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Kansas State Drops From First To Second In The Big 12 With Loss

By Tonya Ricklefs
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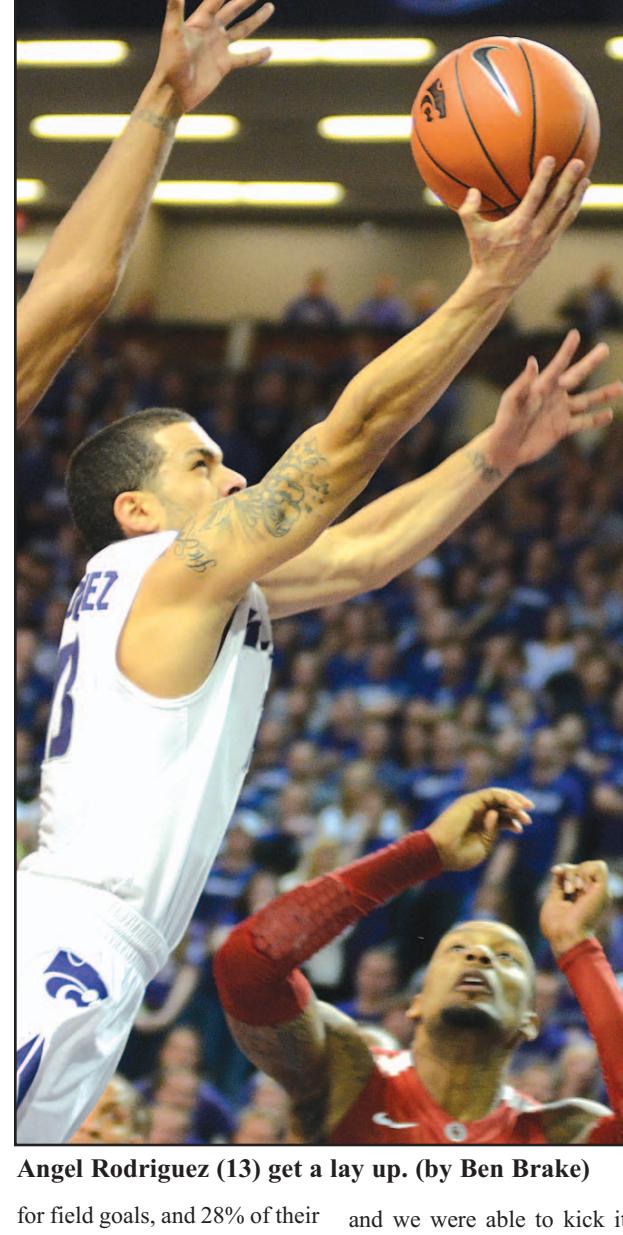
Only two undefeated teams remained in Big 12 men's basketball coming into Sunflower Showdown on January 22. Both Kansas and Kansas State have not lost in Big 12 play, and the anticipation of a battle brewing in Manhattan, Kansas could be felt throughout the state. While the two teams warmed up in front of the sold out crowd in Bramledge Coliseum, the crowd buzzed with excited anticipation.

For the seventh time this season, Bruce Weber used a starting line up of Shane Southwell, Angel Rodriguez, Rodney McGruder, Thomas Gipson, and Will Spradling. Thomas Gipson battled Jeff Withey at center circle at the tip off, which went out of bounds and Kansas State began the game with the possession.

The first points of the game were delivered by Angel Rodriguez with a lay-in that was immediately answered by KU when McLemore managed a jumper to tie it up with 17:29 to play. Kansas State's defense kept them in the game with solid rebounding, but Kansas State struggled with their shooting throughout the game. It was amazing Kansas State kept the game as close as they did with a 20% rate of three point shots and 21% field goal shooting percentage when there was still 11:28 left to play in the first half. The Wildcats improved their percentage by halftime 25% of its three pointers and 34% of field goals. Kansas State's scoring leaders at the half were Angel Rodriguez with 12 points at the half, followed by Shane Southwell with 9 points. KU had developed a great defensive plan to defend Rodney McGruder, keeping him quiet until one minute left in the first half where he had a great dunk to cut KU's lead to 27-25.

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Bruce Weber was asked following the game about missed shooting opportunities, "We knew if we penetrated they would swarm to the basketball,



Angel Rodriguez (13) get a lay up. (by Ben Brake)

for field goals, and 28% of their three point shots with 16:16 left in the game. Three turnovers in a row during critical moments in the game and frustrated Jorden Henriquez (who had two of them). With six minutes left in the game, Shane Southwell began hitting three pointers bringing him along as the scoring leader with 14 pts.

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Conservatives Aim To Rein-in ethics Commission

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — On the cusp of the 2013 legislative session, some conservative legislators are setting their sights on the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, with the goal of leaving it powerless.

The Associated Press reported earlier this week a number of Republican lawmakers have voiced frustration over the

politically appointed commission's perceived bias against staunch conservatives.

