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1999-2000



**Women's Basketball
Year in Review**

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1999-2000

Season Practice Goal

1999-2000 Lady Tiger Roster

NUMERICAL

No	NAME	Pos	HEIGHT	YEAR	HOMETOWN(PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
10	Maisha Prewitt	F/G	5'7"	Jr	Newton, KS(Newton HS)
13	Lacie Robinson	F	5'10"	Fr	Agra, KS(Eastern Heights HS)
20	Allison Schrader	F	5'10"	Fr	Hutchinson, KS(Buhler HS)
21	Kelly Priest	F	6'0"	Jr	Sabetha, KS(Sabetha HS)
22	Maggie Eck	G	5'8"	Fr	Andale, KS(Andale HS)
23	Melissa Eck	G	5'8"	Fr	Andale, KS(Andale HS)
24	Sara Hostetler	G	5'8"	So	Wichita, KS(Maize HS)
25	Shauna Porter	G	5'6"	Jr	Glen Elder, KS(Waconda East HS)
30	Jamie Heiman	F	6'0"	Fr	Baileyville, KS(Baileyville B&B HS)
31	LaTaunia Terry	G	5'7"	Jr	Denver, CO(Alcorn State University)
32	Haley Baldwin	G/F	5'11"	So	McPherson, KS(McPherson HS)
33	Kirsten Barrett	F	5'11"	So	Randall, KS(Jewell HS.)
35	Katie Stoltz	C	6'1"	Fr	Bailey, CO(Platte Canyon HS)
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Head Coach: Tom Mahon (Eastern Montana, 1984)

Assistant Coach: Rose McFarland (St. Mary of the Plains, 1984)

Graduate Assistant: Stephanie Schaffer (Fort Hays State University, 1998)

Team Manager: Jennifer Poore

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By CLASS	By GEOGRAPHY	By POSITION	By EXPERIENCE
Seniors: 0	Kansas 12	Guard 6	Starters
Juniors: 4	Colorado 2	Forward 6	(Returning/Lost): 3/2
Sophomores: 4	Nebraska 1	Center 3	Letterwinners
Freshmen: 7			(Returning/Lost): 8/2

Kelly Priest #21

Sarah Tommer #41

Allison Schrader #20

Missi Eck #23

Katie Stoltz #35

Rose McFarland

Shauna Porter #25

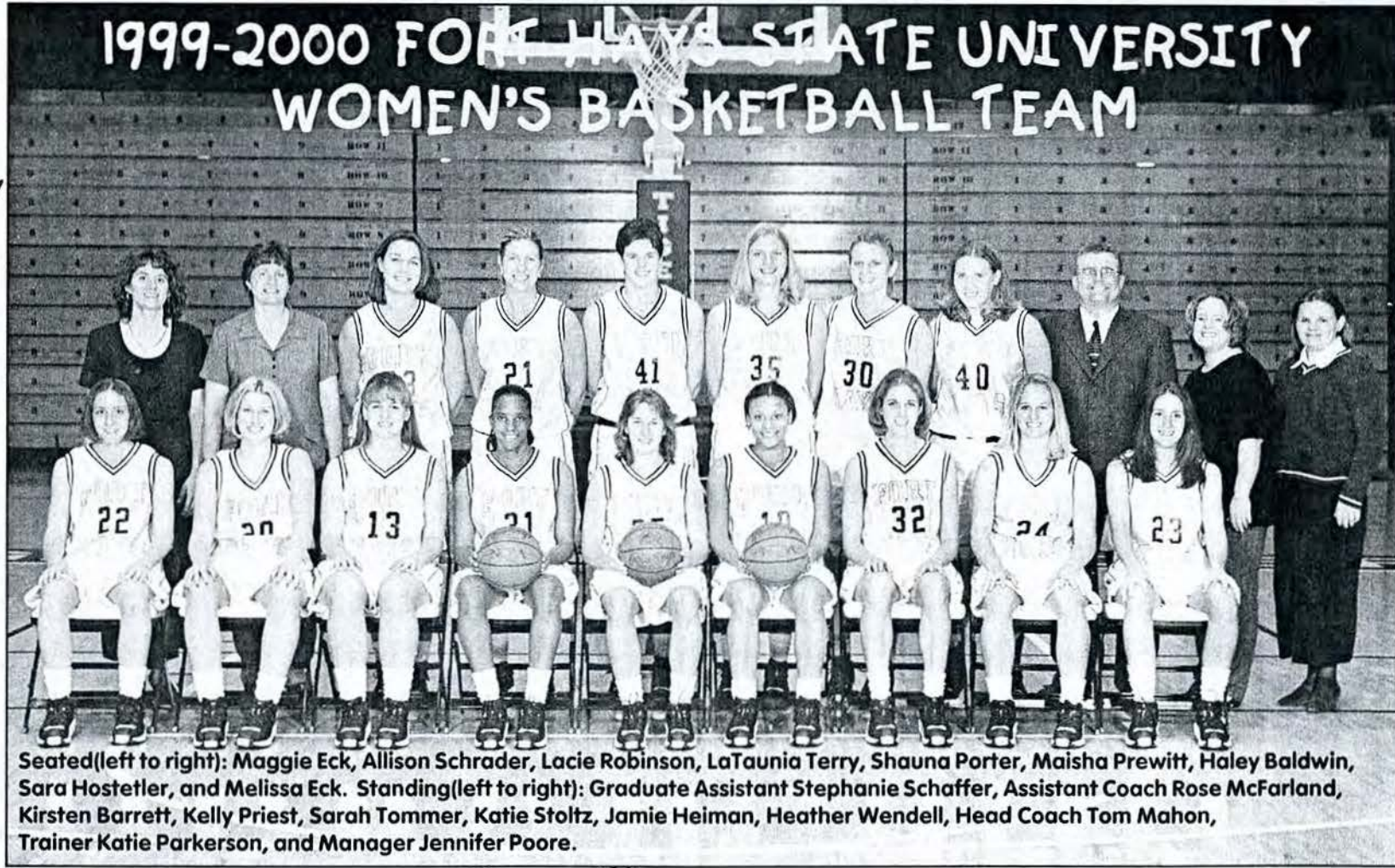
Lacie Robinson #13

Stephanie Schaffer #24

Stephanie Schaffer

Haley Baldwin #32

Jamie Heiman #30



Seated(left to right): Maggie Eck, Allison Schrader, Lacie Robinson, LaTaunia Terry, Shauna Porter, Maisha Prewitt, Haley Baldwin, Sara Hostetler, and Melissa Eck. Standing(left to right): Graduate Assistant Stephanie Schaffer, Assistant Coach Rose McFarland, Kirsten Barrett, Kelly Priest, Sarah Tommer, Katie Stoltz, Jamie Heiman, Heather Wendell, Head Coach Tom Mahon, Trainer Katie Parkerson, and Manager Jennifer Poore.

Maggie Eck #22

Kirsten Barrett #33

LaTaunia Terry #31 Coach Mah

Maisha Prewitt #10

Jenny Poore #39

Heather Wendell #40



FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY 1999-2000 LADY TIGER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

AS OF 7/26/99



DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
Nov.	6	SAT. NATIONAL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE ALL-STARS TBA	
	19	FRI. BETHANY COLLEGE	6:00 p.m.
	23	TUE. WASHBURN UNIVERSITY	6:00 p.m.
	27	SAT. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO	6:00 p.m.
	29	MON. TABOR COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
Dec.	2	Thu. @Emporia State University	7:00 p.m.
	4	Sat. @Pittsburg State University	2:00 p.m.
	10	Fri. @Colorado School of Mines*	7:00 p.m.
	11	Sat. @Metropolitan State*	6:00 p.m.
	19	SUN. CHADRON STATE COLLEGE*	6:00 p.m.
	20	MON. REGIS UNIVERSITY*	6:00 p.m.
Jan.	4	TUE. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-KEARNEY*	6:00 p.m.
	8	Sat. @Colorado Christian University*	7:00 p.m.
	14	Fri. @Adams State College#	7:00 p.m.
	15	Sat. @New Mexico Highlands University#	7:00 p.m.
	21	FRI. WESTERN STATE COLLEGE#	6:00 p.m.
	22	SAT. MESA STATE COLLEGE#	6:00 p.m.
	25	TUE. PANHANDLE STATE	6:00 p.m.
	29	Sat. @Fort Lewis College#	6:00 p.m.
Feb.	4	FRI. UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO-COLORADO SPRINGS#	6:00 p.m.
	5	SAT. UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN COLORADO#	6:00 p.m.
	11	FRI. COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES*	6:00 p.m.
	12	SAT. METROPOLITAN STATE*	6:00 p.m.
	15	Tue. @University of Nebraska-Kearney*	6:00 p.m.
	19	SAT. COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY*	6:00 p.m.
	24	Thu. @Chadron State College*	7:00 p.m.
	26	Sat. @Regis University*	2:00 p.m.
	29	Tue. RMAC First Round Games at Campus Sites	TBA
March	3	Fri. RMAC Tournament at Denver, CO	TBA
	4	Sat. RMAC Tournament at Denver, CO	TBA
	9-12	Thu.-Sun. North Central Regional	TBA
	22-25	Wed.-Sat. Elite 8, Pinebluff, AR	TBA

*Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Games

#Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference West Division Games

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

All Times Central

Terry to attend NCAA Leadership Conference in Florida on May 31

NCAA honors student-athletes

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Fort Hays State University women's basketball team member LaTania Terry, Denver, Colo., sophomore, is one of 300 student-athletes selected to participate in the third annual National Collegiate Athletic Association Foundation Leadership Conference.

FHSU has sent at least one student-athlete representative to the conference each year.

Student-athletes were nominated from NCAA member institutions that participate in the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The conference will be May 31-June 4 at Disney's Wide World of Sports and Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Participating male and female student-athletes will represent all NCAA divisions, 20 different sports and 11 countries.

Terry said she was surprised she was chosen for the conference, but is looking forward to the experience.

"It will give me the opportunity to go to Disney World, plus the experience of interacting with students from all

over," Terry said.

The trip includes all travel and lodging expenses for the representatives, as well as a free pass to the theme park.

One reason Terry said she is especially looking forward to the conference is the keynote speaker, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.



"He's such a powerful speaker, a colorful speaker. His words are right there," Terry said.

Terry's leadership skills can be seen on and off the court, said Carolyn Bird, academic services coordinator and adviser of the FHSU CHAMPS/Life Skills Program.

"On student athlete advisory committee, she is always the first to volunteer. She will always

volunteer to go to the elementary schools and put on programs," Bird said.

On the basketball court, Terry had to be encouraged to take more opportunities to score instead of passing off the ball to another player.

"I think she recognizes that there are other shooters on the team who have a better chance of scoring. I think that takes a leader to do that," Bird said.

A requirement of attending the NCAA conference is that participants must share what they learn at the conference with others in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program and also put those lessons into action with a campus project.

Terry plans to work with FHSU's Drug Alcohol Wellness Network (DAWN). She has vowed not to drink so long as she is a student-athlete, and believes the best way to promote responsible drinking habits is for prominent students, such as athletes, to serve as examples.

FHSU also nominated three other students for the conference: wrestler Corey Alfonsi, Hays senior; men's basketball player Robens Chery, Miami, Fla., junior; and volleyball player Molly McGuire, Hays sophomore.



NORTH GIRLS GIVE NORTH TEAMS A CLEAN SWEEP OF KBCA GAMES

The North girls, who had five players 5 foot 10 or taller, out rebounded the shorter South squad 42-35 and rolled to a 75-58 win. However, it was a pair of guards who led the North's balanced scoring. Buhler's Allison Schrader and McPherson's Candace James each scored 10 points. The South led only once, 3-2 but an 8-0 run by the North quickly built a double digit lead. The South cut the deficit to 20-15 in the second quarter but the North quickly broke the game open with a 14-0 run and took a 47-27 lead at halftime.

The North led by as many as 27 points in the second half but the South finally got its transition game going in the last quarter and sliced the lead to 66-54 midway through the quarter. The North squad agreed that they did not want to get into a running game with the smaller and quicker South squad. They tried to slow it down, set up the offense and capitalize on the height advantage.

Andale's Maggie Eck led the South with 10 points.

Erie's Sindy Wimp and Girard's Amanda Davied each grabbed five rebounds for the South. For the North Bern's Jodi Strathman led all rebounders with eight.

North (75)

Strathman (Bern) 3-6 2-6 8, McGraw (Riley County) 1-5 0-0 2, Schrader (Buhler) 4-9 2-6 10, Kenton (SM South) 3-6 2-2 8, Stewart (Topeka Highland Park) 3-6 2-2 8, Roberts (BV North) 3-8 0-0 6, Heiman (B & B Baileyville) 1-3 1-2 3, Blakely (Washburn Rural) 2-3 1-2 3, James (McPherson) 3-7 4-4 10. Totals: 29-64 13-19 75.

South (58)

Martin (Stanton County) 2-5 0-2 4, Wimp (Erie) 0-2 0-0 0, Stucky (Pretty Prairie) 2-8 2-2 7, Davied (Girard) 1-5 1-2 3, Missi Eck (Andale) 2-3 0-0 4, Rhodes (Colony Crest) 3-7 1-2 7, Peerson (Rose Hill) 3-7 0-0 7, Beiter (Goddard) 2-4 0-2 4, O'Hara (Wichita NW) 2-5 2-2 6, Whitt (Washburn Rural) 1-2 0-0 2, Barkley (Xonway Springs) 2-5 0-0 4, Maggie Eck (Andale) 3-6 3-4 10. Totals: 23-59 9-16 58

3-pointers: South 3-13 (Rhodes 0-1, Peerson 1-3, Maggie Eck 1-1, Wimp 0-2, Stucky 1-4, Davied 0-1, Barkley 0-1). North 4-10 (Schrader 0-1, Roberts 0-2, Strathman 1-1, McGraw 0-2, Wheeler 3-3).



JAMIE HEIMAN
B & B Baileyville High School

★★★ **KBCA Scholarship Winners** ★★★
1999

Mahon signs 5 recruits



Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach Tom Mahon has announced the signing of five new high school seniors for this year's recruiting class.

The new recruits join Buhler's Allison Schrader, who signed with the Tigers during the early signing period in November.

Four of the recruits come from Kansas, beginning with Melissa and Maggie Eck, twin sisters from Andale. Baileyville-B&B's Jamie Heiman and Kansas City-Schlagle's Sarah Tommer will also play for the Tigers.

The fifth recruit is Katie Stoltz, a product of Colorado's Platte Canyon High School.

"We are very fortunate to have all these young ladies join our program," Mahon said. "We have addressed our needs at all five positions. They will bring us depth, athleticism and competitiveness to once again challenge for the (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) championship."

The Ecks and Heiman both led their respective teams to state championships this past season.

The Ecks are sisters of Geoff and Mark Eck, who played for the Fort Hays men's basketball team that went 34-0 to win the NCAA Division II national title in 1996. Another brother, Jarod Eck played his sophomore season for the Tigers this year.

Maggie Eck, a 5-foot-7 guard, was a first-team all-state selection in Class 4A and also received all-Chisolm Trail League honors. She averaged 14.4 points, 3.7 rebounds, 5.1 assists and four steals this season. Melissa Eck, a 5-7 guard, was also an all-state Class 4A and Chisolm Trail League selection. She averaged 18 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.9 steals a game as a senior.

Heiman, a 6-foot forward-center, scored 19 points a game, and averaged nine rebounds, four steals and 1.5 assists per game on B&B's Class 1A state championship team. She was named first-team all-state in Class 1A basketball and volleyball as both a junior and senior. She was also named Class 1A Player of the Year, after guiding the Falcon volleyball team to a second-place finish in Class 1A this fall. Heiman was a first-team All-Twin Valley League selection in both basketball and volleyball the last three years.

Stoltz, a 6-2 center, was a Colorado Class 4A all-state selection this year. She averaged 20.3 points and 16 rebounds per game.

Tommer, a 6-1 center, helped KC-Schlagle to a 17-5 record this season and a 22-1 record as a junior. She earned second-team all-Kansas City League honors this season and received honorable mention as a junior.



Mahon signs five high school players for next season

THE UNIVERSITY LEADER

Fort Hays State University head women's basketball coach Tom Mahon has signed five high school players plus his early signing of Allison Schrader in November, bringing his total recruiting class for next season to six players.

The new signings include four Kansas high school players in Andale: High School twins Melissa Eck and Maggie Eck, Baileyville B&B High School product Jamie Heiman and Sarah Tommer from Kansas City Schlagle High School.

The Ecks and Heiman led their prospective high schools to Kansas State High School Championships.

The fifth recruit is Katie Stoltz who comes to FHSU from Colorado's Platte Canyon High School. Buhler High School's Allison Schrader signed during the early signing period in November.

Maggie, a first team Class 4A All-State and Chisholm Trail

League selection, averaged 14.4 points, 3.7 rebounds, 5.1 assists and four steals per game as a prep senior.

Melissa was also named to the Class 4A All-State and Chisholm Trail League first team. She averaged 18 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.9 steals per game in helping guide AHS to the 4A Kansas State title.

The signing of the twin sisters brings the number of children of Dennis and Chris Eck who will wear a FHSU basketball uniform to five. Brothers Geoff and Mark played on the Tigers 1996, 34-0 NCAA Division II Championship team while another brother, Jarod played his sophomore season at FHSU this past year.

Heiman averaged 19 points, nine rebounds, four steals and 1.5 assists per game in helping guide Baileyville B&B High School to the Kansas State High School Class 1A State Championship title. She earned first team Class 1A All-State

basketball and volleyball honors following her junior and senior seasons. The Class 1A Volleyball Player of the Year helped lead the Falcons to a second place finish at the 1A State Volleyball Tournament.

As a sophomore, junior and senior, she earned first team Twin Valley League basketball and volleyball honors.

Stoltz was first team Colorado Class 4A All-State selection playing for Platte Canyon High School. Her 16 rebounds per game led Class 4A while her 20.3 points per game ranked her second among Class 4A players. An all-league selection, she was chosen to play in the Colorado Coaches Girls Sports All Star Game. She was named the Most Valuable Player for PCHS.

Tommer played her prep basketball at Kansas City Schlagle High School where she helped guide KCSHS to a 17-5 record last season. During her junior year, she helped guide the Stallions to a 22-1 mark.

This past season she earned second team Kansas City Kansas League honors and was an honorable mention selection as a junior.

"We are very fortunate to have all these young ladies join our

program," Mahon said. "We have addressed our needs at all five positions. They will bring us depth, athleticism and competitiveness to once again challenge for the RMAC Championship."

Tiger women's basketball team receives honors

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

For the fourth straight season, the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team was one of the top 25 NCAA Division II academic teams.

