

# Wesleyan women post 62-57 win

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**LINDSBORG** — Kansas Wesleyan may be shorter than the average women's basketball team but it doesn't matter how tall the players are when you're long on hustle.

Hustle is defined by coach Tracy Rietzke as "we played hard, got on the floor and went after the ball." The formula earned the Coyotes a 62-57 victory over Bartlesville Wesleyan in the first game of the Bethany Tipoff Classic at Hahn Gymnasium Thursday afternoon.

While the Coyotes committed the usual first-game mistakes, Rietzke-inspired competitiveness was the winning edge when KW broke away from a 51-51 tie to win the game in the last three minutes of play.

"It's nice to win the first game," Rietzke said. "We got tired and didn't play well. But we ran the offense well and (Michele) Marostica did the job toward the end when we needed it."

Marostica, sidelined on the bench with three fouls during much of the first half, was the key to the Coyote victory down the stretch.

Marostica broke the 51-51 tie with a pair of free throws with 3:03 to play in the game and came back at the 2:30 mark with another basket for a 55-51 lead. The Coyotes were always at least two points ahead of Bartlesville the rest of the way.

## Tourney scoreboard

**THURSDAY'S RESULTS**  
Kansas Wesleyan 62, Bartlesville (Okla.) Wesleyan 57  
Benedictine 74, McPherson 65  
Baker 60, Bethany 59

**TONIGHT'S GAMES**  
4 p.m. — McPherson vs. Baker  
6 p.m. — Kansas Wesleyan vs. Benedictine  
8 p.m. — Bethany vs. Bart. Wesleyan

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
4 p.m. — Kansas Wesleyan vs. Baker  
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8 p.m. — Bethany vs. Benedictine

With the score 55-53, junior Angela Larson twice scored from the field around a Lady Eagle bucket and then, with the score 59-57, Marostica hit another free throw before Cecilia Bieber put on the icing with a layup.

Marostica led KW with 13 second-half points and 17 for the game. Larson came off the bench to keep the foul-plagued Coyotes ahead in the first half with 12 points and scored a team-high 18 for the game.

KW started the game with an early lead, 17-10 at one point, before 13 first-half fouls put Bartlesville back in the game.

The Lady Eagles, now 1-3, crept ahead, 20-19, late in the first half and the score was tied at 21-21 before the Coyotes ran off eight straight points in the last four minutes of the half for a 29-21 lead at intermission.

"We have to block off better, especially on defense, and do a better

job on offensive rebounding," Rietzke said.

Failing to block off on the offensive boards especially hurt the Coyotes in a Bartlesville comeback that allowed the Lady Eagles to tie the score three times late in the game before Marostica finally put KW ahead for good.

Jacki Caroson, a 5-11 sophomore forward, led the Bartlesville comeback.

Caroson connected from under the basket on lob passes and offensive rebounds for 16 second-half points and a game-high 28 total. But she was the only player in double figures for the Eagles.

Caroson also was the game's leading rebounder with 11. Renae Rensberger led KW on the boards with 10 rebounds.

KW will play the Benedictine College women tonight at 6.

In the second game Thursday, former Salina Journal All-Area Top 5 player Rosemary Mattas of Wilson combined with Bonnie Winkler for 31 points to lead Benedictine past McPherson, 74-65. The loss was McPherson's first in two games while Benedictine improved to 2-1.

And in the nightcap, Baker overcame a 9-point halftime deficit to upend the host Swedes, 60-59.

Marsha Hickman, a 6-3 sophomore from St. Louis, funneled in 28 points, including a point-blank game-winner

at the buzzer, for the Wildcats. Bethany (0-1) got 16 points from 5-9 junior Lori Dunker and 11 from 5-6 junior Dawn Puterbaugh.

