

# Bethany's season ends

Sterling's inside, outside punch of Woods, Friess too much for Swedes

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STERLING — Sterling's Chad Friess and Jonathan Woods formed too tough of an inside-outside

## KCAC MEN

Bethany	70
Sterling	83

combo for the Bethany Swedes as the Warriors scored an 83-70 victory in a Kansas Conference tournament quarterfinal matchup Wednesday night at the Gleason Center.

Sterling (21-8) advances to Saturday afternoon's semifinal on its home floor against Ottawa. Bethany concluded its season 9-21.

Friess, a 5-foot-10 junior from Great Bend, scored 28 points, dished out six assists and added five rebounds, while Woods, a 6-foot-10 senior from San Antonio, came up with a double-double. He scored 14 points, grabbed 17

boards and his presence in the middle altered several Swede shots.

"On a night when we only shot 3 of 22 from 3-point range, we had to attack the basket," Sterling coach Dean Jaderston said.

"Woods did a great job of controlling the boards and keeping the ball alive, and Chad did a nice job of attacking when the 3 wasn't falling."

Bethany opened the game sizzling from outside and bolted to a quick 18-8 advantage. The Swedes' lead was still 10, 24-14, with 10:01 left in the half before Friess went to work.

Friess scored five points in 43 seconds to halve the margin, and a Woods hoop made it a three-point game at the 8:32 mark.

Friess finally drew his team even with one of those rare 3s at the 5:52 mark, and by the break Sterling nudged in front,

33-31.

"We gave up 24 points in the first ten minutes of the game," Jaderston said, and seven in the second ten and I felt that was the deceiving element.

"Once we started locking down and rotating the way we wanted, it just relaxed us.

"The first ten minutes they were making shots, we were missing shots and I thought we played a little frazzled and didn't rotate well defensively."

The Swedes managed a pair of one-point leads early in the second half on a Brandon Miller hoop and a C.J. Littlejohn 3. The last was 40-39 at the 14:56 mark.

But Sterling regained control and once the Warriors extended to an eight-point working cushion, Bethany was forced to foul.

That sent the Warriors to the line 27 times in the second half and they responded by converting

23 to maintain a double-figure comfort zone he final 6:25.

Friess' penetration got him to the line 16 times on the night and he sank 14.

"The thing that makes Sterling so good," Bethany coach Clair Olen said, "is that they really penetrate hard.

"We thought they were having some trouble shooting, so we went to a zone a little bit but we still fouled."

The overall size advantage his team enjoyed didn't escape Jaderston.

"They were playing four guards against us, and some young guards at that, and we felt if we could get it inside we could take advantage."

Sterling also received 10 points and five steals from Zach Goodrich.

Littlejohn led Bethany with 22 points. Trey Beachum added 11 and Miller had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

# Women / Coyotes 9-0 at Mabee

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Monday with a 66-56 play-in victory over McPherson in Lindsborg.

The winner advances to the semifinals and a game at 7 p.m. Saturday, against the winner of tonight's quarterfinal game between No. 3 Southwestern and No. 6 Tabor in Winfield. The semifinal will be at the site of the higher seeded team.

Wesleyan routed the Swedes 79-42 in their first meeting Jan. 10 in Mabee Arena as Emily Luckeroth had 24 points, Kaylaen Dittmer 18 and Jennie Vopat 17 and 11 rebounds. The second game, Feb. 12 in Lindsborg, was much closer but KWU prevailed again 72-59 as Luckeroth scored 27 and Khristy Santee 15.

The Coyotes have won 11 in a row and 17 of their

last 18.

Superstitions and adages aside, Wesleyan coach Gordon Reimer doesn't mind playing the Swedes again.

"I think it gets us up for the game a little more than if it was somebody else," he said. "It's a game the girls would like to win again. It's the best scenario for us."

Reimer doesn't expect Bethany to do anything drastically different.

"It's the point in the season where, with so few days in between games, it's difficult to put anything drastically different," he said. "Both teams will try to execute what they do better than the other team."

Bethany coach Jim Campion, who's 8-7 since taking over in January, agrees.

