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Southern Cal quarterback Carson Palmer passes during the first half against Oregon State in a game earlier this season in Los Angeles. Palmer capped his rise from mediocrity to stardom by winning the Heisman Trophy Saturday, taking the bronze statue back to the West Coast for the first time in 21 years.

## USC's Palmer walks away with Heisman

NEW YORK (AP) — Carson Palmer can forget those first three seasons at USC, when he lost as much as he won and failed to fulfill the high expectations.

The Heisman Trophy does that for a player: Palmer capped his rise from mediocrity to stardom by winning college football's most prestigious award Saturday night, taking the bronze statue back to the West Coast for the first time since USC's Marcus Allen did it 21 years ago.

The quarterback kissed his fiancée, then stepped up to the podium and accepted the trophy.

"My heart's about to come out of my shirt," Palmer said. "This has been amazing, this whole journey through this season."

Palmer received 242 first-place votes and easily won by 233 points over Iowa quarterback Brad Banks in what was expected to be a much closer race.

Palmer went 16-16 as a starter before his senior season, unable to live up to all the expecta-

tions he brought with him when he joined the Trojans.

He turned around his career dramatically this year, leading the Trojans to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Orange Bowl — against Iowa and Banks. Palmer's season highlights included a stunning performance against Notre Dame on national television, crucial for a West Coast Heisman hopeful who doesn't get as much exposure as other candidates.

"I think it was the Notre Dame game," Palmer said. "If anyone else was playing in that game, maybe they would have gotten the trophy."

Palmer completed nearly 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns with 10 interceptions this year.

"When he walked up there and started making his speech, oh, my gosh," said Palmer's mother, Danna. "But it really wasn't until he gave me that hug that it felt real."

"I can't believe it. My son won the Heisman. It

will follow him. You win this, and you're forever."

He is the fifth winner from USC, joining Allen, Charles White (1979), O.J. Simpson (1968) and Mike Garrett (1965). USC now has the third most winners, behind Notre Dame (seven) and Ohio State (six).

In what was expected to be one of the closest races in Heisman history, Palmer topped Banks, with Penn State's Larry Johnson third, Miami's Willis McGahee was fourth and teammate Ken Dorsey finished fifth. The margin was the widest since Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne beat Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton by 1,048 points in 2000.

It was the first time all five finalists received more than 100 first-place votes. Palmer won five of the six regions. Banks won the Midwest with 289 points, 100 more than Palmer.

Voters list three choices on their ballots, and players are awarded 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third.

## Hoffman lights up Scott City

Monarch junior scores 46 in tourney championship

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

SCOTT CITY — Thomas More Prep-Marian junior guard Scott Hoffman had 16 points and four 3-pointers Saturday in the championship game of the Scott City Invitational against the host school.

He made three shots that tied the game or gave his team the lead.

Then the second half began, and Hoffman really began to heat up.

Hoffman finished with 46 points as the Monarchs snuck past Scott City in overtime, 85-81, to claim the championship.

The performance also helped Hoffman earn the Most Inspirational Player award for the tournament. He had 29 total points in two previous games in the tourney. Hoffman also earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Hoffman scored 10 of the Monarchs' 12 points in the overtime period, including the first six for the Monarchs.

In the fourth quarter, the Monarchs fell down by as many as nine points early, 63-54, when sophomore Jordan Carter hit a 3-pointer for Scott City. Carter finished with 15 points.

The Monarchs fought back to within 63-62 when Hoffman made a 3-pointer. After a free throw put the Beavers up by two, Hoffman hit a jumper to tie the game. The Beavers scored again, but Hoffman made a 3-pointer to give the Monarchs a 67-66 lead.

After the teams went back and forth, the Monarchs trailed 73-71 before Hoffman made a running floater with less than 10 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Then Hoffman took over in the final period.

The last Monarch to score as many as 30 points in a game was Ryan Hammerschmidt, who got 30 in a two-point win over Hoisington in January 2001.

Senior Jeff Keberlein added 19 points for the Monarchs — 10 in the second quarter — while senior David Dunn scored 33 for the Beavers.

In addition to Hoffman, Keberlein and senior Brandon Schaffer were named to the all-tournament team.