**KANSAS WESLEYAN 62**  
BARTLESVILLE WESLEYAN 57  
Bartlesville Wesleyan (57)  
Thompson 5-10 0-1 10, L. Smith 4-12 0-0 8, P. Caroson 2-12 0-0 4, Caroson 10-18 8-8 28, Reed 2-7 0-0 4, Houser 0-2 1-2 1, Hockett 0-2 2-2 2, Young 0-2 0-0, Matthews 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 23-65 11-35 7.  
Kansas Wesleyan (62)  
Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Vargacko 3-5 3-5 9, Rensberger 2-10 2-6, Marostica 7-11 3-6 17, Warren 0-0 3 8, Bieber 0-0 2, Larson 7-12 4-4 18, Walker 1-4 0-0 2, Dowell 0-1 0-0 0. TOTALS 25-57 12-22 62.  
HALFTIME — Kansas Wesleyan 29, Bartlesville 21. TOTAL FOULS — Bartlesville 20, Kansas Wesleyan 18. FOULED OUT — L. Smith (Bartlesville). REBOUNDS — Bartlesville 40 (Caroson 11), Kansas Wesleyan 40 (Rensberger 10). TURNOVERS — Bartlesville 24, Kansas Wesleyan 18.

**BENEDICTINE 74, McPHERSON 65**  
Benedictine (74)  
Day 2-2 2-4, Reinert 2-3 7-7, Bartels 1-2 4-4, Dagerly 5-1 1-1 11, Heim 6-0 2-12, Wichman 0-0 0 0, Winkler 7-3 4-17, Mattas 5-4 5-14, Bishop 1-3 2. TOTALS 25-74 16-28 74.  
McPherson (65)  
Wosson 1-2 2-4, Benson 2-0 2-4, Corbett 1-5-6 7, Nichols 0-3 4-3, Merrifield 7-0-14, Harrison 1-0-2 2, Kingery 3-3 4-9, Grote 3-0-0 6, Zink 8-0-1 16. TOTALS 26-13-20 65.  
HALFTIME — Benedictine, 38-30. FOULS — Benedictine 23, McPherson 25. FOULED OUT — none. TECHNICAL FOULS — none.

**BAKER 60, BETHANY 59**  
Baker (60)  
Phillips 2-1-1 5, Smith 2-0-0 4, Waliczek 3-2-2 8, Orel 4-0-0 2, Davenport 1-7-9, Coeman 0-0-0 0, Hickman 12-2-4 26. TOTALS 24-12-15 60.  
Bethany (59)  
Zorn 0-0-1 0, Puterbaugh 4-3-4 11, Brison 3-0-0 6, Joseph 4-1-4 9, Shea 0-0-0 0, Dunker 8-0-0 16, Giggly 4-1-4 9, Wilson 2-4-8 8. TOTALS 25-9-17 59.  
HALFTIME — Bethany, 35-26. FOULS — Baker 17, Bethany 18. FOULED OUT — none. TECHNICAL FOULS — none.

## All-City

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that gets him to the ball that makes him stand out," Butler said.

**T.J. BRANSFIELD, 5-10, 160, TB-CB**  
Though one of the smaller players on the all-city team, Bransfield posted the biggest numbers, leading the city in rushing, punting, return yardage and all-purpose yardage.

Averaging 5.6 yards per carry from his tailback position, Bransfield gained 773 yards on the ground. He also was the Knights' leading receiver, with eight receptions for another 167 yards. On kickoff returns, the elusive speedster averaged 40 yards every time he touched the ball.

And if that wasn't enough, Bransfield was SHHS's third-leading tackler and he averaged 35.7 yards per punt.

Three times Bransfield rushed for more than 120 yards, including a three-touchdown, 302-all-purpose-yardage game against Ellsworth. "He's got the speed and he hits the holes quick," said Sacred Heart coach Bob Warkentine. "He hits the seams well, then he'll bounce it inside or outside — and that's why he returns kickoffs so well, too."

Bransfield's ability to accelerate through a hole is matched only by his academic acceleration (3.14 GPA).

**FRED WOLFE, 6-1, 238, OT-DT**  
Not only was Wolfe the largest of Central's linemen, he was among the best in the classroom with a 3.67 GPA. Central's ground game thrived largely because of his efforts.

"Fred Wolfe is probably one of the most improved football players on our team this year," Stein said. "And among our linemen, other than Loder, he has been the most consistent."

"Part of the problem with being a

wishbone team is you run into so many different defenses throughout the season. Fred always seems to know what to do. He's an excellent student and he's been very steady this year."

**JEFF LONG, 6-2, 200, OT-DT**  
At the other end of Central's interior line was Long, among the stoniest physical specimens on the all-city squad. Like Loder (and Zeeman), Long applied his polished skills as a wrestler to his chores at the line of scrimmage.