Last year's team had a combined 3.437 grade point average to rank seventh in the nation.

Fellow Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference schools Regis University (second), University of Nebraska-Kearney (11th) and Colorado Christian University (12th) were also in the top 25.

Missouri's Rockhurst University was the top team at 3.744.



Head Coach Tom Mahon said the women's practices have been going well so far this season.

"I am extremely pleased with how hard they are working."

The Lady Tigers are a young team this year. With no seniors, the team is comprised of four juniors, four sophomores and seven freshmen.

The players have set five goals for the season which include winning the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) tournament, beating all the teams within the state, going undefeated at home, making the Elite 8 in the NCAA playoffs, improving in every game and playing together.

The players know it will take great leadership to accomplish their goals.

Shauna Porter, Glen Elder junior, who is returning from an All-RMAC Team Selection, will be instrumental in leading the team this season.

"During the summer, I spent a lot of hours in the gym. I worked more on defense, not so much on the ball shooting," Porter said.

That summer regiment is fitting because Porter said that in order to compete for the RMAC title, the 5'6" guard said the team needs one major improvement—defense.

Teams will be focusing on Porter more and more this year as the ladies' biggest scoring threat. Maisha Prewitt, Newton sophomore, realizes Porter will be targeted by other teams as the Lady Tigers' biggest threat.

Prewitt said one of her goals is to take some of the pressure off Porter.

"(I want) to take some pressure off Shauna as a scoring threat and to be a scoring threat myself."

Since the team is full of

youth, Prewitt wants to "be a better leader and a strong voice on the court."

Being a young team does not seem to bother any of the players.

Prewitt said, "This will kind of be our experience year. With a lot of teams losing seniors after this season, next year we will all be coming back."

Mahon expects this year's team to be very energetic and Kelly Priest, Sabetha junior, agreed.

"We will be more up tempo than we have been in the past. We can get out and run this year."

Prewitt added that one of the strengths of this attack will be, "we can wear teams out."

"If we are going to be successful it is a big team thing," Priest said.

Last season, Priest had 10 games in which she had more than 10 points and 10 rebounds. This season, Priest is set on doing anything it takes to win. "I am going to help contribute any way I can. Whatever it takes, I'll do."

This year's coaching staff consists of Rose McFarland, assistant coach and graduate assistant Stephanie Schaeffer.

"They do a tremendous job. They work hard to make us a solid team," Mahon said.

This year's players are: Haley Baldwin, McPherson sophomore; Kirsten Barrett, Randall sophomore; Maggie Eck, Colwich freshman; Melissa Eck, Colwich freshman; Jamie Heiman, Baileyville freshman; Sara Hostetler, Wichita sophomore; Porter; Prewitt; Priest; Lacie Robinson, Phillipsburg freshman; Allison Schrader, Hutchinson freshman; Katie Stoltz, Shawnee, Colo., freshman; LaTaunia Terry, Denver, Colo., junior; Sarah Tommer, Kansas City freshman; and Heather Wendell, Wallace, Neb., sophomore.

Lady Tigers are young guns



Mahon feels they are going to have to find the best team but doing so could change the team from day to day.

"This group has a chance to be a good basketball team," Mann said.

The public can see the 1999-2000 Lady Tiger basketball team in action for the first time on Nov. 6. The team will face the National Women's League Basketball All-Stars, a team consisting of former college players from all over the country.

There is no admission cost. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum.



Injuries hurt Fort Hays women

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Tigers are hurtin' for certain.

The season opener is still two weeks away, and already the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team is minus two players sidelined with injuries.

The Tigers will play Saturday's exhibition game against the National Women's Basketball League All-Stars without sophomore guard Haley Baldwin and freshman center Sarah Tommer. Game time is 7 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum, and admission is free.

Baldwin and Tommer will have a free seat on the Tiger bench for at least the first part of the season, and perhaps longer.

Baldwin has been on crutches for the last month after suffering bone fractures in a foot. The injury never got better, so a pin was to be surgically emplaced today or Saturday.

"She won't be ready for the beginning of the year," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "It's a little unsettling because we don't have her. She's one of the top seven, eight players.

"I feel badly for Haley. But the first thing, we want to get her healed properly."

Mahon counted on the 5-foot-11 Baldwin to rotate at three positions for the Tigers, who finished last year at 14-13. Baldwin could fit in at point guard, shooting guard or small forward.

But not for awhile now.

The 6-1 Tommer was counted on to supply depth in the middle. But she could now red-shirt this year after it was discovered she had stress fractures in both legs.

Tommer is expected to miss up to two months.

"It might be good for her to red-shirt, to get stronger, to learn our system," Mahon said.

Another freshman is catching on fast to the Tiger way of doing things, and could see a lot of minutes this season.

Jamie Heiman, 6-0 forward, has caught Mahon's eye.

"Heiman is doing a great job," Mahon said. "She'll probably play a little more (small forward) than we thought."

Despite Baldwin's injury, Mahon is still having thoughts of giving last year's point guard, junior Maisha

Prewitt, see playing time at small forward.

"Maisha can play (point guard, shooting guard, small forward), depending on the lineup," Mahon said. "I think we'll be a transition team. There will be situations where she will get out on the break, others will handle the ball."

Mahon will want the ball in Shauna Porter's hands as much as possible.

The Tigers' junior shooting guard led Fort Hays in scoring the last two seasons, averaging 18 points per game last year.

The scary thing is, she's even better this year, Mahon said.

"The thing with Shauna, she's a good basketball player, and she's getting better defensively," Mahon said. "Shauna Porter's a great player, but she's getting better."

Mahon said the exhibition game will give him a chance to see his team perform outside of a practice environment.

"It's an exhibition game, everybody gets to play," Mahon said. "It helps us determine who the gamers are, who the practice players are."

Fort Hays opens the regular season Nov. 19 with a home game against Bethany College.





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For Immediate Release

Mesa State, Nebraska-Kearney Top Coaches Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. -

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference women's basketball coaches believe that the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Mesa State College will begin the 1999-2000 season where they left off last year.

Both teams sit atop their respective divisions after impressive performances a year ago.

Nebraska-Kearney finished the season 26-4 (17-2 RMAC) and was untested in the Mile High Shootout with three straight double-digit victories.

Mesa State wrapped up its campaign with a 22-6 record (15-4 RMAC) before falling to Regis in the semifinals of the Shootout.

Both teams have lost quite a bit of last season's production, however, and their spot atop the division isn't very secure.

"There may be more parity in the RMAC this year than there has ever been," UNK head coach Amy Stephens said.

The Lopers return just one starter from last year's squad in se-

1999-2000 RMAC Preseason Coaches Poll			
East Division		West Division	
1. Nebraska-Kearney	17	1. Mesa State	14
2. Fort Hays State	28	2. NM Highlands	26
3. Metro State	40	3. CU-Colorado Springs	40
4. Regis	47	4. Western State	57
5. Chadron State	54	5. Fort Lewis	61
6. Colorado Christian	70	6. Southern Colorado	64
7. Colorado Mines	83	7. Adams State	81

nior guard Jodi Dubs. Dubs averaged just 4.6 points per contest a year ago, but led UNK in scoring each of its final three games—including a 19-point performance against Minnesota-Duluth in a heartbreaking 66-65 overtime loss in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Stephens said being voted to win the conference despite losing four starters is a tribute to her players. "It says a lot for the kids we have returning that there is that much respect throughout the conference."

"We feel like we can compete at a very high level in the conference and defend our title."
-Amy Stephens, UNK

Becky Schroeder (6.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg) returns, along with a handful of role players from last year's Mile High Champion squad.

With nine guards, obviously UNK will rely heavily upon its outside game this season.

Mesa State, much like the Lopers, lost some key members of last year's team.

Gone are Mandy Miller, Lisa Sprod and Jaime White—a trio that combined for over 37 points, 17

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rebounds and nearly 10 assists per game.

Susan Luecke, a 6-1 senior center out of Onalaska, Wis., will be the leader this season. Luecke averaged 9.6 points and 7.0 rebounds a year ago.

Luecke is joined by **Kelli O'Dwyer** as the only returning starters from last year's team.

O'Dwyer started all 28 games for the Mavericks last season and averaged 7.8 points and 5.3 boards per contest.

The key to success this year for MSC is clearly Luecke and O'Dwyer.

Several role players return--including **Leah Talkington** (5-6 sophomore guard), who should contribute more this season. Last year, she scored 4.6 points and grabbed nearly two rebounds per game.

Unlike Kearney and Mesa State, Fort Hays State (14-13, 12-7 RMAC) has its top player back this season, and a supporting cast that could lead the Tigers all the way to an RMAC crown.

FHSU was predicted by league coaches to finish second in the East--and received five votes to win the Shootout.

Hays will again be led by junior guard **Shauna Porter** this season. Porter, a First-Team All-RMAC selection last year, averaged 18 points and 3.6 rebounds as a sophomore.

Porter also dished off 102 assists and shot a stellar 85.1 percent from the charity stripe. Her 41 steals were second most on the team, and her 18 ppg was fourth in the RMAC.

She will be joined by juniors **Kelly Priest** and **Maisha Prewitt**,

who together accounted for 18.5 points, 10.8 boards and 52 starts last season.

A handful of other players return, which should give Fort Hays a solid nucleus in 1999.

Mesa State's toughest competition in the West may be New Mexico Highlands University (14-13, 11-8 RMAC).

The Cowgirls managed to earn a spot in the Mile High Shootout last year, despite being one of the youngest teams in the league. This season, that should pay off as sophomore **Becky Gonzales** and company set their sights on a West Division title.

Gonzales--last year's RMAC Freshman of the Year--shot 51.7 percent from the field and scored 19.6 points per game. She also pulled down 7.1 rebounds.

Angelica Trujillo and **Patricia Vigil** return to lead NMHU at guard. The two combined for nearly 30 points per game a year ago--and dished out a combined 198 assists.

Most of last year's team returns this season, as the Cowgirls hope to take over the West.

Also jockeying for position in the West are CU-Colorado Springs (11-12, 8-11 RMAC) and Western State College (7-16, 7-12 RMAC).

The Mountain Lions finished strong last season--winning seven of their last 10 games, including wins over Fort Hays and Nebraska-Kearney.

Though they have lost **Stephanie Frisch**, expect UCCS to pose more of a threat this season.

2000 Mile High Shootout Coaches Predictions

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| 1. Nebraska-Kearney (6) | 42 |
| 2. Fort Hays State (5) | 35 |
| 3. Mesa State (1) | 28 |
| 4. Metro State (1) | 17 |

(First place votes in parenthesis)

Also receiving votes: Regis (13), Chadron State (8), New Mexico Highlands (5), Colorado Christian (4), CU-Colorado Springs (2).

(Four points are awarded for "Champion" vote, three for "Runner-Up" vote, and two for a "Semi-Finalist" vote.)

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1998-99 RMAC Final Standings

East Division				Conference				Overall			
School				W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	
*Nebraska-Kearney				17	2	.895		26	4	.867	
*The Met				13	6	.684		19	9	.679	
*Regis				13	6	.684		19	10	.655	
*Fort Hays State				12	7	.632		14	13	.519	
*Chadron State				11	8	.579		11	16	.423	
*Colorado Christian				8	11	.421		13	14	.481	
Colorado Mines				4	15	.211		7	19	.269	

West Division				Conference				Overall			
School				W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	
*Mesa State				15	4	.789		22	6	.808	
*N.M. Highlands				11	8	.579		14	13	.519	
CU-Colorado Springs				8	11	.421		11	12	.478	
Western State				7	12	.368		7	16	.304	
Fort Lewis				6	13	.316		8	18	.308	
Southern Colorado				5	14	.263		6	20	.231	
Adams State				3	16	.158		5	20	.200	

* - RMAC Mile High Tournament Participant

S - NCAA Tournament Participant

- Mile High Shootout Champion

Western State lost just one player from last year's squad that finished fourth in the West.

Sharee Youngstrom averaged 10.3 points per contest last season, and will again lead the Mountaineers. She is one of seven seniors on the team.

Experience will not be an issue for WSC this season, but the team will need to establish a go-to "star" in order to claim the division.

Fort Lewis, Southern Colorado and Adams State will all be fighting for a spot in the eight-team Mile High Shootout.

After UNK and FHSU in the East, Metro State and Regis will be the two biggest threats.

Metro (19-9, 13-6 RMAC)

returns two starters--including First Team East Division guard **Stephanie Allen**, who averaged 14.4 points and **Sarah Coleman** (13.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg).

Allen led the team with 93 assists, and Coleman was third with 48 steals.

Regis (19-10, 13-6 RMAC) advanced to the finals of the Mile High Shootout last year, before falling to UNK 71-48.

The Rangers have added what could be considered the best recruiting class in school history to a solid nucleus of returning players.

Katie Beamon shot 54.5 percent from the field last year and led the team with 5.7 boards per game. She scored 9.5 points per contest.

Meshach Rhoades added 8.6 points and 3.2 rebounds per game and led the team with 170 assists.

Chadron State, Colorado Christian and Colorado School of Mines will join FLC, USC and ASC in their search for an elusive spot in the conference tournament.

Regardless of who makes the tournament, one thing is certain--it will be one of the most exciting yet.

"There may be more parody in the RMAC this year than there has ever been."

-Amy Stephens, UNK

Fort Hays women win, 75-73

By MARK MISCH
HAYS DAILY NEWS

A win is a win is a win. Sometimes it isn't pretty, but it all counts the same in the win column.

That was true for the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team Saturday night. The Tigers slipped past the National Women's Basketball League All-Stars 75-73 at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The WNBL team was comprised mostly of former NCAA Division I players from Kansas and Missouri.

"It was an important game to win for us," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "The All-Star team was made up of many very good veterans. Our team is very young with no seniors and it is good to start the season on a positive note."

"We have two weeks now to prepare for the regular season and there is plenty to work on. It was good that all 13 of our players saw action in the game and now we just have to see what different combinations of players will work best in different situations."

Fort Hays led 39-29 at halftime. The veteran WNBL players fought back and tied the game at 70-70 with 2:04 remaining.

The All-Stars took a 73-71 lead, but with 20 seconds on the clock freshman Melissa Eck knocked down a 3-pointer to put the Tigers up for good at 74-73.

• Fort Hays 75, National All-Stars 73 •

National All-Stars

De Priest 2-10 2-2 6, Tate 6-10 2-3 14, Page 2-6 2-4 6, O'Neal 3-13 1-7 9, Shareef 10-21 6-9 26, Rodgers 0-7 2-4 2, Martin 5-6 0-0 10. Totals — 28-73 16-26 73.

Fort Hays

Priest 2-4 1-2 5, Heiman 4-11 0-2 9, Wendell 2-9 1-2 5, Prewitt 1-7 0-0 3, Porter 5-14 7-8 19, Melissa Eck 2-3 0-0 6, Maggie Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, Barrett 3-7 3-4 10, Terry 3-4 1-2 10, Stoltz 4-9 0-0 8, Hostetler 0-0 0-0 0, Schrader 0-3 0-0 0. Totals — 26-71 13-20 75.

National All-Stars 29 44 — 73

Fort Hays 39 36 — 75

3-point goals — All-Stars 1-13 (O'Neal 1-7); Fort Hays 10-21 (Heiman 2-5, Prewitt 1-4, Porter 2-5, Melissa Eck 2-3, Terry 3-3). Total fouls — All-Stars 16, Fort Hays 18. Fouled out — All-Stars, Martin. Technical fouls — None.

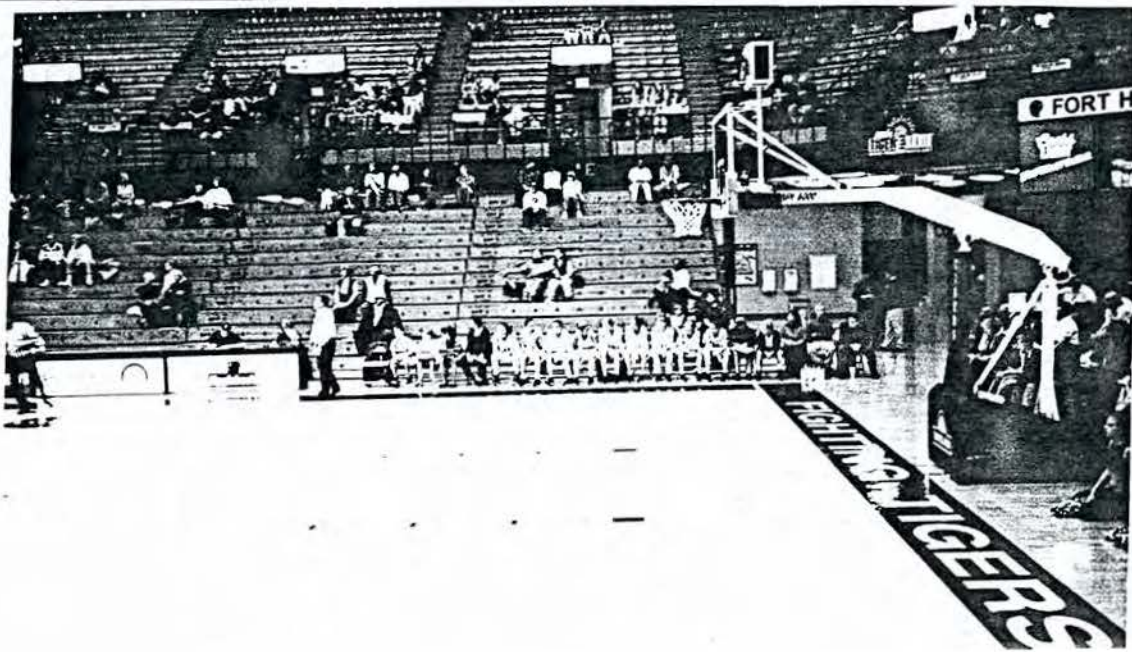
Rebounds — All-Stars 56 (Shareef 15), Fort Hays 43 (Heiman 9). Assists — All-Stars 14 (Shareef 5); Fort Hays 20 (Prewitt 5, Porter 5). Steals — All-Stars 11 (5 with 2); Fort Hays 13 (Porter 4). Blocked shots — All-Stars 5 (Tate 2, Page 2); Fort Hays 1 (Wendell). Turnovers — All-Stars 26, Fort Hays 21. Officials — Gary Tranbarger, Bill Seidl, Ricky Tutak.

Junior Shauna Porter added a free throw for the final margin.

Porter led the Tigers with 19 points, followed by freshman Jamie Heiman and junior LaTaunia Terry with 10 each. Fort Hays shot almost 50 from behind the 3-point stripe, hitting 10-of-21. Heiman led the way in rebounds with nine.

Forward Danielle Shareef had a game-high 26 points and 15 rebounds for the All-Stars.

