

Rivals play tonight to open conference

By Ben Sorrell
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The Builder men host Friends University tomorrow for the first conference game of the season.

Friends finished with a 15-3 record in conference play last year winning the conference championship. They were picked to finish second in the conference this year in the pre season polls.

The Builder men played Langston University Monday night, winning 84-69. Their record is now 4-3.

The men played Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Okla., Nov. 20. The team lost a close one, 88-82. Rodney Jackson, senior forward, led the team in scoring with 24 points.

Others who contributed with double figures in scoring were David King, sophomore center, 17 points, Alwyn Jordan, freshman guard, 15 points, and Justin Diggles, sophomore guard, with 12 points. Jackson also led the team in rebounds with 12 followed by Cedrick Riley, senior forward, with six.

King said, "We are working very hard in practice to keep up intensity. The team is coming together as a whole and we are working hard to stay focused."

The Builder men pushed their record past .500 with a big 80-60 win over Central Christian College Nov.17. Jordan led all

scorers with 21 points. King, added 12 points, and Riley was also in double figures with 10 points.

The team out rebounded Central Christian College 46-35, led by King and Jordan with eight rebounds each and six rebounds by Riley.

Jay Ford, manager for the basketball team, said, "The team is looking pretty good right now. You can tell everyone wants to win and is giving a lot of effort. The bench is fulfilling their roles and doing a great job when they get their opportunity to get into the game."

On Nov.16 the Builder men beat Southwestern Assemblies of God 83-52. King scored 25 points to lead the team to victory. Jordan added 11 points and Riley had 10 points.

The team also had strong play from the bench which contributed 22 points. Sheldon Brown, sophomore guard, led scorers off the bench with six points. Brown also contributed four assists in the game. Diggles led the team with six assists.

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Nov. 20

Southwestern College (82)
Jackson 12-19 2-3 26, Riley 1-2 2-4 4, King 7-8 1-2 15, Diggles 4-5 4-4 12, Jordan 3-6 4-6 13, Tyler 3-6 0-0 6, Brown 1-3 0-0 2, Merrifield 0-3 2-2 2, Baker 0-0 2-2 2, Harper 0-0

0-0 0, Totals 31-52 17-23 82.

Southwestern Christian University (88)

Smith 6-10 7-7 21, Johnson 6-11 3-9 18, Gamblin 5-7 3-3 18, Owen 5-10 4-4 17, Hill 4-8 3-6 11, Prince 1-5 0-0 3, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 27-52 20-29 88.

3-Point Goals – Southwestern 3-11 (Jackson 0-2, Diggles 0-1, Jordan 3-5, Tyler 0-1, Brown 0-1, Harper 0-1), Southwestern Christian 14-23 (Smith 2-4, Johnson 3-6, Gamblin 5-5, Owen 3-6, Hill 0-1, Prince 1-1).
Fouled Out – Southwestern (Tyler), Southwestern Christian (Prince).
Rebounds – Southwestern 23 (Jackson 7), Southwestern Christian 30 (Hill 11).
Assists – Southwestern 15 (Brown 5), Southwestern Christian 13 (Johnson 8).
Total Fouls – Southwestern 23, Southwestern Christian 18. Technical – None. A – 200.

Nov. 26

Langston University (69)
Brooks 4-12 5-7 13, Higgins 1-1 0-0 2, Lewis 3-9 2-3 8, Harris 3-9 4-8 11, Dunn 5-8 4-6 14, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Pride 1-2 0-0 3, Allison 3-9 0-0 8, Hollman 3-8 1-1 8, Doss 1-2 0-2 2, Loftis 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 24-62, 16-27, 69.

Southwestern College (84)
Jackson 4-7 3-4 12, King 11-15 4-4 26, Diggles 3-12 6-10 12, Tyler 3-4 0-1 6, Jordan 1-7 2-2 4, Blackwill 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-5 6-8 11, Merrifield 0-2 3-5 3, Baker 0-2 0-0 0, Harper 2-5 0-0 6, Riley 1-2 2-2 4, Totals 27-61 26 36 84.