"Jeff's been a defensive starter for us since his sophomore season," Stein said. "His assets are in a combination of strength and speed. For a defensive lineman, he has excellent speed."

Indeed, Long's speed defies his size, as he was a sprinter for Central's track team last spring.

"Jeff's not a dramatic player like some of the others, but he's done a very good job for us," Stein said.

**DAVE SANDERSON, 6-0, 175, OG-SS**  
The unusual combination of positions Sanderson played offers insight to his versatility, and his 3.71 GPA offers insight to another of his assets.

"David Sanderson is another one who made a transition, following in the footsteps of Darrel Loder. And although the transition was not a very smooth one, he has become, particularly in the latter part of the season, one of the most consistent players on the line," Stein said.

A fullback last year, Sanderson moved to the offensive line this year, where he earned all-league honors. Defensively, Sanderson's efforts at strong safety remedied Central's early problems against outside running games.

"It's been said that Central has been a steadily improving football team," Stein said late in the season. "The reason that statement can be made is David Sanderson."

**DAVE CHRISTENSEN, 5-11, 155, FS**  
Flying helter-skelter from his free safety position, Christensen accumulated a team-high 175 defensive points, the sixth-best total in South history, and a 3.04 GPA.

While "we played a defense that spotlighted him," Butler said, "His best asset is he just works his tail off to get to the ball."

"He overran a lot of plays because of his aggressiveness, and he missed more tackles than you'd like, but nobody worked any harder to get to the ball. He made a lot of tackles on big guys coming through the line, and he never complained, he never asked to come off the field."

**KIRK VENABLES, 6-0, 180, ILB**  
Moving into eighth on South's single-season defensive points chart was Venables, perhaps the most tenacious hitter in the city.

"You can ask anybody on our team who hits the hardest," Butler said. "It's no contest."

"Kirk's not big enough to be a linebacker, but he did a great job playing out of position. He's got good speed and nobody, but nobody, will hit you any harder."

Venables accumulated 169 defensive points.

**PAT MEARES, 5-10, 155, QB-ILB**  
Despite early-season problems adjusting to his starting quarterback role, Meares finished the season as the city's second-leading rusher and passer, rushing for 496 yards while passing for 448.

But it was his defensive contributions that perhaps most-benefitted the Knights, as Meares led his team with 79 tackles and two fumble recoveries, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

"Pat's just a super athlete," Warkentine said. "He's a winner. He's around the ball all the time, and he'll come up and hit you. He doesn't have

the size to be an intimidating linebacker. He uses his quickness to get to the holes and shut down the offense."

Meares also is a winner in the classroom where he has a 3.18 GPA.

**CHARLES VEAL, 5-8, 145, HB-CB**  
Like Meares, Veal was a two-way performer whose offensive contributions were noticed by fans but whose defensive contributions were of greater benefit to his team.

"He's one of the major reason we have been as effective as we have been against passing games," Stein said of Veal, a two-year starter at cornerback. "For a little guy who only weighs 139 pounds, or whatever he is, he does an excellent job of run support and covering the pass. And if a mistake is made, he's got the speed to compensate."

"We ask a lot of Charles," Stein said, referring to Veal's chores as kick returner in addition to running back, flanker and cornerback. "Charles has a lot of natural ability. He plays with reckless abandon and is learning to make fewer mistakes."

## Lady Cats open season in Converse Little Apple Classic

**MANHATTAN** — The Kansas State Lady Cats open their 1985-86 basketball season tonight by hosting their own sixth annual Converse Little Apple Classic at Ahearn Fieldhouse.

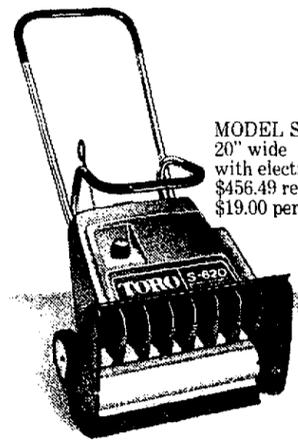
The Lady Cats meet North Dakota State in the second game of the evening at 8:00. No. 4-ranked Louisiana Tech and Florida A&M meet in the 6 p.m. opener. The third-place and championship games will be played Saturday at the same times.