Fort Hays will open the season Nov. 19 with a home game against Bethany College.





Fort Hays junior guard LaTaunia Terry, top, battles National All-Star forward Danielle Shareef for a loose ball in Saturday night's exhibition game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

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Fort Hays women in season opener

By RANDY GONZALES

HAYS DAILY NEWS

Don't blink, or you might miss another steal or basket by the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team.

Tom Mahon, beginning his seventh year as the Tigers' coach, is turning his players loose this season.

That's because Mahon thinks he has the talent to give teams fits in the open court.

The Tigers' new look debuts Friday in Fort Hays' season opener against Bethany College. Game time is 6 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"It's time to play, see where we're at," Mahon said. "I think we're a more athletic team this year. The post players can run the floor more. I really think Jamie (Heiman) and Maisha (Prewitt) at the 3 spot (small forward) really give us athleticism."

Prewitt, a 5-foot-7 junior, will get the start at point guard but will also

Probable starters

BETHANY (3-2)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (0-0)
Smith (5-8, Sr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Morgan (5-8, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Greving (6-0, Jr.)	C	(So., 5-11) Barrett
Scardina (5-6, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Rogge (5-6, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads 12-2.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 80-71 (Nov. 22, 1997).

Broadcast — 5:45 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

see action up front. Heiman, a 6-0 freshman from Baileyville-B&B High School, will start at small forward.

Heiman averaged 18.5 points and 8.5 rebounds to help lead B&B to a 27-1 record and the Class 1A state title last season.

"Jamie does a nice job," Mahon said. "She can play inside or outside. She's going to go through being a freshman. But Jamie is so intelligent, that transition from high school to college is going to be easier."

Having three returning starters from last year's 14-13 team will help ease the load.

Kelly Priest, a 6-0 junior forward, will start after averaging 9.3 points and 7.1 rebounds as a sophomore.

Prewitt, in her first full season as a starter last year, averaged 9.2 points and 5.4 assists for the Tigers in 1998-99.

But the player Fort Hays opponents will be keying on is 5-5 junior guard Shauna Porter. Porter has led the Tigers in scoring in each of her two seasons, including 18 points a night last year. Porter needs 22 points in Friday's opener to crack Fort Hays' top-10 list in career scoring.

When Fort Hays doesn't get the fast break, Mahon will have the Tigers running the triangle offense from two years ago. Last year, Fort Hays ran a motion offense.

But Mahon also knows teams could try to gang up on Porter.

"It's going to be interesting to see if we see junk defenses," Mahon said. "If teams try to take (Porter) out of the game, we have other play-

ers who can score."

One of the those other options won't be available for the opener. Haley Baldwin, a 5-11 sophomore who can play either guard or forward, will be out for the early part of the season with a leg injury.

Also out Friday with leg injuries will be freshman center Sarah Tommer. Tommer could red-shirt this season due to the injuries, Mahon said.

Kirsten Barrett, a 5-11 sophomore who saw action in all 27 games as a freshman last year, will start in the middle. Barrett, who started three games last year, averaged 5.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Also expected to help out in the middle will be 5-11 sophomore Heather Wendell and 6-1 freshman Katie Stoltz.

FHSU: Eck sisters provide guard depth

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Lacie Robinson, a 5-10 freshman from Agra-Eastern Heights, could help out at forward, as could 5-10 freshman Allison Schrader.

Providing depth in the backcourt are 5-7 junior LaTania Terry and 5-8 sophomore Sara Hostetler.

Also at guard are the Eck sisters. Maggie Eck and Melissa Eck, who are both 5-8 freshmen, helped Andale High School take the Class 4A state title last year. Melissa Eck averaged 18.1 points as a senior and twin sister Maggie Eck averaged 14.4 points.

Good team chemistry will be important to the Tigers' success.

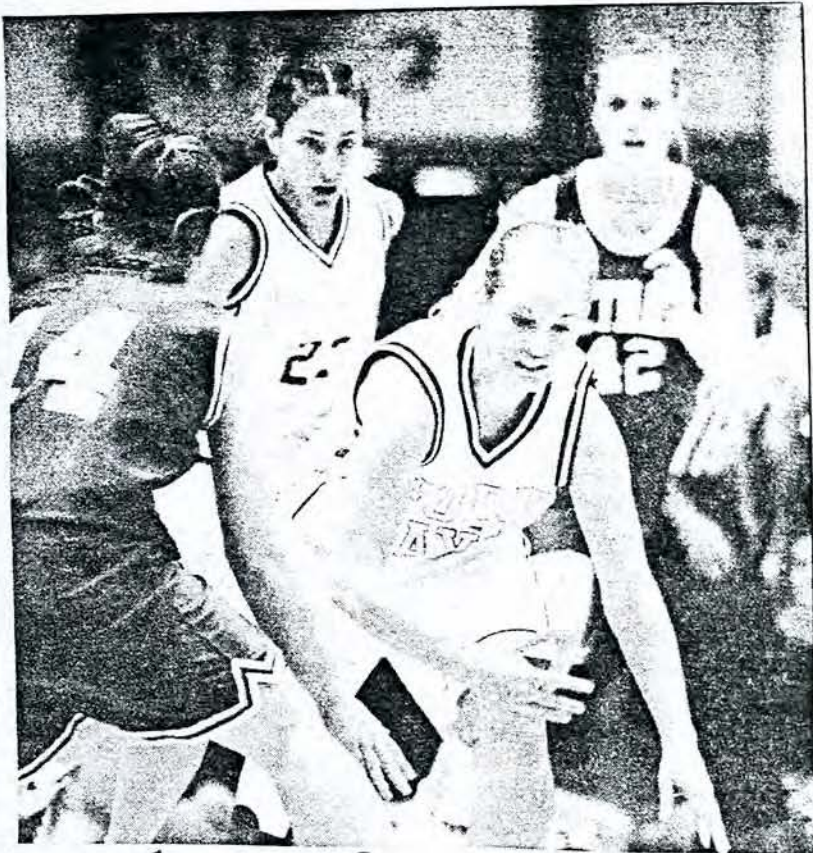
"The key I think will be everybody understanding their role," Mahon said.

Bethany (3-2) comes to town after a 66-58 loss at Benedictine College on Tuesday. The Swedes are led by 5-8 senior forward Lindsey Morgan, who was averaging 16.8 points per game going into Tuesday's action.

Bethany is coached by former Fort Hays standout Annette Wiles, the school's all-time leading scorer. If Porter continues her current pace, she will finish her Fort Hays career second on the scoring charts, trailing only Wiles.

Fort Hays is picked to finish second in the East Division of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, behind University of Nebraska-Kearney. The Lopers are also favored by the RMAC coaches to win the conference's post-season tourney.





Fort Hays beats former star's team

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

The past, present and future of Fort Hays State University women's basketball met on Friday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum when the Tigers hosted Bethany College in their season opener.

Bethany coach Annette Wiles, Fort Hays' leading scorer and rebounder in school history, brought her team into GMC for a meeting with standout Tiger junior Shauna Porter and a crop of promising freshmen for Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon.

And it was Fort Hays' present and future that walked away with the win. The Tigers overcame a strong performance by the Swedes in the first half before pulling away to an 84-69 victory in Fort Hays' season opener.

Mahon said he knew Wiles' squad would be ready to play.

"I know that Annette Wiles was going to bring her team into this building that she had a great career in and her team was going to come in and play hard," Mahon said. "And her team just played harder than us in the first half. They beat us to every loose ball and they outrebounded us by 12 or 13 rebounds. Give all the credit to them."

"They just wanted the game more in the first half and they played 20 good minutes. And I talked to Annette after the game and she said she wished they could play 40 minutes like that. They played their tails off and give them all the credit."

• Fort Hays 84, Bethany 69 •

BETHANY COLLEGE (3-3)

Roskens 1-3 2-2 4, Jodi Strathman 7-16 2-4 17, Lindsay Morgan 6-19 4-6 16, Smith 0-4 3-4 3, Rogge 1-3 0-0 2, Heese 3-6 0-1 6, Terrell 0-4 2-2 2, Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Greving 1-7 1-2 3, Holm 2-3 0-0 4, Amy Scardina 3-7 2-2 10, Meyer 0-1 0-0 0, Fiene 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals** — 25-74 16-23 69.

FORT HAYS (1-0)

Kelly Priest 5-11 1-2 11, Jamie Heiman 5-8 2-3 13, Kirsten Barrett 4-5 3-3 11, Shauna Porter 6-17 5-6 18, Prewitt 4-10 0-0 9, Wendell 3-8 0-0 6, Terry 2-6 4-4 9, Ma. Eck 0-1 0-0 0, Me. Eck 1-4 0-0 3, Stoltz 1-1 2-2 4, Schrader 0-0 0-2 0, Hostetler 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** — 31-71 17-22 84.

Bethany 39 30 — 69
Fort Hays 43 41 — 84

3-point goals — Bethany 3-10 (Strathman 1-2, Morgan 0-2, Heese 0-2, Scardina 2-3, Meyer 0-1); Fort Hays 5-15 (Heiman 1-1, Porter 1-7, Prewitt 1-2, Terry 1-3, Me. Eck 1-2). **Total fouls** — Bethany 17, Fort Hays 15. **Fouled out** — Bethany, Greving. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Bethany 55 (Strathman 17, Smith 7); Fort Hays 39 (Heiman 9, Priest 8). **Assists** — Bethany 8 (Rogge 2); Fort Hays 15 (Porter, Terry 3). **Steals** — Bethany 11 (Terrell 3); Fort Hays 14 (Priest 4). **Blocked shots** — Bethany 4 (four with 1); Fort Hays 4 (Priest 2). **Turnovers** — Bethany 28, Fort Hays 21. **Officials** — Jeff Stromgren, Daran Frevert, David Stoppel. A — 725.

"I'm not faulting our kids. I don't think they understood how hard (Bethany was) going to play. And I got after them a little bit at halftime and obviously it helped a little bit because I thought we came out and played harder in the second half."

Wiles, who leads the Tigers' record books with 2,407 career points and 961 rebounds, said she didn't get a complete team effort, which allowed the Tigers to pull away in the final 20 minutes.

"We came out and I thought we did a good job of pressuring them and pressing," Wiles said. "I thought we did a really good job. It was just unfortunate that our upperclassmen right now are just not coming to play."

They're depending on our freshmen so much right now to carry this team. And that's just an impossible thing to ask."

The two teams traded leads in the first half before the Tigers were able to pull away with a 9-4 run to help Fort Hays take a 43-39 lead at intermission.

The Tigers started to pull away to start the second half. Junior Kelly Priest gave Fort Hays a 47-40 lead early in the second half on a putback with 18:55 left.

Bethany (3-3) got as close as 51-48 at the 14:47 mark on a free throw by freshman forward Jodi Strathman. But the Tigers would have nothing to do with a comeback.

Fort Hays went on a 16-2 run over the next 4:49 to increase the lead to 67-50 with 9:58 left in the game. Porter was on fire in the run, scoring all 10 of her second-half points to help the Tigers pull away.

Porter scored a game-high 18 points for Fort Hays. She needs only four points in the Tigers' home game Tuesday against Washburn University to crack the top-10 in the school's career scoring charts.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman added 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds in her first collegiate game, while Priest and sophomore center Kirsten Barrett each contributed 11 points.

Strathman led the Swedes with a double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 17 rebounds.

Fort Hays will host Washburn Tuesday at 6 p.m. at GMC.

FHSU women hope win helps against Washburn

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Winning can always help build momentum for a team's next game.

Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach Tom Mahon hopes that's the case.

After the Tigers disposed of Bethany College 84-69 Friday night, Mahon hopes for more of the same against Washburn University on Tuesday. Tipoff is 6 p.m. at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Washburn (1-2) is one of only three teams on the Tigers' schedule this year that holds an advantage in the overall series. Washburn holds a 28-26 lead in the series. Emporia State University and Metropolitan State College of Denver are the other two teams that have winning records against the Tigers.

Mahon said he hopes the win against the Swedes on Friday gives his team a boost against the Lady Blues.

"Winning will always do that," Mahon said. "I told them to be happy with the win. It's always enjoyable to win. But I told them let's try to be a better basketball team and work on the things that we didn't do well.... And if we can correct some little things like boxing out on defense, I think we can compete with people."

Fort Hays struggled in the first half against Bethany before pulling away.

Probable starters

Washburn (1-2)	Pos.	Fort Hays (1-0)
Butcher (6-0, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Rausch (6-0, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Crooks (6-1, Sr.)	C	(So., 5-11) Barrett
Hoelting (5-6, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Hurt (5-6, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Washburn leads, 28-26.

Last meeting — Washburn won, 69-52 (Nov. 28, 1998).

Broadcast — 5:45 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

And Mahon said the Tigers (1-0) need to play better defense for the entire game against Washburn.

"We have to do a better job of not trying to gamble so much but just guard the basketball," Mahon said. "We just have to play position team defense and keep our feet in front of them. That way we don't put so much pressure on the others kids to always step in and help."

"And if we do that and do a better job of guarding the ball, then good things will happen. But if we don't guard the ball and they penetrate and we get in foul trouble then we put them at the foul line. And I don't want to get beat at the foul line."

Fort Hays features junior guard Shauna Porter, who only needs four points to crack the schools' top 10 all-time scorers list. Porter scored 18 points in the win over Bethany.

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WOMEN: Freshman scores 13 in opener

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Freshman Jamie Heiman was one of three other Tigers to hit double digits in the season opening win. Heiman added 13 points and junior forward Kelly Priest and sophomore center Kirsten Barrett each added 11.

Mahon said he hopes the Tigers' halfcourt offense will have a better result than it did in their game against the Swedes.

"We were good in transition but our halfcourt offense was terrible," Mahon said. "We have a tendency to hold the ball and hope people get open. And we'll show it to them on film and work on those things to get a little more movement."

Washburn is led by junior forward Jennifer Butcher. Butcher is averaging 13.3 points a contest and has averaged a team-high 7.3 rebounds in the Lady Blues first three games.

Junior forward Jodi Rausch is second in scoring with a 9.3 average.

Mahon said he thinks the Tigers need to get off to a quicker start than they did in the opener.

"I'm excited about this group," he said. "I think they learned some things about themselves. They understand that they just can't show up. So if they do that, I think we have a chance to be a good basketball team."

"And the nice thing is we have Washburn at our place and we have to protect our own floor. And we have to be able to play for longer periods of time."

Mahon said the key to making a trip to the postseason relies on being able to get past perennial powers in the early part of the season.

"We have Washburn then Northern Colorado Saturday and those two teams are perennially teams that get to the NCAA playoffs," Mahon said.





Washburn shoots past FHSU women, 78-64

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Coach Tom Mahon summed it all up in one word, and repeated it for emphasis.

"Hot, hot, HOT," Mahon said after his Fort Hays State University women's basketball team lost 78-64 to Washburn University.

The Lady Blues sizzled from the field to hand the Tigers their first loss of the season Tuesday night in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Washburn (2-2) shot 50 percent from the floor, while Fort Hays (1-1) made 38 percent of its shots. The Tigers couldn't seem to buy a basket, especially in the first half, when they managed to hit just 29 percent of their shots and trailed at intermission 42-27.

That lead was too much to overcome; the Tigers played the Lady Blues close in the second half but couldn't cut the deficit into single digits.

"Give Washburn credit, they shot the ball well," Mahon said. "We didn't have an answer. We got down too far, early."

"I think we had some shots we normally make, inside — we just didn't get the ball in the bucket."

Fort Hays tried to rally in the second half. After Washburn led by as many as 18 points, Fort Hays got within 11 at 62-51 on a 3-pointer by junior forward Kelly Priest with 6:52 left in the game.

Priest then came up with a steal on Washburn's next possession and Mahon called a time out to set up a play to get the Tigers a good shot.

Junior guard Shauna Porter got open on a screen on the inbounds play, but missed a wide open layup that would have cut the lead into single digits.

"We had exactly what we wanted," Mahon said. "We'll learn from that. I'd rather be good in March than November."

The Tigers struggled with their offense for most of the game. As a result, Mahon is toying with the idea of moving junior Maisha Prewitt back to point guard full time.

"We might put Mai back at point," Mahon said. "She seems to be our most confident ball handler."

Porter, the Tigers' leading scorer in

• Washburn 78, Fort Hays 64 •

WASHBURN (2-2)
Rausch 5-9 4-4 14 Butcher 4-12 4-9 14 Crosby 6-10 3-3 15 Hurt 2-5 0-0 4 Hoelting 2-7 6-9 10 Chapman 1-3 0-0 3 Williams 3-4 0-0 8 McGraw 0-1 0-0 0 Crooks 5-6 0-0 10 Antholz 0-0 0-0 0 Younk 0-0 0-0 0 **Totals** — 28-56 17-25 78
FORT HAYS (1-1)
Priest 7-15 3-5 17 Heiman 2-6 2-4 6 Barrett 1-4 0-0 2 Porter 3-10 6-6 12 Prewitt 2-7 1-2 5 Terry 4-7 0-0 11 Wendell 1-2 1-2 3 Stoltz 2-6 0-0 4 Schrader 0-1 3-4 3 Hostetter 0-0 0-0 0 Ma Eck 0-0 0-0 0 Me Eck 0-0 0-0 0 **Totals** — 22-58 13-18 64
Washburn 42 36 — 78
Fort Hays 27 37 — 64
3-point goals — Washburn 5-15 (Butcher 2-5, Williams 2-3, Chapman 1-2, Hoelting 0-3, Rausch 0-1, Hurt 0-1), Fort Hays 7-17 (Priest 3-5, Terry 3-4, Prewitt 1-2, Porter 0-3, Heiman 0-2, Schrader 0-1) **Total fouls** — Washburn 18, Fort Hays 22. **Fouled out** — None.
Technical fouls — None.
Rebounds — Washburn 35 (Butcher 13), Fort Hays 37 (Priest 9). **Assists** — Washburn 18 (Rausch 5, Butcher 5, Hoelting 5), Fort Hays 17 (Prewitt 6). **Steals** — Washburn 11 (Butcher 4), Fort Hays 10 (Terry 3). **Blocked shots** — Washburn 3 (Rausch 3), Fort Hays 2 (Heiman 2). **Turnovers** — Washburn 16, Fort Hays 22. **Officials** — Marv Loucks, Meredith Grusin, Donald Kluever. **A** — 250.

her first two years at Fort Hays, was held to 12 points on 3-of-10 shooting.

"They did a nice job playing her," Mahon said of Washburn's defense on Porter. "Early in the game she wasn't herself; she was hurting a little bit."

Priest picked up some of the scoring slack, netting a game-high 17 points, with nine rebounds. Junior guard LaTunia Terry added 11 points off the bench.

