

KCAC Scoreboard

Women's basketball

Tonight 7 p.m.
Builders host the Bethel Threshers in round one of the KCAC tournament.
Saturday
To be determined

Men's basketball
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Final Women's standings

- 1. Sterling 17-1
- 2. Southwestern 14-4
- 3. McPherson 11-7
- 4. Tabor 10-8
- 5. KWU 9-9
- 6. Friends 8-10
- 7. Bethel 6-12
- 8. Saint Mary 5-13
- 8. Bethany 5-13
- 8. Ottawa 5-13

Final Men's standings

- 1. Ottawa 14-4
- 2. Friends 12-6
- 2. KWU 12-6
- 2. Southwestern 12-6
- 5. Sterling 11-7
- 6. McPherson 9-9
- 6. Tabor 9-9
- 8. Bethel 6-13
- 9. Bethany 5-14
- 10. Saint Mary 1-17

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hard-fought win in the end. During the Saint Mary game, both teams were ice-cold in the first half, but we started making shots in the second, and it was nice to be able to do that on senior night, so you could get the seniors all out at different times.”

Knowing that one loss could end a successful season so far can be both stressful and exciting at the same time.

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McPherson College (56)
Bratcher 6-11 6-8 19, Pegram 3-4 2-3 8, Brewer 5-18 0-2 10, Woody 5-13 3-5 14, Coberly 0-7 0-0 0, Porter 1-3 0-0 2, Plowman 0-0 2-2 2, Sharp 0-1 1-4 1, Fiorenzi 0-6 0-0 0, Totals 20-63 14-24 56.
Southwestern College (62)
Hartfield 6-7 1-6 13, Beal 5-8 6-6 18, Colclasure 1-2 0-0 3, Wilson 3-11 1-3 7, Harvey 1-4 0-0 2, Maxwell 1-6 0-0 3, Jarnagin 1-5 2-5 4, Gandy 2-5 2-3 6, Gray 1-5 0-0 2, Silvers 1-4 2-2 4, Totals 22-57 14-25 62.
McPherson 28 28 56
Southwestern 33 29 62
3-Point Goals – McPherson 2-15 (Bratcher 1-2, Brewer 0-5, Woody 1-5, Coberly 0-1, Porter 0-2), Southwestern 4-15 (Beal 2-4, Colclasure 1-1, Harvey 0-1, Maxwell 1-4, Jarnagin 0-3, Gray 0-1, Silvers 0-1). Fouled Out – Southwestern (Silvers). Rebounds – McPherson 51 (Bratcher 12), Southwestern 41 (Wilson 12). Assists – McPherson 5 (Brewer, Woody 2), Southwestern 10 (Gandy 6). Total Fouls – McPherson 18, Southwestern 19. Technical – McPherson (Pegram 2). A – 400.

Bailey Silvers, freshman forward, said, “I’m a little nervous but I think we can do it because we’ve done pretty well in the regular season. I think if we just keep our minds focused on the task at hand, we’ll be okay.”

Jarnagin said, “We’re all really excited right now because it’s the very end and this is what we work for all season long.”

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University of St. Mary (54)
Heim 1-5 3-6 5, Leonard 7-12 2-2 18, Jacobs 3-11 0-0 7, Mireles 1-5 2-4 4, Gillespie 4-13 4-4 15, Berger 0-1 0-0 0, Summers 0-2 1-2 1, Lund 0-1 0-0 0, Shea 0-1 1-2 1, Packham 0-0 1-2 1, Garcia 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 17-54 14-22 54.
Southwestern College (74)
Larsen 2-5 0-0 4, Beal 4-12 0-0 10, Colclasure 2-10 0-0 6, Wilson 2-8 0-3 7, Harvey 0-1 0-0 0, Hartfield 7-10 8-16 22, Maxwell 1-5 1-2 4, Jarnagin 2-6 2-4 7, Gandy 1-4 3-3 5, Gray 1-4 1-3 3, Poynter 1-1 0-0 3, Silvers 0-0 1-2 1, Tyree 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 24-67 19-35 74.
St. Mary 21 33 54
Southwestern 20 54 74
3-Point Goals – St. Mary 6-16 (Leonard 2-2, Jacobs 1-6, Mireles 0-1, Gillespie 3-5, Summers 0-1, Lund 0-1), Southwestern 7-25 (Larsen 0-1, Beal 2-7, Colclasure 2-8, Harvey 0-1, Maxwell 1-4, Jarnagin 1-2, Gray 0-1, Poynter 1-1). Fouled Out – None. Rebounds – St. Mary 40 (Leonard 10), Southwestern 54 (Hartfield 15). Assists – St. Mary 9 (Heim, Jacobs 3), Southwestern 13 (Wilson, Gandy 3). Total Fouls – St. Mary 24, Southwestern 18. Technical – None. A – 200.

