

Jayhawks overcome Wildcats

LAWRENCE (AP) — Wearing another Big 12 championship T-shirt, his teammates' arms around his shoulders, hands patting him on the head, Sherron Collins looked toward the video scoreboard as tears streamed down his face.

His career in Allen Fieldhouse, one of the greatest ever played out inside the storied gym, had come to a close.

And what a finish. Shaking off his emotions and a tough shooting night, Collins scored 17 points in his final home game to help No. 2 Kansas beat No. 5 Kansas State 82-65 Wednesday and clinch its sixth straight Big 12 title outright.

"This is it, it's the last one," said Collins, 1 of 7 from 3-point range and 5 for 15 overall in his Phog finale. "I didn't want to get off the court. I wanted it to go on all night, but it couldn't."

Collins guided the Jayhawks to the first step: a Big 12 regular-season championship. Next up is the Big 12 tournament, where Kansas will be the No. 1 seed, and a role as favorites in the mad march to the Final Four in Indianapolis in April.

Xavier Henry scored 15 of his 19 points in a tight first half and Kansas (28-2, 14-1) wore down Kansas State in a foul-filled game to extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 59 games. The Jayhawks are in position to be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Going up for a 2



Colby High senior Mark Winger attempted to score inside the lane during Colby's game at Scott City on Tuesday. The Eagles fell to the Beavers 76-57.

Trojans lose doubleheader

The Colby Community College Trojans lost both sides of a doubleheader at Lamar, Colo., on Feb. 27, 1-0 and 3-1.

Freshman Dean Marshall gave up three hits and one run in 4.2 innings of pitching to take the loss in the first game. The Runnin' Lopes' got their run in the bottom of the fifth when Eric Dorton scored from third on a wild pitch. The two teams had four hits each. Sophomores Brendan Miller, Jess Cooper and Aritz Garcia and freshman Robert Glover all had a hit for Colby.

Freshman Corey Ridenhour took the loss, giving up two runs

on four hits while striking out two in four innings in the 3-1 loss in the second game. Sophomore Terry Steiner gave up one hit and struck out two in two innings.

Colby got on the scoreboard first when sophomore Boston Langley drove Garcia home from third with a single to give the Trojans a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

Lamar's first run was driven in by the Lopes' Kinohi Kelly-Paleki in the bottom of the fourth. His double tied the game at one. Later in the inning, Lamar's Eric Dorton drove Kelly-Paleki in with a single to give Lamar a 2-1 lead. The Lopes' Logan Lippert homered in

the bottom of the sixth to extend his lead to 3-1.

Colby had four hits and Lamar had five. Coach Ryan Carter said his pitchers worked solidly in both games and the Trojans played good defense, but their performance at the plate was feeble.

The losses dropped Colby's record to 3-6. The Trojans' games this Saturday and Sunday, originally scheduled to be in at Cloud County Concordia, have been moved to Colby due to field conditions. The teams will play a doubleheader each day beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the college baseball diamond.

Lady Crusaders drop two at tourney

The Heartland girls basketball team lost two games in the Kansas Christian Athletic Association tournament this weekend in Colby.

The tourney was held at Heartland for the first time ever.

The girl lost to Chanute Christian Academy 26-22 on Saturday at the Community Building and fell to top-seeded Tyro Christian Academy 46-34 on Friday in the Heartland gymnasium.

Junior Rachel Myers had a team-high seven points

against Chanute and sophomore Jade Kruse added six. Freshman Alexi Regier led the team in rebounds with six and freshman Abby Russ had five steals.

Coach Renee Smesser said Regier and sophomore Rebekah Grace both had trouble scoring, though they are two of the team's top scorers. The entire Lady Crusaders team had trouble putting the ball in the basket, shooting only 20 percent.

The coach said she was happy with her team's defensive effort throughout the tourney.

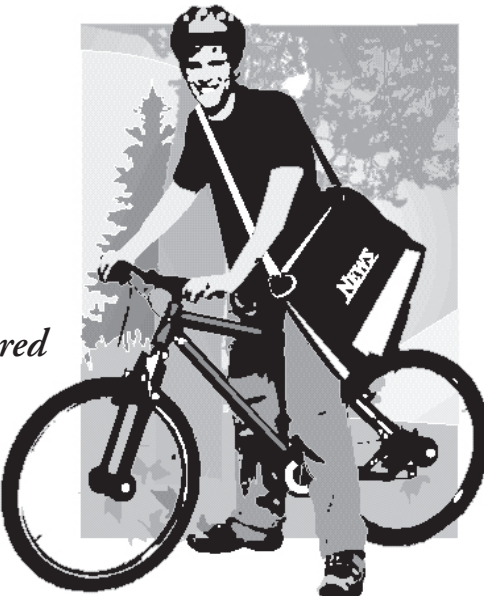
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Nebraska player joins college team

Ashley McMullen of Burwell, Neb., will join the Colby Community College volleyball team in the fall.

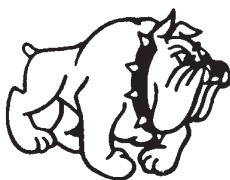
McMullen, a 5 foot, 9 inch outside hitter, is expected to contribute immediately to a team that will return just four sophomores and three starters in Emily Lubbers, Gabrielly Cardoso and Jordyn White.

"Ashley will have big shoes to step into after losing powerful outside hitters in Julianna Da Silva and Cassie Smatana," said coach Carey Jones. "However, Ashley has a powerful swing, consistent pass and great knowledge of the sport. I have no doubt that she will stand out not only on the court, but in the classroom."

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