Washburn had four players score in double figures, with senior Kristen Crosby leading the way with 15 points. Juniors Jodi Rausch and Jennifer Butcher added 14 points apiece, with Butcher grabbing a game-high 13 rebounds. Senior Andrea Crooks scored 10 points off the bench.

Washburn went on a 10-0 run in the middle part of the first half to extend a three-point lead to 35-22. Freshman Morgan Williams came off the bench in that spurt to score all eight of her points for the Lady Blues. Williams nailed a couple of 3-pointers in that span, including a 25-pointer at the shot-clock buzzer.

Fort Hays will host University of Northern Colorado Saturday at 6 p.m. in GMC.







Tigers return to action

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Fort Hays State University men's and women's basketball teams return to action Saturday night after a short Thanksgiving break.

The Fort Hays women host University of Northern Colorado at 6 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum. The Tiger men entertain Newman University at 8 p.m. in GMC.

The Fort Hays men (2-0) are coming off an 80-54 win over Tabor College Tuesday night, while the Tiger women (1-1) suffered their first loss the same night, 78-64 to Washburn University.

Newman (5-2) has three players scoring in double figures. Senior forward Darryl Fox leads in both scoring (19.6) and rebounding (9.4).

The Jets will face another balanced attack, with four Tigers scoring in double figures.

Willie Davis is averaging 18.5 points per game off the bench to lead Fort Hays. The junior guard scored 29 in the Tigers' 102-69 victory over Bethany College in the season opener.

Senior point guard Rodney Malloy is averaging 16 points per game, and a team-high five assists.

Senior guard Joel Butler is averaging 13.5 points and senior forward Tony Thomas is scoring 12.5 points and pulling down a team-high 7.5 rebounds per game.

The Tigers' top seven scorers are all newcomers.

The Fort Hays women's top scorer suffered through an off night, but still reached a career milestone in the Tigers' loss to Washburn.

Junior guard Shauna Porter, who

Probable starters

Men		
NEWMAN (5-2)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (2-0)
Charles (6-2, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 6-5) Kemper
Fox (6-4, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 6-7) Thomas
Rapp (6-4, Jr.)	C	(Sr., 6-6) Jackson
Dohm (6-1, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 6-5) Butler
Rooney (5-10, Jr.)	G	(Sr., 6-4) Malloy
Tipoff — 8 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).		
Series — Fort Hays leads, 25-8.		
Last meeting in Hays — Fort Hays won, 83-80, OT (Feb. 23, 1987).		
Broadcast — 7:45 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).		

Women		
N. COLO. (0-1)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (1-1)
Logan (5-9, So.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Helms
Held (5-8, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Fadenrecht (6-1, Fr.)	C	(So., 5-11) Barrett
Ketterer (5-5, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Bentson (5-7, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).		
Series — series tied, 1-1.		
Last meeting in Hays — Northern Colorado won, 81-72 (Nov. 20, 1998).		
Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).		

leads Fort Hays with 15 points and four assist per game, was held to 12 points against the Lady Blues. But Porter was still able to crack the school's top-10 career scoring list.

Porter now has 894 career points, passing Melissa Nulty (1993-97) for 10th on the school's all-time chart.

Junior forward Kelly Preist, who is second in scoring at 14 points per game and first in rebounding with 8.5 per night, tied her career high with 17 points against Washburn. Priest also made three 3-pointers, also a career best.

Junior guard LaTaunia Terry also tied her career high with 11 points off the bench against Washburn.

Northern Colorado (0-1) is led by sophomore forward Jessica Logan, who scored 10 points in the Bears' season opener.





Slow start dooms FHSU women

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Getting off to a slow start is tough to overcome.

That's what the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team found out Saturday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The Tigers suffered from missed free throws and turnovers in the first half before mounting a second-half comeback that would come up just short.

That slow start eventually led to a 71-61 loss to University of Northern Colorado.

"We're just not playing like we can against the good teams right now," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "We just dug ourselves too big of a hole at the start."

Northern Colorado (1-1) went on an early 6-0 run to move out to a 9-4 lead. Fort Hays battled back and after baskets by junior guards Shauna Porter and LaTaunia Terry, and the Tigers forced a 9-9 tie with 16:03 left in the half.

Northern Colorado moved out to a 11-point advantage at the 8:28 mark. Eight points by senior guard Jessica Logan in a 15-4 run propelled the Bears to a 24-13 lead.

Fort Hays junior forward Kelly Priest stopped the run with a basket at the 8:16 mark and a layup by Porter

• Northern Colorado 71, Fort Hays 61 •

NORTHERN COLORADO (1-1)
Fadenrecht 3-9 0-3 6, Jessica Logan 6-14 3-3 15, Clark 2-8 2-2 6, Kara Ketterer 5-12 3-3 13, Dittburner 3-8 1-1 8, Domenico 1-2 0-0 2, Sauter 0-1 0-0 0, Tamble 1-1 0-0 2, Melissa Borell 4-11 6-8 14, Benton 0-0 0-0 0, Dinkel 0-1 0-0 0, Held 2-3 0-0 4.
Totals — 27-70 15-20 71.

FORT HAYS (1-2)
Jamie Heiman 5-12 4-7 14, Kelly Priest 5-9 2-4 13, Barrett 2-5 1-2 5, Shauna Porter 4-12 4-5 13, Terry 2-8 3-4 7, Prewitt 3-8 1-3 7, Wendell 0-1 0-0 0, Stoltz 1-1 0-0 2, Me. Eck 0-1 0-0 0, Ma. Eck 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals — 22-57 15-25 61.

Northern Colorado.....42 29 — 71
Fort Hays.....29 32 — 61

3-point goals — Northern Colorado 2-15 (Logan 0-2, Clark 1-4, Ketterer 0-3, Dittburner 1-5, Dinkel 0-1); Fort Hays 2-11 (Heiman 0-1, Priest 1-1, Porter 1-5, Terry 0-1, Prewitt 0-3). Total fouls — Northern Colorado 19, Fort Hays 18. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Northern Colorado 48 (Clark 14, Borell 11); Fort Hays 40 (Heiman 9). Assists — Northern Colorado 13 (Logan 5); Fort Hays 9 (Prewitt 3). Steals — Northern Colorado 10 (Logan 3); Fort Hays 9 (Terry 4). Blocked shots — Northern Colorado 3 (Clark, Dittburner, Borell); Fort Hays 3 (Prewitt 2). Turnovers — Northern Colorado 20, Fort Hays 25. Officials — Lawrence Combs, Daran Frevert, Bill Sma. A — 350.

closed the gap to 24-17.

But a 16-6 run by the Bears gave Northern Colorado a 40-23 lead with 2:12 to go in the half.

Fort Hays was able to close the gap to 42-29 on baskets in the final 23 seconds of the half by Porter and sophomore center Heather Wendell.

The Tigers missed nine free throws in the first half, several at crucial times during Northern Colorado spurts.

But after watching the Bears go on several runs to distance themselves in

the first half, Fort Hays went on a run of its own to narrow the margin to begin the second half.

Porter started a 13-7 run with a free throw at the start of the second half. And when Priest nailed a short jumper in the lane at the 11:30 mark, Fort Hays trailed 49-42.

Northern Colorado freshman Melissa Borell stopped the run with a basket 19 seconds later and the Bears led 51-42.

But Fort Hays rattled off six straight points to pull within 51-48 with 10:22 to play.



Northern Colorado scored eight points over the next 1:59 to move the lead to 59-48. A 3-point play by senior Jessica Logan and a trey by sophomore Diane Dittburner helped the cause.

Fort Hays came as close as six points four other times the rest of the game, but Northern Colorado was able to hang on.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman led the Tigers with 14 points and nine rebounds. Priest and Porter added 13 points apiece.

Logan led Northern Colorado with 15 points. Borell scored 14 and pulled down 11 rebounds while senior Kara Ketterer contributed 13 points.

Fort Hays will host Tabor College Monday at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Game time is 7 p.m. The Tigers will then hit the road for the first time Thursday, at Emporia State University.



Tiger women take on Tabor

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

Just relax and play ball.
And a fast start wouldn't hurt.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team has gotten off to slow starts in its last two games. Both resulted in losses.

Now Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon just wants his team to play hard in tonight's game against Tabor College at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Game time is 7 p.m.

"We just need to go out and play like we can," Mahon said. "We just have to get better and play more aggressively from the start."

"And we have to play better on offense. We have to get off from the start and play like we can."

Fort Hays (1-2) got off to slow starts last week in Tuesday's 78-64 loss to Washburn University and Saturday's 71-61 defeat to University of Northern Colorado.

Tabor (0-6) comes into tonight's game winless on the year. And one thing the Tigers have going for them is that Fort Hays has never lost to the Bluejays in eight meetings.

Mahon said the key in tonight's game will be to get into a rhythm on offense early and to have the defense

Probable starters

TABOR (0-6)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (1-2)
Rademacher (5-10, Jr.)	F	(Fresh., 6-0) Heiman
Hess (5-8, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Carter (6-0, Soph.)	C	(Soph., 5-11) Barrett
Clark (5-5, Soph.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Jons (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter

Tipoff — 7 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 8-0.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 65-42 (Dec. 19, 1997).

Broadcast — 6:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

help create better shots.

"We have to get easier shots in the game," Mahon said. "And we have to be able to get the ball in the basket. We have to be able to create our own shots on offense and play well on defense to get some."

Junior guard Shauna Porter is averaging a team-high 14.3 points a game despite being mired in a shooting slump. Porter is shooting 33 percent from the floor and has made just 2-of-15 3-pointers.

Porter scored 13 points against Northern Colorado on Saturday.

Junior forward Kelly Priest and freshman forward Jamie Heiman are also averaging in double figures. Priest is scoring 13.7 points per game while Heiman is averaging 11 points.

Priest also leads the Tigers with 7.3 rebounds per game.



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Tabor freshman forward Karen Shearer drives past Fort Hays freshman guard Maggie Eck in Monday night's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.



Tigers team up for victory

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

It was a team effort Monday night for the Fort Hays State University women's basketball squad.

Fort Hays hosted Tabor College after losing games to Washburn University and University of Northern Colorado last week. In those two losses, the Tigers started out cold on offense.

But against Tabor, Fort Hays started out on fire and remained hot throughout the game en route to a 96-46 win at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

All 13 Fort Hays players who suited up for the game saw playing time and every player scored. The Tigers forced 33 turnovers and dished out 26 assists.

Plus, Fort Hays held Tabor to only 19 points in the second half and forced the Bluejays to shoot 28.8 percent from the floor for the game. The Tigers also had 22 steals.

"It was big and we expected to win this game and not to struggle with them," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "You practice for so long and then you face some adversity and you start to question yourself and your confidence and those sorts of things. So it was really important. It was really important that we didn't struggle and that everyone got to play."

"Everybody did a nice job. And like I talked to them at halftime, if everybody shares the basketball and makes the extra pass and accepts their role, then we'll be good."

Fort Hays (2-2) went on on a 8-0 run early in the game. Freshman forward Jamie Heiman made her second 3-pointer and junior forward Kelly Priest followed with a turn-around jumper. Heiman added her third trey of the game — in a 2:22 span — from the right wing to move Fort Hays out to a 13-4 lead at the 16:03 mark.

Fort Hays later went on a 15-3 run, with junior guard Shauna Porter capping it with a 3-pointer at the 9:50 mark to give the Tigers a 28-13 lead.

Tabor (0-7) would cut the lead to 12, but Fort Hays would go on another run to pull away and lead 48-27 at halftime.

The second half for Fort Hays started out like the first half ended. The Tigers went on a 10-0 run over the first 3:37 of the half to move out to a 58-27 lead.

Tabor junior forward Tami Jons stopped the run with a jumper at the 16:05 mark to cut the margin to 58-29.

• Fort Hays 96, Tabor 46 •

TABOR (0-7)

Rademacher 2-3 0-0 5. Hess 1-6 0-0 2. Susan Carter 6-13 3-5 15. Clark 1-4 0-1 3. Jons 2-4 0-0 4. Ross 3-12 2-4 8. Loewen 0-2 1-2 1. Whitehead 0-5 0-0 0. Heinrichs 0-3 2-2 2. Shearer 2-7 0-0 6. Fast 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 17-59 8-14 46.

FORT HAYS (2-2)

Kelly Priest 8-14 0-0 16. Jamie Heiman 6-9 0-0 15. Barrett 2-6 0-0 4. Shauna Porter 4-7 4-4 13. Terry 2-3 4-4 8. Prewitt 2-7 0-0 4. Wendell 3-5 0-0 6. Schrader 2-5 0-2 6. Ma. Eck 4-6 0-0 8. Me. Eck 3-7 2-2 9. Stoltz 1-4 1-2 3. Hostetler 1-4 0-0 2. Robinson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals — 39-78 11-14 96.

Tabor.....27 19 — 46
Fort Hays.....48 48 — 96

3-point goals — Tabor 4-16 (Rademacher 1-1, Hess 0-1, Clark 1-2, Jons 0-1, Ross 0-3, Whitehead 0-4, Shearer 2-4); Fort Hays 7-16 (Priest 0-1, Heiman 3-4, Barrett 0-1, Porter 1-2, Prewitt 0-1, Schrader 2-3, Me. Eck 1-4). Total fouls — Tabor 12; Fort Hays 14. Fouled out — Carter, Tabor. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Tabor 46 (Carter 8, Shearer 7); Fort Hays 42 (Wendell 8, Priest 7). Assists — Tabor 10 (Clark 3, Heinrichs 3); Fort Hays 26 (Prewitt 7, Porter 5). Steals — Tabor 6 (Carter 2); Fort Hays 22 (Terry 5, Wendell 4). Blocked shots — Tabor 0; Fort Hays 7 (Wendell 2, Stoltz 2). Turnovers — Tabor 33; Fort Hays 9. Officials — Gary Tranbarger, Jim Adams, Kevin Sundahl. A — 266.

But a 13-3 spurt moved Fort Hays out to a 71-32 lead with 11:28 to play. Freshman guard Allison Schrader scored five points and junior guard LaTaulia Terry added four points in the streak.

From there it was garbage time.

Several backups finished the game and freshman Maggie Eck, sophomore Sara Hostetler and freshman Lacie Robinson all scored their first points of the season.

Priest led all scorers with 16 points, one off her career high. She also pulled down seven rebounds.

Heiman finished with 15 points and Porter added 13.

Sophomore center Heather Wendell led the Tigers with eight rebounds and junior guard Maisha Prewitt dished out a team-high seven assists.

Sophomore center Susan Carter led Tabor with 15 points and eight rebounds.

Mahon said the victory before a tough four-game road trip, beginning with a game against Emporia State University on Thursday, should be a boost.

"It was just confidence," he said. "Everyone got to play and everybody will be happy. But it was confidence more than anything."

"And hopefully it will be good going down to Emporia now not having a close game. I like this team and I like our chances going to Emporia."



ANDREW OTTO / Hays Daily News

Fort Hays freshman guard Melissa Eck, left, drives past Tabor freshman guard Mandi Whitehead in Monday night's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.





Hornets sting Tigers, 98-48

Loss is Mahon's worst in his six-plus years as FHSU coach

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

EMPORIA — It was the most lopsided loss in Tom Mahon's six-plus years as coach of the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team.

The Tigers ran into a Hornets' nest called Emporia State University Thursday night, losing 98-48 at White Auditorium.

It was the 40th consecutive home-court victory for the Hornets, ranked eighth in NCAA Division II.

"Rough isn't a good description of it," Mahon said. "... The players got rattled. It's the first time one of my teams got rattled."

Fort Hays (2-3) committed 46 turnovers against the Hornets' smothering defense.

"We just didn't handle their pressure," Mahon said. "Emporia did a great job not letting our kids execute offensively."

Emporia State (4-0) jumped out to a 47-26 lead at halftime and poured it on in the second half, outscoring Fort Hays 51-22.

"Anything we tried to do to combat what they were doing wasn't working," Mahon said.

Junior center Emily Bloss led five Hornets in double figures with a

• Emporia State 98, Fort Hays 48 •

FORT HAYS (2-3)

Priest 3-8 0-0 7, 3-7 0-0 7, Barrett 1-4 0-0 4, Porter 2-7 4-4 9, Terry 0-3 0-0 0, Prewitt 2-12 1-3 5, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Ma, Eck 2-2 0-0 4, Me, Eck 1-4 1-2 4, Hostetler 1-3 0-0 2, Stoltz 2-5 0-1 4, Wendell 0-1 2-2 2. Totals — 17-56 10-16 48.

EMPORIA STATE (4-0)

Tara Holloway 5-8 0-3 10, Ali Sprague 4-8 2-2 11, Emily Bloss 11-18 2-5 24, Perine 3-6 2-2 9, Jennifer Barnes 6-13 0-0 13, Blakely 0-0 0-0 0, Mandy Jennings 7-10 0-2 14, D. Holloway 2-3 0-0 4, Laird 0-1 0-0 0, McKee 3-8 0-0 7, Wilkerson 3-8 0-0 6, Denning 0-1 0-0 0. Totals — 44-84 6-14 98.

Fort Hays26 22 — 48

Emporia State.....47 51 — 98

3-point goals — Fort Hays 4-14 (Priest 1-2, Heiman 1-2, Porter 1-3, Prewitt 0-3, Me, Eck 1-2, Hostetler 0-1, Stoltz 0-1); Emporia State 4-18 (Sprague 1-4, Perine 1-2, Barnes 1-6, D. Holloway 0-1, McKee 1-5). Total fouls — Fort Hays 16, Emporia State 16. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 43 (Heiman 8), Emporia State 42 (Bloss 9). Assists — Fort Hays 11 (Porter 3); Emporia State 33 (Perine 12, Blakely 12). Steals — Fort Hays 12 (Prewitt 4); Emporia State 38 (Bloss 10). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 2 (Priest 1, Ma, Eck 1); Emporia State 4 (4 with 1). Turnovers — Fort Hays 46, Emporia State 22. A — 1,742. Officials — Bart Tyson, Ray Roeser, Joff Stromgren.

game-high 24 points. She also pulled down a game-high nine rebounds.

No Tiger scored in double figures. Junior guard Shauna Porter led Fort Hays, which shot 30 percent from the field, with nine points.

Fort Hays will play at Pittsburg State University Saturday at 2 p.m. Mahon is concerned about how the Tigers respond after Thursday's trouncing.

"I want to see how we mentally bounce back, that's my biggest concern," Mahon said.



Tiger men, women try to rebound from losses

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

Both the Fort Hays State University men's and women's basketball teams will look to rebound from disappointing losses this weekend.

The Tiger men will host Emporia State University at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum. The women play at Pittsburg State University at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Fort Hays men (3-1) will attempt to bounce back from a 73-53 loss against Washburn University in Topeka on Wednesday, while the women (2-3) try to recover from a 98-48 pounding at Emporia State on Thursday.