"On offense we've got to get better scoring opportu-

nities and attack their zone a little more. We need to inside and get some inside-out things going.

"On defense we need to be solid and stop their long runs. They've had some long runs against us and we have to stop those short. We handled their press better the last time because we were more organized."

Luckerth leads the KCAC in scoring with a 17.1 average. Dittmer averages 15.4 points, 6.9 rebounds and leads the KCAC in steals at 3.2 per game and assists at 4.1 per game. LaCole Wilkinson averages 13.1 points and Vopat is second in rebounding at 9.6; Bethel's Hannah Blackburn averages 9.7.

Rhys Pihl leads Bethany in scoring with a 13.6 average. Romi Whitman is next at 10.9.

Reimer said his players

aren't worried about having a target on their backs finishing tied for first with Sterling in the final KCAC standings. It was the Coyotes' first conference championship since 1988 and only the second in school history.

"It's business as usual," he said. "Now they're challenged to win the conference tournament where there are no ties involved."

Campion knows the task facing his squad tonight won't be easy. Wesleyan is 9-0 in Mabee Arena this season.

"They're really talented and a good team," he said. "It will be a great challenge for our girls to go into their gym and win. They're a quicker team than us and we have some match-up problems with them because of their quickness."

# Advance / 6-point possession key

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by Dickman, who hit two free throws. McCarty then scored underneath, making it a six-point possession and giving the Coyotes a 51-37 lead with 7:53 remaining.

After the game Sims said had no idea what transpired after the tip-in and was unaware he was the object of the foul.

"After I got the tip-in I was going back (inbounds) and I think I stepped on somebody's foot," he said. "I don't know where the intentional foul came from, I was down. We'll take it, though, I guess. (The game) turned a lot after that play."

"I thought Trey turned around to run back and ran into Mike and turned his ankle and was hanging on and Mike got rid of him," Friends' coach Dale Faber said. "I don't doubt that to the referees that's what it looked like. (The referee) didn't dream that up, he must have seen something where he thought 'I've got to get control here.'"

Leading 57-45 with 3½ minutes left, the Coyotes sealed it with a 10-0 run before Friends got a late 3-pointer for the final points.

Friends was 13 of 49 from the field, 8 of 25 from 3-point range. The 22 turnovers led to 25 KWU points. Friends got seven

points off of 11 Coyote turnovers.

"I think defense got us over the hump tonight," Sims said. "We had a lot of guys step up."

His coach agreed. "I thought our defense was much better than the last time we played them," Davert said.

"Unfortunately when you create as many problems as we created, I don't think (Pres. Barack) Obama or anybody could bail us out at that point," Faber added. "When you have 22 turnovers it's a struggle."

Nick O'Nelio came off the bench and scored a team-best 16 points for Friends. Romar Jones had 10, eight in the first

half, and also had nine rebounds.

"I thought we were sluggish for some reason," Faber said. "We picked it up but every time we picked it up something goofy happened and it sucks the wind out of you then you've got to regroup again."

Wesleyan and Saint Mary split during the regular season, the Spires winning 89-75 Jan. 15 in Leavenworth, and KWU 67-66 Valentine's Day in Mabee Arena.

Top-seeded Sterling plays fifth-seeded Ottawa in Saturday's other semifinal. The Warriors defeated Bethany 83-70 Wednesday while Ottawa won at Tabor 76-63.

# 'Cats / Clemente scores 33 points

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entering the Kansas State game with the lone exception a two-point thriller over No. 15 Kansas on Feb. 9.

"It's hard to do in a great conference like the Big 12," said forward Matt Lawrence, who had all but one of his 13 points in the first half. "We're playing great right now."

Denis Clemente scored all but 11 of his 33 points in the second half for Kansas State (19-9, 7-6), which shot 37 percent with 21 turnovers and got eight points from Jacob Pullen, who had 23 points in the first meeting. The Wildcats trailed by a season-worst 32 points in the second half and also hit program lows for points allowed in a half (55) and overall.

Kansas State trailed by only four with about 7 minutes to go in the first half before losing contact.