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legiate Athletic Conference tournament. They will play fifth seed Sterling College at 7 p.m. tomorrow at home.

Winning will allow them to play the winner of the Ottawa University vs. Bethel or Bethany match-up, but they would need

to win yet another to advance to national tournament play.

However, one loss and everything’s finished.

“I think our team understands that when you get to this point of the season, it’s win or go home,” said Doug Hall, head men’s basketball coach. “Usually these games are highly



Kenna Corley/Collegian photographer
Alwyn Jordan, junior guard, flies through the air against McPherson Feb. 21. The Builders won 63-54.



Kenna Corley/Collegian photographer
Bailey Silvers, freshman forward, pivots inside the post on her way to a jumpshot over a McPherson defender Feb. 21. The Builders defeated McPherson 62-56

competitive.”

On Feb. 21, the Builders won a home game against McPherson College 63-54, and then came back on Saturday to beat the University of Saint Mary 62-48.

After a three-game slump at the beginning of February, the men have come back to win five of their last six games—a good sign, said Hall, that the team may be reaching its peak at the right point in the season. That

peak could lead to a tournament birth.

David King, sophomore forward, said, “Post season has always been exciting for me. It’s like getting another chance. Everyone’s trying harder, though, so the margin for error’s very slim. You just have to go out and play your hardest.”

Justin Diggles, junior guard, said, “It made us want to become more focused and concentrate on each game at a time as

it came about, because we knew we needed to make our plays as the tournament came around. You get to redeem yourself in the tournament. If you bring your A game, you still have a chance to go to nationals. We’ve got to take one game at a time, but hopefully we’ll slowly but surely make our way there.”

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McPherson College (54)
Kimble 1-5 0-0 3, Arnett 5-7 0-3 10, Young 4-8 3-4 11, Dickerson 6-14 3-4 19, Stewart 2-6 0-0 6, Ruxlow 2-6 0-2 5, Erb 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Totals 20-53 6-13 54.
Southwestern College (63)
Merrifield 3-6 0-0 6, Riley 1-4 1-5 3, Diggles 5-7 0-0 11, Jordan 4-12 3-4 14, Brown 2-8 2-2 6, Tyler 4-7 1-1 12, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 2-4 0-0 4, King 2-2 3-3 7, Totals 23-51 10-15 63.
McPherson 28 26 54
Southwestern 29 34 63
3-Point Goals – McPherson 8-24 (Kimble 1-1, Young 0-2, Dickerson 4-11, Stewart 2-4, Ruxlow 1-5, Erb 0-1), Southwestern 7-21 (Diggles 1-3, Jordan 3-9, Brown 0-4, Tyler 3-5). Fouled Out – McPherson (Kimble). Rebounds – McPherson

32 (Arnett 6), Southwestern 36 (Merrifield 9). Assists – McPherson 10 (Dickerson, Young 3), Southwestern 16 (Diggles 6). Total Fouls – McPherson 11, Southwestern 11. Technical – None. A – 300.

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University of St. Mary (48)
Murray 3-10 1-2 7, Robinson 1-6 0-0 2, Ballenger 3-4 0-1 6, Frazier 6-16 0-1 13, LaTorre 7-13 0-0 14, Banks 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 1-4 0-2 2, Black 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 23-57 1-6 48.
Southwestern College (62)
Jackson 1-5 0-2 2, Overfield 1-3 0-0 3, Riley 4-5 1-2 9, Sanchez 0-1 0-0

0, Diggles 3-4 0-0 6, Tyler 1-5 1-2 4, Jordan 3-9 0-0 8, Brown 0-1 3-4 3, Merrifield 3-6 1-1 7, Moore 3-6 0-0 6, King 7-10 0-1 14, Totals 26-55 6-12 62.

St. Mary 21 27 48
Southwestern 33 29 62
3-Point Goals – St. Mary 1-6 (Murray 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Frazier 1-4), Southwestern 4-17 (Overfield 1-3, Sanchez 0-1, Diggles 0-1, Tyler 1-4, Jordan 2-7, King 0-1). Fouled Out – None. Rebounds – St. Mary 34 (LaTorre 9), Southwestern 36 (Merrifield 11). Assists – St. Mary 10 (Ballenger, Robinson 4), Southwestern 14 (Diggles 4). Total Fouls – St. Mary 13, Southwestern 9. Technical – None. A – 250.