3-Point Goals – Langston 5-17 (Brooks 0-3, Harris 1-3, Green 0-1, Pride 1-1, Allison 2-5, Hollman 1-4), Southwestern 4-21 (Jackson 1-2, King 0-1, Diggles 0-4, Tyler 0-1, Jordan 0-5, Brown 1-3, Baker 0-1, Harper 2-4).
Fouled Out – Langston (Brooks), Southwestern (Tyler).
Rebounds – Langston 41 (Lewis 10), Southwestern 43 (Merrifield 10).
Assists – Langston 9 (Brooks 5), Southwestern 15 (Diggles 7).
Total Fouls – Langston 28, Southwestern 23. Technical – Langston 2 (Brooks). A – 200.



Justin Diggles, junior guard, goes up for a layup during Monday night's game against Langston University. The Builders beat the Lions 84-69. Ashley Holloway/Collegian photographer

Women begin conference play against Friends

By DeLeon Freeman
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The Lady Builders start conference play tomorrow night by hosting Friends University. Last season Friends University finished fifth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with a record of 9-9. This year the Lady Falcons are picked to finish third in the KCAC. The Lady Falcons are currently 7-1 to lead the conference.

Southwestern finished fourth in the KCAC last season with a record of 12-6. The Lady Builders defeated the Lady Falcons three different times by 18 points or more each time. The Lady Builders are picked to win conference this year, and

they look to start it off against Friends University.

The Lady Builders will play Ottawa University Dec.1. Ottawa is picked to finish eighth in the KCAC this year.

The Lady Builders are currently 5-1. The team defeated Baker University 64-59 Nov. 26. Statistics were not available at press time.

They defeated Manhattan Christian College 96-41 Nov.19. In the game against Manhattan Christian, Kara Beal, senior guard, led all scorers with 22 points, three assists, and three steals. Tyler Hartfield, freshman forward, contributed 15 points to help lead the Lady Builders to victory. Hartfield was seven from seven from the field and one for

one from the free throw line.

Hartfield said, "I think we played hard. I just wanted to contribute the best way I could and I think I did what I could to help us win the game."

Beal said, "Our team is getting better. I don't think we're where we need to be but I think we're getting there. I think this game showed us how good we can be if we do what we are coached to do."

The Lady Builders lost two exhibition games two weeks ago to Fort Hays State University and Washburn University. The team lost to Fort Hays State University 61-53 Nov. 15 and 75-44 to Washburn University Nov.17. Even though these two games don't count against their

record, the Lady Builders look to improve from these games.

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Nov. 19

Manhattan Christian (41)
Seley 1-3 0-0 2, Helfrich 2-9 2-2 6, Harper 0-2 2-2 2, Keith 4-14 1-2 12, Smith 2-4 3-4 7, Cotton 0-0 0-0 0, Reigle 1-2 2-3 4, Hiebsch 4-8 0-0 8, Skiles 0-4 0-1 0, Totals 14-46 10-14 41.

Southwestern College (96)

Gandy 5-9 0-0 10, Silvers 6-9 2-4 14, Beal 8-10 2-4 22, Gray 0-3 0-0 0, Wilson 4-4 1-2 9, Hartfield 7-7 1-1 15, Maxwell 2-4 0-0 6, Jamagin 0-3 1-2 1, Pruitt 0-3 0-0 0, Colclasure 0-3 0-0 0, Larsen 2-4 3-4 7, Harvey 1-3 0-0 3, Poynter 3-5 0-0 9, Borthwick 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 38-68 10 17 96.
3-Point Goals – Manhattan Christian 3-14 (Seley 0-1, Helfrich 0-1, Harper 0-1, Keith 3-7, Skiles 0-1), Southwestern 10-21 (Beal 4-5, Gray 0-1, Maxwell 2-4, Jarnagin 0-1, Col-

clasure 0-2, Harvey 1-3, Poynter 3-5).
Fouled Out – None.
Rebounds – Manhattan Christian 29 (Skiles 5), Southwestern 41 (Wilson 7).
Assists – Manhattan Christian 7 (Harper, Reigle 3), Southwestern 28 (Gandy, Gray 5).
Total Fouls – Manhattan Christian 12, Southwestern 16. Technical – None. A – 150.

