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## Tiger women top Bearcats; men fall in overtime

By The Hays Daily News  
MARYVILLE, Mo. — The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team won its ninth consecutive game on Saturday by defeating Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, 71-52. The Tigers forced 29 turnovers to earn the win, making up for a quiet offensive game.

Junior guard Chelsea Mason led FHSU with 19 points, while fellow junior guard Paige Lunsford had a

career-high 15. Senior center Kate Lehman finished with 11 points.

NWMSU led 16-15 late in the first half before a Tiger run gave them a 36-28 halftime lead. FHSU never looked back from there, going on to earn the 19-point victory. The Tigers shot just 39.7 percent from the field and were outbounded 39-33. Northwest drops to 4-8 overall, 0-3 in the MIAA, while FHSU is now



10-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play heading into the break. The Tigers return to action with a home date against Missouri Southern on Jan. 3, a team currently ranked No. 22 in the nation.

**Men fall in overtime**

Despite a valiant rally to force extra time, the FHSU men's basketball team lost at Northwest Missouri State in overtime Saturday afternoon, 74-66. The Tigers trailed 61-48 with 3:44 to

play in the game, but rallied even when junior guard Craig Nicholson fouled out with less than a minute to play. It was a 3-pointer by junior Jeremy Wilson with 11 seconds remaining that forced OT. The extra session belonged to NWMSU, however, the Bearcats outscoring FHSU 10-2.

Nicholson led the Tigers with 16 points, James Fleming adding 12, Wilson 11 and Dom Samac 11. FHSU drops to 7-4 overall, 1-2 in MIAA.

## 31st annual HDN All-Area Super 11



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Hays High School senior quarterback Alex Delton, right, is the 2014 HDN All-Area Offensive Player of the Year.

## Delton runs wild in final season with Indians

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Like many Kansas State University football fans, Alex Delton has trouble picking out a favorite Wildcat quarterback. He enjoys watching film on KSU legends Michael Bishop and Ell Roberson, and particularly admires the passing game of current senior Jake Waters.

But there was something about the way Collin Klein played that stands above the rest. Klein fin-

ished third in the Heisman voting as a senior in 2012 after leading the Wildcats to an 11-2 record and Big 12 title. He is now part of the KSU coaching staff, serving as the assistant director of recruiting and defensive quality control.

And he still occasionally spends time with the quarterbacks, which has Delton, a KSU football signee, very excited.

"Collin experienced it first hand and experienced everything at the

highest level and he had success with it. Collin will give you all the ins and outs sometime that maybe a coach won't," Delton said. "Any starting quarterback at Kansas State, you have to be a special person and a special player. All of those guys are uniquely different but uniquely special also."

Delton, the HDN's Offensive Player of the Year on the 31st annual Super 11 team, just finished his high school career at Hays High

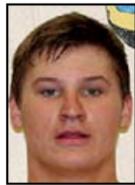
School, having elected to graduate this month. A good student, the school agreed to let him out a semester early in order to get a head start on what will likely be a highly scrutinized career at KSU.

A three-star recruit by Rivals and the No. 23 dual-threat quarterback in the 2015 class, Delton committed to KSU last winter and signed a financial aid agreement with the school in August.

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## Lineman Green makes his mark in Norton

By NICK McQUEEN  
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Green

It might be difficult to imagine a defensive down lineman leading a team in tackles, let alone tackles for loss.

Oh yeah, and Norton Community High School's Jacob Green is

just a sophomore. But that's just what he did.

A 6-foot-2, 235-pound lineman, Green arguably was Norton's best lineman on both sides of the ball. He led a stout Norton defense with 86 tackles (22 for loss), and recorded three sacks, all

from a down position.

"Even as a freshman, Jacob did a lot of great things," said Norton coach Lucas Melvin. "He just continued to improve. He just stepped in this year and was awesome for us."

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**All area Super 11 team 2014**

Player	Ht	Wt	Year	Pos.	School
Alex Delton	6-1	195	Sr.	QB	Hays High
Brady Dinkel	5-8	160	Jr.	QB/DB/S	Victoria
Jordan Dole	6-0	205	Jr.	QB/RB/DE	Norton
Eric Gfeller	5-11	152	Jr.	QB/S/P	Wallace County
Jacob Green	6-2	235	So.	OL/DL	Norton
Luke Jacobs	6-7	230	Sr.	OL/DE	Phillipsburg
Stuart Lennemann	5-9	160	Sr.	RB/DB	Phillipsburg
Tanner McMillen	6-1	175	Sr.	QB/DB	Ness City
Sheldon Schmidt	6-4	230	Sr.	FB/DE	La Crosse
Jake Tiernan	6-0	190	Jr.	QB/DB/P	Osborne
Brandt Walters	6-2	195	Sr.	TE/LB/K	Osborne

**Offensive Player of the Year** — Alex Delton, Hays High  
**Defensive Player of the Year** — Jacob Green, Norton  
**Coach of the Year** — Doug Oberle, Victoria

## Monarch boys notch second win

By AUSTIN COLBERT  
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Thomas More Prep-Marian boys' basketball coach Joe Hertel had two key goals for his players entering Friday's game against visiting Oakley High School. First, he wanted them to play tougher, a characteristic he thought they had been lacking over their 1-4 start. Second, he wanted them to defend their home court.

Check and check. "We've had some tough losses in the last 10 days. I didn't feel like we gave those games

away. I didn't feel like we played terrible in those games, but we just didn't finish. We didn't finish and we had spots in there where I thought we played a little bit soft," Hertel said. "I felt like my guys made a little bit of a statement in terms of trying to reach those two goals of playing tougher and taking playing at home very, very seriously. And of course it wasn't real hard for us to do seeing as how we haven't been here for like 100 years. But I'm proud of the kids' effort. I thought the first half was really special."

TMP, playing in its first game at Al Billinger Fieldhouse since February 2013 after it was deemed off-limits for large crowds prior to the 2013-14 season for not being up to fire code, used a big spurt in the first half to run away from Oakley, 77-40. After losing back-to-back games to Hill City and Victoria, each by two points, Hertel felt it was important for his team to get a statement win heading into the winter break, even if it was against an outmanned Oakley (1-4) team.

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TMP's T.J. Flax defends Oakley's Kyle Charles during Friday's game at Al Billinger Fieldhouse.

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