell, Kiri Kendrick, Lindsay Frahm, Brena Jones, Jordan Krzycki, Logan Wark and Ashley Schippers all of Colby. Head coach is Joe Anderson and assistants Susan Wark and Jay Pettibone lead the team.

Thunder will play at Hill City this weekend for its annual July 4th tournament.

Tigers running across Kansas

Fort Hays State University cross country coach Jason McCullough will attempt to have his team run across Kansas.

The Tiger Distance Project, aimed at fundraising for the FHSU cross country, will consist of a 462-mile trek across Kansas from the Colorado border to the Missouri River on the Missouri border.

"We are basically traveling from Kanorado to Atchison via the backroads. We will be traveling through several small Kansas," McCullough said.

Towns include: Kanorado,

Ruleton, Goodland, Brewster, Colby, Gem, Rexford, Moreland, Hill City, Bogue, Damar, Plainville, Hunter, Delphos, Miltonvale, Idana, Clay Center, Walsburg, Randolph, Olsburg, Fostoria, Onaga, Havensville, Holton, Effingham, Farmington and Atchison.

The Run Across Kansas is a relay-style event that may be the first of its kind in Kansas. Similar to the Bike Across Kansas, members will traverse the state from west to east.

"Our event will consist of two

Wimbledon showdown

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Back in the Wimbledon semifinals, defending champion Maria Sharapova giggled at her good fortune.

The 18-year-old Russian benefited from two lucky bounces at the end Tuesday and advanced by beating compatriot Nadia Petrova 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Sharapova's opponent Thursday will be two-time champion Venus Williams, who reached her first Grand Slam semifinal in two years by beating Mary Pierce 6-0, 7-6 (10). Williams, bidding for her fifth major title and her first since 2001, overcame five set points in the tiebreaker to eliminate Pierce.

"I feel like I deserve to be in the semifinal," Williams said. "I feel like when I play my best, I'm still a step ahead for sure."

Sharapova was struggling to serve out the final game in her quarterfinal when she clipped the net on consecutive points — and won both. The first allowed her to save the only break point she faced.

"I told the ball to hit the net and roll over," she said with a laugh. "That comes with experience. ... I thanked the fairy for taking the ball and bringing it over the net."

The other semifinal will match top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, the 1999 champion, against No. 3-seeded Amelie Mauresmo.

TV LISTINGS

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| SATURDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | JULY 1 | |
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| | 6 AM | 6:30 | 7 AM | 7:30 | 8 AM | 8:30 | 9 AM | 9:30 | 10 AM | 10:30 | 11 AM | 11:30 | | |
| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | La Gente | BusinessWeek | Good Morning America (CC) | | Lilo & Stitch | Emperor New | Proud Family | World Cup Soccer: Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA. Gelsenkirchen, Germany. (Live) | | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | Today Neil Sedaka. (CC) | | Paid Program | Paid Program | Flight 29 Down | Endurance (E) | Kenny-Shark | Time Warp | Trading Spaces | Darcy's Wild Life | Tennis: Wimbledon -- Early Rounds. | | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | Saturday Early Show (CC) | | | | News | | | | Little Bill (E) (CC) | Blue's Clues | Paid Program | Paid Program | | |
| K15CG (2) | Business | Market-Market | Thomas-Friends | Jay Jay the Jet | Bob the Builder | Real Wheels | Dragon-flyTV | Hand-Crafts | Barbecue | Food | For Your Home | Victory Garden | | |
| ESPN (28) | SportsCenter (CC) | | SportsCenter (CC) | | SportsCenter (CC) | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | | | | PWBA Bowling: USBC Queen's. | | | |
| USA (37) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Sexy Abs | Monk Mr. Monk Gets Stuck in Traffic | | Monk Mr. Monk and the Astronaut (CC) | | Movie: The Deer Hunter **** (1978, War) Robert De Niro. (Premiere) (CC) | | | | | |
| TBS (38) | Becker (CC) | Becker (CC) | Movie: Dangerous Minds ** (1995, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer. (CC) | | | Movie: Domestic Disturbance *½ (2001, Suspense) John Travolta. (CC) | | | Movie: What Lies Beneath (2000) | | | | | |
| WGN (39) | Enterprise | Adelante Chicago | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Happy Days | Home Improve | | |
| TNT (40) | Movie: Paulee ** (1998) A parrot tells his life story to a janitor. Gena Rowlands. (CC) | | | | Movie: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids *** (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis. (CC) | | | | Movie: Hook (1991) Lawyer turns into Peter Pan to save kids from Captain Hook. | | | | | |
| DSC (42) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | Alaskan Crab Fishing | | Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea | | | |
| A&E (47) | Murder, She Wrote Trials & Tribulations | | Biography Tom Jones Tom Jones. | | Old House | Old House | Airline (CC) | Airline (CC) | Airline (CC) | Airline (CC) | Airline (CC) | Airline (CC) | | |
| HIST (48) | Automobiles Tucker (CC) | | Infams Murder | Infams Murder | The Presidents 1789-1825 (CC) | | The Presidents 1825-1849 (CC) | | The Presidents 1849-1865 (CC) | | The Presidents 1865-1885 (CC) | | | |
| NICK (55) | Grown Up | OddPar-ents | Jimmy Neutron | Jimmy Neutron | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | OddPar-ents | OddPar-ents | The X's (CC) | Danny Phantom | Danny Phantom | Cats-cratch | | |
| DISN (56) | JoJo's Circus | Higgly-town | Ein-steins | Ein-steins | Mickey Mouse | Mickey Mouse | Doodle-bops | Doodle-bops | Charlie & Lola | Koala Brothers | Lilo & Stitch | Empero New | | |
| FAM (58) | Digimon-Digital | Dragon Booster | NASCAR Racers A.T.O.M. (CC) | | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | | |
| HALL (60) | Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang ** (1975, Comedy) Bill Bixby. (CC) | | | | Movie: The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again ** (1979, Comedy) Tim Conway. | | | | Movie: Once Upon a Time in the West ***½ (1969, Western) Henry Fonda. | | | | | |

