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**Above:** Alwyn Jordan, junior guard, pulls up for a jump shot against a Sterling defender. The Moundbuilders came away with a victory against the Warriors Thursday night in Stewart Field House 59-56.

**Right:** Jarrett Tyler, junior guard, drives past a Sterling defender in Thursday night's game.



## KCAC Scoreboard

### Final Women's standings

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3. McPherson 11-7
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## National Track Meet Qualifiers

### Men

- 60 meter dash**  
Charles Wells
- 400 meter run**  
Cody Annis
- 5000 meter run**  
Andrew Topham
- Triple jump**  
Brandon Hessing
- 4x800 meter relay**  
Aric Cherry  
Bryce Johnson  
Jimmy Bryant  
Daniel Joiner

### Women

- Triple jump**  
Sarah Morton
- 3000 meter run**  
Ericka Franklin
- High jump**  
Kari Roth
- 4x800 meter relay**  
Audry Anderson  
Amy Pierson  
Brae Johnson  
Jordan Unruh
- Distance medley relay**  
Audry Anderson  
Nicole Shidler  
Amy Pierson  
Ericka Franklin

# Ottawa ends men's season

By Paige Carswell  
Staff reporter

Each person in the gym on Saturday night had a different moment when they realized that the Southwestern College men's basketball season was officially over.

For the five seniors on the team, that realization is probably a little tougher to handle this year than in the past. The sport that they've dedicated a good part of their lives to is simply done. No more practices. No more games. No more next year.

Although preseason rankings predicted the Builders to take first in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, the season played out a little differently than expected. The men landed in a three-way tie for second, and were the fourth-place seed heading into the KCAC tournament, their second chance to take the season to the national tournament.

After winning the opening game with a close win over Sterling College, the men then had to travel to Ottawa University to face off against the Braves.

"It was a hard game, and they came out ready to play," Cedrick Riley, senior forward, said. "Even when we would put pressure on them, they were still throwing up shots and making them. It's hard to guard when a team's on fire like that. I think it was a lot about what they were doing, and not what we weren't. We can't really point fingers and say that we did this and this wrong."

Alwyn Jordan, junior guard, said, "Every time we got a rhythm going, they'd come down and hit a three or make a lay-up. When there was 11 minutes left and we were down by 30 points, I realized that we didn't have the time left to come back."

The men ended up losing their final game of the season 103-78. Ottawa shot .500 from field goal range, .481 from three-point range, and .750 from the free throw line compared to Southwestern's .408, .238, and .600 respectively. The Builders were also outrebounded by 15.

Riley said, "You never wanted to really believe it, even when the time was running down. I'll miss just hanging with my teammates and goofing around and all that fun stuff. Even when things weren't going right we tried to have a little bit of fun, and make something fun out of it."

Jesse Overfield, senior forward, said, "Preseason does make it feel a little bit worse. We may have been overrated, but I think we could've lived up to what we were ranked. We just didn't do it."

Jordan said, "We were looking ahead. We just got ahead of ourselves and I think that played a part. Instead of coming out to play every night, we tried to race through the conference."

The Builders ended their season with a 12-6 conference record and an 18-12 overall record.

Overfield said, "I'll miss my teammates, they're like a family. Sometimes you get tired of

playing basketball daily, but I'll miss that."

While the seniors will move onto bigger and better things next year, the rest of the team is stuck analyzing what went wrong until next season when they can correct it.

Jordan said, "I'm trying not to think about it, but as the week goes by I know I will. I'm disappointed with how the season ended up. We should have won conference. We should be going to nationals."

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**Sterling College (56)**  
Stephenson 3-7 0-0 6, Stover 3-7 0-0 7, Brazelton 3-5 1-2 7, Friess 2-10 2-2 6, Woods 3-4 0-0 6, Schnurr 2-2 0-0 6, Goodrich 4-5 0-0 10, Stewart 0-3 2-2 2, Mondaine 0-2 0-0 0, Moss 3-4 0-0 6, Totals 23-49 5-8 56.