"Whether or not that's a reality, you can't get to that because the perception is so bad," said Rep. Scott Schwab, R-District 49, chair of the House Elections Committee, citing instances in which conservative candidates have gone before the commission — and into the headlines — over \$1

fines for relatively minor fiscal missteps.

But Carol Williams, executive director of the ethics commission, said such hearings are often automatic and mandated by state statute. Because conservatives comprise a heavy majority in the state's political arena, she said, they also make up a large number of those called before the commission.

"It is not the commission's

fault that those people who have been solicited over the last few years have been Republicans," Williams said. "That's just how the chips fall."

Proposals circulating among House Republicans include instituting term limits for commission appointees, as well as a controversial suggestion to transfer enforcement authority to county attorneys and the state attorney general, them-

selves elected officials.

Would that be a conflict of interest?

"To a degree, yes, and that's part of the conversation we need to have," Schwab said.

"How do you handle who polices the police? I don't know how we do it, that's part of the conversation we need to have."

But it's a conversation that has become increasingly difficult to spark, said Sen. Dennis Pyle, R-District 1, Schwab's counterpart on the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.

"I don't want people to think we're trying to get rid of ethics and go back to the Nixon days," Pyle said. "We haven't had the conversation; it's almost like we're afraid to have the conversation because we're afraid of being called unethical."

Neither Schwab nor Pyle said they were aware of any pre-filed legislation, but they

expected it to be a topic on which to focus during the upcoming legislative session. For now, Williams isn't worried.

"Until we see actual legislation and what is being proposed, until we're at that point, it's kind of esoteric," said Williams.

Pyle said it's the duty of state lawmakers to remain skeptical of entities such as the ethics commission, as well as its opponents.

"There are always going to be those that believe they've been mistreated. Our job as legislators is to find out if that's true, and if that means reforming, changing the dynamics of the commission, we'll definitely be interested in looking at that," Pyle said.

Regarding the rumbling of dissent against the commission, Pyle said, "I do know that when you hear thunder, you're supposed to be careful, you might be struck by lightning."

Obama Only Received A Slim Majority

By Roger Pilon
CATO Institute

Pierce the soaring rhetoric of President Obama's second inaugural address and its central message rings clear as a bell: despite the fact that nearly half the nation rejected his big-government vision, he'll impose it on us — because, as he's so often said, "We're all in this together."

Indeed, "together" — that appeal to unity — appears no fewer than seven times in his short speech, "we the people" five. Throw in "one nation," "one people," "common effort," and "common purpose," along with several other collective incantations and you have a man who has little conception of life and liberty outside of government. He tells us we don't need "to settle centuries-long debates about the role of government for all time," but he's not about to allow out-of-control deficits and debt to diminish its role for our time. "Deficit" appears once in the speech, "debt" not at all.

This is progressive tribalism on steroids, with the chief leading his people toward his enlightened moral vision. Much of that vision is inspiring, of course: Seneca Falls, Selma, Stonewall, welcoming immigrants. But on the massive entitlements side, to say that Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security "do not sap our

initiative" is to be obtuse to the human condition. When he rejects "the belief that America must choose between caring for the generation that built this country and investing in the generation that will build its future," he rejects the very premise of economics — that the world is a world of scarcity. Across America those choices are being made, responsibly, even as the president and his party refuse to make them.

Most striking of all is that he constructs this fantasy on the nation's founding documents. He opens with the Constitution, which itself begins with "We the people." But from there the document sets forth not simply a limited set of powers — that's where you'll find "the role of government" — but a vast body of checks on what "we the people" can do "together," through government. That's the last we hear of the document, however, save for an allusion to it in this pregnant paragraph:

But we have always understood that when times change, so must we; that fidelity to our founding principles requires new responses to new challenges; that preserving our individual freedoms ultimately requires collective action. For the American people can no more meet the demands of today's world by acting alone than American soldiers could have met the forces of fascism

or communism with muskets and militias. No single person can train all the math and science teachers we'll need to equip our children for the future, or build the roads and networks and research labs that will bring new jobs and businesses to our shores. Now, more than ever, we must do these things together, as one nation, and one people.

The purport of that allusion — "muskets and militias" — is clear. That old, antiquated Constitution, which established a limited realm for "collective action," mainly to secure individual freedom, is not up to the task of meeting today's challenges. For that, "now, more than ever, we must do these things together, as one nation, and one people."

That's not what we learn from the Declaration of Independence, the main inspiration for Obama's address. Give him credit: unlike in his first year, when he said that every nation thinks it's exceptional, he's finally recognized that American exceptionalism is rooted in "our allegiance to an idea, articulated in a declaration made more than two centuries ago." But he completely misunderstands that idea. The Founders did not throw off a tyrannical king only to impose on themselves a tyrannical majoritarian democracy.

