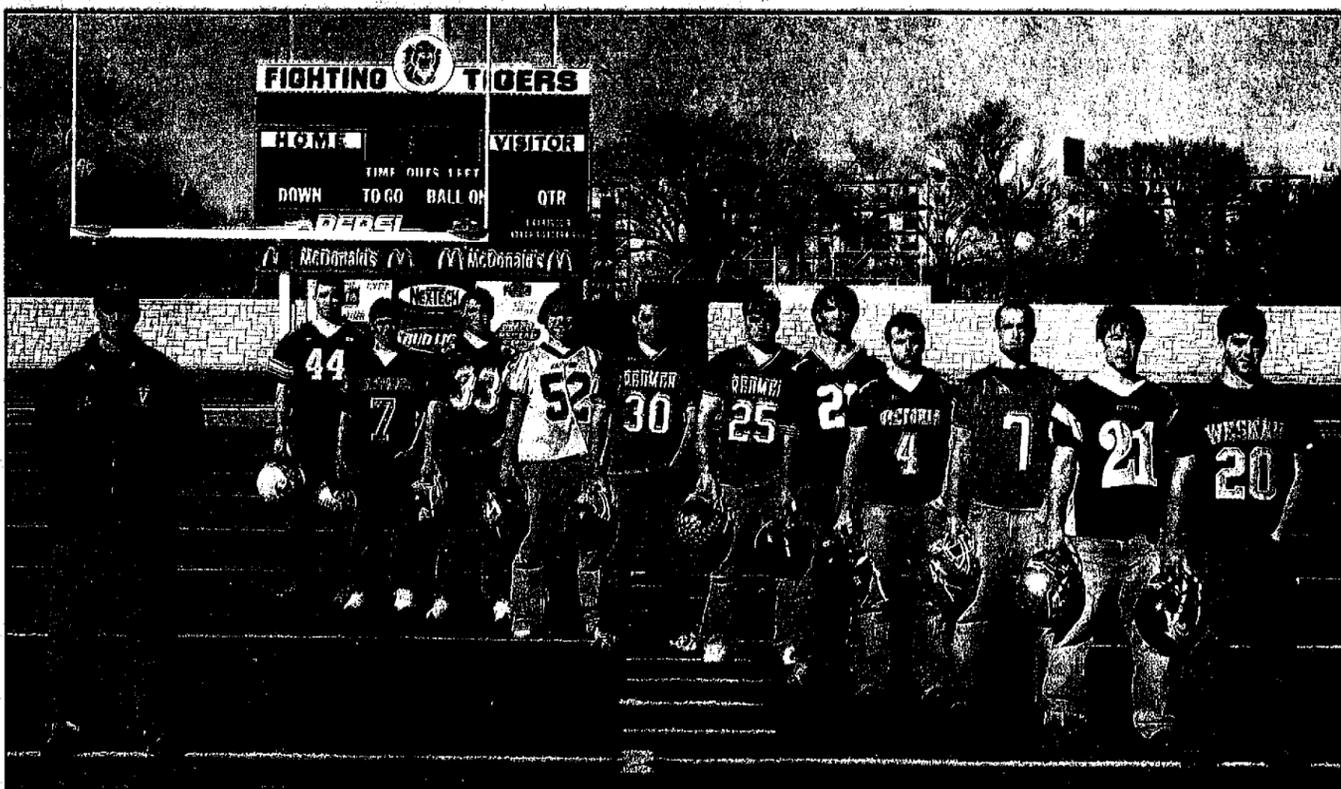


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The 2004 HDN Super 11: From left to right: Coach Chris Windholz, Victoria; Austin Panter, sr., Kensington; Andrew Schroter, sr., La Crosse; Derek Ross, sr., St. Francis; Mike Hester, sr., Hays High; Jared Kingsbury, sr., Smith Center; Austin Kingsbury, sr., Smith Center; Matt Smith, sr., Oakley; Jeff Brull, sr., Victoria; Jordan Vickers, sr., Hoxie; Jarrett Abell, soph., Phillipsburg; Beau Cox, sr., Weskan.

Late rally lifts 'Hawks

LAWRENCE (AP) — Russell Robinson scored four points in the final 36 seconds Saturday night, allowing No. 2 Kansas to escape with a 64-60 victory over a South Carolina team that led most of the game.

The unranked Gamecocks (5-2), 17-point underdogs in their first road game, came out with a full-court pressure defense and seized an 11-0 lead over the fumble-fingered Jayhawks.

