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KU BASKETBALL

KU tops Fort Hays in opener exhibition game

By The Herald Staff

LAWRENCE — Preseason All-Americans Sherron Collins, with a game-high 19 points, and Cole Aldrich, with a double-double, paced top-ranked Kansas to a 107-68 victory against Fort Hays State in its season-opening exhibition basketball game Tuesday.

Kansas improved to 52-7 in all-time exhibition games and won its 34th straight practice game dating back to the 1995-96 season. It also marked the fourth win in four games against Fort Hays State in exhibition play.

Collins scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half, while Aldrich scored eight of his 13 points in the second half. Aldrich also

grabbed 13 rebounds, while posting three blocked shots.

In all six Jayhawks scored in double figures and all 10 players who saw action scored. Nine of the 10 Jayhawks who played made their first shots. The exception was Collins, who missed his first two shots before making three consecutive three-pointers in the first half.

"Well I thought we started out pretty good. I thought we got really stale offensively in the first half," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "I thought we didn't guard a lot of their action very well. The biggest thing to me was our carelessness with the ball and obviously we rebounded the ball poorly. That's a

team that shouldn't get 20 offensive rebounds against us.

"We didn't defend the three very well and didn't do some other things very well. I thought our young kids played good. I think Elijah (Johnson) is going to be really good and Xavier (Henry) showed us that he can score the basketball. I thought Thomas (Robinson) played really well in the limited time that he was out there. He's got energy and shoots the ball pretty well, so there were some good things that happened tonight. We forgot about Cole (Aldrich) in the first half which was something we talked about at halftime. When he gets it, he scores easy. We'd

certainly like things to tighten up but we weren't terrible."

2009 starter Tyshawn Taylor came off the bench to record 15 points, a team-high five assists and a game-best four steals. Markieff Morris was one rebound shy of a double-double with 12 points and nine rebounds. His brother Marcus Morris added 10 points, six rebounds and four assists.

"I haven't been doing what I'm supposed to be doing," Taylor said. "He started Tyrel (Reed) tonight - I'm just going to come to practice Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and just be ready for next Tuesday.

"Coach Self is definitely a fair coach, he treats everyone the

same. I haven't been playing that well, so he didn't start me. I feel that if someone else who should be starting isn't playing that well, he won't start you. If you play well two or three days before a game, he's probably going to start you."

The night marked the collegiate debut of highly-touted freshman Xavier Henry, who drew a starting assignment. He scored 14 points on three of seven shooting, which included two of four from three-point range.

"We have so many guys. We have three guys that didn't play basically because we're going to wait another week to evaluate the situation, I don't think they'll all redshirt," Self said.

OU BASKETBALL

William Jewell too much for OU men's team

By GREG MAST
Herald Sports Editor

Ottawa University veteran men's basketball coach Andy Carrier wanted to see how his young players would react to game situations after a couple of weeks of practice Tuesday in the season opener in Wilson Field House.

What he saw was a group of players learning the college game on the run in a 74-49 loss to William Jewell.

Carrier said it was an amazing number of players that played in their first collegiate game for the Braves.

"We tried to lay a foundation, so we could build off of it," Carrier said. "It was a learning experience. We need to stay focused on the defensive end ... focus on team things and we will see steady progress."

Carrier kept running in and out players. All 15 players in uniform saw action.

The coach said the way to rebuild with the young players is to be patient.

"We are giving them an opportunity to play as freshmen," Carrier said. "They get to know our style. We have a good core. This group needs to play together."

Ottawa stayed right on William Jewell's heels for the first 12 minutes. The Cardinals led 18-15 after

Jake Carter's two free throws with 8:40 left in the first half.

The visitors ended the first half on a 12-4 spurt for a 30-19 lead. Ottawa went scoreless for nearly the first four minutes to start the second half. Jewell built a 40-19 lead.

"Our effort was outstanding, especially in the first half," Carrier said. "We got off to a slow start in the second half."

Jewell began to pound the ball inside to its post players. The Cardinals had a 42-18 advantage in the paint. Nick Larson took control, as he was 11 of 17 from the field for 24 points and 13 rebounds.

"Larson is a load," Carrier said. "Larson was the difference. In the second half, they pounded it inside."

The young Ottawa guards handled ball pressure better in the first game than in the scrimmages.

"They were not quite ready to execute [against pressure] yet," Carrier said. "It will take some time."

Carter and junior college transfer Chris Tate showed they could be a tough tandem inside with 10 points each. Freshman Chase Dippel led Ottawa with 11 points. Freshman

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OSAGE CITY 37, CENTRAL HEIGHTS 14



Photo by Elliot J. Sutherland/The Ottawa Herald

Central Heights High School sophomore Jimmy Hoskins runs with the ball after coming down with an interception during the first quarter of the Vikings' home game against Osage City. Central Heights went on to lose the game, 37-14.

Osage City ends Vikings' season

MICHAEL WEBBER
Special to the Herald

The Central Heights Vikings battled through district play for the right to host a first-round game in the state playoffs.

They knew coming into the game that their hard-earned home field advantage would mean little if they were unable to stop the Osage City Indian's star quarterback, Jordan Tice.

Tice came into the game with more than 2,000 yards rushing in the first nine games of the season, and by the end of the evening, he had added another 310 yards.

His big night, coupled with some key Viking mistakes, led to a 37-14 Indian victory.

"He is shifty, and he runs hard," Viking head coach Mike Swendson said. "A lot of the yards he got on his own, not because of great blocking. Half of the yards he got were after he broke tackles, and he

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broke a lot of ankles out there tonight."

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The coach's prediction held true. The turnovers were tied at two apiece, but the Vikings' 10 penalties kept them for being able to the punch the ball in for scores in the first half.

The Vikings stopped the Indians' first drive of the game when

Jimmy Hoskins intercepted an errant pass. They were unable to capitalize, however, because two plays later Osage City's Trey Fort stripped the ball away from a Viking runner.

That gave the Indians the ball at the Viking 19-yard line. Seven plays later, Tice ran the ball up the middle for an 8-yard touchdown run to open the scoring.

The Vikings moved the ball on the next drive from their own 28 to

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