Yet that's what we've got,

with so much of life, from retirement to health care and on and on, regimented by government — and he wants still more. This is not the individual liberty of which the Declaration speaks. In Obama's own words, it's "collective action," under the direction of Washington's bureaucrats. And the political dynamics of this system, which economists have long understood and explained, are fast leading us to the welfare state, the kind of state we see collapsing in Europe.

Far from being a modern, then, Obama comes from an earlier age, from a time when progressive ideologues championed a bold new era of collective accomplishments. Ignoring economic reality, to say nothing of basic moral principle or the Constitution, they charged ahead, much as Obama is doing. But reality is catching up. It always does. The question for us now, therefore, and for the next four years, is whether enough economic realists, armed with a decent respect for individual liberty, will be able to slow the Obama juggernaut before we go over the cliffs that lie just ahead.

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Debt Limit: Distracts From Spending Problem

By Emily Goff
CATO Institute

In response to President Obama's press conference last week, House Majority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) claimed, "Clearly we need additional [spending] cuts. But...revenues have not been resolved."

Wait a minute. Revenues have not been resolved?

My how quickly one's memory can fade. Lest we forget the fiscal cliff deal, hastily passed earlier this month, let's remember that in addition to increasing spending, it chiefly contained tax increases on business and investment. Ironically enough, it also allowed a payroll tax increase that has already dealt a blow to the very

middle-class workers Obama so zealously vowed to shield from tax hikes.

The Heritage Foundation's Curtis Dubay examined the fiscal cliff deal and writes,

The fiscal cliff deal delivered the tax increase portion but not the spending cuts. In the rapidly approaching debates on raising the debt limit, replacing the delayed sequester spending cuts, and the continuing resolution to fund the federal government for the rest of the 2013 fiscal year, Congress must demand that spending be cut to deliver on the other side of President Obama's promised balanced approach.

Obama got his tax increase out of the fiscal cliff fight,

though that new revenue is to projected deficits like a drop of water is to the Pacific Ocean. Now it's time for him to deliver on the "balance" of his promise and propose credible spending cuts.

On their part, conservatives should not capitulate again on tax hikes. In the imminent debt limit debate, they should remind the country that we have a spending problem and communicate concrete ways to reduce federal spending. They can start with bipartisan reforms to Medicare and Social Security and thus lay the groundwork for bolder entitlement program reforms in the future.

Structural changes to these

programs are crucial to reigning in spending and debt. As Heritage's J. D. Foster warns:

Talk is cheap, but the consequences of continuing on today's path of massive deficit spending will prove very expensive, if not downright ruinous, for future generations. And so Republicans are exactly right to use the debt ceiling debate to force the President to move beyond conversations and dialogue, to leadership and action.

Only the first part of Hoyer's statement stands correct: We clearly need to cut spending further. The days of blindly increasing the debt limit without changing course must end.

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Rowena Bell DeBolt

Rowena Bell DeBolt was called Home by our Heavenly Father on January 12, 2013. She was 92 years old and a resident of Manhattan Homestead Assisted Living in Manhattan, Kansas.

Rowena was born on January 7, 1921 to Ben and Emme Hurley in Ripley, Oklahoma. They preceded her in death.

On October 15, 1940 she married Earl Joe DeBolt. She lovingly cared for him for

many years before his death in 1982.

Two daughters were born to their union: Donna (Steve) Jones of Mt. Perry, Ohio and Sandra (John) Allard of Manhattan, Kansas. Rowena was an affectionate and devoted mother. She adored her sons-in-law and treated them as her own children. She was a doting grandmother of Liz (Dan) Olson, Columbus, Ohio; Mark (Ronda) Jones of Clinton, Utah; Matt Jones (Beth) of

Zanesville, Ohio; Michael (Lynn) Allard of Roswell, Georgia and David (April) Allard of Keats, Kansas; and her fifteen great-grandchildren.

Rowena's sense of humor delighted everyone and she was a talented writer. She enchanted all of the family with stories of her childhood and youth.

She also wrote fiction and poetry, some of which were published.

Besides her daughters, Rowena is survived by her

brother, Virgil Hurley of Worland, Wyoming; all of her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 7 brothers.

Graveside services were held in Valentine, Nebraska on January 16, 2013.

Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

Left to miss him are his mother, Jane Cragg of the home and his brother: John Cragg (Linda), Manhattan. Also surviving is his nephew: Mike Cragg (Barb), niece: Brenda Mullin (Kenny), sister-in-law: Beverly Cragg, great nieces and nephews: Keirsten, Amanda, KC, Josh, and Lindsey and two beloved dogs: Coda and Annie.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 22nd, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Ben Duerfeldt officiating.

Interment will follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

southeast of Manhattan.

The family will receive friends during a visitation from 1:00 P.M. Tuesday until the service time at the funeral home.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

George E. Cragg

George E. "Butch" Cragg, age 69, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Thursday morning, January 17, 2013, at his residence in Manhattan.