The men face an undefeated Emporia State (4-0) team. Tiger senior guard Rodney Malloy has moved into the leading scorer spot, averaging 14 points a game. Junior guards Willie Davis and Joel Butler are also averaging in double figures with 13.8 and 11.5 points, respectively. Junior forward Tony Thomas is leading Fort Hays in rebounds at 7.5 per game.

The Hornets have three starters averaging in double figures, led by junior forward Benny Theroit with 15 points a game. Junior guard David Peoples is averaging 14.8 points, followed by junior center Heath Fusilier with 10. Senior guard Tim Turner is dishing out 7.5 assists per game.

Probable starters

Men

Emporia State (4-0)	Pos.	Fort Hays (3-1)
Sims (6-4, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 6-5) Kemper
Theroit (6-5, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 6-7) Thomas
Fusilier (6-7, Jr.)	C	(Sr., 6-6) Jackson
Peoples (6-0, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 6-5) Butler
Turner (5-8, Sr.)	G	(Sr., 6-4) Malloy

Tipoff — 7 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814)

Series — Fort Hays leads 81-73.

Last meeting — Emporia State won 79-68 (Dec. 13, 1998).

Broadcast — 6:45 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Women

Fort Hays (2-3)	Pos.	Pittsburg State (4-0)
Heiman (6-0, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 5-8) Stahl
Priest (6-0, Jr.)	F	(Sr., 6-0) Stewart
Barrett (5-11, So.)	C	(Jr., 6-1) Bohannon
Porter (5-5, Jr.)	G	(Fr., 5-5) Davied
Terry (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Sr., 5-7) Dudley

Tipoff — 2 p.m. at John Lance Arena (6,500).

Series — Fort Hays leads 19-11.

Last meeting — Pittsburg State won 74-60 (Nov. 22, 1998).

The Tiger women (2-3) will try to even their record against another unbeaten team in Pittsburg State (4-0).

Junior guard Shauna Porter leads the Tigers in scoring at 13 points per game. Junior forward Kelly Priest is averaging 12.8 points and 6.8 rebounds. Freshman forward Jamie Heiman is averaging 11 points.

Pittsburg State is led by senior guard Leslie Dudley with 18.3 points a game. Junior center Jaimee Bohannon averages 16.8 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Natalie Stahl is scoring 13.3 points per game.



FHSU women lose, 69-53

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

PITTSBURG — If it isn't one thing, it's another.

That may sum up the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team so far this season.

After committing 46 turnovers in a 50-point loss to Emporia State University Thursday night, the Tigers had 18 turnovers in their game with Pittsburg State University Saturday.

But when the turnovers went down, the fouls went up. Fort Hays committed 22 fouls and the Gorillas shot 19-of-23 from the charity stripe to give Fort Hays its second straight loss.

Pittsburg State beat the Tigers 69-53 to start the year 5-0 for the first time since the 1994-95 season.

Fort Hays (2-4) trailed 36-26 at half-time. But the Gorillas continued their defensive pressure in the second half and pulled away for the victory.

Fort Hays was led by freshman forward Jaime Heiman's 15 points. Junior guard Shauna Porter finished with 12 points and junior forward Kelly Priest added nine points and

• Pittsburg State 69, Fort Hays 53 •

FORT HAYS (2-4)

Priest 4-12 0-0 9, Jamie Heiman 5-9 2-2 15, Barrett 2-6 0-0 4, Prewitt 0-7 0-0 0, Shauna Porter 5-9 1-4 12, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Ma, Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Me, Eck 2-6 0-0 5, Hostetler 0-0 0-0 0, Terry 0-2 0-0 0, Stoltz 2-2 0-0 4, Wendell 2-3 0-0 4. **Totals** — 22-55 3-6 53.

PITTSBURG STATE (5-0)

Stewart 1-3 0-0 2, Shortt 4-8 1-2 9, Jaimee Bohannon 5-10 3-4 13, Davied 2-9 0-0 4, Leslie Dudley 7-15 8-8 24, Moats 0-1 1-2 1, Turnbull 1-4 2-2 4, Corey 0-1 0-0 0, Spencer 1-3 1-2 3, Stahl 3-10 3-3 9. **Totals** — 24-64 19-23 69.

Fort Hays 26 27 — 53

Pittsburg State 36 33 — 69

3-point goals — Fort Hays 6-16 (Priest 1-2, Heiman 3-3, Barrett 0-1, Prewitt 0-3, Porter 1-2, Me, Eck 1-3, Terry 0-2); Pittsburg State 2-5 (Davied 0-2, Dudley 2-3). **Total fouls** — Fort Hays 22, Pittsburg State 8.

Fouled out — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 35 (Priest 9); Pittsburg State 40 (Bohannon 8). **Assists** — Fort Hays 15 (Porter 5); Pittsburg State 16 (Davied 8). **Steals** — Fort Hays 10 (Heiman, Prewitt, Porter 3); Pittsburg State 10 (Davied 5). **Blocked shots** — Fort Hays 3 (Priest, Porter, Wendell); Pittsburg State 2 (Stewart, Shortt).

Turnovers — Fort Hays 28, Pittsburg State 19.

Officials — Angie Enlund, Doug Knight, Tim Clemens.

A — 519.

nine rebounds.

Pittsburg State was paced by senior guard Leslie Dudley, who exploded for a game-high 24 points. Junior center Jaimee Bohannon backed Dudley with 13 points and eight rebounds.



Slow start dooms FHSU women, 71-59

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

GOLDEN, Colo. — Tom Mahon may very well wish he had graduated from Eastern Montana College with a degree in auto mechanics.

That way the Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach would be able to get the Tigers' motor running on all cylinders at the start of every basketball game — and the start of each second half, for that matter.

Fort Hays fell behind early in its game Friday with Colorado School of Mines before mounting a late rally before halftime to cut into the Orediggers' lead. And when the second half started, Mahon found his team facing a similar situation.

Those slow starts proved to be too much for the Tigers to overcome in a 71-59 loss to the Orediggers in both teams' Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference opener. The victory was only Mines' second in the 20-game

• Colorado Mines 71, Fort Hays 59 •

FORT HAYS (2-5, 0-1)
Prewitt 2-3 0-0 4, Priest 2-4 0-0 5, Jamie Heiman 4-9 2-2 11, Shauna Porter 3-12 6-6 14, Terry 0-3 1-4 1, Schrader 0-2 0-0 0, Ma. Eck 1-4 0-0 2, Melissa Eck 5-12 0-0 13, Barrett 1-4 0-0 2, Stoltz 2-6 1-1 5, Wendell 1-2 0-0 2. **Totals** — 21-61 10-13 59.

MINES (3-4, 1-0)
Kristin Dillard 8-17 0-1 17, Manissa Eichhorn 4-10 2-6 11, Nikki Bautista 4-12 2-2 10, Amy Bollinger 5-11 6-6 18, Bock 2-6 0-0 4, R. Bollinger 1-3 0-0 3, Good 4-8 0-0 8. **Totals** — 28-67 10-15 71.

Fort Hays 24 35 — 59

Colorado Mines 34 37 — 71

3-point goals — Fort Hays 7-23 (Prewitt 0-1, Priest 1-1, Heiman 1-2, Porter 2-6, Terry 0-3, Schrader 0-2, Ma. Eck 0-1, Me. Eck 3-7); Colorado Mines 5-18 (Dillard 1-4, Eichhorn 1-4, A. Bollinger 2-5, Bock 0-2, R. Bollinger 1-3). **Total fouls** — Fort Hays 14, Colorado Mines 11. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 43 (Prewitt 7); Colorado Mines 40 (Dillard 11). **Assists** — Fort Hays 14 (Prewitt, Porter 4); Colorado Mines 15 (A. Bollinger 7). **Steals** — Fort Hays 5 (Porter 2); Colorado Mines 15 (A. Bollinger, Bock 4). **Blocked shots** — Fort Hays 1 (Prewitt); Colorado Mines 5 (Good 4). **Turnovers** — Fort Hays 23, Colorado Mines 12. **Officials** — Lamont Weddle, David Palmer, Merice Wallace. **A** — 249.

series with Fort Hays.

"We're not clicking," Mahon said. "I know our players are frustrated, the

coaches are frustrated, everybody's frustrated. That's why you keep plugging away and get up the next day and go to practice. We're going to find a way to make this group a good basketball team."

Mahon said the team's early expectations may be playing a part in the Tigers' problems.

"Right now we're playing scared," Mahon said. "We're scared to lose. We've had all these expectations of how good we're going to be and all this and all that. And we're playing a little hesitant. We're not making good decisions with the basketball."

"And if you're hesitant when you shoot you don't hit your shots. I think we're going to change our style of play and we're going to press all over the place and try to create tempo at the beginning to get ourselves in the game so we don't have these lulls at the beginning of the game and at the

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FHSU: Tigers fall behind early in the first half

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beginning of the second half. We have to get after it and we're going to have to do that with some type of tempo change and I think we're going to have to do that at the defensive end."

Fort Hays (2-5) fell behind 10-2 at the 16:05 mark of the first half before junior guard Shauna Porter stopped the Orediggers' 10-0 run with two free throws.

Mines (3-4) increased its lead to 16-4 before junior center Kelly Priest answered with a 3-pointer. But the Orediggers would take advantage of the Tigers' early problems to move out to a 27-10 lead with 6:27 left in the first

half on a basket by 6-foot-5 freshman center Kim Good.

The Tigers would put together a 9-0 run over the next 3:33 of the half to pull within 27-19 at the 2:32 mark. Freshman center Katie Stoltz, who tried to match Good's size on the inside when she was in the game, scored five points in the run.

But Fort Hays still trailed 34-24 at intermission.

Mines would increase its lead to 46-29 with just over four minutes gone in the second half. The Orediggers, who have all five starters back from last year, would eventually build their lead to 25 points at 62-37 with 9:30 left in the game.

But the Tigers would finally get going again. Porter would help the Tigers rally, scoring eight points in a 10-0 run over the next 55 seconds to pull within 62-47.

A basket by sophomore center Heather Wendell and two 3-pointers by freshman guard Melissa Eck would pull the Tigers to within 63-55 with 2:41 left.

But Mines was able to make its free throws when Fort Hays was forced to foul and held on for the victory.

Porter led the Tigers with 14 points. Eck added 13 and freshman Jamie Heiman scored 11.

Mines had four of its five starters score in double figures, led by senior guard Amy Bollinger's 18 points.



Close, but no win for FHSU women

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

DENVER — It was clear from the beginning that the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team got coach Tom Mahon's message.

In Friday's loss at Colorado School of Mines, the Tigers got off to a slow start in each half before getting things going. But those slow starts were too much to overcome.

In Saturday's game against Metropolitan State College, the Tigers used a pressure defense at the beginning of each half to set the tempo in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference matchup.

But the Roadrunners were able to hold on after grabbing a late lead in the first half and Fort Hays missed a potentially game winning 3-point attempt, giving Metro State a 77-73 victory.

"We're getting there," Mahon said. "But it seems like if it isn't one thing it's another. But they worked their tails off."

"I'm proud of our effort. We came back a couple of times and we had a chance to win it. That's all you can ask of them."

Fort Hays (2-6 overall, 0-2 RMAC) took an 11-6 lead at the 15:43 mark on a trey by junior guard Maisha Prewitt.

But Metro State (6-1, 2-0) would go on an 8-2 run to lead 14-13 with 12:25 to play before halftime.

Then with the score tied at 28-28, Metro State went on a 9-0 run to take a 37-28 lead and the Roadrunners were up 45-35 at the break.

Fort Hays went on a 10-0 run to pull within 55-53 at the 10:55 mark of the second half. Mahon's pressure defense worked to perfection in the run, forcing four turnovers which the Tigers turned into eight points.

The Roadrunners would lead 66-57

• Metro State 77, Fort Hays 73 •

FORT HAYS (2-6, 0-2)

Shauna Porter 4-13 2-2 12, Heiman 3-11 0-1 7, Terry 0-6 0-0 0, Maisha Prewitt 6-10 901 15, Kelly Priest 6-11 0-0 12, Ma. Eck 2-2 0-0 5, Me. Eck 2-5 0-0 5, Barrett 1-2 2-2 4, Stoltz 0-0 0-0 0, Wendell 5-6 3-3 13. Totals — 29-66 7-9 73.

METRO STATE (6-1, 2-0)

McArthur 3-8 0-1 6, Jennison 2-3 0-0 4, Sara Gordon 5-8 4-4 14, Sarah Coleman 7-17 2-2 18, Allen 3-7 2-3 8, Kereen Rodaway 5-9 0-0 13, Carrillo 0-0 0-0 0, Brink 3-3 0-0 6, Weidier 4-4 0-0 8. Totals — 32-59 8-10 77.

Fort Hays 35 38 — 73
Metro State 45 32 — 77

3-point goals — Fort Hays 8-22 (Porter 2-6, Heiman 1-2, Terry 0-3, Prewitt 3-5, Priest 0-3, Ma. Eck 1-1, Me. Eck 1-2); Metro State 5-15 (Coleman 2-5, Allen 0-4, Rodaway 3-6). Total fouls — Fort Hays 16, Metro State 16. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 23 (Prewitt 5); Metro State 40 (McArthur 12). Assists — Fort Hays 12 (Prewitt 4); Metro State 12 (Gordon, Allen 3). Steals — Fort Hays 11 (4 with 2); Metro State 4 (Jennison, Allen 2). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 1 (Terry); Metro State 2 (Coleman, Weidier). Turnovers — Fort Hays 13, Metro State 22. Officials — Dan Kunkel, Brian Dunbar, Linda Witt.

before freshman Jamie Heiman's 3-pointer from the left wing brought Fort Hays to within 66-60 with 4:40 to play.

But Metro State freshman Kereen

Rodaway answered with a trey to make it 69-60. Senior guard Stephanie Allen increased the margin with a steal and layup at the 4:01 mark to go up 71-60.

Prewitt answered for the Tigers with a trey from the right corner and then hit a turnaround in the lane 40 seconds later to make it 71-65.

A 3-pointer by freshman Melissa Eck brought the Tigers to within 73-68 with just over two minutes to play.

Prewitt's drive to the basket made it 73-70 with 55 seconds to play.

Metro State added two free throws nine seconds later but sophomore Heather Wendell's 3-point play got the Tigers within 75-73 with 32 seconds left.

After Allen missed a free throw, freshman Melissa Eck missed a 3-pointer after a time out and Metro State got the rebound. The Roadrunners got foul shots from senior Sarah Coleman to seal the win.

Prewitt led the Tigers with 15 points. Coleman scored 18 for Metro State.



Fort Hays women look to protect home turf

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

In what appears to be a balanced conference this season, winning at home is oh, so important.

Protect your turf, and sneak away with a road win here and there, and you have a chance to be a contender.

That's why today's game between the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team and Nebraska's Chadron State College is key, even though it's still early in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference season.

Chadron State comes to town on a roll for its 6 p.m. game against Fort Hays in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Probable starters

Today		
Chadron State (7-0, 2-0)	Pos.	Fort Hays (2-6, 0-2)
Hoerl (5-8, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Burke (6-0, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Hutt (6-4, Jr.)	C-F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Dowdy (5-8, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Hladky (5-8, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry
Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).		
Series — Fort Hays leads, 15-6.		
Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 82-68 (Feb. 19, 1999).		
Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).		

Monday		
Regis (4-3, 0-2*)	Pos.	Fort Hays (2-6, 0-2*)
Beamon (5-11, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Pruitt (5-11, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Schutte (6-1, So.)	C-F	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Eccher (5-3, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Rhoades (5-3, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry
Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).		
Series — Fort Hays leads, 15-5.		
Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 75-73 (Feb. 20, 1999).		
Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).		
* — Record before today's game.		



FHSU women give Chadron first loss



Protecting your home court can be tough sometimes. And when the opposition comes into town undefeated, that chore becomes even more difficult.

But to Tom Mahon's delight, the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team was up to the challenge Sunday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The Tigers hosted a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game with Nebraska's Chadron State College.

The Eagles came into the game with a perfect 7-0 record and were leading the East Division.

But the Tigers set the tone early and held off late charges by Chadron State to take an 82-71 upset victory and their first conference win of the season.

Fort Hays will host another RMAC opponent in Denver's Regis University at 6 p.m. today at GMC.

Regis was an 80-48 loser to University of Nebraska-Kearney on Sunday.

Mahon said a key element in the win was the Tigers' ability to gain an early advantage.

"That's what we talked about at the start of the game, with Chadron State being 7-0," Mahon said. "We knew they were going to come in with a lot of confidence and we had to prove to them in the first five minutes that they were not going to have a chance to win in our building."

"And if we did that and jumped on them early, we knew their confidence would be shaken and they wouldn't be as good as they think they are. Consequently it worked out well for us."

"But this was big because the conference is really going to be balanced and there is going to be some upsets in different places but we have to protect our home floor and get some confidence and then go on the road and be able to get some road wins."

Fort Hays (3-6 overall, 1-2 RMAC) took the lead 3-0 on a 3-pointer by junior LaTania Terry just over 30 seconds into the game.

Chadron State (7-1, 2-1) came back to lead 7-5 at the 17:07 mark on two free throws by junior Janelle Hutt.

But an 8-0 run by the Tigers over the next 56 seconds propelled Fort Hays to a 13-7 advantage.

From there, the Tigers never looked back.

Fort Hays forged ahead with the help of its outside shooting. The Tigers nailed 7-of-12 treys in the first half and had an answer for every Eagles basket.

That helped push the Tigers to a 45-35 lead at halftime.

Chadron State cut the lead down to 45-39 just over 2½ minutes into the second half on two free throws by junior Roxi Hoegerl and a turn-around by Hutt.

But Fort Hays answered with two free throws by sophomore Heather Wendell and a 3-pointer from junior Shauna Porter, pushing the lead to 50-39 with 16:40 to play.

The Eagles cut the lead down to eight points and later to seven, when a 3-pointer by junior Braidie Hladky made it 60-53 with 8:10 remaining.

On the next trip down the court, Porter was fouled by Hutt as she shot. Hutt was called for a technical for kneeling Porter while she was attempting to get up.

Porter, who finished with a game-high 23 points, sank the two free throws for the foul and then made one of two free throws for the technical.

Freshman Jamie Heiman turned the mistake into a four-point possession when she nailed one of two free throws after the technical, giving Fort Hays a 64-53 lead with 7:47 to go.

Freshman Maggie Eck added a basket and Wendell made a free throw to finish off a 7-0 run.

Four starters scored in double figures for Fort Hays, led by Porter. She is currently 10th on the all-time scoring list at Fort Hays and is only 10 points from reaching the career 1,000-point mark.

