

# Women fight for second place

By Paige Carswell  
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End of season play is a nerve-racking time for just about any team in any sport. Pressure can overwhelm some teams, while it seems to motivate others. The Southwestern College women are hoping for the latter to top off their regular season.

Heading into the final week of play, the women look to hold onto their second-place status in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference rankings with a 14-4 record. They'll need to win one of the two games this week to completely secure their status and move into the KCAC tournament on Monday with a second-place seed.

The Lady Builders will host two games this week, first taking on McPherson College at 6 p.m. tomorrow. McPherson is currently tied for third in the KCAC, two games behind Southwestern.

On Saturday, the women will play the University of Saint Mary on Senior Night. The Spires are ranked last, and will be the last game before heading into the KCAC tournament.

"Toward the end of the season it's really crunch time," said Tylar Hartfield, freshman forward. "The level of mental toughness gets stronger and the teams are more focused on winning. They want to get to the tournament and get to the national championships."

The women went on the road last week twice, first on Thursday to Tabor and on Saturday to Bethany. They ended up losing to the Lady Bluejays on Thursday 60-58.

"It was a close game," said Dave Denly, head women's basketball coach. "We weren't playing with the same intensity, emotion, and fire that we'd been playing with so we got beat."

After getting beat, they came back on Saturday with motivation to win. Even though Bethany made 16 three-point shots, the Lady Builders won the game 87-75.

"We kept scoring. We did a good job of getting points on the board and were aggressive offensively," Denly said.

Hartfield, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds in the game, said, "We knew we had to play hard. We knew we had to stay focused to take care of our busi-

ness."

With the conference and national tournaments coming up soon, the women are trying hard to focus on the few regular season games they have left and not let the pressure of the end of the season hinder their play.

Tasyana Gray, junior guard, said, "At the beginning of the season it's not as big of a deal if you win or lose. Now you have to win because everybody's fighting when it comes to tournament time. Even when coaches say there's no pressure there really is. Everybody knows they need to win."

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**Southwestern College (60)**  
Hartfield 5-11 2-4 12, Beal 7-14 0-0 19, Maxwell 0-1 0-0 0, Jarnagin 0-4 1-2 1, Colclasure 1-4 2-4 4, Gandy 2-4 1-2 5, Larsen 0-1 0-0 0, Gray 3-4 0-0 8, Wilson 1-6 7-10 9, Harvey 1-3 0-0 2, Silvers 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 20-54 13-22 60.

**Tabor College (68)**

Herman 7-10 3-5 20, Watson 0-4 2-2 2, Pyle 3-9 5-5 12, Fast 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 3-3 0-0 6, Malone 1-2 0-0 2, Silvas 1-1 0-0 2, Roth 1-4 6-8 8, Crosson 5-5 0-0 10, Gaskell 2-6 0-0 4, Totals 24-46 16-20 68.

**Southwestern 26 34 60**

**Tabor 30 38 68**

3-Point Goals – Southwestern 7-22 (Beal 5-11, Maxwell 0-1, Jarnagin 0-4, Colclasure 0-3, Gray 2-2, Harvey 0-1), Tabor 4-12 (Herman 3-5, Watson 0-2, Pyle 1-5). Fouled Out – Tabor (Crosson). Rebounds – Southwestern 26 (Hartfield 8), Tabor 22 (Roth, Crosson 5). Assists – Southwestern 11 (Colclasure 3), Tabor 18 (Herman 8). Total Fouls – Southwestern 13, Tabor 14. Technical – None. A – 200.

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**Southwestern College (87)**  
Hartfield 8-10 1-5 17, Beal 3-9 8-10 16, Colclasure 3-4 0-0 9, Wilson 6-9 7-10 19, Harvey 1-3 0-0 2, Maxwell 1-3 0-0 3, Jarnagin 2-4 0-0 5, Gandy 3-4 1-2 7, Gray 1-6 1-2 4, Silvers 2-2 1-2 5, Totals 30-54 19-31 87.

**Bethany College (75)**

Whitman 6-11 1-2 14, Pihl 5-9 1-2 15, Gaylord 0-3 0-0 0, Stieben 6-11 2-2 20, Wade 8-16 1-2 22, Wendland 0-1 0-0 0, Tommerup 0-2 0-1 0, Dunham 2-4 0-0 4, Totals 27-57 5-9 75.

**Southwestern 47 40 87**

**Bethany 39 36 75**

3-Point Goals – Southwestern 8-19 (Beal 2-6, Colclasure 3-4, Harvey 0-1, Maxwell 1-3, Jarnagin 1-2, Gray 1-3), Bethany 16-25 (Whitman 1-2, Pihl 4-7, Stieben 6-7, Wade 5-8, Wendland 0-1). Fouled Out – None. Rebounds – Southwestern 38 (Hartfield 12), Bethany 28 (Beal 8). Assists – Southwestern 19 (Beal, Wilson 6), Bethany 11 (Pihl 4). Total Fouls – Southwestern 13, Bethany 21. Technical – Bethany (Coach). A – 200.