He was born on March 8, 1943, in Manhattan, the son of George and Jane (Mortimer) Cragg. Butch was raised in Manhattan where he attended local schools, graduating from Manhattan High School in 1961. He then attended college, learned to fly and joined the U.S. Army National Guard. In 1968 he was activated and sent to Ft. Carson, Colorado where he spent two years until his honorable discharge.

Butch was a semi truck driver and worked for Mayo

It's Time To Balance The U.S. Budget

By Amy Payne

The Heritage Foundation

Today, the House will vote on a proposal that would suspend the debt ceiling until May 19, buying a bit more time for the overarching budget debate. This puts off the difficult decisions that are needed to get the country's fiscal situation in order. Heritage's vice president for domestic and economic policy, Derrick Morgan, wrote recently:

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today." That's why Congress should not raise the debt ceiling unless it includes immediate reforms today that put us on a sure path to balance, keep us in balance over time, provide for the common defense—and do not raise taxes.

Yesterday, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Budget Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) took up an idea pro-

moted by a coalition of conservative organizations including our sister organization, Heritage Action for America.

They pledged to produce a path to balance—a balanced budget in 10 years.

In a Politico op-ed January 15, Heritage Action for America CEO Michael Needham joined Family Research Council President Tony Perkins and Club for Growth President Chris Chocola in leading the call for Congress to balance the budget—and use the debt ceiling negotiations to do it.

"While we as fiscal, social and foreign policy conservatives have differing priorities, we can certainly find immediate savings in the discretionary budget," they wrote. "Programs that benefit only a few—agriculture subsidies, green energy handouts, Planned Parenthood, etc.—have at least the appearance of cronyism and special

interest handouts."

The conservative leaders called for a plan that would balance the budget in 10 years, explaining:

Ten years is not a random horizon, but the traditional congressional budget window. Nor is this demand the result of mere whimsy—it is a moral obligation. No American should have to tell an 8-year-old child that we cannot get our nation's house in order by the time she goes to college. There are many ways to get to a balanced budget and both Democrats and Republicans have an obligation to explain what path they will choose.

Following their call, 41 leaders of conservative organizations signed a memo urging Congress to produce a 10-year path to balance. Now, Boehner has taken up that call.

Of course, before you can have a balanced budget, you have to have a budget. Boehner

and his Republican colleagues in the House have also put the Senate on notice: It's time to produce a budget.

The Senate has failed to pass a budget for the past three years. The bill the House will vote on today includes a provision that would withhold pay for Members from either chamber if it fails to pass a budget.

It's good to hear Members of Congress getting serious about financial responsibility. After the fiscal cliff deal, however, any "deal" cannot just promise budget reforms will happen in the future—it must include those reforms. As Heritage's Emily Goff said yesterday:

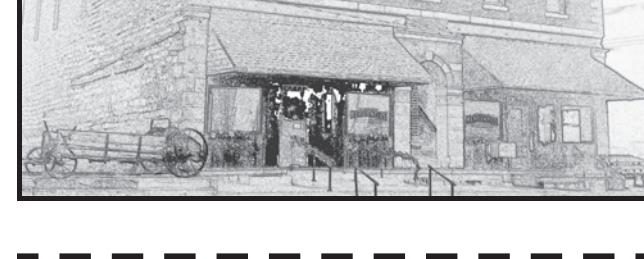
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san reforms to Medicare and Social Security and thus lay the groundwork for bolder entitlement program reforms in the future.

Now let's see these plans for a balanced budget—because the details are important. The needed spending cuts and entitlement reforms will have to become concrete realities.

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Kansas State Men's Basketball Schedule / Results

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
10/30/12	vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-61
11/04/12	vs. Emporia State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 81-51
11/09/12	vs. North Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 85-52
NIT Season Tip-Off Manhattan Regional			
11/12/12	vs. Lamar	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 79-55
	Alabama-Huntsville vs. North Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	
11/13/12	vs. Alabama-Huntsville	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 87-26
11/13/12	Lamar vs. North Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	
11/18/12	vs. North Florida	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 74-55
NIT Season Tip-Off			
11/21/12	vs. Delaware	Madison Square Garden	W, 66-63
11/23/12	vs. Michigan	Madison Square Garden	L, 57-71
12/02/12	vs. USC Upstate	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 72-53
12/08/12	at George Washington	Charles E. Smith Center	W, 65-62
State Farm Battle in Seattle			
12/15/12	vs. Gonzaga	KeyArena	L, 52-68
12/18/12	vs. Texas Southern	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 78-69
Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic			
12/22/12	vs. Florida	Sprint Center	W, 67-61
12/29/12	vs. UMKC	Bramlage Coliseum	W 52-44
12/31/12	vs. South Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W 70-50
01/05/13	vs. Oklahoma State	Bramlage Coliseum	W 73-67
01/12/13	at West Virginia	WVU Coliseum	W 65-64
01/16/13	at TCU	Daniel-Meyer Coliseum	W 67-54
01/19/13	vs. Oklahoma	Bramlage Coliseum	W 69-60
01/22/13	vs. Kansas	Bramlage Coliseum	L 59-55
01/26/13	at Iowa State	Hilton Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/30/13	vs. Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/02/13	at Oklahoma	Lloyd Noble Center	5:00 PM CT
02/05/13	at Texas Tech	United Spirit Arena	7:00 PM CT
02/09/13	vs. Iowa State	Bramlage Coliseum	5:00 PM CT
02/11/13	at Kansas	Allen Fieldhouse	8:00 PM CT
02/16/13	vs. Baylor	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
02/18/13	vs. West Virginia	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/23/13	at Texas	Erwin Center	7:00 PM CT
02/25/13	vs. Texas Tech	Bramlage Coliseum	6:00 PM CT
03/02/13	at Baylor	Ferrell Center	6:00 PM CT
03/05/13	vs. TCU	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
03/09/13	at Oklahoma State	Gallagher-Iba Arena	12:30 PM CT