Junior Kelly Priest scored 14 points. Heiman and Terry added 13 points each.

Senior Carla Dowdy led Chadron State with 18.

"Every time they made a run we did something at the defensive end or somebody stepped up and made a big shot," Mahon said.

"I don't think we ever let them get closer than seven points and I think that was key because if you let them get down to five or that type of thing then it's two possessions. Then if they get a couple of three's then our kids start thinking, 'Here we go again.' And we didn't need that (Sunday)."

The Tigers shot 52.9 percent on 9-of-17 shots from behind the 3-point line and made 48.1 percent from the floor.

Mahon said the familiar surroundings of GMC may have helped boost the squad's confidence.

"Playing at home will do that to you some times," Mahon said. "Our kids understood that they can't doubt themselves and that they are a good basketball team and are good basketball players. They just had to go out and play and play good hard defense and box out and rebound with them. Then the shots would take care of themselves. And I think that's how we played."



• Fort Hays 82, Chadron State 71 •

CHADRON STATE (7-1, 2-1)

Melissa Burke 5-13 2-2 14, Hladky 3-7 1-2 8, Janelle Hutt 3-8 5-6 11, Hoegerl 1-6 2-2 4, Carla Dowdy 7-11 1-2 18, Demasi 1-2 0-0 2, Blaine 0-1 0-0 0, Jensen 2-4 0-0 5, Odell 2-3 1-2 6, Pulliam 0-0 0-0 0, Petty 1-1, 0-0 2, Schaefer 0-2 1-2 1. Totals — 25-58 13-18 71.

FORT HAYS (3-6, 1-2)

Jamie Heiman 6-10 1-3 13, Prewitt 0-5 0-0 0, Kelly Priest 4-6 4-5 14, Shauna Porter 5-13 10-12 23, LaTaunia Terry 4-7 2-3 13, Ma. Eck 3-6 1-2 7, Me. Eck 1-1 0-0 3, Barrett 0-1 0-2 0, Wendell 2-3 5-7 9. Totals — 25-52 23-34 82.

Chadron State 35 36 — 71

Fort Hays 45 37 — 82

3-point goals — Chadron State 8-21 (Burke 2-7, Hladky 1-3, Hoegerl 0-2, Dowdy 3-4, Blaine 0-1, Jensen 1-1, Odell 1-2, Schaefer 0-1); Fort Hays 9-17 (Prewitt 0-3, Priest 2-2, Porter 3-6, Terry 3-5, Me. Eck 1-1). Total fouls — Chadron State 26, Fort Hays 16. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Hutt, Chadron State.

Rebounds — Chadron State 35 (Hoegerl 8); Fort Hays 33 (Heiman 7). Assists — Chadron State 18 (Hladky 5); Fort Hays 20 (Heiman 5). Steals — Chadron State 8 (Burke 3); Fort Hays 13 (Priest 3). Blocked shots — Chadron State 2 (Burke 2); Fort Hays 3 (Priest, Terry, Wendell). Turnovers — Chadron State 24, Fort Hays 22. Officials — Mark Goodheart, Bill Seidl, Richard Sieker. A — 250.



WOMEN: Chadron State tied for first

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The Eagles are 7-0 overall and tied with Metropolitan State College of Denver for first place in the RMAC Eastern Division at 2-0.

So, a win tonight would be huge for Chadron State.

But a victory would be just as important for Fort Hays. The Tigers are 2-6 overall and 0-2 in conference play after losing twice on the road last weekend.

Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon knows the Tigers need to protect their home court in the worst way.

"The RMAC is balanced this year," Mahon said. "The key is protecting your home court."

Another home win in Monday's 6 p.m. game in GMC against Colorado's Regis University would give the Tigers an even bigger boost.

"It always helps to play at home," Mahon said.

The Tigers will need it against a Chadron State squad which is beating opponents by almost 19 points per game.

Three Eagles scored 13 points in Tuesday's 82-77 win over South Dakota Tech.

Melissa Burke, a 6-foot junior forward, leads the Eagles with 12.3 points per game. Janelle Hutt, a 6-4 junior center, leads in rebounding with six per game, along with nine points per night.

While Chadron State is hot, Regis is limping along with a 4-3 overall record

and — like Fort Hays — an 0-2 showing in the RMAC.

Regis, which played at University of Nebraska-Kearney Saturday night before coming to Hays, are led by three players scoring in double figures.

Erica Schutte, a 6-1 sophomore center, is averaging 12 points per game. Junior 5-11 forwards Andi Pruitt and Katie Beamon average 11.4 and 10.7 points per game, respectively. Pruitt also leads Regis with seven rebounds per game.

Meshach Rhoades, a 5-3 junior guard, leads Regis with 6.7 assists per game.

Fort Hays will go with the same starting lineup it tried last weekend in road losses to Colorado School of Mines (71-59) and Metro State (77-73).

Mahon was pleased with the Tigers' effort against Metro State.

"The girls understand how hard you have to play to be successful," Mahon said. "We showed a little bit of that ... against Metro State."

"... We played better, but we didn't get the win. That's the bottom line."

Juniors Shauna Porter and LaTaunia Terry will start in the backcourt, with junior Maisha Prewitt at small forward. Junior Kelly Priest is, at center now, with freshman Jamie Heiman still at the other forward.

Porter leads the Tigers in scoring, averaging 12.9 points per game. Priest averages 11.2 points and a team-high 5.9 rebounds, while Heiman adds 11 points a night.



No. 23 Lopers play Tigers

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

It's not just any conference game.
It's Kearney.

The University of Nebraska-Kearney women's basketball team will play Fort Hays State University at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"It's going to be another fun game," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "It's always a big game and it may be one of the biggest rivalries in the RMAC with Kearney and Hays being so close together."

"But Kearney and Hays is always a big game. This year will be just like any other. They have a nice basketball team and we have to protect our home court. We have to go out and play like we can."

Fort Hays (4-6), sixth in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's East Division, could use a win to move up in the standings. Four teams, including Fort Hays, are 2-2 in the East.

Since Mahon took over in the 1993-94 season, Fort Hays has just one loss to the Lopers in six games on the Tigers' home floor.

"We've been very fortunate the last few years to get some big wins against Kearney teams on our home court," Mahon said. "The last few years we've been able to beat them. And their teams went on to the regional tournament and did well there."

The Lopers (9-2 overall, 3-1 RMAC)

Probable starters

KEARNEY (9-2, 3-1)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (4-6, 2-2)
Ramey (5-8, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Ohm (5-11, Fr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Schroeder (6-1, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Dubs (5-6, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Swift (5-6, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 33-21.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 77-67 (Feb. 9, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

are ranked 23rd in the latest NCAA Division II poll. UNK is coming off a 68-65 win against fifth-ranked Emporia State University on Dec. 29.

Leading the Loper attack are sophomore Beth Swift and junior Becky Schroeder. Swift averages 13.9 points and 3.5 assists. Schroeder averages 10.5 points and 6.9 rebounds.

Kearney also has a strong bench, led by freshman Allison Kruger and sophomore Anny Burdorf. Kruger averages 13.7 points and Burdorf 11.5 points.

Fort Hays enters the game after two big wins against Nebraska's Chadron State College and Colorado's Regis University last month, to snap a four-game skid.

"I think the kids have a lot of confidence right now after the Christmas break," Mahon said. "Hopefully we won't be rusty after the break."

Junior guard Shauna Porter leads the Tigers, averaging 14.3 points per game. Junior center Kelly Priest averages 12.4 points and six rebounds, while freshman forward Jamie Heiman averages 11 points per game.



FHSU women rip Lopers

By RYAN BUCHANAN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Tom Mahon likes to win at home. But there's one thing the Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach likes even better than that — winning at home against Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference rival University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Fort Hays cut the conference's East Division leader down to size once again with a 75-57 win Tuesday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Fort Hays has beaten Kearney in GMC six of the last seven times. And like this year, many of those wins have come when the Lopers were off to good starts.

The Tigers halted a four-game winning streak for Kearney, which was ranked 19th in NCAA Division II coming into Tuesday's game. Fort Hays is now on a three-game winning streak of its own.

The win, Fort Hays' third straight in RMAC play, also took some of the sting away from the Mahon's worst loss as Tiger coach, 98-48 to Emporia State University. Kearney defeated then fifth-ranked Hornets 68-65 last

• Fort Hays 75, Nebraska-Kearney 57 •

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY (9-3, 3-2)
Ramey 2-5 0-0 4, Ohm 1-2 0-1 2, Becky Schroeder 5-9 5-7 15, Beth Swift 4-9 1-1 10, Dubs 3-8 2-3 8, Ward 1-1 1-2 3, Allison Kruger 4-5 5-7 13, Burdorf 1-5 0-0 2, Marks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals — 21-45 14-21 57.

FORT HAYS (5-6, 3-2)
Prewitt 3-4 2-2 9, Jamie Heiman 6-9 0-0 13, Kelly Priest 7-9 0-0 15, Shauna Porter 4-11 6-8 15, Terry 3-5 0-1 6, Ma. Eck 2-6 2-2 6, Ma. Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Barrett 0-1 4-5 4, Wendell 3-4 0-0 6, Stoltz 0-0 0-0 0, Schrader 0-0 1-2 1, Hostetler 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 28-49 15-20 75.

Nebraska-Kearney 19 38 — 57
Fort Hays 37 38 — 75

3-point goals — Nebraska-Kearney 1-7 (Swift 1-5, Burdorf 0-2); Fort Hays 4-11 (Prewitt 1-2, Heiman 1-1, Priest 1-2, Porter 1-4, Terry 0-1, Ma. Eck 0-1). Total fouls — Nebraska-Kearney 21, Fort Hays 18. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Nebraska-Kearney 26 (Schroeder 11), Fort Hays 29 (Heiman 6). Assists — Nebraska-Kearney 9 (Kruger 2, Burdorf 2); Fort Hays 19 (Terry 5). Steals — Nebraska-Kearney 7 (Swift 3); Fort Hays 12 (3 with 3). Blocked shots — Nebraska-Kearney 3 (Schroeder 3); Fort Hays 0. Turnovers — Nebraska-Kearney 24, Fort Hays 19. A — 400.

week.

"It's a big game, and it's a fun game," Mahon said. "I'd rather play Kearney every night than anyone else, because it's a fun game and I really respect the way Amy (Stephens) runs her program. She always has her team ready to play."

WOMEN: Defense is tough

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Fort Hays (5-6 overall, 3-2 RMAC) used its tough man-to-man defense to stop the Antelopes and create scoring opportunities. The Tigers cut off passing lanes and double-teamed to coax Kearney (9-3, 3-2) into committing 24 turnovers.

"I thought our defense the first half was as good as we've played this year," Mahon said. "We took a lot of things away and consequently got some steals and that defense created some transition baskets for us."

Offensively, the Tigers had three players score in double figures.

Junior center Kelly Priest scored 15 points — all in the first half — on 7-of-8 shooting. Junior guard Shauna Porter also scored 15 and freshman forward Jamie Heiman added 13 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Fort Hays opened the game with a 12-2 run, with seven points from Priest and five from Heiman.

"Emotion carried us the first five minutes," Mahon said. "Our kids really wanted this game. We were up and ready to play. ... It's always a great basketball game, and we've been very fortunate to beat them on our home floor. ..."

After the Lopers trimmed the lead to 15-6, Kearney went on an 11-0 run to go ahead 17-15 midway through the first half.

But the Tigers picked up their defensive intensity to outscore Kearney 22-2 over the next 10 minutes.

The run included eight points from Priest, five from Porter and four from Heiman and gave Fort Hays a 37-19 lead at halftime.

Kearney scored eight unanswered points to start the second half to get to within 10 points.

"Those first five minutes I was concerned," Mahon said. "I think if Kearney would have gotten it down to five or six points, we would have been in for a great ball game the rest of the night. But we kept it at 10 and played well next six or seven minutes of the second half to spread it out again a little bit."

But Fort Hays clamped down again. Sparked by a short jumper from freshman guard Maggie Eck, the Tigers outscored the Lopers 14-5 over the next six minutes to lead 51-32.

The Tigers outscored Kearney 24-13 over the game's final six minutes and hit 13-of-15 foul shots down the stretch.

Junior Becky Schroeder scored 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Kearney. Freshman Allison Kruger and sophomore Beth Swift scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

The Fort Hays men's and women's teams start a three-game road stretch when they play Colorado Christian University Saturday in Lakewood, Colo.



FHSU women remember what happened last year

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Tom Mahon remembers all too well what happened after last season's big upset win over rival University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team laid an egg, losing its next game, 67-64, at Colorado Christian University.

Mahon reminded his squad of that fact after Tuesday night's upset victory over the Lopers, ranked 19th in the country at the time.

"We talked after the game about last year against Kearney," Mahon said. "It was a big win, then we come out flat against Christian."

Mahon knows the Tigers can't afford another letdown Saturday, when Fort Hays plays Colorado Christian in a 7 p.m. Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Probable starters		
Fort Hays (5-6, 3-2)	Pos.	Christian (5-5, 2-2*)
Prewitt (5-7, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-10) Redmond
Heiman (6-0, Fr.)	F	(Sr., 6-0) Warner
Priest (6-0, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 5-10) Carrigan
Porter (5-5, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Camacho
Terry (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Sr., 5-6) Stimac
Tipoff — 7 p.m., Cougar Fieldhouse (1,700).		
Series — Fort Hays leads, 7-3.		
Last meeting — Colorado Christian won, 67-64 (Feb. 12, 1999).		
Broadcast — 6:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).		
* — Record before Friday's game.		

matchup in Lakewood, Colo.

If the Tigers are to stay near the top in the RMAC race, stealing a road win here and there is a must.

"Christian is pretty good," Mahon said. "I think it's a balanced conference."



FHSU: Tigers need to stop Cougars' scoring stars

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"Christian is pretty good," Mahon said. "I think it's a balanced conference."

If the Tigers are to pull off a road victory, containing Cougar stars Tina Redmond and Brooke Carrigan is a must. Redmond leads NCAA Division II in scoring and Carrigan is eighth in the nation.

Redmond, a 5-foot-10 junior forward, averaged 24.4 points and 7.3 rebounds entering tonight's home game against Nebraska-Kearney. Carrigan, a 5-10 junior center, was

averaging 21.9 points.

"They have two good players in Redmond and Carrigan," Mahon said. "We've got to find a way to slow them down."

So, drastic times call for drastic measures. Mahon, whose teams through the years have lived and died with tight man-to-man defense, is considering a junk defense against Colorado Christian (5-5 overall, 2-2 RMAC).

Mahon might at times play man-to-man on Redmond and Carrigan, and zone up with the three other Tigers.

"I'm thinking about playing a diamond-and-two, show a different look," Mahon said. "I'm (usually) a Bobby Knight guy, just get after it."

After Saturday's game, Fort Hays (5-6, 3-2) plays two more games on the road next weekend.

"This is a big game, three road games in a row," Mahon said. "We've got to try to get the first one."

"The kids should have a lot of confidence."

In Tuesday's 75-57 win over Kearney, junior guard Shauna Porter and junior center Kelly Priest scored 15 points each and freshman forward Jamie Heiman added 13.

Porter leads the Tigers in scoring on the season, averaging 14.4 points per game. Priest is averaging 12.6 points and 5.6 rebounds, while Heiman is averaging 11.2 points and a team-high 5.7 rebounds.

No letdown for Fort Hays women this time around

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon didn't want to see another letdown.

Last year, the Tiger women's basketball team beat Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference rival University of Nebraska-Kearney. But after that big win, the Tigers dropped their next game to Colorado Christian University.

This year, the Tigers were in the same boat. After beating UNK, ranked 19th in the NCAA Division II poll at the time, Fort Hays looked to steal their first road victory in seven games against Colorado Christian.

The Tigers got what they wanted, holding the nation's leading scorer in check en route to an 87-64 victory Saturday in Lakewood, Colo.

• Fort Hays 87, Colorado Christian 64 •

Fort Hays (6-6, 4-2)

Shauna Porter 11-18 2-4 26, Jamie Heiman 4-10 2-3 10, Prewitt 4-5 1-1 9, Kelly Priest 7-12 2-2 16, Terry 1-2 1-2 3, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Ma. Eck 4-9 1-2 9, Me. Eck 2-3 0-0 4, Hostetter 0-0 0-0 0, Barrett 1-4 2-3 4, Stoltz 1-1 0-0 2, Wendell 2-4 0-0 4. **Totals** — 37-68 11-17 87.

COLORADO CHRISTIAN (5-7, 2-4)

Brooke Camgan 7-17 8-9 22, Stimac 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper 0-0 3-4 3, Whipple 4-9 1-1 9, Tina Redmond 4-21 5-7 13, Stewart 0-2 0-0 0, Warner 2-5 0-0 4, Camacho 3-7 0-2 6, Maes 1-1 0-0 2, Atkinson 1-1 0-0 3, Donaldson 0-0 0-0 0, Newell 1-3 0-0 2. **Totals** — 23-67 17-23 64.

Fort Hays 47 40 — 87
Metro State 34 30 — 64

3-point goals — Fort Hays 2-7 (Porter 2-5, Prewitt 0-1, Ma. Eck 0-1); Colorado Christian 1-12 (Camgan 0-1, Stimac 0-1, Whipple 0-2, Redmond 0-5, Camacho 0-2, Atkinson 1-1). **Total fouls** — Fort Hays 17, Colorado Christian 18. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 43 (Heiman, Priest 8); Colorado Christian 41 (Camacho 9). **Assists** — Fort Hays 18 (Porter 5); Colorado Christian 11 (Redmond, Camacho 3). **Steals** — Fort Hays 18 (Prewitt 5); Colorado Christian 16 (Redmond 8). **Blocked shots** — Fort Hays 4 (Terry 3); Colorado Christian 3 (Redmond 2). **Turnovers** — Fort Hays 23, Colorado Christian 21.



WOMEN: Tigers stop Cougars' Redmond

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"It was fun to finally get a win on the road," Mahon said. "But the really important thing was it was in the conference. And you have to be able to do that to have a chance."

"We really talked about what we needed to do after coming off the big win against Kearney. Before, we were feeling good and not coming in like we would need to. But we talked about how every game is important and how much intensity it was going to take."

Fort Hays (6-6 overall, 4-2 RMAC) is now on a four-game win streak after suffering through four straight losses.

Junior Shauna Porter led the Tigers with a season-high 26 points. She also added five assists and only had one turnover in 37 minutes.

Junior Kelly Priest added 16 points

and freshman Jamie Heiman added 10. Both also pulled down eight rebounds.

But the real story of the game came on the defensive end. Fort Hays held Tina Redmond, NCAA Division II's leading scorer, to only 13 points on 4-of-21 shooting from the field. She was 0-of-5 on 3-pointers. Redmond was averaging 24.4 points a game going into the weekend.