Golf opens season in Arkansas

By Anthony Cook
Sports editor

The average golfer isn’t thinking about hitting the links anytime soon. Blustery winds daily and either ice or sleet almost weekly don’t make for the best playing conditions.

While the leisurely type waits for perfect conditions, the men’s and women’s golf teams are loading up for the spring season. Their first meet was this week at Hard Scrabble Golf Course in Fort Smith, Ark. Scores were unavailable at press time.

The team has learned to take every chance they have to get a look at the course.

Rachael Locke, business administration senior, said, “When you don’t have the prop-

er weather conditions to physically prepare your golf game, you have to mentally be ready. With us having Kansas weather lately, we have all just had to catch any time we can to go out there and putt around, hit a few balls, or play holes.”

The weather conditions mean the players often have to practice swinging a club and not actually hitting any golf balls. Not only does the snow have to melt, but the course has to dry before they can play.

While the course is unplayable, the team has a new workout regimen to help keep them active. It has yielded positive results. Locke said, “Coach came up with a workout for us to go by. It includes such things as arm strengthening, a couple

leg workouts, abs, and we can do cardio if we like to warm us up. We are also supposed to be doing specific golf stretches to increase our flexibility. I know a few of us who have kept up with this workout have noticed a change.”

The teams know that good can come with the bad weather. Westin Weeast, business administration junior, said, “Overall it helps us prepare for tournaments that will have that kind of weather. In that respect it is beneficial.”

The team has high expectations going into the season. The men are the returning conference champions. They are equipped with three of the top five ranked golfers in the conference. Kenneth Wright, business administration sophomore, Tyler Lytton, business administration senior, and Levi Mooreland, sports management senior, are ranked 1st, 4th, and 5th respectively overall.

Lytton said, “Us and Bethany are way out in front of the competition. They are slightly ahead of us at the moment. They are ranked nationally. They don’t intimidate us, but they are a lot better than they were last year. They have improved and we are equal. We should beat them when it comes down to it.”

The team believes they are on the brink of being ranked nationally. Mooreland said, “I

think our team doesn’t have a huge amount of respect because we don’t see a lot of nationally ranked teams each week. Last year we won seven tournaments and didn’t get that respect. We didn’t play up to our level at the beginning of the year, but this semester I see us getting off the ground running.”

The Fort Smith tournament is the first of the spring. After a few weeks off, the teams have tournaments almost every week. Most of the competitions are two day events so plenty of class is missed. The golfers have found ways around that quite successfully.

Locke said, “Most of the professors are understanding. Of course there are a couple that get that look on their face when they find out they have golfers in their class. Other than that, we get the homework ahead of time and they let us make up quizzes before or after we get back.”

When the tournaments do start to fire up, the teams expect the competition to rise with it.

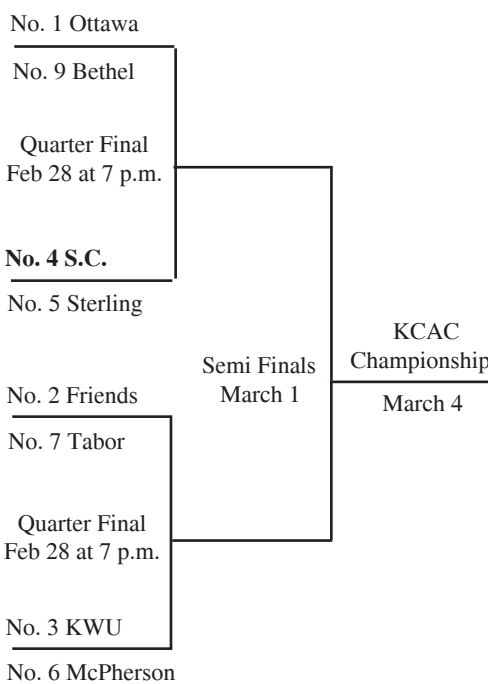
Mooreland said, “After spring break it’s pretty much week-to-week matches. At the home tournament it’s pretty well going to be a death battle with us and Bethany.”

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Kenna Corley/Collegian photographer
Kenneth Wright, business administration sophomore, tees off Sunday at Hard Scrabble Golf Course in Fort Smith, Ark.

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