

Newman ends Spartans' home winning skein

By BILL BURKE

It's over. Marymount College's 106-game home-court basketball winning streak against collegiate competition, born nine years ago at Memorial Hall in downtown Salina, ended Saturday night in Smoot Gymnasium on the hill.

And it was Kansas Newman's Leroy Leep, who personally shot down the heavily favored Spartans in the finals of the NAIA District 10 finals last year in Newton, who dealt the telling blow to Marymount.

The 6-4 senior forward hit his 12th field goal of the game with only three seconds left to carry the Jets from behind to a 71-70 victory.

Only five seconds ahead of that victory basket Rusty Putnam, a 6-7 junior center for the Spartans, pitched in a pair of pressure packed free throws to give the Spartans the lead after his club trailed 69-64 with 45 seconds left and was apparently hopelessly out of it.

But with 30 seconds remaining Putnam drilled in a basket and six seconds later Jerome Bennings, the Spartan standout and game's high scorer with 26 points, drilled in his 13th fielder of the night.

Then, with 21 seconds to play, Ron Nagy who had two of seven free throws, missed on a one-and-one situation and Bennings got the rebound. The Spartans swept down court and Putnam put in a basket that would have put Marymount ahead, 70-69.

Basket didn't count

But the officials ruled the basket no good, saying that Putnam was fouled before he got off the shot, so he went to the line with a one-and-one situation. He had missed three other attempts at the line but this time meshed his first shot to tie the game at 69.

After a timeout Putnam came back to calmly shoot in the second free throw and with eight seconds left Marymount went on top by one, 70-69.

Newman brought the ball in and fired a pass to Leep, their bread and butter player who scored 32 points in the District 10 finals against the Spartans last year to help Newman win a trip to the national tournament in Kansas City.

Putnam leaped for the pass, but it skimmed over his finger tips. Leep got the ball and fired from between 20 and 25 feet to the side of the free throw line at the north end of the court.

Swish! Marymount's victory streak was over.

"We knew it had to end sometime," said Marymount coach Ken Cochran, who now owns a fantastic record of 221 wins against 32 defeats.

"It was just a great game," he said.

Praises Newman

Cochran praised both the Kansas Newman team and his own ball club. "Kansas Newman is just a super team," he said. "They didn't panic at the end when we came back. And it was a well officiated game."

Newman was running a man-to-man defense against the Spartans. "We have

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had a lot of success with the man against Marymount," Newman coach Dave Skinner said. "The clubs are really balanced in the state this year. This season is going to be a nightmare for the coaches, but it's going to be great for the fans."

Already this season it's been a nightmare for Skinner and his Jets. His team was leading Emporia State 76-70 with 41 seconds to go and was at the free throw line with a one-and-one situation and got beaten a half court shot at the gun. The Jets lost to Rockhurst in overtime.

Newman ahead at half

Marymount led 22-20 with 7:37 left the first half, then the Jets moved ahead for the first time on a three-point play by Nagy and took a 31-24 lead before Marymount fought back to tie at 31. Buf Newman recovered to take a 40-35 lead at the half with Leep hitting just ahead of the halftime gun.

It was a wild second half with first the Spartans, and then the Jets, in the lead.

On the side it was a battle between Bennings, who had 18 of his 26 the second half, and Leep, who got six baskets in each half.

Actually, it was at the free throw line where the Spartans got beat. They made only six of 15 free throws for 40 percent. From the field the Spartans hit 32 of 63 shots for 51 percent.

Newman netted 27 of 56 shots for 48 percent and made 13 of 17 free throws for 76 percent.

The Spartans won the battle of the boards, taking 16 offensive rebounds and 17 defensive bounds for 33, but Marymount failed several times to turn the caroms into points with near misses on return shots. Newman had 23 rebounds, 16 on defense and seven on offense.

The Jets had 24 turnovers to 17 for Marymount.

"We sure got beat on statistics, but somehow we still managed to win the game," said Skinner. His Jets are now 6-2 for the year. Marymount is 7-2 and will be idle until the first week in January when the Spartans go to Wichita for the Friends Invitational. Marymount's next home game is Jan. 8 with Pittsburg State.

Kansas Newman 40 31-71
At Marymount 35 35-70
Newman: Graham 2-4-3; Covington 5-2-3; Rohleder 4-4-2; Nagy 3-2-4; Leep 12-0-4; Geimore 1-2-2; Schountz 1-1-0. Totals: 28-15-18.

Marymount: D. Williams 3-0-4; Robinson 3-0-2; Bennings 13-0-4; O. Jones 0-0-5; T. Williams 4-3-2; Putnam 2-2-2; Dillard 6-1-2; Bellamy 0-0-0. Totals: 32-6-21.