"(LaTaunia) Terry did an outstanding job early on on Redmond," Mahon said. "She got into her early and made it tough for her. She made her have tough looks at the basket and blocked some of her shots. But she did a good job that helped set up the rest of the team for other things."

Terry finished the game with three blocks.

Colorado Christian's Brooke Carrig-

an, who was eighth in Division II in scoring with a 21.9 average, scored 22 points against the Tigers. No other Cougar scored in double figures.

The Tigers are currently in a four-way tie for first place in the RMAC East Division. But Mahon said one can't put too much stock in the standings at this point.

"It's not really going to pan out until the East teams play the West teams and the West teams play the East teams," he said. "Then after that the last six or seven games will help things pan out for who will be the leader. But it's going to be a lot of fun and we just have to take things one game at a time."

Fort Hays will travel to take on Adams State (Colo.) College on Friday and New Mexico Highlands University on Saturday.



FHSU women claim win

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team was well-rested, having not played since Tuesday.

Colorado Christian University might have been out of gas after an overtime loss to University of Nebraska-Kearney on Friday.

The Tigers blasted their second strong opponent in as many games with an 87-64 win over Colorado Christian in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action on Saturday night.

Fort Hays also defeated then conference leader Kearney 82-75 earlier in the week.

The Tigers, on a four-game winning streak, are now tied with Chadron State (Neb.) College, Kearney, and Metropolitan State College of Denver atop the RMAC East Division standings. Chadron State defeated Metro State 70-55 on Saturday.

Colorado Christian's loss to Kearney "slowed them down a little bit," Tiger coach Tom Mahon said.

"We beat them up and down the floor and made a big run in the second half that really blew it open. I think they were a little tired."

Fort Hays (6-6 overall, 3-2 RMAC) held junior forward Tina Redmond, NCAA Division II's leading scorer, without a field goal in the first half. Redmond went on to finish with 13 points. She came into the game averaging 24.4 a night.

Much of the credit went to junior LaTaunia Terry, who not only guarded Redmond close, but blocked her shot four times.

The nation's eighth leading scorer, junior Brooke Carrigan tried to pick up the slack, scoring 22 points for the Cougars (5-7, 2-4).

Junior guard Shauna Porter scored a season-high 26 points to lead the Tigers, followed by junior center Kelly Priest with 16 and freshman Jamie Heiman with 10.

The Tigers continue a three-game road stretch when they play at Colorado's Adams State College and New Mexico Highlands University Friday and Saturday.



Fort Hays wins pair

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Go figure.

FORT HAYS 70, ADAMS STATE 57

The Tiger women led by nine points at halftime to take their fifth straight win. It was Fort Hays' second straight road win after dropping nine straight away from home.

Fort Hays (9-4 overall, 5-2 RMAC) led by as many as 17 points in the first half before going into the locker room at intermission with a 35-26 lead.

Adams State (5-7, 5-2) tried to rally late in the game. The Grizzlies cut the Tigers' lead to 58-52 with just over three minutes remaining.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman's basket with two minutes left gave the Tigers a 60-52 lead, then junior guard Shauna Porter added two free throws seconds later to put Fort Hays up by 10.

Junior center Kelly Priest helped Fort Hays get off to a fast start, scoring the Tigers' first nine points. She finished with 13.

Porter led Fort Hays with 25 points, including 11-of-15 free throws. Heiman added 12 points and led the Tigers with seven rebounds.

Freshman forward Sara Briggs and junior guard Shannon Meece led Adams State with 15 points apiece. Senior Jessica Flores came off the bench to add 10 points. Briggs added a game-high nine rebounds.

Fort Hays Women 70, Adams St. 57 •

Fort Hays (9-4, 5-2)

Prewitt 1-9 2-2 4, Heiman 6-11 0-1 12, Priest 6-10 1-1 13, Porter 6-17 11-15 25, Ma. Eck 3-10 0-2 6, Schrader 0-1 0-0 0, Mi. Eck 1-3 0-0 2, Hostettler 0-0 0-0 0, Baldwin 0-0 0-0 0, Barrett 0-2 0-0 0, Wendell 0-3 4-4 4, Stoltz 1-2 2-2 4. Totals — 24-68 20-27 70.

Adams State (5-7, 5-2)

Briggs 7-13 1-3 15, Abdulla 0-2 0-0 0, Droegge 1-3 0-0 3, Ziegler 1-5 0-0 2, Meece 7-22 0-0 15, Quintana 0-1 4-6 4, Timmerman 0-0 0-0 0, Nelson 0-0 0-0 0, Flores 2-4 6-7 10, King 3-8 1-3 8. Totals — 21-58 12-19 57.

Fort Hays 35 35 — 70

Adams State 26 31 — 57

3-point goals — Fort Hays 2-8 (Porter 2-5, Priest 0-3, Prewitt 0-1, Mi. Eck); Adams State 3-13 (Meece 1-7, King 1-4, Droegge 1-1, Briggs 0-1). Total fouls — Fort Hays 16, Adams State 18. Fouled out — Meece, Adams State. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 44 (Heiman 7); Adams State 46 (Briggs 9). Assists — Fort Hays 11 (Ma. Eck 5); Adams State 8 (Ziegler 3). Steals — Fort Hays 16 (Porter 5); Adams State 8 (Briggs 4). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 3 (Prewitt 2); Adams State 3 (Flores 2). Turnovers — Fort Hays 20, Adams State 26. A — 682.





FHSU women suffer loss

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — Stop the game at halftime, and the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team would have completed a 3-0 road trip in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

But the last 20 minutes of Saturday night's game against New Mexico Highlands University was all Cowgirls. Highlands rallied from a 47-40 halftime deficit to beat Fort Hays, 87-76.

Fort Hays didn't have an answer for the inside duo of sophomore center Becky Gonzales and freshman forward Kristin Branson. Branson scored 24 points and Gonzales added 20 for Highlands (7-8 overall, 5-3 RMAC). Sophomore guard Patricia Vigil added 16 points.

"The second half, we just couldn't guard inside," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "Gonzales and Branson just killed us."

"Our interior defense just wasn't very good."

The Cowgirls' press in the second half also hurt Fort Hays (7-7, 5-3). Highlands started the second half with a 20-3 run.

"They came out in the second half and ran a little press," Mahon said. "We didn't adjust very well."

Fort Hays finished with 24 turnovers while Highlands had 12.

• Highlands 87, Fort Hays 76 •

FORT HAYS (7-7, 5-3)

Kelly Priest 8-11 0-0 17, Ma. Eck 1-7 2-2 4, Prewitt 2-4 2-2 6, Shauna Porter 5-12 6-8 18, Schrader 0-1 0-0 0, Melissa Eck 5-11 0-0 14, Hostetter 0-0 0-0 0, Jamie Heiman 4-7 5-5 13, Barrett 0-0 2-2 2, Stoltz 0-0 0-0 0, Wendell 1-3 0-0 2.

Totals — 26-56 17-19 76.

HIGHLANDS (7-8, 5-3)

Gallagher 3-6 2-4 8, Becky Gonzales 7-18 4-4 20, Kristin Branson 11-13 2-3 24, Trujillo 0-3 3-4 3, Patricia Vigil 6-13 1-1 16, Saidier 2-2 2-2 6, Kurley 2-4 3-5 8, Sanchez 0-0 0-0 0, Upchurch 0-1 0-0 0, Boots 1-2 0-0 2. Totals — 32-62 17-23 87.

Fort Hays 47 29 — 76
Highlands 40 47 — 87

3-point goals — Fort Hays 7-19 (Priest 1-3, Ma. Eck 0-1, Prewitt 0-1, Porter 2-4, Me. Eck 4-10); New Mexico Highlands 6-17 (Gonzales 2-4, Branson 0-1, Vigil 3-8, Kurley 1-3, Upchurch 0-1). Total fouls — Fort Hays 18, New Mexico Highlands 19. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 43 (Prewitt, Heiman 7); New Mexico Highlands 22 (Gonzales 5). Assists — Fort Hays 19 (Prewitt 6); New Mexico Highlands 22 (Gonzales 6). Steals — Fort Hays 4 (Ma. Eck, Prewitt, Porter, Schrader); New Mexico Highlands 15 (Gallagher 6). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 2 (Heiman, Stoltz); New Mexico Highlands 0. Turnovers — Fort Hays 24, New Mexico Highlands 12. A — 200.

Fort Hays was led by junior Shauna Porter's 18 points and junior Kelly Priest added 17. Freshman Missi Eck scored 14 — including four 3-pointers in the first half — and freshman Jamie Heiman added 13.

The Tigers were coming off a 70-57 conference victory Friday night at Adams State (Colo.) College.

"You get greedy," Mahon said. "I can't fault our kids' effort."

"Give Highlands credit. They shot the ball well and their inside people ate us up."



Mahon likes Fort Hays' chances in RMAC East Division race

By RANDY GONZALES

HAYS DAILY NEWS

Coach Tom Mahon thinks the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference race will go down to the wire.

And with seven of its last 11 conference games at home, the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team could be in position at the end to win the East Division.

Fort Hays (7-7 overall, 5-3) is fourth in the East, but just a game back of the division leaders, University of Nebraska-Kearney and Metropolitan State College of Denver.

"I think the RMAC is going to come down to the last couple weeks of the schedule," Mahon said. "... If we can protect our home court, I like our chances."

Fort Hays will host a pair of Colorado schools from the RMAC this weekend in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Western State College (6-6, 3-4) will be in town Friday. Mesa State College (9-5, 5-2), the leader in the RMAC West, will play Fort Hays on Saturday after playing at Nebraska-Kearney the night before. Game time is 6 p.m. both nights.

The Tigers are at home after winning two of three on the road. In its last game, Fort Hays let a halftime lead slip away in Saturday night's 87-76 loss at New Mexico Highlands, snapping the Tigers' five-game winning streak.

Turnovers proved costly in that game, especially in the second half against a Highlands press. The Tigers committed 16 of their 24 turnovers in the final 20 minutes.

"We've got to do a better job making decisions with the basketball," Mahon said.

Mahon said Western State, like

Probable starters

Friday's game

Western (6-6, 3-4)	Pos.	Fort Hays (7-7, 5-3)
Noll (5-9, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Fonnesbeck (5-6, Sr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Younstrom (6-0, Sr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Cummings (5-7, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Rowbury (5-7, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 16-2.

Last meeting — Mines won, 57-37 (Jan. 15, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Saturday's game

Mesa (9-5, 5-2)*	Pos.	Fort Hays (7-7, 5-3)
Freeze-Kesler (5-8, So.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Clegg (6-0, So.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Lueke (6-1, Sr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Montoya (5-5, Fr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
O'Dwyer (5-6, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 11-8.

Last meeting — Mesa won, 83-70 (Jan. 16, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

* — Record before Friday's game.

Highlands, likes to press.

Helping the Tigers in the backcourt will be the return of junior guard LaTaunia Terry. Terry, a starter in recent games, missed last weekend's road trip due to a death in the family.

Western State is led offensively by junior forward Stacey Noll, who averages a team-high 12.6 points per game.

Mesa State is led in scoring by sophomore guard Kelli O'Dwyer at 12.9 points per game. But Mahon also is wary of 6-foot-1 senior center Susan Lueke, who averages 9.4 points and 8.6 rebounds.

"The Lueke kid inside is a pretty good player," he said.

Fort Hays is led by junior guard Shauna Porter, who is fifth in the RMAC in scoring at 16.1 points per game. Junior center Kelly Priest averages 13.2 points and freshman forward Jamie Heiman is scoring 11.3 points per game and grabbing a team-high 6.1 rebounds.



FHSU women find way to claim victory

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Sometimes you just have to find a way to win.

That's what the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team did Friday night in its Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game with Colorado's Western State College.

The Tigers had good team play when they needed it most in the second half and were able to capitalize on 13-of-14 attempts at the foul line over the final 20 minutes of the game — including two late ones by junior LaTaunia Terry — to rally for a 70-66 win.

"We got it at the end and I'm just happy," Mahon said. "And that's important at this time of the year. If you lose a game like that it can wreck the rest of the season. But I think we did a nice job of finding a way to get it done at the end. So I was really proud of everybody's effort."

"And I was really proud of LaTaunia to step up there and hit those two free throws at the end. Those were big time free throws. And Heather (Wendell) did a nice job inside and stepped up and did some scoring. They really took (Shauna) Porter out of the game a lot and didn't give her many looks. So we're just going to have to have those other kids step up and score."

Wendell came off the bench to score 12 points in 22 minutes on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor and added two free throws to help boost the Tigers.

Fort Hays (8-7 overall, 6-3 RMAC) went on an early 9-0 to take a 13-4 lead.

Western State (6-7, 3-5) came back within three points at 13-10 with 12 minutes to play in the half. Fort Hays eventually led 33-29 at the break.

The Mountaineers kept plugging away and took their first lead of the game at the 17:16 mark of the second half on a layup by junior Stacey Noll to make it 37-36.

• Fort Hays 70, Western State 66 •

WESTERN STATE (6-7, 3-5)

Noll 3-4 1-2 7, Lisa Reed 5-10 0-0 10, Susan Hanchett 5-11 9-10 19, Rowbury 2-6 0-0 4, Fannesbeck 1-3 0-0 3, Cummings 2-5 0-0 5, Hurbina 2-4 2-2 6, Johnston 0-0 0-0 0, Yungstrom 1-4 2-4 4, Blum 2-3 2-2 6, Kansteiner 1-1 0-0 2. Totals — 24-51 16-20 66.

FORT HAYS (8-7, 6-3)

Maisha Prewitt 4-11 0-0 11, Heiman 3-10 0-0 6, Kelly Priest 5-11 7-8 17, Porter 1-10 4-4 6, LaTaunia Terry 4-8 2-2 12, Ma Eck 1-3 0-0 2, Me Eck 1-2 0-0 2, Stoltz 1-2 0-0 2, Heather Wendell 5-8 2-2 12, Barrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 25-65 15-16 70.

Western State 29 47 — 66

Fort Hays 33 37 — 70

3-point goals — Western State 2-7 (Noll 0-1, Hanchett 0-2, Rowbury 0-1, Fannesbeck 1-1, Cummings 1-1, Hurbina 0-1); Fort Hays 5-16 (Prewitt 3-5, Heiman 0-1, Porter 0-5, Terry 2-4, Me Eck 0-1). Total fouls — Western State 18, Fort Hays 11. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Western State 33 (Hanchett 9); Fort Hays 36 (Heiman 7). Assists — Western State 16 (Hanchett, Hurbina 3); Fort Hays 18 (Prewitt 6). Steals — Western State 11 (Reed, Hanchett, Rowbury, Yungstrom 2); Fort Hays 12 (Terry 4). Blocked shots — Western State 4 (Hanchett 2); Fort Hays 4 (Prewitt, Priest, Terry, Wendell). Turnovers — Western State 27, Fort Hays 21. Officials — Lawrence Combs, Jeff Stromgren, Bill Sma. A — 340.

Western State later went on an 11-0 run to take a 50-43 lead.

The Mountaineers would lead by seven points one other time in the half before the Tigers mounted a comeback. With Western State leading 52-45, Fort Hays scored six unanswered points to come within 52-51 with nine minutes to play.

Junior center Kelly Priest missed a shot in the lane and Western State got the rebound. But the Tigers were able to steal the ball with 48 seconds remaining.

Fort Hays gave the ball right back after a turnover and senior Susan Hanchett missed a shot in the lane but was fouled. Hanchett made 1-of-2, and the Tiger still led 68-66.

Terry was fouled after the inbounds pass and made two free throws.

Priest led the Tigers with 17 points and Terry added 12. Junior Maisha Prewitt contributed 11 points and six assists.

Hanchett scored 19 for the Mountaineers.

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Fort Hays freshman forward Jamie Heiman, right, battles Western State forward Jamie Johnston for a rebound in Friday night's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.



Porter lifts FHSU women to victory

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Fort Hays State University junior guard Shauna Porter became the ninth all-time leading scorer in school history in the first half of the Tigers' Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game with Colorado's Mesa State College Saturday night.

In the second half, Porter crawled up that list a little more by becoming the eighth all-time scorer.

But it was her baseline jumper with only four seconds left in the game that people will remember most.

With the score tied at 60-60 and 10 seconds remaining, Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon called a time out to set up the game-winning play.

Junior Maisha Prewitt took the inbounds pass while the other Tigers set solid picks to get Porter open. Porter, who had struggled shooting in Friday night's win over Western State College in scoring six points, used the screens to her advantage, got the ball and didn't hesitate.

Her 10-foot jumper hit nothing but the bottom of the net and helped propel the Tigers to a 64-60 win over the West Division-leading Mavericks (9-7 overall, 5-4 RMAC) at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

But the shot wouldn't have been necessary if the Mavericks wouldn't have clawed their way back after trailing by 12 points at halftime.

"We let them back in the game," Mahon said. "And you have to give Mesa credit. They hung in there and we were very fortunate to get the win."

"But Porter is a big time player. Shauna didn't play well this weekend but she stepped up. We designed the play for her. That's our sideline out-of-bounds play. We set her player up perfectly on her and she got a good pass from Maisha (Prewitt). We set it up and she hit the shot and that's big time."

"And then (LaTaunia Terry) hit the two big free throws at the end to not give them a chance to maybe tie it or win it. And now LaTaunia has done that two nights in a row. And you have

• Fort Hays 64, Mesa State 60 •

Mesa State (9-7, 5-4)

Cami Freeze-Kesler 3-9 3-3 10, Clegg 1-4 0-0 2, Susan Luecke 8-16 1-4 17, Montoya 0-4 1-2 1, Kelli O'Dwyer 3-12 2-2 10, Gordon 1-1 0-0 2, Sopko 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Talkington 4-7 0-1 8, Schmalz 0-1 1-2 1, Brubaker 3-6 3-3 9. Totals — 23-60 11-17 60.

Fort Hays (9-7, 7-3)

Prewitt 1-7 5-6 8, Heiman 1-11 5-6 7, Kelly Priest 3-10 4-4 10, Shauna Porter 7-16 3-6 19, Terry 2-6 2-2 7, Ma. Eck 2-3 0-0 5, Me. Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Wendell 2-5 0-0 4, Barrett 2-4 0-0 4, Stoltz 0-3 0-1 0. Totals — 20-65 19-25 64.