**Southwestern College (59)**  
Merrifield 1-3 0-0 2, Riley 3-4 0-0 6, Diggles 0-1 4-5 4, Tyler 0-4 0-2 0, Jordan 9-17 3-3 23, Sanchez 1-1 0-0 2, Jackson 0-2 0-2 0, Brown 2-6 3-4 8, Moore 0-0 1-2 1, King 5-9 1-2 13,

Totals 21-47 12-20 59.  
**Sterling 28 28 56**  
**Southwestern 23 36 59**  
3 Point Goals - Sterling 5-17 (Stephenson 0-1, Stover 1-3, Brazelton 0-1, Friess 0-3, Schnurr 2-2, Goodrich 2-3, Stewart 0-3, Mondaine 0-1), Southwestern 5-12 (Tyler 0-1, Jordan 2-5, Jackson 0-1, Brown 1-2, King 2-3). Fouled Out - Southwestern (Merrifield). Rebounds - Sterling 31 (Stephenson 5), Southwestern 25 (Jordan 6). Assists - Sterling 17 (Stephenson 4), Southwestern 12 (Diggles 4). Total Fouls - Sterling 18, Southwestern 11. Technical - None. A - 550.

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## Warming up



Corinna Keeling/Collegian photographer

Wayne Trimmel, physical education junior, Nique Wallace, special education graduate student, and Ashley Findley-Robinson, nursing junior, run in preparation for their first outdoor meet March 13.

# Referees: the scapegoat of sports



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Ref what game are you watching? Who's paying you? When did they hire Ray Charles to do the officiating?

Bashing a referee is an old of practice as any of those tired clichés. It's nothing new to place the blame on the guys in stripes.

When the game is over you won't be seeing any of the crowd go up to the officials and tell them what a great game they just officiated. However, you'll

hear plenty of people spit out curse words and empty threats to get the attention of a ref they didn't really agree with.

So it goes. It's a part of the game. It's human nature to look for some sort of blame, so blame it on the unbalanced management by the officials.

For minimal pay those officials put up with a lot, most of the time it doesn't make for glamorous work.

Who knows what game you're going to be going from week to week? You'll most likely have to drive a few hours to get to it anyways. When you get there it's up in the air how you're going to be treated. Some colleges may indeed role out the

red carpet for you, which in this case means offer you a hot dog and drink from the concession stand. Who wants to eat a hot dog when they have to go run for 40 minutes?

If you're not lucky enough to get the hot dog treatment, be prepared for a stone aged boiler room awaiting you. It will be disguised as a dressing room for your tenure at that college. It will come fully equipped with scary looking machinery, the type that looks like it could go at any time, and the school's past five decades or so of old uniforms. The smell of sweat doesn't clear out in the laundry after so many games. It makes for an unwelcoming air fresher to a dim lit dressing facility.

If you're a ref at the college level be prepared for outspo-

ken and shirtless 20 year olds who don't know you but know enough about you to not like you. They'll make the game interesting if nothing else, especially when teamed up with a smart mouthed coach. They won't miss a chance to criticize your work when it's out on display either. Calling you names you never knew existed and busting out the four-letter word dictionary all night.

Don't look for help from the other bench though. Opposing coaches don't agree on very many things, but they will both believe they are getting the shaft in terms of fair treatment.

If you do go out and call a perfect game don't expect a pat on the back. That action is already reserved for the winning

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# Nasty practice weather doesn't slow golf team

By Cameron Siefkes  
Staff reporter

Little practice and bad playing conditions did not affect the men's and women's golf teams at their first tournament of the year as both finished in second place.

Last Monday and Tuesday the men's and women's teams competed in the Lion Classic at the Hardscrabble Country Club in Fort Smith, Ark.

The tournament was hosted by the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Andrew Manley, accounting junior, led the Builders placing second out of 41 golfers with 76-73—149. Finishing in third was Tyler Lytton, business senior, with 72-78—150. Kenneth Wright, business sophomore,

placed sixth with 79-75—154. Pat Fulton, business senior, finished in eighth with 73-83—156. Jared Paul, business sophomore, finished 20<sup>th</sup> with 82-82—164. Levi Moreland, business senior, placed 21<sup>st</sup> with 85-80—165. Westin Weeast, business junior, finished 37<sup>th</sup> 92-91—183. The team finished behind the host team.

Other teams at the tournament were Coffeyville Community College, Seminole State Community College, Arkansas-Monticello, Des Moines Area Community College, and Western Oklahoma Community College.

Lytton said, "I was satisfied with our performance especially because of the fact that we had not had the opportunity

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