1978 All-Area Football Team



The members of The Salina Journal's 1978 All-Area Football Team are (front row, left to right) Casey Case, Marion; Darren Gale, Eastern Heights;

(middle row) Tracy Clements, McPherson; Bruce Schultz, Brewster; Dan Zimmerman, Oakley; Bob Runge, Concordia; Herb

Cressler, Hoxie; (back row) Steve Flynn, Abilene; Doug Schroeder, McPherson; Area Coach of the Year Paul Dennis,

Abilene; Ben Sexton, Abilene; Kirk Lowry, Abilene. See story, more pictures Pg. 28. (Journal Photo by Fritz Mendell)

Coyotes get easy win

By GLENN KEARNS

"Before tonight's game I told the team that, for a Christmas present, I would like to have a game where I could relax a bit," said Kansas Wesleyan basketball coach Bill Stevens.

It took the Coyotes better than 30 minutes before it happened, but Wesleyan did have a "laugher," defeating the Concordia, Neb., Teachers College Bulldogs, 94-70, in a non-conference college game at Sacred Heart Gymnasium here Saturday night.

Even though Concordia had a 0-6 record entering the game, the Bulldogs stayed with Wesleyan through the first half with the Coyotes leading 40-35.

Early in the second half the gap was down to two points, 53-51, before the Coyotes opened a little breathing room on some fine defensive play by Rufus Covington, 61-51.

Lead dwindles

Things were a little grim for the Coyotes, however, midway in the second half as the lead shrank again to 63-58.

The game went all Wesleyan's way from this point as the Coyotes played great "D" and Greg Watson — back in the game after languishing on the bench with four fouls — scored three buckets followed by three more by Covington and it was a "fun" game for the Coyotes the rest of the way.

Even the third string was able to pull away from Concordia in the final stages of the contest that resembled rugby, football or soccer rather than basketball in the final minutes of the game.

The Coyotes and Bulldogs both played pressure defense from baseline to baseline but in the end the Coyotes' pressure defense proved to be the better.

"We knew if we put the pressure on we could eventually wear them down," Stevens said. "Ron Weber came in and

helped increase our defensive intensity," he added.

Offensively, Salina South product Wayne Smith helped Wesleyan even its season record at 4-4 by playing probably his best game in his two-year career for the Coyotes. Smith had a game-high 31 points with 16 coming in the first half as he continually beat the Concordia defense down court for easy points.

Watson and Mark Spears each added 16 to the Wesleyan attack and Covington 12. Derrick Goodman was high for Concordia with 16.

This was the final game for Wesleyan

before the holiday break. The Coyotes' next game will be Jan. 3 at Benedictine.

Concordia College	35	35-70
At Kansas Wesleyan	40	54-94
Visitor: Klitzing 5-0-3, Goodman 8-0-1, Mitchell 0-0-0, Hornig 0-0-0, Fenter 2-0-4, Mellendorf 3-3-1, Reichhart 0-2-3, Harrell 2-0-3, Zobel 2-0-0, Mines 1-0-5, Cartwright 4-0-4, Glandorf 3-1-2. Totals: 32-6-26		
Home: Covington 6-0-2, Weber 0-0-0, Ratzloff 0-1-3, Hadorn 2-0-1, Johnson 3-0-2, Rettele 0-0-0, Brown 0-2-3, Smith 10-11-0, Spears 6-4-2, Watson 7-2-4, Ward 1-0-0, Muse 1-0-2, Selby 0-0-0, Williams 1-0-0. Totals: 37-20-19.		

Kentucky by 'Hawks in OT

LEXINGTON, Ky. (UPI) — The 14th-ranked Kentucky Wildcats scored seven points in the last 31 seconds of overtime to defeat the fifth-ranked Kansas Jayhawks, 67-66, in a non-conference basketball clash Saturday night.

With just four seconds remaining on the clock and Kentucky trailing, 66-64, junior guard Kyle Macy hit a 14-foot jump shot to tie it at 66. Kansas called an illegal time out and was assessed a technical foul.

Late free throw

Macy hit the free throw to provide the margin of victory with just three seconds showing on the clock. Macy finished with 15 points, high scorer for the Wildcats, now 3-0.

LaVon Williams added 10 points to Kentucky's attack.

Kansas, tied in fifth place with Louisville in the national rankings, was led by Darnell Valentine, who tossed in 27

points. Tony Guy contributed 13 and John Crawford 11 for the Jayhawks, who fell to 4-1.

Kansas led at half 35-28 and the contest was knotted 56-56 at the end of regulation.

Kansas led by as many as nine points, 39-30, with 8:14 remaining in the game. The Jayhawks outrebounded Kentucky 32-29 in the game before 23,472 fans in Rupp Arena.

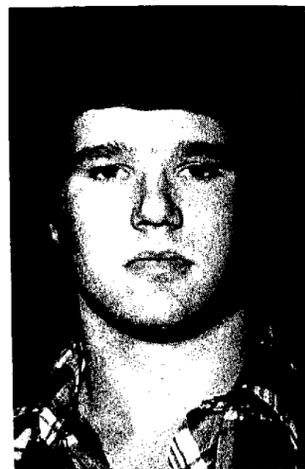
KANSAS (66)

Guy 4-5-13, Crawford 5 1-2-11, Mokeski 4 0-0-8, Fowler 0 5-6-5, Valentine 9 9-11 27, Stallcup 1 0-0-2, Booty 0 0-0-0. Totals 23 20-27 66.