Kansas (7-0) had five turnovers and a blocked shot in its first six possessions, and did not get its first lead until Keith Langford fed Christian Moody inside to make it 54-52 with 5:03 to go.

Wayne Simien had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Kansas, despite leaving the game for about 5 minutes in the second half after injuring his right thumb. He returned with the thumb heavily taped.

The Jayhawks would have been the highest-ranked team South Carolina had ever beaten on the road. The Gamecocks' previous best was a 72-66 victory on March 2, 1997, at No. 3 Kentucky.

South Carolina held a 58-57 lead when Simien, who had his sixth double-double, scored immediately to put Kansas on top 59-58 with 1:37 left.

Then J.R. Giddens rebounded a miss by South Carolina's Antoine Tisby and Robinson, a freshman point guard, glided in for a layup and a 61-58 lead. Carlos Powell hit a short jumper to make it 61-60. Robinson hit two free throws with 13 seconds to go and Langford hit one with 5 seconds left.

The sellout crowd knew it was going to be a tough night when Kansas freshman C.J. Giles rebounded Josh Gonner's miss on a foul shot and dropped it into the bucket for a South Carolina bucket that put the Gamecocks on top 30-23.

Giles immediately was pulled from the game by coach Bill Self. He did not return.

Perplexed by South Carolina's pressure defense, the Jayhawks had 16 turnovers and shot just 35 percent in the first half and were only 3-for-11 from beyond the arc.

Tarance Kinsey's 3-pointer at the buzzer sent the visitors into halftime with a 33-25 lead.

The Jayhawks, who came in shooting 54.3 percent in their last five games, hit only 41 percent against the Gamecocks.

Giddens had 13 points for Kansas while Langford had 11. Powell had 13 for South Carolina, Gonner had 12 and Kinsey had 11.



High expectations

Chris Windholz quickly sets standards for Victoria football

In just two years, he coached his team to an eight-man state championship. He has also lost just five games as a head coach. For his efforts, Victoria head coach Chris Windholz is the Coach of the Year of the 21st annual Hays Daily News All-Area Super 11.

Windholz, a player on Victoria's 1988 undefeated state championship team in Class 2-1A, didn't hesitate when he had a chance to take over the Knights.

He knew what was expected, and used that as motivation for him, his coaching staff and players.



Windholz

"One thing I'll say is that any head coach (when they take over a program) sets expectations for themselves," Windholz said. "They are aware that there are expectations placed on them from other areas. You're going to have that no matter where you are."

Coaching a team to a state championship made the Knights' storybook run even more enjoyable for Windholz, whose team was 10-3 this season.

"I think you have to struggle, work hard and be forced to battle through some adversity. Having a year like this and ending the year we did was amazing," Windholz said. "I do think the level of pride that I feel is higher, being from (Victoria)."

Windholz's Knights pulled off three straight wins to advance to the Eight-Man, Division I state title game last month in Russell. The Knights won the title — the fourth in school history — in heart-stopping fashion, 30-28, over the No. 1 ranked team, Baileyville-B&B.

"I wanted our team to understand every time out was an opportunity and that they had the ability to take advantage. They need not have any regrets and have no fear," Windholz said. "They played like that



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PLAYER	HT.	WT.	CLASS	POS.	SCHOOL
Jarrett Abell	5-8	155	Soph	KR	Phillipsburg
Jeff Brull	5-8	155	Soph	QB	Victoria
Beau Cox	5-10	190	Sr.	QB	Weskan
Mike Hester	6-0	215	Sr.	QB-MLB	Hays High
Austin Kingsbury	6-0	190	Sr.	RB-LB	Smith Center
Jared Kingsbury	6-0	180	Sr.	RB-DE	Smith Center
Austin Panter	6-2	225	Sr.	RB-LB	Kensington
Derek Ross	6-0	185	Sr.	RB-LB	St. Francis
Andrew Schroter	5-9	155	Sr.	QB-FS-KR	La Crosse
Matt Smith	6-0	190	Sr.	RB-S	Oakley
Jordan Vickers	5-10	160	Sr.	RB-DB	Hoxie

COACH OF THE YEAR — CHRIS WINDHOLZ, VICTORIA

each time out."

To get into the state title game, the Knights had to rely on defense to get the win over Jetmore, a traditional eight-man power that had beaten Victoria the previous two years in the playoffs.