● The game's boxscore is in score-board, page B4.

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### ALL-AREA SUPER 11

PLAYER	HT.	WT.	CLASS	POS.	SCHOOL
Lee Albers	6-4	230	Sr.	TB-DE	Rexford-Golden Plains
Travis Ambruster	6-0	185	Sr.	TB-LB-P	WaKeeney-Trago
Mark Barnes	6-1	240	Sr.	OT-DE	TMP-Marian
Luke Dreiling	5-9	160	Sr.	K-WR-P-S	TMP-Marian
Cody Hilburn	5-10	175	Sr.	TB-DB	Logan
Jeff Keberlein	6-0	170	Sr.	QB-CB	TMP-Marian
Ricky Musgrave	5-10	175	Sr.	TB-LB	La Crosse
Terry Petrie	5-9	175	Sr.	TB-CB	Norton
Matt Sander	6-4	280	Sr.	OG-DT	Victoria
Tanner Schmidt	6-0	205	Sr.	TB-S	Atwood
Aaron Smith	5-10	155	Jr.	TB-LB	Olis-Bison

COACH OF THE YEAR — Gene Flax, Thomas More Prep-Marian

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### The Hays Daily News Super 11

## Jayhawks blow by Hornets

LAWRENCE (AP) — Kirk Hinrich drained a 3-pointer and sprinted back down the court, his usual intense look replaced by a wide grin.

And why shouldn't he smile? His back felt good, his shot was falling and basketball was fun again.

"I haven't been having enough fun lately," said Hinrich, who matched his career high with five 3-pointers and scored 23 points as No. 20 Kansas beat Emporia State 113-61 on Saturday night.

"I've been playing with a lot of intensity but not enough enthusiasm. I just decided to kick back, play my butt off and have some fun."



Wayne Simien also had 23 points — a career high — for Kansas (5-3), which reached the 100-point mark before the midpoint of the second half of its annual matchup against an in-state NCAA Division II team.

Nick Collison added 19 points, Keith Langford finished with 13 points and Aaron Miles had 13 assists for the Jayhawks, who led the Hornets (4-4) 34-10 after 8½ minutes and 64-23 at the half.

That 41-point halftime lead was Kansas' largest since Jan. 14, 1993, when the Jayhawks led Oral Roberts by 46 points (75-29) at intermission.

"We were just happy to be in Allen Fieldhouse instead of trying to win," Emporia State Coach David Moe said. "That's why they just whipped us."

Emporia State didn't reach double figures until Shawn Herrman's tip-in with just over 12 minutes left in the half. By that time, Collison already had 10 points — including 2-for-2 shooting from long range — and the Jayhawks led 30-10.

"That's a shot I'm going to take when the time's right," said the 6-foot-10 Collison, who normally plays physical ball inside for the Jayhawks. "If it's in a situation where we're not getting a lot of good shots off, I won't take it."

● Kansas 113, Emporia State 61  
EMPORIA ST. (4-4)  
Parris 1-3 0-0 2, Webb 3-10 2-10, Ballard 5-15 0-0 14, Vincent 4-10 0-0 12, Lane 2-8 3-4 8, Hahn 0-2 0-0 0, Blevins 2-7 0-0 4, Herrman 2-4 0-0 4, Bausersfeld 1-1 0-0 2, Dreiling 0-0 2-2 2, Schnakenberg 1-2 0-0 3. Totals — 21-62 7-8 61.

KANSAS (5-3)  
Collison 8-11 1-1 19, Simien 10-11 3-7 23, Langford 6-8 3-13, Hinrich 5-12 0-0 23, Miles 3-5 2-2 8, Hawkins 2-5 1-2 8, Olson 0-0 0-0 0, Vinson 0-2 0-0 0, Lee 2-4 2-2 7, Nash 1-4 1-2 3, Moody 0-0 2-2 2, Graves 2-5 2-2 6, Niang 1-2 1-4 3. Totals — 43-69 18-27 113.