Nov. 26

Southwestern College (65)
Hartfield 3-4 1-3 7, Verhaeghe 1-2 0-0 3, Beal 5-17 5-5 18, Janagin 1-7 0-0 3, Colclasure 4-10 3-4 13, Gandy 0-5 2-2 2, Larsen 0-0 0-0 0, Gray 0-1 2-2 2, Wilson 2-3 3-5 8, Silvers 0-0 0-0 0, Tyree 4-5 1-2 9, Totals 20-54 17-23 65.
Baker University (59)
Heinen 6-14 2-6 14, Murdock 1-1 0-0

3, Schaefer 1-4 0-0 2, Schneden 8-13 1-1 19, Bryant 1-6 0-0 2, Stacks 0-2 0-0 0, Shufelberger 3-8 0-0 8, McDuffett 2-3 0-0 4, Eagleman 0-1 0-0 0, Gustin 3-5 1-2 7, Totals 25-57 4-12 59.

3-Point Goals – Southwestern 8-28 (Verhaeghe 1-2, Beal 3-13, Jarnagin 1-4, Colclasure 2-6, Gandy 0-1, Gray 0-1, Wilson 1-1), Baker 5-16 (Heinen 0-2, Murdock 1-1, Schaefer 0-2, Schneden 2-5, Stacks 0-1, Shufelberger 2-6, Eagleman 0-1).
Fouled Out – Baker (Gustin).
Rebounds – Southwestern 36, (Gandy 8), Baker 20 (Heinen 6).
Assists – Southwestern 9, (Beal 4), Baker 14 (Schneden, Gustin 3).
Total Fouls – Southwestern 10, Baker 16. Technical – None. A – 407.

Cross country returns from nationals

By Alissa Sheppard
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The cross country team is back from Wisconsin, where they competed for nationals. They spent three days there, where they got time to prepare for the race which was Saturday morning.

Ericka Franklin, biology junior, said everyone ran really good. With a time of 18.50

Franklin accomplished some of the goals that she set for herself. She finished faster than everyone she ran against during the season and at regionals. Franklin also placed higher than she did last year. "I feel pretty good about my race" said Franklin.

The men's team was ranked 28th and placed 28th. Zack Conroy, business marketing sophomore, said, "It was an average race." He had a time of

28 minutes flat. "I was sick the day before and the day after, so I didn't do my best," said Conroy.

The weather was rainy and snowy in Wisconsin. It was only 41 degrees. "It was still good running weather," said Franklin.

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NAIA National Championship Men

122. Daniel Joiner, 26:27.7; 124. Andrew Topham, 26:28.4; 180. Aric Cherry, 26:55.3; 224. Jess Eberle, 27:29.5; 233. Jimmy Bryant, 27:45.2; 240. Drew Logsdon, 27:55.3; 247. Zack Conroy, 18:15.3.

Women

61. Ericka Franklin, 18:50.8; 172. Audry Anderson, 19:46.8.

All-KCAC football named

By Chase Kuchera
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With the finish of every football season comes the selection of All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference by the coaches.

Players may be named to six different teams. There is a first and second team for offense, first and second team defense, and first and second team for special teams. Three members of the football team made it to these teams.

Oscar Guerrero, senior linebacker, made the first team defense again after earning the honor last year. Brandon Jackson, senior fullback, and Daniel Hawkins, senior defensive lineman, made All-KCAC for their

first time. Jackson made second team offense and Hawkins made second team defense.