"We're at 24-20 and we decide to throw it to them seven straight times so they can go dunk the ball," Martin said. "It's hard to win when you do that."

The Wildcats, who had won seven of the last nine games in the series, got as close as 16 points in the second half before Missouri pulled away again.

"The biggest difference was our depth," Anderson said. "Our bench play vs. their bench play was outstanding."

The Tigers matched their best victory total from the last 15 seasons, a 24-12 record by the 2001-02 team, with three regular season games to go. They reached 11 conference wins for the first time since 1998-99 and the seven-game Big 12 winning streak matches the school's best from 1999-2000.

Missouri led 55-32 at halftime as Lawrence was 3-for-

## No. 11 Missouri 94, Kansas State 74

	KSU	Min	FG		FT		Reb		O-T	A	PF	PTS
			M-A	M-A	O-T	A						
Sutton	21	0-4	2-4	3-7	0	3	2					
Kent	18	3-8	0-0	6-7	2	5	7					
Colon	12	1-3	0-1	0-2	0	2	2					
Pullen	35	2-12	2-2	1-4	2	2	8					
Clemente	36	12-19	5-7	0-5	3	2	33					
Brown	23	4-9	0-0	0-1	1	1	9					
Awaji	7	1-3	4-5	2-2	0	4	7					
Merriwether	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0					
Samuels	20	1-3	1-2	3-4	0	4	3					
Cjeyere	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0					
Anderson	25	1-5	1-4	3-10	4	3						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-67</b>	<b>15-25</b>	<b>23-49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>74</b>					

**Percentages:** FG .373, FT .600.  
**3-Point Goals:** 9-24, .375 (Clemente 4-7, Pullen 2-9, Kent 1-1, Awaji 1-2, Brown 1-4, Sutton 0-1).  
**Team Rebounds:** 7.  
**Blocked Shots:** 1 (Colon).  
**Turnovers:** 21 (Clemente 7, Brown 3, Colon 2, Anderson 2, Sutton 2, Kent, Pullen, Samuels, Awaji, Merriwether).  
**Steals:** 4 (Brown 2, Pullen, Clemente).  
**Technical Fouls:** None.

	MU	Min	FG		FT		Reb		O-T	A	PF	PTS
			M-A	M-A	O-T	A						
Carroll	28	7-13	7-12	6-14	3	1	21					
Lyons	19	3-5	9-9	2-5	1	4	16					
Tiller	25	4-10	6-7	3-6	6	3	15					
Taylor	23	0-3	0-0	0-2	1	4	0					
English	14	1-6	0-0	1-3	1	1	2					
Paul	13	0-4	2-3	1-2	2	4	2					
Denmon	17	1-3	4-4	0-2	0	2	6					
Anderson Jr	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0					
Ramsley	9	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	0					
Bowers	15	7-9	2-2	3-6	0	16						
Safford	7	1-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	3					
Sutton	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0					
Moore	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0					
Lawrence	24	4-10	2-4	2-3	1	13						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>28-56</b>	<b>33-43</b>	<b>20-47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>94</b>					

**Percentages:** FG .424, FT .387.  
**3-Point Goals:** 5-13, .385 (Lawrence 3-5, Lyons 1-1, Tiller 1-1, Paul 0-1, Carroll 0-1, English 0-2, Taylor 0-2).  
**Team Rebounds:** 1.  
**Blocked Shots:** 5 (Lyons, Paul, Bowers, Ramsley, Denmon).  
**Turnovers:** 10 (Denmon 2, Carroll 2, Moore, Paul, Taylor, Anderson Jr., Tiller).  
**Steals:** 13 (Denmon 2, Paul 2, Safford 2, Taylor 2, English, Lawrence, Lyons, Carroll, Tiller).  
**Technical Fouls:** None.

	Kansas St.	32	42	—	74
A—NA					
<b>Officials</b> —David Hall, Hal Lusk, Terry Davis.					

3 from 3-point range, while Tiller and Bowers had 10 points. Bowers was 5-for-6 from the field over the last 3:12, including an alley-oop dunk from Miguel Paul and two putbacks in the final 6 seconds.