KENTUCKY (67)

Cowan 4 0-2-8, Williams 2 6-4-10, Aleksinas 3 2-3-8, Macy 6 3-3-15, Claytor 3 0-0-6, Anderson 1 2-3-4, Shidler 4 0-0-8, Stephens 2 0-0-4, Verderber 1 0-0-2, Tillman 1 0-0-2. Totals 27 13-17-67.

Halftime—Kansas 35 Kentucky 28. End of Regulation Kentucky 56 Kansas 56. Fouled out—Mokeski, Claytor, Shidler. Total fouls—Kansas 18, Kentucky 25. Technicals: Coach Owens, Valentine. A—23,472.



All-Area pick

Mark Chalker, a lineman at Herington High School, didn't arrive early enough to be included in the color picture of the All-Area team. Chalker was wrestling in a tournament at Southeast of Saline Saturday, but did arrive in time for the awards banquet. (Journal Photo)

Michigan holds off Dayton, 66-61

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — Sophomore forward Mike McGee scored 27 points and Phil Hubbard added 17 Saturday as Michigan held on in the second half for a 66-61 victory over the University of Dayton.

The Wolverines, now 3-1, led 39-30 at halftime after a 16-2 burst during an eight-minute stretch late in the half. Dayton was on top 26-23 when the Flyers went for five minutes without a basket. That put Michigan ahead 29-28 and the Flyers then hit another drought in which they were outscored 10-2.

Wildcats roll past Cal Poly

By BARNEY PARKER

(Journal Correspondent)

MANHATTAN — The Kansas State Wildcats opened up their eagle eyes Saturday night and the result was an 87-71 saturation bombing of Cal Poly-Pamona.

At least seven K-Staters hit their first shots of the night and they maintained the deadly blitz as the Wildcats finished the game with 54 percent shooting.

Rolando Blackman was nine of 11 with 18 points and reserve center Brent Murphy was seven of eight with 15 points. Ed Nealy had 17 points and led the team with 12 rebounds. Steve Soldner had 16 points and seven rebounds, though he sat out part of the game in four trouble.

When K-State coach Jack Hartman was asked if there was any significance to seven of his players hitting their first shots, he laughed and replied, "It means they followed the game plan. They're supposed to hit every shot they take."

That statistics also showed the Wildcats weren't day-dreaming after their big win over Minnesota Tuesday night. "I was concerned following the Minnesota game how mentally ready we'd be," Hartman said. "We were ready, particularly offensively."

Again with a smile on his face, Hartman said, "Defensively, I think we gave up too many free throws. Our free throw defense broke down."

Cal-Poly hit 21 of 25 free throws, 13 of those coming in the first half as it clung to a 44-31 halftime deficit.

Murphy's scoring effort was a career high.

"I thought Murphy really got after it," Hartman said of the 6-7 sophomore. "I was happy to see that."

At times Murphy's play bore no resemblance to the old Brent Murphy. He made several shots off one-dribble drives as he slid through defenders and challenged them to stop him.

Fred Barton, 6-foot guard who has been sidelined with a back injury, came off the bench and got in 16 minutes of playing time.

K-State, now 5-1, plays Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville Thursday night in Manhattan.

CAL-POLY (71)

Hunter 1 0-0-2, Porter 9 0-0-18, Johnson 4 12-14-20, Malinowski 0 2-3-2, Underwood 1 2-2-4, Scott 6 4-4-16, Worley 2 1-2-5, Jackson 2 0-0-4. Totals 25 21-25-71.

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Nealy 8 1-2-17, Willis 1 0-0-2, Soldner 6 4-7-16, Marshall 3 3-5-9, Blackman 9 0-0-18, Adams 1 0-0-2, Murphy 7 1-2-15, Barton 1 0-0-2, Danner 3 0-1-6. Totals 39 9-17-87
Halftime: Kansas St. 44, Cal-Poly 31. Total fouls-Cal-Poly 19, Kansas State 21. A-11,000.

PONTIAC, Mich. (UPI) — Detroit's Gary Danielson threw five touchdown passes, high in the NFL this season and a new club record, and passed for 352 yards Saturday to help the Lions end a decade of frustration with a 45-14 rout over Minnesota, dealing the Viking's playoff hopes a crushing blow.

Danielson sharp

Danielson, who received his training in the defunct World Football League and has only started for the Lions their

last 10 games, threw three TD passes to Leonard Thompson and two to running back Horace King as Detroit piled up its most points since 1967.

The third-year quarterback from Purdue came within 22 yards of setting a Detroit single-game passing yardage record and completed 26-of-33 for 352 yards. His season total of 183 completions is a new club record.

Benny Riccardo kicked a 30-yard field goal and rookie cornerback Luther Bradley sealed the decision decisively by picking off Fran Tarkenton's last pass of the game and racing 76 yards for the final Lions' points.

Detroit marched 80 and 66 yards to touchdowns the second and third times it had the ball.

Lions crush Vikings, 45-14