Big 12 Men's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Kansas	5-0	17-1
Kansas State	4-1	15-3
Oklahoma	4-1	13-4
Baylor	4-1	13-5
Iowa State	3-1	31-4
Oklahoma State	2-3	12-5
West Virginia	1-3	8-9
Texas Tech	1-4	8-8
TCU	0-5	9-9
Texas	0-5	8-10

Kansas State Women's Basketball Schedule / Results

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11/04/12	vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 75-42
11/09/12	vs. Idaho State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 62-54
11/11/12	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 89-55
11/20/12	at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	W, 62-47
11/24/12	at Charlotte	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 67-63
11/30/12	vs. Mississippi Valley State	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 64-57
12/04/12	at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.	W, 48-43
12/09/12	vs. South Dakota	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 68-54
12/16/12	vs. UTEP	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 50-52
World Vision Classic			
12/19/12	vs. Texas A&M	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 83-60
12/20/12	vs Notre Dame	Las Vegas, Nev.	L, 87-57
12/21/12	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.	W, 80-54
12/29/12	at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	W, 60-45
01/02/13	at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	L, 72-63
01/05/13	vs. TCU	Bramlage Coliseum	W, 59-58
01/09/13	at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	L, 59-50
01/12/13	vs. West Virginia	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 66-52
01/15/13	vs. Baylor	Bramlage Coliseum	L, 90-69
01/19/13	at TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	W, 57-54
01/23/13	vs. Oklahoma State	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/26/13	at Texas	Austin, Texas	1:00 p.m. CT
02/02/13	vs. Kansas	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/06/13	vs. Oklahoma	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/09/13	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	1:00 p.m. CT
02/13/13	vs. Texas	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/16/13	at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	4:00 p.m. CT
02/20/13	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m. CT
02/23/13	vs. Iowa State	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/26/13	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W.V.	6:00 p.m. CT
03/02/13	vs. Texas Tech	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 p.m. CT
03/04/13	at Baylor	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
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03/09/13	Quarterfinals	Dallas, Texas	TBA
03/10/13	Semifinals	Dallas, Texas	TBA
03/11/13	Championship	Dallas, Texas	TBA

Big 12 Women's Standings

Team	Big 12	Overall
Baylor	6-0	16-1
Oklahoma	5-1	15-3
Texas Tech	5-2	15-4
Iowa State	4-2	13-3
Oklahoma State	3-2	14-2
West Virginia	3-24	11-7
Kansas	2-3	11-5
Kansas State	2-4	11-7
TCU	0-6	7-10
Texas	0-6	7-10

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K-State Earns 69-60 Win over Oklahoma

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Senior Rodney McGruder continued his impressive play, scoring a game-high 20 points as No. 16/18 Kansas State defeated Oklahoma, 69-60, on Saturday afternoon in front of a sellout crowd of 12,528 at Bramlage Coliseum.

With the win, K-State (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) pushed its winning streak to eight games. The eight-game winning streak is the longest since the squad rattled off 10 straight wins from Nov. 21, 2009 to Jan. 3, 2010. The 4-0 start to Big 12 play is the best start since the 2007-08 season when the Wildcats won their first five league games. The win also snaps a two-game losing streak against the Sooners.

The first half was a see-saw battle between the two teams with both sides trading baskets. The Sooners (12-4, 3-1 Big 12) held a 21-17 advantage late in the first half, but the Wildcats used a 13-5 run to take 30-25 lead with three minutes left in the opening half. A dunk by Oklahoma's Amath M'Baye cut the lead to three, but sophomore Adrian Diaz answered right back with a dunk of his own off of an Angel Rodriguez assist. A three-pointer by Shane Southwell

gave the Wildcats a 35-27 going into the break. Southwell finished with 10 points in the half.