Emporia State ..... 23 38 — 61  
Kansas ..... 64 49 — 113  
3-Point goals — Emporia St. 12-38 (Vincent 4-8, Ballard 4-13, Webb 2-7, Schnakenberg 1-1, Lane 1-3, Herrman 0-1, Blevins 0-5), Kansas 9-23 (Hinrich 5-8, Collison 2-3, Hawkins 1-2, Lee 1-2, Langford 0-1, Miles 0-2, Vinson 0-2, Nash 0-3). Fouled out — Parris.

Rebounds — Emporia St. 28 (Herrman 5), Kansas 46 (Simien 9). Assists — Emporia St. 11 (Lane 4), Kansas 25 (Miles 13). Total fouls — Emporia St. 23, Kansas 10. A — 16,300.

## Flax's FUNDAMENTALS

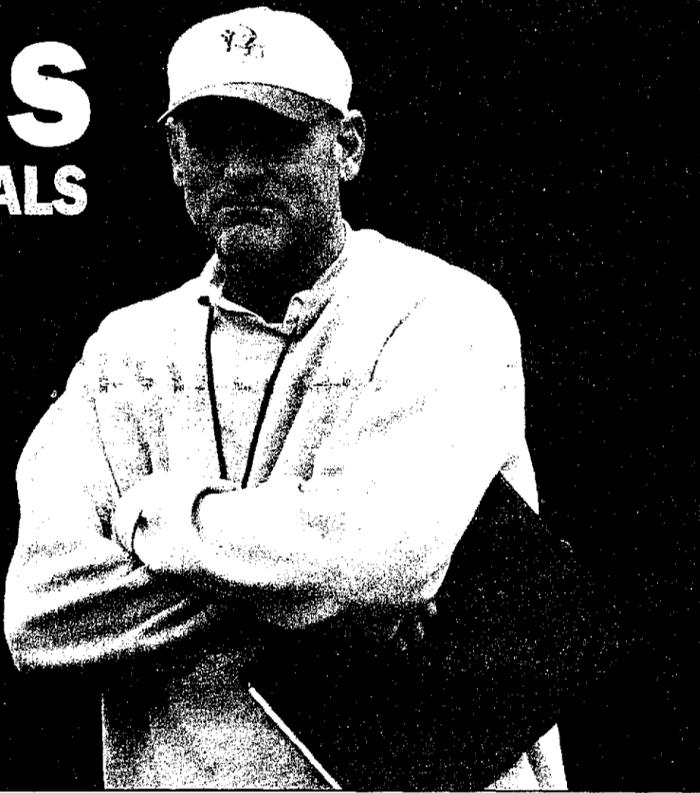
By RANDY GONZALES  
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Three straight wins.  
Followed by three straight losses.  
The Thomas More Prep-Marian football team was at a crossroads entering district play.

The Monarchs took the right path, sweeping through district action and making it all the way to the Class 3A Sub-State Championships. There, TMP-Marian almost knocked off defending state champ Conway Springs, which went on to win another state title.

For his efforts, TMP-Marian coach Gene Flax was named Coach of the Year on the 19th annual Hays Daily News All-Area Team.

● COACH / SEE PAGE B4



## Byrd beats Holyfield to win IBF heavyweight title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Chris Byrd exposed Evander Holyfield as an aging fighter Saturday night, using his superior speed to frustrate the former champion and deny him a chance to win a heavyweight title for the fifth time.

Byrd resisted Holyfield's efforts to turn the fight into a brawl, making the 40-year-old Holyfield miss wildly throughout the fight to win a unanimous decision and the vacant IBF heavyweight title.

Even in the late rounds, Holyfield was game as desperation took hold and he threw big punches at Byrd in an effort to knock him out.

But Byrd seldom let Holyfield get off a clean shot, and usually punished him with a flurry of punches in return.

In a fight that lacked the electricity and drama of most heavyweight title bouts, the left-handed Byrd threw punches from everywhere and landed many of them. Even a late rally by Holyfield that had the crowd standing on its feet after the 11th round failed to swing the tide.

"Now the world sees I can stay in there with the great heavyweights because I just beat one of them," Byrd said.

Two judges scored it 117-111 while a third had it 116-112. The Associated Press had Byrd

winning 117-111.

The fight was for the IBF title that Lennox Lewis gave up rather than fight Byrd, a light-hitting former Olympic 168-pounder who likes to frustrate opponents rather than beat them up.