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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | PGA Golf: Buick Championship -- Third Round. Cromwell, Conn. (Live) | | | | | | Paid Program | ABC Wl News | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | (11:00) Tennis: Wimbledon -- Early Rounds. From Wimbledon, England. (CC) | | | | Golf: U.S. Women's Open Championship -- Third Round. Newport, R.I. (Live) (CC) | | | | | | Paid Program | NBC News | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | NCAA Spring Highlights Show | | Arete Honors for Courage in Sports | | Intercontinental Poker Champ. | | Paid Program | CBS News | |
| K15CG (2) | Yankee Shop | This Old House | Ask This Old | Home-time | Wood-wright | Real Simple | Scrap-book | School-Fine Art | Love of Quilting | Piano Guy | Cabin Country | Rare Visions | |
| ESPN (28) | PWBA Bowling | Boxing: 1975 Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier III. (CC) | | | World Cup Soccer: Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA. Frankfurt, Germany. (Live) | | | Horse Racing: Suburban/Cash Call | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | | | |
| USA (37) | (10:00) Movie: The Deer Hunter ★★★ (1978, War) Robert De Niro. (CC) | | | | Movie: U-571 ★★½ (2000, Suspense) Gls try to steal an encryption device from a German sub. (CC) (DVS) | | | | Movie: Terminator 2: Judgment Day ★★½ (1991) | | | | |
| TBS (38) | (10:50) Movie: What Lies Beneath ★★½ (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC) | | | | Movie: The Others ★★★ (2001, Suspense) Nicole Kidman. (CC) | | | | Movie: The Haunting ★½ (1999) Four people stay in a reputedly haunted house. | | | | |
| WGN (39) | Cosby Show | Moesha (CC) | Soul Train | | Movie: Something Wild ★★★ (1986, Comedy) Jeff Daniels. (CC) | | | Farscape: The Ugly Truth (CC) | | Ghosts: Fact or Fiction (CC) | | | |
| TNT (40) | (10:00) Movie: Hook ★★★ (1991) | | Movie: Bait ★½ (2000, Action) A petty thief is used to flush out a high-tech criminal. | | | Movie: Bad Boys (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence. | | | Movie: Blue Streak ★½ (1999) | | | | |
| DSC (42) | Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea | | Futureweapons No place to hide. (CC) | | | Futureweapons Smart Weapons | | Futureweapons High-tech weapons. | | MythBusters (CC) | | MythBusters Jet Assisted Chevy (CC) | |
| A&E (47) | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Movie: Windtalkers ★★ (2002, War) A Marine protects a Navajo code transmitter in World War II. Nicolas Cage. (CC) | | | | | | |
| HIST (48) | The Presidents The Gilded Age. (CC) | | The Presidents 1913-1945 (CC) | | The Presidents 1945-1977 (CC) | | | The Presidents Global terrorism. | | Ben Franklin The many faces of the Founding Father. (CC) | | | |
| NICK (55) | Avatar-Last Air | Avatar-Last Air | Nick-toons TV | Nick-toons TV | Nick-toons TV | Nick-toons TV | Nick-toons TV | Nick-toons TV | Just for Kicks | Drake & Josh | Ned's School | Zoey 101 Zoey 101 | |
| DISN (56) | Movie: Pixel Perfect ★★ (2004, Comedy) A hologram sings for a struggling band. | | | | Kim Possible | | Ameri-can Drgn | | Emperor New | | Even Stevens | | |
| FAM (58) | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | |
| HALL (60) | (10:00) Movie: Once Upon a Time in the West (1969) | | | | Movie: Pale Rider ★★★ (1985) Gold prospectors are harassed by a corrupt power baron. Clint Eastwood. | | | | Movie: Johnson County War ★★★ (2002, Western) Tom Berenger, Luke Perry. (CC) | | | | |