K-State is the defending champion in the tournament and has won the event four of the five years it has existed. The Lady Cats will start Carlisa Thomas (5-9) and Amanda Holley (6-1) at the forward positions, Sue Leiding (6-2) at center and preseason All-American Cassandra Jones (5-7) and Susan Green (5-8) at the guard spots.

North Dakota State returns three starters from a 19-8 team and is led by 6-0 forward Janice Woods.

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## Sub-state

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(38-12). The Knights should have a tougher test tonight when they entertain third-ranked Caldwell.

In their win over Johnson, the Knights rolled up 389 total yards and had a 38-0 lead after three quarters. Quarterback Kurt Dinkel threw two TD passes and ran for another in the win.

Caldwell is 11-0 after edging Claffin, 14-7 in overtime last Saturday. The Bluejays could only muster 42 total yards and two first downs in the win.

Caldwell's defense scored once when Kelly Orton intercepted a pitch and ran 25 yards for a TD. Orton also accounted for the winning TD when he hit Stuart Gill with a 5-yard pass in overtime.

The winner of this game will play the winner of the Pittsburg Colgan-Centralla game. Both teams are undefeated. Colgan is ranked No. 1 and has a 24-game winning streak.

**TESCOTT AT MIDWAY-DENTON**  
Tonight will be Tescott's first appearance in a sub-state football game and it will be against the state's dominant eight-man team of the '80s in Midway-Denton.

The top-ranked Eagles, 10-0, are the defending Eight-Man I champions and own a 20-game winning streak.

"The kids are really excited about playing them and that makes a big difference," said Tescott head coach Jim Anderson. "Watching some of their films has eliminated a lot of the

intimidation our kids might have had before because they do have a strong tradition and won Eight-Man I last year."

The Eagles average 57 points but that really doesn't bother Anderson and his team much because Tescott is scoring 45 points a game, including 58 points per contest in the playoffs.

"Because their offense is so good, you have to be realistic and admit that you're not going to shut them down," Anderson said. "After watching them on film, our kids are confident they can score on them. We don't think their defense is that good. It will be a matter of who outscores who."

The Eagles have won state titles three out of the last four years. Only Scandia (1970-72) has won as many eight-man titles. Midway, which plays as an independent, beat Wakefield (62-34) and North Central (54-19) to reach this Eight-Man II sub-state contest. The Eagles rushed for 424 yards and passed for 137 against North Central.

"They basically run four plays," Anderson said of the Eagles. "It's a simple offense, but they are so deceptive with it. If you sneak everyone up on the line to stop the run, they'll pass. If you drop back to stop their pass, they'll run for a touchdown."

Anderson believes his strong running corps of John Webb and Mike Stanley can run up the middle on the Eagles and that quarterback Scott Haines will be able to throw effectively.

**LENORA AT ROLLA**  
The winner of this game will play the winner of the Tescott-Midway

game for the Eight-Man II title. Lenora, 9-1, only had to beat two sub-500 teams — Morland and Jennings — to reach the state playoffs. But once into postseason play, the Wildcats have played sound football.

Lenora — coached by Richard Einspahr — first upset third-ranked Brewster (14-8) in a bi-district game then stopped a red-hot Eastern Heights team (24-2) in the regionals.

The Wildcats, who have lost only to Northern Valley, have used the big play and a solid defense to reach tonight's sub-state game.

Greg Van Deist threw a pair of TD passes to sure-handed Jerry Teel in Lenora's win over Eastern Heights. EHS managed just 85 total yards on the 'Cats' defense. Teel also caught a TD pass against Brewster.

Rolla is 10-0 but has given up plenty of offense in its playoff wins over Montezuma (64-58) and Bazine (39-22).

In Eight-Man I, top-ranked Coldwater plays at home against 8-2 Jetmore in a rematch of a regular-season game. Coldwater won the first meeting. The other sub-state game features 9-1 Otis-Bison, which blanked Mankato (34-0) in the regionals, against 7-2 Axtell.

In 5A, unbeaten and top-ranked Wichita Kapaun is at home to play Wichita Carroll in one semifinal. Washburn Rural plays at Pittsburg in the other sub-state game.

The 6A sub-state matchups are the same as last year's. Manhattan plays at Dodge City and second-ranked Shawnee Mission West plays at top-ranked Lawrence, which is looking to defend its 6A crown.

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