

SCOREBOARD

Today's games
Nashville at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

Basketball

Local Calendar

Tuesday
Fort Hays
Men's basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, at San Antonio, 10 p.m.
Hays High
Girls & boys' basketball (9th-VJV) at Colby, 4:30 p.m.
TMP-Marian
Girls & boys' basketball (V-JV) at Abilene, 6:15 p.m.
Kennedy Middle School
Girls' basketball at Pratt, 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday
Fort Hays
Tiger Club at Victor E. Lounge, Gross Memorial Coliseum, noon.
Men's basketball at St. Mary's, at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Hays High
Fellen Middle School
Boys' basketball vs. Pratt, at Fellen gym, 4:45 p.m.
Girls' basketball at Pratt, 3:45 p.m.

Football

NFL standings
American Conference
East
W L T Pct PF PA
New England 9 4 0 .692 281 186
N.Y. Jets 7 6 0 .538 254 289
Buffalo 6 7 0 .462 243 262
Miami 6 7 0 .462 228 222

South
W L T Pct PF PA
Indianapolis 10 3 0 .769 342 295
Jacksonville 8 5 0 .615 303 191
Tennessee 6 7 0 .462 247 314
Houston 4 9 0 .308 219 296

North
W L T Pct PF PA
Baltimore 10 3 0 .769 276 170
Cincinnati 8 5 0 .615 317 250
Pittsburgh 6 7 0 .462 286 264
Cleveland 4 9 0 .308 208 293

West
W L T Pct PF PA
x-San Diego 11 2 0 .846 425 257
Kansas City 7 6 0 .538 287 256
Denver 7 6 0 .538 235 236
Oakland 2 11 0 .154 156 263

NBA standings
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 10 13 .435
New Jersey 9 14 .391
Toronto 9 14 .391
New York 9 17 .348
Philadelphia 5 18 .217

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Detroit 14 8 .636
Cleveland 14 9 .569
Chicago 14 10 .503
Indiana 13 12 .500
Milwaukee 10 14 .417

Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 19 8 .760
Dallas 17 7 .708
Houston 14 9 .609
New Orleans 10 12 .455
Memphis 5 19 .208

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Utah 17 6 .739
Denver 13 9 .591
Minnesota 10 11 .476
Portland 11 14 .440
Seattle 10 14 .417

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
Phoenix 16 6 .727
L.A. Lakers 16 7 .698
Golden State 12 12 .500
Sacramento 10 11 .476
L.A. Clippers 10 12 .455

Golf

Target World Challenge
Saturday's scores
At Sherwood Country Club
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Par: 72
Yardage: 7,064 yards; Par: 72

Third Round
Geoff Ogilvy 68-70-67-205
Chris DiMarco 70-68-68-206
Tiger Woods 68-68-70-206
Paul Casey 69-70-209
David Tom 73-69-68-210
Henrik Stenson 69-71-72-210
Michael Campbell 74-69-68-211
Padraig Harrington 75-67-70-212
Colin Montgomerie 69-73-72-214
Fred Couples 69-74-72-215
Davis Love III 77-70-70-217
John Daly 69-71-77-217
David Howell 71-75-72-218
Jose Maria Olazabal 70-70-78-218
Luke Donald 76-74-72-222
Adam Scott 75-80-69-224

Wrestling

Prep results
Holsing Tournament
Friday
TMP-Marian results
Round 1
103 — Ruben Sherwood, Trego pinned Braden Haas, TMP, 1:03.
112 — Regina Wards, Lakin dec. Andrew Crispin, TMP, 9-5.
119 — Ben Gideon, Trego dec. Nathan Felder, TMP, 3-2.
130 — Brett Bate, Great Bend pinned Jason Kramer, TMP, 1:11.
135 — Heath Malay, Trego pinned Andrew Heimann, TMP, 1:30.
145 — Clint Taylor, TMP pinned Sam Bailey, Trego, 1:45.
152 — Travis Budke, TMP pinned Drake Freberg, Lakin, 3:5.
160 — Staci Gleson, Great Bend pinned Preston Werth, TMP, 2:8.
171 — Clint Barnes, TMP dec. Daniel Younger, Garden Plain, 12-7.
285 — Edgar Roman, Great Bend pinned Jesse Barnes, TMP, 1:25.