Missouri converted 11 turnovers into 15 points while allowing no points on its three turnovers. The Wildcats shot 35.5 percent and were 2-for-10 from 3-point range. It was Kansas State's deepest halftime deficit by far, previously trailing Kentucky by 14 on Nov. 28 in a two-point loss.

# Teahen shaky in second-base debut

By ALAN ESKEW

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SURPRISE, Ariz. — Mark Teahen made an inauspicious debut as the Kansas City Royals' second baseman, committing two errors in the first two



EXHIBITION

Royals	7
Rangers	12

innings Wednesday's 12-7 loss to the Texas Rangers.

Teahen's errant throw on Josh Hamilton's fielder's choice grounder led to three unearned runs in the Rangers' six-run first inning. And his bad throw to first base on David Murphy's grounder led to another Rangers run in the exhibition opener for both teams.

"It's no point peaking on the first game of spring," Teahen said afterward, laughing. "I gave myself a little room to go up.

"I know Grud (Mark Grudzielanek), the year (2006) he won the Gold Glove made two or three errors in his first game of spring. I'm just trying to follow his lead."

With Ian Kinsler on first and one out in the first, Teahen opted to try to get the lead runner on Hamilton's grounder, instead of the easier out at first base.

"It was the right choice," Teahen said. "I just rushed it

and made a bad throw. I was happy with getting to it. I was in good position."

But manager Trey Hillman said Teahen made the wrong choice.

"In a one-out situation early in the game, I would just as soon see him get the out at first base and we've got two outs and a runner on second base," Hillman said. "Those are some of the situational things that when a guy makes that kind of mistake, he's going to learn a lot quicker from it. Next time, maybe as quick as tomorrow or the next day, he's not going to make that same mistake in that same situation."

Last season, Teahen started at left, right, first and third for the Royals, but he has never played second base as a pro. With Grudzielanek filing for free agency, the Royals have a vacancy at second base and are experimenting with Teahen there.

Hillman said Willie Bloomquist would start at second base against the Rangers on Thursday, while Teahen would come in at the position later in the game.

"Nothing I saw with the mistakes he made today is overly alarming to me," Hillman said. "I wish he hadn't made them because of the outcome and because of the way it dominated as far as the score goes early.

"There's a silver lining to the cloud also," Hillman added. "He's going to be smarter the next time he goes out there."

# Tiger / Never trailed

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yards to within 4 feet for eagle. He struck another familiar pose by slowly raising his putter over his head as a 20-foot eagle dropped on the 13th hole.

The only attention paid to his left knee came after a lengthy wait on the 315-yard 15th hole. Woods stretched his legs, then grabbed a 3-wood and drove onto the green.

He never trailed Brendan Jones of Australia, closing him out with a par save from bunker to win, 3 and 2.

"He's Tiger," Jones said. "He does freakish stuff."

Woods said he had looked forward to the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside him. And then it came gushing out on a scorching day on Dove Mountain, where temperatures approached 90 degrees.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green. Their cheers when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

Was he ever.

## Briefly

### Baseball

#### Jayhawks lose in 10 innings to Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — KU snior catcher Buck Afenir collected three hits and scored two runs, but it was not enough to offset a late rally by Arkansas on Wednesday.

The 21st-ranked Razorbacks used a Jacob House walk-off home run in the bottom of the 10th inning to send Kansas to a 9-8 non-conference loss at Baum Stadium Wednesday.

#### KU's Hall earns national honor

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Kansas junior pitcher Shaeffer Hall has been named the National Player of the Week by collegebaseballinsider.com for the week. This marks the fourth national player of the week honor that Hall has recorded.

Hall, a junior from Lee's Summit, Mo., tossed the fifth complete-game no hit-

ter in Kansas baseball history Friday, blanking Air Force, 5-0.

### Basketball

#### Champlin powers Cloud women, 84-54

CONCORDIA — Kara Champlin had 18 points and 11 rebound in leading the Cloud County women to an 84-54 rout of Butler on Wednesday.

The Thunderbirds (24-5 overall, 12-3 JCCC) held Butler to 26 percent shooting (16 of 61) and easily won the rebounding battle 60-39.

Cloud