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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | News (CC) | The Insider | Movie: Lilo & Stitch (2002) Animated. A girl adopts a dog which is really an alien. | | | The Evidence And the Envelope Please | | | News (CC) | The Insider | Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC) | | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | News | Wheel of Fortune | Dateline NBC (CC) | | | Movie: Bridget Jones's Diary *** (2001, Romance-Comedy) Renee Zellweger. | | | News | Saturday Night Live Lance Armstrong; Sheryl Crow. (CC) | | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News (CC) | Inside Edition | 48 Hours Mystery (CC) | | | Movie: Deep Impact ** (1998, Drama) A large comet is on a collision course with Earth. Robert Duval. (CC) | | | News (CC) | Alias Endgame (CC) | | | |
| K15CG (2) | Sun-flower | Kansas Spotlight | Keeping Up | As Time Goes By | The Lawrence Welk Show Indiana | | | Red Green | Austin City Limits Ben Harper (CC) | | Soundstage (CC) | Monty Python | |
| ESPN (28) | 2005 U.S. Poker Championships | | | World Cup Soccer: Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA. Frankfurt, Germany. | | | Baseball Tonight (Live) | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | | World Cup Live | Baseball Tonight | |
| USA (37) | (4:30) Movie: Terminator 2 | | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | | Law & Order: SVU | |
| TBS (38) | MLB Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Atlanta Braves. Turner Field. (Live) (CC) | | | | | | Movie: Lethal Weapon 2 ***½ (1989, Action) Riggs and Murtaugh battle drug-smuggling diplomats. (CC) | | | | Movie: Striking | Movie: 3 Amigos! | |
| WGN (39) | America's Funniest Home Videos (CC) | | | The Funny Things Kids Do (CC) | | World's Most Shocking Moments | | WGN News at Nine (CC) | | Sex and the City | Becker (CC) | Home Improve. | Movie: Eight Legged Freaks |
| TNT (40) | (5:00) Movie: Blue Streak *½ (1999) | | | Movie: Rush Hour 2 ** (2001, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. (CC) | | | Movie: Men in Black monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth. | | | Movie: Eight Legged Freaks | | | |
| DSC (42) | MythBusters Vodka Myths (CC) | | | Shark Hunter: Great White | | Killer Jellyfish (CC) | | Killer Squid (CC) | | Lethal Swarms: Killer Bees (CC) | | Shark Hunter: Great White | |
| A&E (47) | City Confidential (CC) | | | Cold Case Files (CC) | | Cold Case Files (N) (CC) | | American Justice: Conspiracy to Kill | | American Justice: Lethal Injection | | Cold Case Files (CC) | |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels Money (CC) | | | Kennedys: The Curse of Power (CC) | | | The Kennedy Assassination: Beyond the Conspiracy (CC) | | | Kennedys: The Curse of Power | | | |
| NICK (55) | OddPar-ents | SpongeBob | Movie: Rugrats in Paris: The Movie *** (2000, Adventure) | | | Nick-toons TV | | Fresh Prince | Rose-anne | Rose-anne | Cosby Show | Cosby Show | Cosby Show |
| DISN (56) | Hannah Montana | That's Raven | Life With Derek | | Natural-Sadie | Ameri-can Drgn | Emperor | Phil of Future | Life With Derek | Zack & Cody | That's Raven | Hannah Montana | Empero New |
| FAM (58) | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | | Ground-ed-Life | | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Ground-ed-Life | Kyle XY Pilot Kyle wanders in traffic. | | |
| HALL (60) | (4:00) Movie: Johnson County War *** (2002, Western) Tom Berenger. (CC) | | | | Movie: Desolation Canyon (2006, Western) Patrick Duffy. (Premiere) (CC) | | | | Movie: Desolation Canyon (2006, Western) Patrick Duffy, Stacy Keach. (CC) | | | | |



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