"You can't be concerned with the outcome when you're in the moment. The greatest thing is seeing the team respond," Windholz said. "Many players stepped up in the moment. That's when it comes to the toughness and the ability of the players. They're the ones that made it happen."

Windholz praised both his wife, Kristy, and his assistant coaches, Kurt Dinkel and Doug Oberle.

"I have an incredibly understanding wife who allows me to do this at the level that I do it and put the time in that I do," Windholz said. "No. 2, we have some tremendous assistant coaches. No. 3, the players that I had the opportunity to coach and work with through the years were unbelievable."

This year's seniors were the first class to compete all four years at the eight-man level.

Windholz served as an assistant to Lee Smith for two years and has seen the seniors progress.

"It was my first experience having seen the growing process through four years — the entire amount of work these players put in for four years," Windholz said.

"It's very rewarding to see that process and see these kids go out on top. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of that."

What is the secret to Windholz's quick success, in addition to having talented players? Focus on your strengths and make them really strong.

"I coach what I believe in, and I coach what I know. You prepare your team and focus on perfecting what you already do. Find the things you can do, and do those things well," Windholz said. "I do believe that if you believe in yourself and the people around you, good things will happen. You have to be confident in yourself and the people you work with. On top of that, you have to care about the people around you."

By NICK McQUEEN
Hays Daily News

Wildcats remain unbeaten, off to best start in 7 seasons

MANHATTAN (AP) — Fred Peete scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half and Kansas State withstood a late rally to beat Texas-San Antonio 73-69 Saturday night.

Kansas State improved to 7-0, its best start since the 1997-98 season. Six of the wins have come by fewer than 10 points.

"We're just very confident," Kansas State's Clint Stewart said. "We've only had one blowout. We know we can win in tight quarters."

It didn't look like Kansas State would have to after opening an 18-point lead with 13:25 to go. But the defending Southland Conference champion Roadrunners (4-3) slowly picked away at the lead, and Raphael Posey hit a 3-pointer with 1:16 left to get Texas-San Antonio within 65-68.

"They started knocking down some shots," said Lance Harris, who added 14 points for the Wildcats. "I was getting kind of nervous."

Despite going to the free-throw line on seven of their last eight possessions, the Wildcats couldn't put the game away. Posey knocked down two more 3-pointers and

Adam McCoy made another to pull Texas-San Antonio within 72-69 with 10.3 seconds to go.

"We were just letting down on our assignments," Peete said. "We tried to keep them from shooting, but shots like that go in late in games."

Kansas State sealed the win when Peete, who battled leg cramps in the second half, made 1-of-2 free throws with 8.8 seconds left.

"Even though they had us down 18 in the second half, I thought we competed," said Texas-San Antonio coach Tim Carter. "I think we were a little shell-shocked when we came out here. We've got to compete for 40 minutes."

Posey, who grew up in Topeka, Kan., finished with 22 points for Texas-San Antonio, 10 of them came in the final 1:16.

"The last couple minutes, some things started going for us," he said. "It made the game a lot closer than it was."

Kansas State led 18-15 with 6:10 to go in the first half, but a 3-pointer by Cartier Martin and an alley-oop dunk by Harris triggered a 9-0 run that helped the

Wildcats build a 29-21 halftime lead.

The Wildcats then used an 18-8 run to build their biggest lead of the game at 47-29 before Texas-San Antonio clawed its way back.

Jeremiah Massey, who averages 15.5 points, was held to just seven for the second straight game.

"Things don't go well all the time," head coach Jim Wooldridge said. "Each person has to deal with it in a sound way. When it doesn't go well, you can't get emotionally off-center."

WCSU VICTORIOUS AGAINST OSU

TULSA, Okla. — Paul Miller had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Wichita State held off a late Tulsa rally to beat the Golden Hurricane 71-66 Saturday night.

After trailing by as many as 17 points in the second half, Tulsa (2-4) pulled within 64-62 on two free throws by Anthony Price with 2:33 to play.

Miller scored inside to extend the lead to four, and the Shockers (6-0) were 6-for-8 from the free-throw line the rest of the way to hold on for the win.



CHARLIE RIEDEL / Associated Press
Kansas State guard Fred Peete, left, and Texas-San Antonio guard Andre Owens, right, chase after a loose ball in the first half Saturday at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. Peete scored 22 points in K-State's 73-69 victory over the Roadrunners. This 7-0 opening record is the Wildcats' best start since the 1997-1998 season.