Round 2
103 — Nick Schwager, Great Bend pinned Braden Haas, TMP, 4:25.
112 — Andrew Crispin, TMP dec. Garrett Teegastrom, Lamed, 15-1.
119 — Nathan Felder, TMP dec. Ryan Blew, Great Bend, 5-0.
130 — Jason Kramer, TMP pinned Seth Gatton, Garden Plain, 1:45.
135 — Joe Schridde, Great Bend pinned Andrew Heimann, TMP, 1:51.
140 — Jay Wickham, TMP dec. Justin Larson, Holsington, 9-3.
145 — Clint Taylor, TMP pinned John Shaughnessy, Cimarron, 2:02.
152 — Travis Budke, TMP dec. Ryan Rode, Holsington, 15-1.
160 — Jon James, Trego pinned Preston Werth, TMP, 1:20.
171 — Ryan Hoberman, Great Bend pinned Clint Barnes, TMP, 1:38.
285 — Ross Addison, Cimarron pinned Jesse Barnes, TMP, 1:33.

Round 3
112 — Wesley Thomas, Great Bend pinned Andrew Crispin, TMP, 2:38.
130 — Bobby Litton, Cimarron pinned Jason Kramer, TMP, 2:55.
145 — Tyler Stramel, Great Bend pinned Jay Wickham, TMP, 4:25.
145 — Clint Taylor, TMP won by tech fall over Corey Engstrom, Holsington, 16-1.
152 — Travis Budke, TMP pinned Tyler Klein, Great Bend, 4:20.
160 — Preston Werth, TMP pinned Zach Hibbert, Cimarron, 1:51.
171 — Clint Barnes, TMP pinned Kayle Roberts, Lakin, 1:50.
285 — Daniel Schneider, Holsington pinned Jesse Barnes, TMP, :07.

Round 4
103 — Samantha Gonzales, Lakin pinned Braden Haas, TMP, 1:14.
112 — Andrew Crispin, TMP pinned Tyler Loeher, Garden Plain, 1:58.
119 — Nathan Felder, TMP dec. Craig Schantz, Lamed, 7-2.
130 — Alex Lomas, Holsington pinned Jason Kramer, TMP, 1:20.
135 — Andrew Heimann, TMP won by default.
140 — Sage Thimmesch, Garden Plain, pinned Jay Wickham, TMP, 1:12.
145 — Clint Taylor, TMP dec. Jason Zogian, Garden Plain, 7-2.
152 — Travis Budke, TMP pinned Ben Bernkamp, Garden Plain, 4:0.
171 — Andrew Hopkins, Lamed pinned Clint Barnes, TMP, 3:05.
285 — William Hendrickson, Trego pinned Jesse Barnes, TMP, :40.

Round 5
103 — Matt Escareno, Garden Plain pinned Braden Haas, TMP, :39.
112 — Rylan Lacy, Cimarron pinned Andrew Crispin, TMP, :59.
119 — Nathan Felder, TMP pinned Christian Vega, Lakin, 2:47.
130 — Alex Anderson, Lakin dec. Jason Kramer, TMP, 12-1.
135 — Andrew Heimann, TMP pinned Derek Ludwig, Holsington, 3:42.
140 — Tyler Stramel, Great Bend dec. Jay Wickham, TMP, 4-2.
152 — Travis Budke, TMP dec. Clay Croit, Cimarron, 10-2.
160 — Preston Werth, TMP pinned Levi Hallman, Lamed, 2:48.
171 — Carl Hicke, Holsington pinned Clint Barnes, TMP, :58.
285 — Williams Hendrickson, Trego dec. Jesse Barnes, TMP, 2-0.

Round 6
145 — Clint Taylor, TMP dec. Cody Schridde, Great Bend, 6-5.

National Conference

East
W L T Pct PF PA
Dallas 9 5 0 .643 387 298
N.Y. Giants 7 6 0 .538 292 268
Philadelphia 7 6 0 .538 315 282
Washington 4 9 0 .308 232 295

South
W L T Pct PF PA
New Orleans 9 4 0 .692 352 268
Atlanta 7 7 0 .500 272 294
Carolina 6 7 0 .462 226 244
Tampa Bay 3 10 0 .231 151 289

North
W L T Pct PF PA
x-Chicago 11 2 0 .846 360 177
Minnesota 6 7 0 .462 241 251
Green Bay 5 8 0 .385 249 343
Detroit 2 11 0 .154 236 324

West
W L T Pct PF PA
Seattle 8 6 0 .571 295 314
San Francisco 6 8 0 .429 252 383
St. Louis 5 8 0 .385 269 329
Arizona 4 9 0 .308 248 305

x-clinched division
Thursday's result
San Francisco 24, Seattle 14
Saturday's result
Dallas 38, Atlanta 28

Today's games
Miami at Buffalo, noon.
N.Y. Jets at Minnesota, noon.
Detroit at Green Bay, noon.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, noon.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon.
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon.
Washington at New Orleans, noon.
Houston at New England, noon.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, noon.
Denver at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 3:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 7:15 p.m.