K-State was able to push the lead to double-digits in the second half, building its largest lead at 14 points with under nine minutes to play. Oklahoma was able to make a late push, closing to within six points at 58-52 with 3:19 to play, but the Wildcats held strong and made key free throws to seal their 15th win of the season, including their 10th at Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State shot 44 percent from the field, including 41.7 percent from 3-point range, and posted double-digit 3-pointers for the third time this season with 10. Oklahoma was also held to just 60 points despite shooting 47.2 percent from the field and holding a 39-25 edge in rebounding. The Wildcats have now held 13 of 17 opponents to 65 points or less this season, including eight to 55 points or less. The team won the first time this season when being out-rebounded.

McGruder has now scored in double figures in eight consecutive games dating back to Dec. 18, which includes four 20-point outings. He is averaging 19.6 points during the team's eight-game winning

streak on 50 percent shooting, including 42.2 percent from 3-point range.

He was one of a season-high four Wildcats in double figures, as he was joined by Will Spradling (15) and Southwell (12) and Rodriguez (12) in twin-figures. Rodriguez nearly had a double-double with a career-high nine assists to just one turnover with a game-high three steals.

M'Baye and senior Romero Osby paced the Oklahoma scoring attack as each player finished with 12 points each for the Sooners. Freshman Buddy Hield had a game-high 10 rebounds.

K-State was again stellar on the defensive end, scoring 26 points off of 16 Oklahoma turnovers. The squad has now scored 10 or more points off of opponent turnovers in 14 of 17 games, including 20 or more points in five games. The Wildcats are now 12-0 this season when score more points off of turnovers.

Kansas State wraps up a two-game homestand on Tuesday when the Wildcats play host to No. 4/4 Kansas (16-1, 4-0 Big 12) in front an expected sellout crowd at Bramlage Coliseum. The game is set for a 7 p.m. tipoff and can be seen live on the Big 12 Network.



K-State Angel Rodriguez (13) lays one in on a layup. (Photo by Ben Brake)

K-State Women Holds Off TCU For Sweep

K-State Sports Information

FORT WORTH, Texas — Kansas State ended a three-game losing streak on Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with a 57-54 win over TCU. The Wildcats won the season series with the Horned Frogs.

K-State (11-7, 2-4 Big 12) was led by senior Brittany Chambers with 24 points. With her point total on Saturday night, Chambers moved into fifth on the K-State career scoring list with 1,721 career points, passing Diana Miller (1987-1991; 1,705). This was Chambers' 17th game in double figures, including her ninth game with 20 or more points. Chambers also pulled in eight rebounds and dished out five assists.

Also in double figures for K-State on Saturday was senior Mariah White. The product of Midwest City, Okla., notched a personal season-high 11 points. She also added six rebounds, five assists and two steals to her final stat line.

The Wildcats were 10-of-36 from beyond the arc on Saturday night. For the week, K-State was 23-of-80 from behind the 3-point line and set the school record for three-point field goals attempted in a game on Wednesday night against Baylor with 44. The 36 three-point field goal attempts on Saturday night set the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum record for an opponent.

TCU (7-10, 0-6) was led by Zahna Medley and Kamy Cole with 21 and 12 points, respectively. Latricia Lovings grab a game-high 13 rebounds.

K-State jumped out to a quick 14-6 lead, as Chambers connected on three 3-point field goals while Ashia Woods added a fourth. TCU narrowed the K-State lead to four, 16-12, with 10:34 on a Kamy Cole jumper.

The Wildcats built a 10-point lead, 22-12, with a 6-0 run midway through the opening half. Chantay Caron carded four points during the run, while Haley Texada added an offensive rebound and putback with 8:52 remaining.

The Horned Frogs closed out the first half on a 9-2 run to

close K-State's lead at the half to 29-27. TCU's run was dominated by Medley, as she tallied three 3-point field goals to end the stanza.

K-State used a 10-2 run to begin the second half to rebuild its lead to 10, 39-29 with 15:53 to play. TCU answered the run

with a 9-0 rally of its own to narrow the K-State advantage to one, 39-38, with 12:53 to play. Chambers ended the Horned Frogs' run with a three and jump start a 9-2 run for the Wildcats. K-State also received triples from Ashlynn Knoll and Haley Texada to boost the lead

to 48-40 with 7:42 to play. TCU clawed back into the game with nine straight points to take its first lead of the game, 49-48, with 4:46 to play in the second half. Medley was big during the rally with five points.

K-State reclaimed the lead,

as Chambers was fouled on a three-point attempt with 2:03 to play and cashed in all three free throws to push K-State into a 52-49 lead. Chambers then drove the lane and dished to Ashia Woods for a layup to increase the lead to 54-51.

The Horned Frogs cut the lead to two, 55-53, after a pair of Cole free throws. Chambers answered with two free throws of her own for a 57-53 lead. A desperation three from Medley

fell just short to tie the game.

K-State returns to Bramlage Coliseum on Wednesday, Jan. 23, to face Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Wednesday's game will feature a 70s Night promotion, as the first 300 students will receive a 70s K-State t-shirt. Fans can also take advantage of the "Wildcat Weekday 4 Pack."

To purchase tickets, contact the K-State Athletic Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS or visit www.kstatesports.com/tickets.