He did just that to Holyfield, who came in with suspect reflexes and only two wins in his last six fights.

CompuBox statistics showed Byrd threw 747 punches to 344 for Holyfield, and landed 252 to 102 for the former four-time champion.

Neither fighter was down and neither was hurt, but Byrd landed far more punches.

## Tiger triumph



ZACH LONG / Hays Daily News

Fort Hays State University senior forward Jamie Helman, left, battles for a rebound with Mesa State (Colo.) College sophomore Brianna Hanson, right, and freshman Jillian Keaveny, center, during Friday night's game at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Fort Hays upset the No. 11-ranked Mavericks in overtime, 75-68. [See story, page B3.]

## Wildcats trip up in-state rival Wichita State

Wooldridge gets first win over Shockers since taking over at Kansas State

WICHITA (AP) — It wasn't something Kansas State coach Jim Woodriddle was losing sleep over, but he still felt better when his Wildcats beat in-state rival Wichita State 79-66 Saturday night.

"We just executed our offense and played good defense," Woodriddle said. "I am glad we can leave Wichita happy with our effort."

The Shockers (3-3) had beaten the Wildcats each of the past two seasons since Wooldridge took over at Kansas State and coach Mark Turgeon signed on at Wichita State.

Frank Richards led the Wildcats (4-4) with 20 points — including 16 in the second half — and seven assists.

Kansas state pulled out to a 44-

● Kansas State 79, Wichita State 66 • KANSAS STATE (4-4)  
DeJesus 6-8 1-2 18, Siebrandt 7-11 0-0 14, Pasco 3-10 8-10 12, Richards 8-10 3-5 20, Hart 0-2 0-0 0, Buchanan 0-0 0-0 0, Ellis 5-8 3-4 15, Hayden 0-0 0-2 0 Totals — 29-51 13-23 79.

WICHITA STATE (3-3)  
Howard 2-4 1-4 8, Kampman 0-3 0-0 0, Sowers 1-9 4-6 8, Burns 8-17 5-5 25, Steven 0-2 2-4 2, Hogg 3-11 0-0 8, Wise 2-3 0-0 5, Clark 1-3 0-0 3, Miller 6-8 0-1 12. Totals — 23-60 12-20 66.

Kansas State ..... 44 35 — 79  
Wichita State ..... 31 35 — 66

3-Point goals — Kansas St. 8-12 (DeJesus 5-8, Richards 1-1, Hart 0-2, Ellis 2-3), Wichita St. 8-28 (Kampman 0-2, Sowers 0-4, Burns 4-10, Steven 0-1, Hogg 2-8, Wise 1-1, Clark 1-2). Fouled out — Howard.

Rebounds — Kansas St. 41 (Pasco 10), Wichita St. 28 (Burns, Wise 5). Assists — Kansas St. 17 (Richards 7), Wichita St. 15 (Clark 4). Total fouls — Kansas St. 17, Wichita St. 23. Technicals — Pasco.

31 halftime lead, then extended the lead to 58-42 on a fast-break basket by Richards.

The Shockers used a 12-3 run to pull within 63-56 with 7:53 to play, but Richards answered with a three-point play and Wichita State never again threatened.

Kansas State shot 57 percent from the floor and made 8-of-12 3-pointers.

Gilson DeJesus was 5-of-6 from

3-point range and finished with 18 points.

"After I hit that first one, I got more confident," said DeJesus. "After that, the rim was getting big."

Tim Ellis added 15 points for the Wildcats, Matt Siebrandt scored 14 and Pervis Pasco had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Randy Burns led Wichita State with 25 points and Paul Miller added 12.

Kansas State held Jamar Howard, the Shockers' leading scorer, to five points, about 11 below his average. Howard did not score until the second half and fouled out with 45.8 seconds left.

The Wildcats controlled the tempo from the start, steadily building their lead before a 10-5 run before halftime put them ahead 44-31.

"They came out determined than we did in the first half," said Turgeon. "WSU isn't playing at the level we need to be playing at."

● Men's Top 25 roundup is on page B5.



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Kansas forward Wayne Simien, right, shoots over Emporia State forward Andy Dreiling during the first half Saturday night in Lawrence.