Monday's game
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

Western Conference

Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 19 8 .760
Dallas 17 7 .708
Houston 14 9 .609
New Orleans 10 12 .455
Memphis 5 19 .208

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Utah 17 6 .739
Denver 13 9 .591
Minnesota 10 11 .476
Portland 11 14 .440
Seattle 10 14 .417

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
Phoenix 16 6 .727
L.A. Lakers 16 7 .698
Golden State 12 12 .500
Sacramento 10 11 .476
L.A. Clippers 10 12 .455

Friday's results
Washington 106, Miami 95
Indiana 112, New York 98
Toronto 90, New Jersey 78
Boston 119, Denver 114
Cleveland 106, Seattle 84
Atlanta 97, Memphis 88
Dallas 93, Philadelphia 79
Chicago 117, Milwaukee 111
Sacramento 98, Utah 97
Phoenix 105, Golden State 101
Portland 109, L.A. Clippers 89
L.A. Lakers 112, Houston 101, 2OT

Saturday's results
Chicago 108, Atlanta 104, OT
Orlando 81, Cleveland 74
Boston 106, Charlotte 100
Miami 98, Memphis 90
Denver 123, New York 100
San Antonio 103, Philadelphia 98
Dallas 90, New Orleans 79
Detroit 90, New Jersey 82
Milwaukee 108, Minnesota 104
Phoenix at Sacramento (n)

Today's games
Golden State at Toronto, noon.
Utah at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL standings
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
N.Y. Rangers 18 11 4 40 106 103
New Jersey 17 12 2 38 77 78
N.Y. Islanders 16 12 3 35 98 90
Pittsburgh 15 12 5 35 106 107
Philadelphia 8 20 4 20 77 124

Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Buffalo 24 6 2 50 127 93
Montreal 19 8 5 43 101 89
Toronto 16 13 5 37 113 114
Ottawa 17 16 3 35 111 99
Boston 15 13 2 32 89 107

Southwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Alliant 18 10 6 42 107 104
Washington 15 10 7 37 102 108
Carolina 16 14 4 36 105 109
Tampa Bay 14 17 2 30 105 107
Florida 11 18 6 28 91 116

Western Conference
Central Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Nashville 21 8 3 45 108 84
Detroit 19 8 4 42 86 89
Chicago 13 13 3 31 82 93
Columbus 11 17 3 25 80 89
St. Louis 7 19 5 19 70 110

Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Edmonton 17 13 2 36 87 83
Minnesota 16 13 2 34 88 85
Colorado 16 14 2 34 103 89
Vancouver 16 15 3 33 74 84
Calgary 15 11 3 33 82 68

Pacific Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Anaheim 25 3 6 56 123 81
San Jose 23 10 4 46 99 70
Dallas 21 12 4 40 89 74
Los Angeles 12 17 5 29 86 116
Phoenix 12 18 1 25 78 115

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's results
Toronto 4, Carolina 3
Washington 3, Atlanta 2, OT
Pittsburgh 7, N.Y. Islanders 4
Colorado 4, Edmonton 1

Saturday's results
Detroit 2, New Jersey 1
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3, SO
Ottawa 3, Buffalo 1
Florida 6, Boston 3
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago 6, Columbus 4
N.Y. Islanders 6, Atlanta 0
Toronto 9, N.Y. Rangers 2
Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
Nashville 3, St. Louis 2, SO
Calgary at Phoenix (n)
Minnesota at Vancouver (n)
Anaheim at San Jose (n)

Hockey

College boxscore
Women
Fort Hays 71, Okla. Panhandle 50
OKLAHOMA-PANHANDLE STATE (2-8)
Megan Hamilton 4-8 0-0 12, Alisha Sladek 4-11 3-4 12, Williams 2-4 0-2 4, Kuleff 4-11 0-2 2, Polson 3-9 2-2 9, Ortega 1-3 0-0 3, Helinger 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 1-2 0-1 2, Willis 0-1 0-0 0, Boothe 0-1 0-0 0. Totals — 19-50 5-11 50