McGruder Nabs Big 12 Player of the Week Honors Again

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Senior Rodney McGruder earned Phillips 66 Big 12 Player of the Week honors for the fourth time in seven weeks on Monday after helping Kansas State run its winning streak to eight games last week.

McGruder's four Big 12 Player of the Week awards break his tie with Michael Beasley (three, 2007-08) for the most by a Wildcat in a single-season, while McGruder's five overall weekly awards are the most ever by a K-State player in the Big 12 era. He first won the weekly honor as a junior on Dec. 26, 2011 then this season on Dec. 10 and 24, 2012 and again on Jan. 7.

McGruder posted back-to-back 20-point outings for the first time this season, as he averaged a team-best 20.5 points on 55.6 percent shooting (15-of-27), including 46.7 percent (7-of-15) from 3-point range, with 3.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.0 steals in 36 minutes per game in wins over TCU (67-54) and Oklahoma (69-60). He has now scored in double figures in eight consecutive games with an average of 19.5 points per game.

McGruder opened the week with a 21-point effort in a road win at TCU on Jan. 16, as he knocked down 9-of-15 field goals, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range, with five rebounds, three assists and one steal in 32 minutes of action.

He followed with his fifth 20-point outings of the season in a win over Oklahoma on Saturday, as he went 6-of-12 from the field, including 4-of-9 from beyond the arc, with three assists and one steal in playing all 40 minutes. It was his 17th and 18th 20-point games of his career with the Wildcats posting an impressive 16-2 mark in those contests.

K-State's eight-game winning streak is the longest since the Wildcats won 10 in a row from Nov. 21, 2009 to Jan. 3, 2010, while the 15-2 start to the season ties eight other squads for the best start in school history. The team is 4-0 in Big 12 play for just the second time in the Big 12 era and the first time since the 2007-08 squad won its first five league games. The 15-2 start by a first-year head coach Bruce Weber ties for the best in school history with College Football Hall of Famer Zora Clevenger, who posted a 15-2 mark in 1916-17.

McGruder is just seven points shy of 1,300 career points and 12 points short of cracking the school's Top 10 scoring list. He is the only Wildcat in double figures at 15.5 points per game on 44.3 percent shooting with 5.2 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.2 steals in 31.5 minutes per game. He has a team-leading 13 double-figure scoring games (five 20-point outings), all of which have come in the last 15 games.



K-State's Brittany Chambers (2) gets more than a hand in the face. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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Wildcats Edged By Jayhawks In Showdown

K-State Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Shane Southwell scored a career-high 19 points, including a 5-for-11 performance from beyond the arc, but it was not enough to hold off defending Big 12 Champion, Kansas, as the Jayhawks knocked off the Wildcats, 59-55, before a sold-out crowd at Bramlage Coliseum on Tuesday night.

Despite a frigid night from beyond the arc, No. 11 K-State (15-3, 4-1 Big 12) was able to trade blows with No. 3 KU (17-1, 5-0 Big 12) as the Wildcats matched scoring runs with the in-state rival throughout the first half of the contest. Kansas jumped out to a 16-8 lead at the 11:28 mark but a Martavious Irving jumper followed by four straight points from sophomore guard Angel Rodriguez brought the Wildcats within four points with just over eight minutes remaining in the opening half. The sophomore from Puerto Rico was a major factor for the Wildcats as he scored all 12 of his points in the first. A mid-range jumper by senior Jordan Henriquez and a fast-break 3-pointer from Southwell capped a 9-0 scoring run for the Wildcats.

Kansas answered with a 9-2 run that included four points from freshman Perry Ellis, to bring the Jayhawks back in front, 27-22, with just over two minutes left until halftime. K-State responded in the form of a thunderous dunk from reigning Big 12 Player of the Week, Rodney McGruder, his first points of the game.

After another Southwell 3-pointer, Kansas State was set to go into the halftime break only down two, but KU forward Kevin Young was able to corral an offensive rebound and hit a contested layup with three ticks on the clock to give momentum back to the Jayhawks at the half up 31-27.

Kansas opened up the second half on a 9-2 run before K-State's McGruder was able to knock down his first 3-pointer of the contest at the 15:57 mark bringing the Wildcats within six points.

After back and forth action midway through the final min-



What goes up must come down and Rodney McGruder (22) is on his way to the floor.

utes of the game, freshman Ben McLemore heated up, knocking down seven of KU's 11 final points. Southwell banked in a driving, fast-break layup to cut the Kansas lead to three points, 56-53, with 37 seconds remaining but with no timeouts left, the Wildcats were forced to foul. Two free throws from Naadir Tharpe and one from Elijah Johnson sealed the game for the Jayhawks.

K-State will be back in action on Saturday, January 26, as they head to Ames, Iowa, to face the Iowa State Cyclones.

The contest is set for a 12:30 tipoff from Hilton Coliseum. The game can be seen on the Big 12 Network.

Postgame Quotes
Kansas State Head Coach

Bruce Weber

Opening statement...