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Jordan Jarnagin, sophomore guard, drives past an Ottawa defender at a home game on Feb. 4. The women are ranked second in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with a record of 12-4, and will need to win at least one of their two remaining regular season games to seal the position going into the KCAC tournament next week.

## 'I hope you had the time of your life'



Anthony Cook

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It could all be over any day now. All that you have worked for might be swept out from under your feet before you know it.

That came out sounding a bit more prophetic than I had hoped for it to. I'm as big a fan of Nostradamus as the next guy in line, but I don't claim to be the just like him.

However, such is the case for senior athletes, in this particular case, the men and women of the basketball team.

Both are currently looking into the national tournament. Both must perform well in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament in order to advance and wring out a few more days of playing.

The sad part of it is that the seniors aren't so much different from any other team in the league, or for that matter any seniors around the country in any sport. It would be nice to think your story was one that was special. We are all suckers for the ones that include white horses riding off into a nice little sunset, and better yet one with a long haired princess. However, it can't be the way for everyone. Disney didn't

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make every film ever made.

Not everyone can have that storybook ending, and that's what makes the final days of playing your sport so frustrating.

For many students, sports are the only reason they made the plunge into college. Every coach has patented the "you are students first" speech, I think it must be part of the curriculum when they go off to coaching school. It is probably mastered in a 200 level course. Do we really buy that anyone believes that to be true for the players?

Take a look at some of the practice schedules. More time is spent on the field and in the gym than in any classroom. Add in weight lifting and traveling to games and you start to see where the balance lies.

That's not to say all athletes are only at school for that reason. For some, that was their ticket to school so they took it. One has to be extremely dedicated to pull off both successfully, maybe that's why a good part of the population supports athletes so heavily.

Then it's all over.

One day you run out of eligibility. One day you've reached your plateau and there isn't another level of play waiting for you when the clock winds down. Most athletes today have been in multiple leagues starting in middle school. They have spent a large part of their life training for or playing a sport.

After that last bead of sweat has dropped to the floor who knows what you can do with your time. You have a variety

of options. Many stay physically fit and could still play college ball a decade after they were done. Some don't see the point if they can't keep the competition in their lives. Even if it wasn't what got you to college, you might find it was what kept you so happy while you were here.

There's the group that are burned out from it all anyway. They played all these years out of obligation, a kind of duty for being given all that talent. That group may even get a bit of silent satisfaction from the end of it all.

The thing is you never know who has what in them. It's all somewhere deep inside until these last few weeks.

All-stars and average players alike sometimes start showing signs that they never

have before. Coaches are surprised by what players have to give them, even after coaching them for four years.

They start showing intensity that no one knew they had. Sometimes the way they play starts bordering on desperation. It's a last effort to be remembered.

Whether those players change the score of the games or not, they will still be remembered. They might extend the season for one or two more games or the season may fade out, minus the Disney ending. They will be remembered for something that running out of eligibility can't take away from you.

They will be remembered for their heart, and isn't that what all Disney movies are about?

## Golf teams make best of unfavorable weather

By Cameron Siefkes  
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Freezing temperatures have not kept the men's and women's golf teams off the course.

The awful weather has actually been good for their practicing. Jared Paul, business sophomore, said, "It's not a lot of fun but it's good for us to play in the cold and the wind because it makes us better golfers."

For the past week, the men's team has been qualifying for the first tournament and the women have been practicing. With only five women players, all of them will get to go to every tournament, but the men will know who gets to compete by Friday.

The women's team includes Kenna Corley, digital arts senior, Amy Kellner, business senior, Rachael Locke, business senior, Blair Koehn, business

junior, and Kaydee Johnson, business freshman.

The men's team includes Pat Fulton, business senior, Tyler Lytton, business senior, Levi Moreland, sports management senior, Andrew Manley, advertising junior, Westin Weeast, business junior, Kenneth Wright, business sophomore, and Paul.

Both teams will kick off their seasons Feb. 25 and 26 at the

Lion Classic in Fort Smith, Ark. It will be hosted by the University of Arkansas Fort Smith at the Hardscrabble Country Club.

Brad Sexson, head men's and women's coach, said, "It will be difficult for us and all the other teams. We've had a rough winter clear down to Texas so I don't think that anyone is going to have a distinct advantage."

The goals this season are simple. Sexson said, "I think for

me my goal is to see the teams improving from week to week."

Wright said, "My goal is to hopefully return to nationals for the third year and to retain the conference championship."

There are a few things that both teams will need to improve on to make this a better season than the last. Sexson said, "Both teams need to get more consistent in practicing and on the road in their playing."

Locke said, "At times we can be up and down with our scores and that doesn't help us."

The idea is to be optimistic. Koehn said, "As long as the team stays positive and continues to work hard, then we will meet our expectations and go to nationals for the third year."

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