Fort Hays (8-1)
Ashlee Gustin 5-15 5-6 17, Katie Rausch 4-9 1-2 13, Raychel Bolling 6-8 1-2 13, Kuntzsch 1-8 2-2 5, Mason 3-7 0-0 8, Klug 1-1 0-0 2, Matteson 2-8 0-0 5, Huston 0-1 0-0 0. Totals — 25-69 9-17 71

Okla. Panhandle (11-2)
Fort Hays — 33 38 — 71
Okla. Panhandle — 26 24 — 50

3-point goals — Okla. Panhandle 7-18 (Hamilton 4-6, Polson 1-6, Ortega 1-2, Sladek 1-4); Fort Hays 10-27 (Gustin 2-3, Kuntzsch 1-2, Rausch 4-8, Bancroft 2-9, Matteson 1-5). Total goals — Okla. Panhandle 10, Fort Hays 13.

Fouled out — none.

Rebounds — Okla. Panhandle 31 (Kuleff 6); Fort Hays 48 (Bolling 9, Gustin 7). Blocked shots — Okla. Panhandle 4 (Four with 1), Fort Hays 4 (Gustin 2), Assists — Okla. Panhandle 14 (Hamilton 5); Fort Hays 12 (Mason 3, Bancroft 3, Klug 3). Steals — Okla. Panhandle 11 (Kuleff 5); Fort Hays 18 (Mason 6, Gustin 4). Turnovers — Okla. Panhandle 27, Fort Hays 19. Attendance — 980.

Prep boxscores

Boys
TMP-Marian 67, Lamed 51
TMP (5-0, 1-0)
Nolan Hoffman 6-11 2-2 14, Greg Diehl 10-13 0-1 22, Kyle Hammerschmidt 4-9 2-2 11, West 1-3 0-1 2, Trevor Ottley 6-10 3-3 15, Porch 0-3 0-0 0, Stramel 0-4 1-2 1, Lang 1-1 0-0 2. Totals — 28-54 8-11 67.

Lamed (4-2, 0-1)
Slagle 2-8 2-4 8, Dennen Morrow 2-9 7-8 13, Vratil 2-5 1-1 5, Sean Brown 5-11 5-6 15, Brooks Hanson 4-11 3-5 12, Perez 0-1 0-0 0, Hopkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 15-45 18-24 51.

3-point goals — TMP 3-8 (Diehl 2-4, Hammerschmidt 1-2, Stramel 0-2); Lamed 2-11 (Morrow 1-4, Hanson 1-3, Slagle 0-3, Vratil 0-1). Fouled out — none.

Rebounds — TMP 33 (Hoffman 7, Hammerschmidt 7); Lamed (Brown 6, Hanson 6). Total fouls — TMP 14, Lamed 10. Technical fouls — none. Turnovers — TMP 14, Lamed 14.

Royals trade relief pitcher to White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — First baseman-outfielder Ross Gload was traded by the Chicago White Sox on Saturday to the Kansas City Royals for reliever Andrew Sisco, a 6-foot-10 left-hander coming off a difficult season. Sisco has a 3-8 record and 4.85 ERA in 132 games the last two seasons with Kansas City. He was 1-3 with a 7.10 ERA in 65 games last year, slipping from his first season when he went 2-5 with a 3.11 ERA.

The White Sox plan to trade Sisco to decide if he wants to remain in the bullpen — where he might help immediately — or try to be a starter, which could mean he'd go to Triple-A.

The 23-year-old Sisco was originally chosen by the Cubs in the second round of the June 2001 draft and was a Rule 5 selection by the Royals in December 2004.

Gload batted .327 with three home runs and 18 RBI in 77 games with the White Sox in 2006. Last month he agreed to a one-year, \$625,000 contract with Chicago.

"I've always believed Ross could play every day," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said. "I'm happy with the opportunity he's going to get with Kansas City. I hope he doesn't come back and beat us, but I'm not going to be surprised if he gets a key hit for them once we play against them."

Gload, a left-handed batter, hit .308 with 10 homers and 67 RBIs over three seasons as a backup for the White Sox. He's also been with the Chicago Cubs and Colorado.

Blue Jays keep Wells happy
TORONTO — Vernon Wells said he wanted to take care of his kid's. He'll get that chance with the Toronto Blue Jays. The All-Star center fielder and the Blue Jays agreed Friday night to a \$125 million, seven-year contract extension through 2014, the sixth-largest deal in baseball history.

Wells hit .303 with 32 homers and 106 RBIs last season. He would have been eligible for free agency after next season.