Ten players were named All-KCAC honorable mention. Michael Coppock, sophomore running back, Chris Bolander, freshman full back, Ryan Molz, senior wide receiver, Logan Wyrick, sophomore tight end, Amos Dailey, senior offensive lineman, Tony Hanson, senior linebacker, Damon Brown, senior linebacker, Blake Ridgway, sophomore defensive lineman, Grant Taylor, senior defensive lineman, and Davion Mitchell, senior kick returner.

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Loyalty shifts from once favorite team to newly formed fantasy league



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The Miami Dolphins are 0-10 following their latest defeat this past Monday. They now sit in last place of their division and are eliminated from any chance at a playoff berth.

The Chickens of the Sky moved to 8-3 following a win in week 10. They are now in first place. The playoffs are almost certain for them. They control their destiny in their league.

I've been a fan of the Dolphins since the start of the Clinton administration. There's a picture I've tried to keep out of circulation. It's of me, and I'm

decked out in Dolphins garb before a playoff game against the Bills in 1995. My 'fins hat is on my head and matching football in arm. I'm sporting my first, of two, Dan Marino jerseys. For some reason I'm wearing a heavy Dolphins coat even though I'm sure the house was warm that day. In that picture I'm sitting about two feet away from the T.V.

It was an early sign of fanaticism. I'm sure if I decide to run for major office one day it will come back to haunt me.

I haven't pledged my allegiance to the Chickens of the Sky for near as long. They are my team in a fantasy league composed of myself and seven other gentlemen I call friends.

I have no t-shirts that have their logo written on it. They don't have a logo to be honest. I don't even own a Christmas ornament with their team

name and colors displayed so it can go on my family's tree for about two weeks every year. No embarrassing pictures that I'm afraid will harass me for the rest of my life are out there.

However, I'm completely interested in the Chickens of the Sky this year, and I have little to no interest in what the Miami Dolphins do.

Usually I just like to go against the grain. At least that was my excuse for not joining a fantasy league until this year. I had been asked to join for several years in a row, but I honestly thought it was going to be too complicated and worse yet too boring.

That took me all of about a week to change my mind. I was hooked from that point on.

It helped that my team

smashed the opponent by about 200 points. It helped that the team we smashed were the defending champions. It was also a big plus that my next opponent had a starting quarterback with a bad hamstring, putting me in the driver seat before a snap was taken in week two.

The best part though was that it was fun.

How else can you explain an estimated 15 million unique users in the U.S. alone who join leagues? Better yet how can you explain ESPN, which for those of you who have been comfortable under rocks as of late is the leader in pretty much everything sports, designate time out of its shows to tell you all about what's going on in a pretend game? Best of all, why is there a person who's actual title is "fantasy sports expert"? I've heard of some cushy jobs before but come on, that's right up there

with testing video games or dating Jessica Alba for a living.

So the 'fins have lost every game this year and are the laughing stock of the NFL. Big deal, I'm still going to have bragging rights when my team cruises into the playoffs.

People like having control. It's a good feeling, and I see no reason in the world why we wouldn't want to have some of it at times. That's what fantasy football gives me.

People like to be competitive. None of the eight in my league are ever going to play on Sundays, so this is the next best thing. That's another thing fantasy football gives me.

Most of all, I think people like to enjoy the game. It may be rough rooting on a team that's only hope is to lose as many games as it can so it can get a good draft pick next year, but thanks to my league I'm rooting

on each and every game that's played. I'm more of a fan of football than I have been since before the start of the decade. I know more names of more players, and it's a whole lot more interesting to keep up with the stats. Football is fun again. That's the most important thing fantasy football has given me.

There are 15 million or so folks who live the same life as me. We work trades with our rivals throughout the week so that come Sunday we have the best chance of winning. We watch in earnest during most every NFL game so that we can keep an eye on how our individual players are doing. If we win we look for our opponent on Monday, rubbing it in all the while. If we lose we avoid our opponent on Monday, better yet call in sick if applicable.

All the while we are just being fans of the game again.

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