"If you see a game in the 50's, you may think you can find a chance at victory. To Kansas' credit, they made three's. They do not get rattled. They find ways to win. We obviously relied on the three

ball tonight, but it is something that they give you. That is why Iowa State had a chance to beat them at their place. You have to hit the open ones, and that will make them defend you a little different. We did not do that. Somewhere along the line we have to get some more inside looks. We have to get some penetration to the basket. (Jeff) Withey makes a difference in there. He did not really have a block, but maybe because that is we did not go in there and challenge him. As a coach, you

make too big of a deal that we did not go in there far enough and see if he could get blocked shots. I told the guys before that the two difference makers in the game would be the little things like loose balls, 50-50 balls and offensive rebounds. They won those battles. Those other guys (Perry) Ellis and (Naadir) Tharpe coming in the first half when the starters were in trouble. They made the difference. We did not have other guys to do damage. You have to give credit to them. It is a big game for the seniors. We had a great crowd and atmosphere. You have to want these opportunities, but we did not grab it. There is a long way to go and a lot of games to go, and we have to worry about getting better and ready for Iowa State."

On three-point shooting...

"We knew if we penetrated they would swarm to the basketball, and we were able to kick it out. Shane (Southwell) spreads the defense. I think even at times we had some open ones, but passed them up. We have a saying that closer is not better, but open is better. I know you have to make them, but if you pass up that open shot, run a play, have someone out of motion or you pass it up, it seems like every time we did that we got ourselves in a bind. I thought Angel (Rodriguez) in the beginning got a little more aggressive to get in the paint, and he was able to find some people for some open shots. Rod (McGruder) got going in the second half. We just have to find ways to get Rod open not just for three's, but other scoring opportunities."

On what Kansas did defensively...

"I think the only time they really hurt us was in transition. They look for steals off of bad shots off of blocked shots, and some of our three's created some opportunities for them. I thought our coaches did a great job that guys have bought into what we preach. We executed our defensive game plan, and in

the half-court they did not get very many easy baskets. It was either more transition, one-on-one or second chance type of points."

Senior Guard Rodney McGruder

On looking ahead...

"I am a little upset we lost that game. This is the last time we will play them here in Bramlage, but coach said you cannot keep your head down. We have a lot of basketball left. This cannot be the end of it. We just have to get over it. We just have to prepare for Iowa State on Saturday no matter what. They do not care whether we won or not, they are going to prepare for us. We just have to let this one go and see them down the road."

Junior Forward Shane Southwell

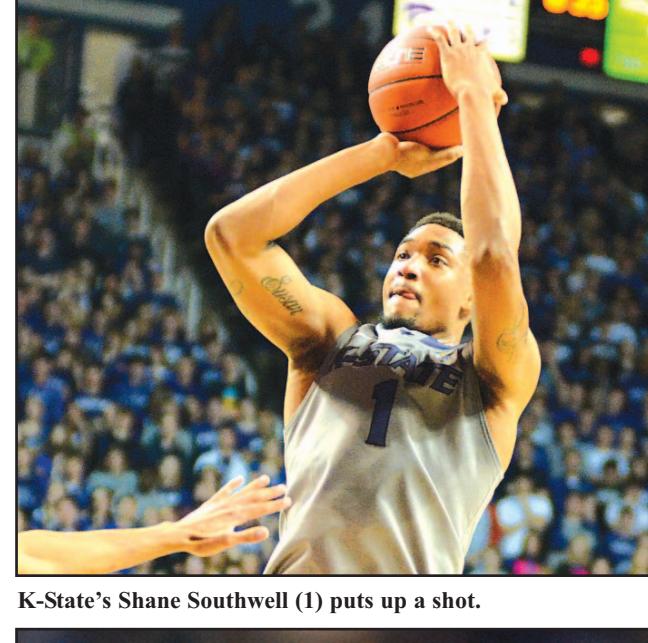
On his role in the offense

"I am very comfortable in how I am playing in the offense. Motion is better for wing players or four players that are able to step up and make plays and decisions. Tonight I went 5-of-11 for three, and I feel like if I had followed through on three of them, I would have made them. We just have to do better on the little things like coach said, loose balls, couple of gambles and rebounds. There was one in particular when I let Kevin Young get an offensive rebound."

On the significance of this matchup...

"It was very important. Any time you play against a good team like this, you want to win a game like that especially because of the magnitude of the rivalry. They win all the time so we have to start getting some wins against them. I think JO (Henriquez) and Martavious (Irving) have only beat them once or twice. We have another chance, but right now we need to focus on Iowa State."

Photos by Ben Brake



K-State's Shane Southwell (1) puts up a shot.



Angel Rodriguez (13) brings the ball down court.



KU Coach Bill Self looks to be under pressure.



K-State Coach Bruce Weber before the game.



Jordan Henriquez (21) shoots over KU's Withey.



The ball is in the hands of Rodney McGruder (22).

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