Devil Rays sign Japanese infielder
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Infielder Akinori Iwamura became the second Japanese star to land in the major leagues in as many days when he agreed Friday to a \$7.7 million, three-year contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The 27-year-old infielder batted .311 with 32 homers and 77 RBIs with Yakult last season. He hit at least 30 homers each of the past three years, including a career-high 44 in 2004.

Angels trade reliever to Red Sox
BOSTON — After landing Japanese ace Daisuke Matsuzaka, the Red Sox started working on finding some guys to relieve him. Boston acquired former All-Star reliever Brendan Donnelly from the Los Angeles Angels on Friday and agreed to a contract with left-hander J.C. Romero. The team also finalized a deal to bring back Doug Mirabeli, who was the personal catcher for knuckleballer Tim Lincecum.

Boston sent rookie left-hander Phil Selba to the Angels for the 35-year-old Donnelly, who became expendable when the Angels signed right-hander Justin Spillner and lefty Darren Oliver.

Donnelly was 6-0 with a 3.94 ERA in 62 games last season. Romero was 1-2 with a 6.70 ERA for the Angels, holding left-handed batters to a .211 average.

Mirabeli batted .119 with six home runs and 25 RBIs in 73 games with San Diego and Boston.

Cubs GM does whatever it takes
CHICAGO — A day after he agreed to join the Chicago Cubs, Ted Lilly learned exactly how serious they were about signing him. Lilly didn't know it at the time, but Cubs general manager Jim Hendry got the deal done from a hospital bed while hooked up an EKG machine.

Lilly and Hendry met face-to-face at Wrigley Field, where the free-agent pitcher's \$40 million, four-year deal was formally announced.

The Cubs went 66-96 this year, the worst record in the NL. Since then, they've been busy overhauling the team.

Lou Piniella was hired as the new manager and free agent Alfonso Soriano signed a \$136 million, eight-year contract. They also re-signed third baseman Aramis Ramirez for \$75 million over five years, added free agent second baseman Mark DeRosa (\$13 million), acquired left-hander Neal Cotts in a trade with the White Sox and re-signed pitchers Wade Miller and Kerry Wood and backup catcher Henry Blanco.

Chicago also finalized a \$1.05 million, one-year contract Friday with first baseman-outfielder Daryle Ward and is closing in on a three-year contract with right-hander Jason Marquis worth about \$21 million.

Hendry said he's still looking for another outfielder, perhaps Cliff Floyd, but isn't going for anyone who could impede marquis league. He said the Cubs' top prospect, could be the center fielder this season. While Hendry said he's done looking for pitchers, he wouldn't say if the Cubs had signed Marquis yet.

The 30-year-old Lilly was 15-13 with a 4.31 ERA in 32 starts for the Toronto Blue Jays last season. He is 59-58 with a 4.60 ERA in a major league career that also included stints with the New York Yankees and Oakland.

Lilly will wear No. 30. He said his previous jersey — 31 — was going to be retired by the Cubs in honor of Greg Maddux.

Buck O'Neil awarded Medal of Freedom
WASHINGTON — Buck O'Neil was posthumously awarded the nation's highest civilian honor Friday, cited for a life in baseball after being barred from the national pastime in his prime.

The Negro League player, historian and advocate was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a White House ceremony, less than three months after he died at age 94.

COACH: Wishbone rules in Smith Center

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That's the attitude that Barta and Co. have instilled in Smith Center, a town where it appears that football is life.

"People in this community love football and it's a good deal for us," Barta said. "The younger kids like to play, and the older kids do a lot to encourage them."

Not only did Smith Center win its third straight undefeated state title, but the Redmen did it in convincing fashion. With the exception of having to outlast St. Francis 6-2 in a defensive battle at sub-stade, no one came close to knocking off the defending champs. The Redmen outscored their opponents 675-96 in 13 games.

All the dominance has come out of a wishbone attack that runs it down your throats and a stifling defense. Smith Center has been using the wishbone all 29 years under Barta.

"I've always thought that you better know what you teach and know what you're teaching," Barta said. "You have to stick with what you know and know what you're trying to get accomplished with it."

Barta also knows that no head coach can be successful without a good coaching staff.

"They have really done a great job and we've been together a long time," Barta said of his staff, which includes Dennis Hutchinson, Brock Hutchinson, Mike Rogers and Tim Wilson. "We all know what we're doing, and we can all trust each other. Life is about trust, and I trust them. They are all very intelligent and they care about kids — that's the important thing."

Barta's low-key personality has carried through to his players. When Smith Center won the title this season, there wasn't a great deal of celebration on the field, just an overwhelming feeling of pride in what they had accomplished.

"It was just a fun year without a single problem. We knew the kids were talented and they lived up to their responsibilities," Barta said. "They all practiced very hard and it paid off for them."

It's a feeling that never gets old for Barta, win or lose.

"We've lost some and we've won some and we'll do both again, I'm sure," he said. "We just try to improve each day and we like to see the kids improve as football players, as students, and as citizens."

That idea has seemingly spread like wildfire through a community that lives for the Redmen, so much so that many former players who donned the uniform make their way back, just to be a part of Smith Center football.

"We talk about being a family and more and more it seems like family. Guys go away and come back to raise their own kids," Barta said. "They have a lot of ties, but football is probably a consideration when they come back."

Of course, he also knows there will come a day when it's time to hang up his whistle — but not any time real soon.

"I am at the age where I appreciate each class and each day," Barta said. "I really enjoy it, probably appreciate it more than I used to."

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Harden hits provisional mark

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

KEARNEY, Neb. — The Fort Hays State University men's and women's indoor track teams opened the season in fine fashion Dec. 8, at the Nebraska-Kearney Pre-Holiday Open.

Junior Crystal Harden won the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, 4 inches for a provisional mark for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. Harden also was second in the high jump (4-11).

The Tiger women also got a first-place showing from junior Ashley Dopita in the 400-meter dash in a time of 1 minute, 1.94 seconds. Dopita also was third in the 200-meter dash (27.64).

Senior Alan Yoder won two events for the Fort Hays men, getting gold in the 55-meter dash (6.58) and 200-meter dash (23.14).

Also for the Tiger men, junior Aaron Davidson was second in the mile (4:44.35) and junior Brady Maska was third in the shot put (51-10). Freshman Jeff Richey placed fourth in the 200-meter dash (23.92).

Also on the women's side, sophomore Kelsey Koerper finished third in the triple jump (35-3) and fourth in the long jump (17-1). Junior Katie Kersensbrock was second in the 800-meter run (2:33.07) and junior Jill Washmon was fourth (2:38.14). Freshman Brooke Hobbs took fourth in the 200 dash (27.88).

Fort Hays is off until Jan. 20, when the Tigers travel to Lawrence for the Jayhawk Invitational.

FHSU: Good game for Boling

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The five freshmen combined for an average of 18 minutes. Naomi Bancroft had an off night, but still hit two 3-pointers to score 10 points. The pleasant surprise came in the form of Raychel Boling, a freshman forward who played 19 minutes and put in 13 points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

Boling scored five straight points late in the second half to cap a 10-0 run that put the Tigers up by 22.

"She was setting good screens tonight and was able to get some players open, and her hitting the boards the way she did is one of those things we are going to need," Wiles said. "It's all about having people step into those voids of Deighton and Willhite. These young freshmen will have to do that."

Freshman Madison Huston was also thrown into the mix for a full game. It was her first extended action, working into the mix off an injury.

"She was getting more into the flow of things tonight. This is really the first full game she's had and it's going to take her a while to get to full game speed," Wiles said.

Fort Hays is off until Dec. 30 when it resumes Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play against Northwest Missouri State University at home.

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Monarchs take 6th at meet

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

HOISINGTON — The Thomas More Prep-Marian wrestlers placed sixth at the Hoisington Round Robin Invitational on Friday.

Two of the Monarchs were individual champions, sophomore Clint Taylor at 145 pounds and junior Travis Budke at 152.

"Those two have been doing really well," TMP-Marian coach Brandon Pfeiffer said.

Budke won the individual title by going 5-0. Three of his wins were by pins, and the other two were major decisions. Taylor won with two pins, two decisions and a technical fall.

The Monarchs, who scored 95 points, had nine others who placed in the nine-team event.

"We're a young team that is going to take some falls," Pfeiffer said. "We're going to get into our real tough part after Christmas. That's when it will really count."

Great Bend won the tournament with 232 points, followed by Hoisington with 154.

Nebraska captures volleyball crown

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Sarah Pavan and Jordan Larson led Nebraska to the NCAA women's volleyball title Saturday night, combining for 41 kills in the Cornhuskers' 27-30, 30-26, 30-28, 30-27 victory over Stanford.

Pavan had 22 kills and Larson finished with 19.

Nebraska broke an 11-all tie in the fourth game with a kill, consecutive blocks and a Stanford hitting error that made it 15-11. Stanford pulled to 29-27, but Larson's kill ended the game, giving Nebraska its first title since 2000.