Mesa State 25 35 — 60

Fort Hays 37 27 — 64

3-point goals — Mesa State 3-12 (Freeze-Kesler 1-3, Montoya 0-1, O'Dwyer 2-7, Brubaker 0-1); Fort Hays 5-16 (Prewitt 1-4, Heiman 0-2, Priest 0-1, Porter 2-6, Terry 1-2, Ma. Eck 1-1). Total fouls — Mesa State 20, Fort Hays 15. Fouled out — Clegg, Mesa State. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Mesa State 51 (Luecke 21, Freeze-Kesler 11); Fort Hays 38 (Prewitt 7). Assists — Mesa State 11 (Freeze-Kesler 3); Fort Hays 11 (Porter 4). Steals — Mesa State 5 (Luecke, Montoya 2); Fort Hays 7 (Prewitt 2). Blocked shots — Mesa State 10 (Luecke 9); Fort Hays 5 (Heiman, Wendell 2). Turnovers — Mesa State 27, Fort Hays 15. Officials — Mark Goodheart, David Stoppel, Richard Sieker. A — 325.

to give LaTaunia a lot of credit for stepping up and hitting those two free throws."

Senior Susan Luecke finished with 17 points, 21 rebounds and nine blocked shots to lead the Mavericks.

Mahon said he just told his team to relax in the huddle while setting up the game-winning play.

"I told them that we were going to win," Mahon said. "That everything was going to be just fine and everything was going to be OK. We were going to run the play and execute it and we were going to get a good shot and stick it and win."

Mahon said he was also pleased with the way the Tigers responded after falling down by two points with only seconds remaining.

"(Kelli O'Dwyer) hit that 3-pointer and then they went up two," Mahon said. "And we could have folded there. But we stuck with it and did a great job on the defensive end to get the steal afterwards. As a coach you don't know if you should call a timeout or let your kids win it. And I wanted to make sure that the last shot was taken by Porter."

Fort Hays (9-7, 7-3) will host Panhandle State (Okla.) University on Tuesday at GMC. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.



Jump shot saves the game



KRIS HART

The Leader

With only four seconds left in the game Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum, Shauna Porter, Glen Elder junior, sank a jump shot that carried the Lady Tigers' basketball team to a 64-60 win over Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference West Division leaders, Mesa State College.

"I wanted to make sure that the last shot was taken by Porter," Tom Mahon, head coach, said.

The Lady Tigers are still ranked fourth in the RMAC East division, despite two homecourt wins over the weekend. The first win came on Friday, Jan. 21, over Western State College, 70-66. The Lady Tigers had to overcome a seven-point second-half deficit to defeat WSC, and had to depend on Porter to make her final shot for the narrow four-point win over MSC on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Junior forward Kelly Priest, Sabetha, was one of the leaders in the weekend victories. She scored 17 points against the Mountaineers on Friday and 10 points on Saturday. Another player noted for her

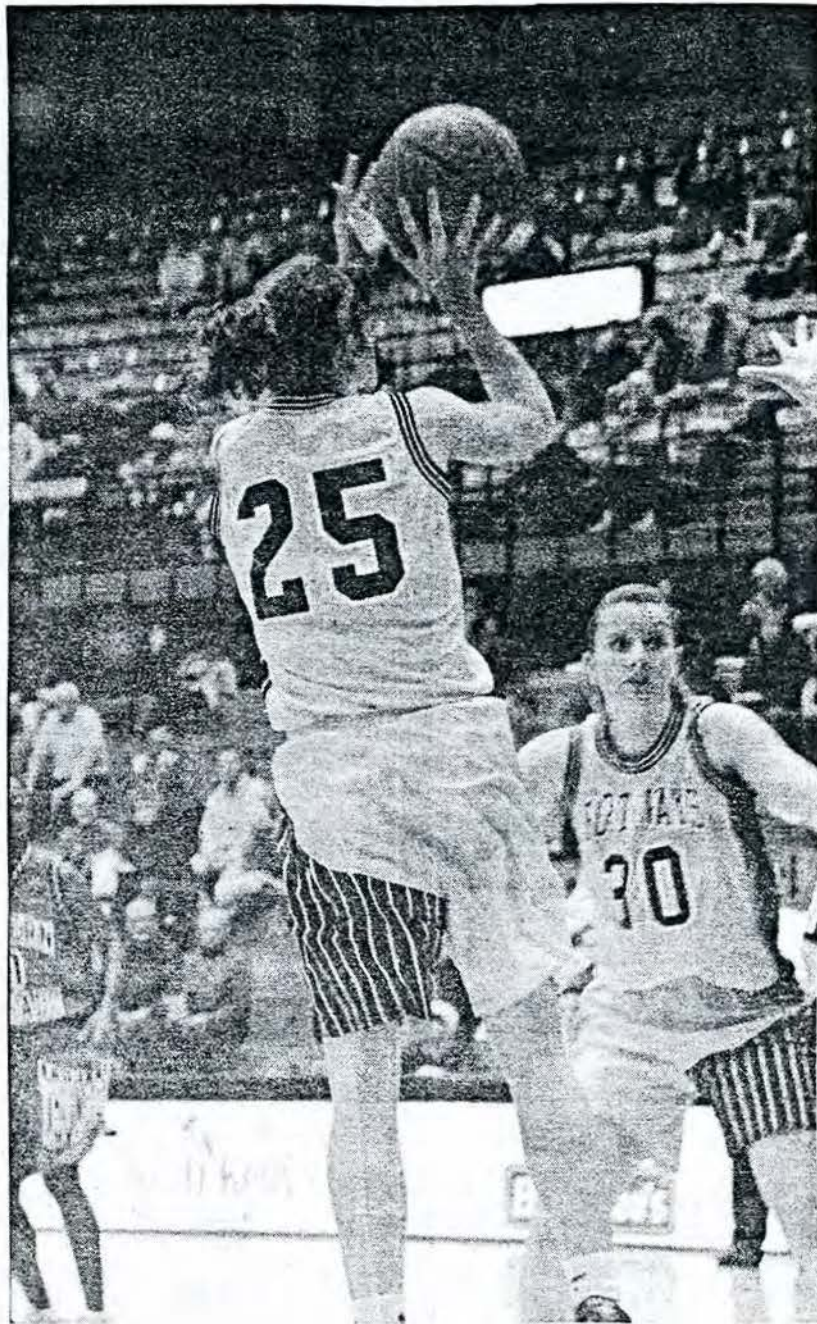
performance is LaTaunia Terry, Denver, Colo., junior. She scored 12 points against Western State, and followed through, with some key free throws.

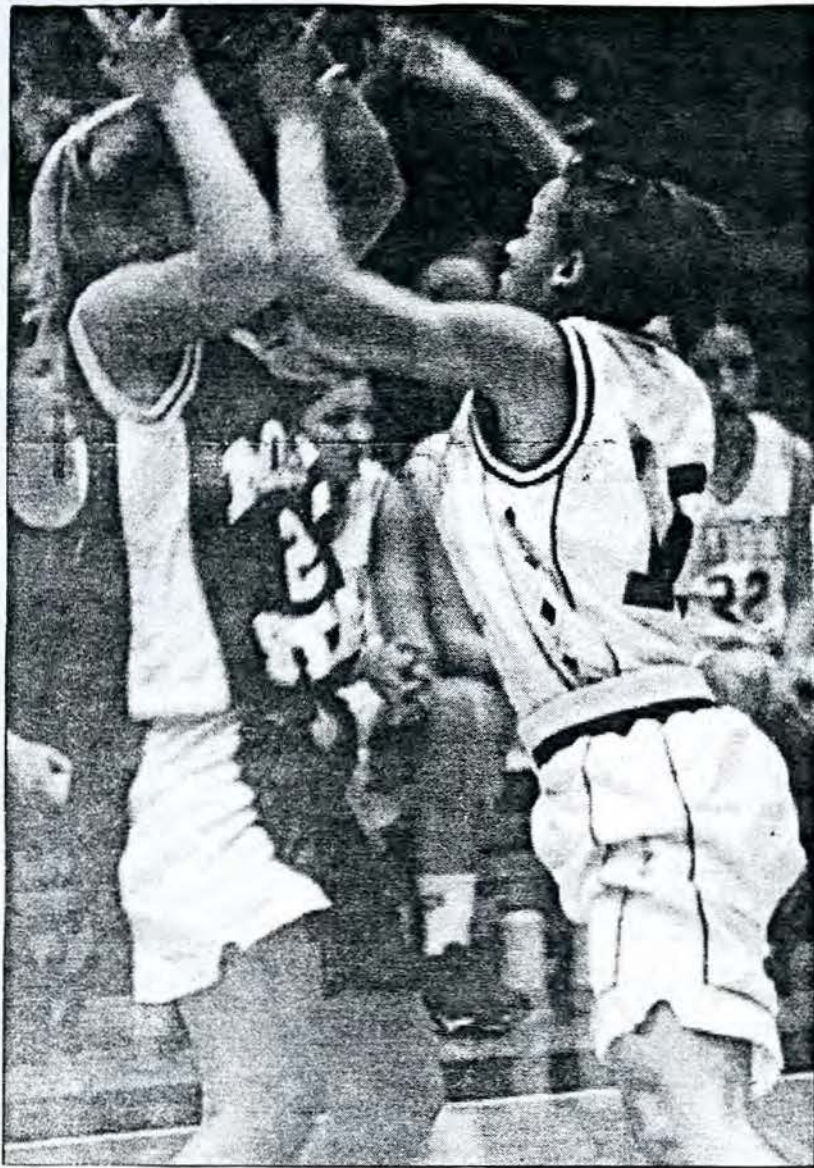
"LaTaunia Terry hit the two free throws at the end, didn't give them a chance," Mahon said. "She's done that two nights in a row."

The one Lady Tiger who stole the spotlight once again, despite a team effort, is Porter. She scored 6 points on Friday and 17 on Saturday to boost her tally to 1,115 career points for eighth place on the all-time Lady Tiger scoring list.

The team now has a 9-7 overall season record, and a 7-3 RMAC record. MSC is still the RMAC West division leaders despite the loss to FHSU on Saturday night. The Lady Tigers will look to continue their homecourt winning streak with a game against Panhandle State tonight at 6 p.m.

"We want to keep the momentum going and protect our homecourt," Mahon said. "It's really important that we protect our homecourt."





FHSU to play outside of RMAC

By RYAN BUCHANAN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Fort Hays State University men's and women's basketball teams both took back-to-back wins in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action over the weekend.

Now the Tigers take a short break from RMAC action to play nonconference games today at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The Fort Hays women play Oklahoma's Panhandle State University at 6 p.m., followed by the men's game against Missouri's Lincoln University at 8 p.m.

Fort Hays coach Chad Wintz said Lincoln's 1-16 record is deceiving.

The Blue Tigers have played 12 of their 17 games on the road and since they are not a member of a conference, have had to face some tough competition.

"I'm very guarded," Wintz said.

Probable starters

Men		
Lincoln (1-16)	Pos.	Fort Hays (11-5)
King (6-5, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 6-3) Davis
Friday (6-6, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 6-7) Thomas
Moore (6-7, Sr.)	C	(Sr., 6-6) Jackson
Wright (5-10, So.)	G	(Sr., 6-4) Malloy
Mills (6-2, Fr.)	G	(Jr., 5-11) Simoneau

Tipoff — 8 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).
Series — Lincoln leads 4-3.
Last meeting — Fort Hays won 105-57 (Nov. 22, 1985).

Broadcast — 7:35 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Women		
Panhandle State (12-7)	Pos.	Fort Hays (9-7)
Fleming (5-8, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Crandall (5-9, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Vaughns (5-10, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Lemmens (5-8, Fr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Balthazar (5-8, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).
Series — Fort Hays leads 14-7.
Last meeting — Fort Hays won 89-47 (Jan. 17, 1990).

Broadcast — 5:35 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

"Lincoln has the potential to beat us and a lot of other people. They play a very tough schedule. Since they're not in a league, they have to play about 80 percent of their games on the road

just to get their schedule filled.

"It's still a basketball game and it's still important to our overall record and possible NCAA play. Conference is what it's all about, but I still feel this game has a great level of importance. I just want to try to win the ball game. Though to a lot of people this looks lopsided, it sure doesn't look that way to me."

Senior center Corey Moore leads Lincoln with 12.3 points a game. The rest of the team is young, featuring three freshmen and a sophomore. Forward Andre' King and guards Jason Friday and O.J. Mills — all freshmen — are averaging about seven points a night.

The Tigers (11-5) are led in scoring by senior guard Rodney Malloy at 19.1 points a game. Two other starters average in double figures. Junior forward Tony Thomas is scoring 11



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points, followed by junior guard Willie Davis at 10.6.

Mahon was also wary of Panhandle State (12-7). The Aggies have won their last five games, including a victory Saturday over West Texas A&M, which was 14-3 at the time.

"We're going to have to play," Mahon said. "They've got two or three good athletes, but if we defend them, we'll be fine."

Panhandle is led in scoring by senior guard Elsa Balthazar at 18.1

points a game.

Junior guard Shauna Porter leads Fort Hays (9-7) at 15.7 points per game. Her 19 points in Saturday's win over Mesa State (Colo.) College moved her past both Mindy Lyne and Kristin Wiebe and into eighth place on the Tigers' all-time scoring list. Porter now has 1,115 career points, seven short of Julie Kizzar for the seventh on the list.

Junior center Kelly Priest and freshman forward Jamie Heiman average 13.3 and 10.7 points, respectively.



Fort Hays women claim win

By MARK MISCH
HAYS DAILY NEWS



It was a nail-biter Tuesday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team blew a 13-point second half lead, but held on for an 87-85 win over Panhandle State (Okla.) University.

It came down to a last-second 3-point attempt by Aggies senior Elsa Baltazar, but her shot rimmed out and the Tigers escaped with the victory.

The game was an offensive shootout as the two teams combined to make 14 treys, including a 5-for-5 performance from beyond the arc by Fort Hays junior Maisha Prewitt.

Prewitt finished with 21 points, seven assists, three blocked shots and three steals.

Prewitt, known to be a streaky player, had her 'A' game Tuesday.

"Mai played really well," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "I think it's a confidence factor, she hit her outside shot."

"She played her best all-around game since she's been here."

Junior guard Shauna Porter added 19 points, moving her up to seventh on the school's all-time scoring chart, with 1,134 career points. Freshman forward Jamie Heiman scored 18 points and pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds.

"It's nice to see Jamie get a double-double," Mahon said.

Junior center Kelly Priest added 10 points for Fort Hays (10-7).

Baltazar led Pandhandle State (12-8) with 24 points. Freshman guard Lisa Ramis scored 18 points and junior forward Crocy Vaughns added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Panhandle State trailed by 13 with 8:20 left in the game when the Aggies went on a 20-7 run. Baltzar's two free throws made it 85-85 with 1:59 left.

Porter's jumper with 1:11 left gave the Tigers the lead. It was the second straight game Porter knocked home the winning basket.

"They came in here tonight with a five game winning streak and it took all we had at the end to hold them off for the win," Mahon said. "It's so important to win at home and protect the home floor."

"We need to be more focused on defense and play up on the ball more aggressively. We also have to work on protecting a lead, instead of letting the other team back in the game. Overall though ... I am pleased with our effort."

Fort Hays will resume Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Saturday when the Tigers travel to Durango, Colo., for a game against Fort Lewis College.





• Fort Hays 87, Panhandle State 85 •

PANHANDLE STATE (12-8)

Fleming 4-6 2-4 10, Baltazar 9-20 4-5 24, Vaughns 6-14 4-7 16, Crandall 2-2 0-0 4, Lemmens 2-4 2-2 6, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Ramis 6-11 0-0 18, Graham 3-5 1-2 7, Totals — 32-62 13-20 85.

FORT HAYS (10-7)

Prewitt 8-14 0-0 21, Heiman 7-10 3-4 18, Priest 5-11 0-0 10, Porter 9-15 1-1 19, Terry 3-7 0-0 6, Ma Eck 2-3 0-0 4, Me Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Barrett 2-2 2-2 6, Wendell 1-3 1-1 3, Stoltz 0-0 0-0 0, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Baldwin 0-0 0-0 0.

Panhandle State.....46 39 — 85

Fort Hays55 32 — 87

3-point goals — Panhandle State 8-19 (Baltazar 2-10, Ramis 6-9); Fort Hays 6-11 (Prewitt 5-5, Heimen 1-2, Priest 0-1, Porter 0-2, Terry 0-1). **Total fouls** — Panhandle State 9, Fort Hays 17. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Panhandle State 34 (Vaughns 8); Fort Hays 28 (Heimen 10). **Assists** — Panhandle State 13 (Lemmens 4); Fort Hays 21 (Prewitt 7). **Steals** — Panhandle State 10 (Baltazar 3, Fleming 3). Fort Hays 8 (Prewitt 3). **Blocked shots** — Panhandle State 2 (two with 1); Fort Hays 3 (Prewitt 3). **Turnovers** — Panhandle State 14, Fort Hays 17. **A** — 310.



Fort Hays women to play at Fort Lewis

By RYAN BUCHANAN

HAYS DAILY NEWS

At least win the ones you're supposed to, and everything else will work itself out.

That's the approach the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team is taking as the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference race heats up.

But when you have to go on a trip like the one the Tigers will take this weekend, you can't take anything for granted.

Fort Hays makes the long haul to Durango, Colo., to play Fort Lewis College at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"These are the games you need to win if you want to make a run at the conference championship," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said.

The Tigers are on a hot streak, winning eight of their last nine games and three in a row. Fort Hays is 10-7 overall and fourth in the RMAC's East Division at 7-3, behind University of Nebraska-Kearney, Metropolitan State College of Denver and Chadron State (Neb.) College.

Fort Lewis is on the other end of the spectrum. After an 87-46 home loss to Kearney on Thursday, the Skyhawks are 2-15 overall, winless in the conference at 0-10 and sitting in the RMAC West Division cellar.

"This is a big game in conference," Mahon said. "You try to win these road games, and this is an important road game that we've got a really good chance of winning if we play well."

Mahon gives the Skyhawks a wider berth after seeing them on tape, but odds are against Fort Lewis, which has yet to beat Fort Hays in the 10-game series.

"They don't look like a team that is 0-9 in conference," Mahon said before Thursday's loss. "They have had some misfortunes with injuries, but they haven't quit. They play hard, and they always seem to play well at their place."

Fort Lewis starts four sophomores

Probable starters

FORT HAYS (10-7, 7-3)	Pos.	FORT LEWIS (0-10, 2-15)
Prewitt (5-7, Jr.)	F	(So., 5-9) Widner
Heiman (6-0, Fr.)	F	(Fr., 5-9) Twito
Priest (6-0, Jr.)	C	(So., 5-8) McCall
Porter (5-5, Jr.)	G	(So., 5-8) Hill
Terry (5-7, Jr.)	G	(So., 5-3) Johnson

Tipoff — 6 p.m. at FLC Fieldhouse (3,000)

Series — Fort Hays leads 10-0.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won 80-48 (Jan. 23, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:35 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM)

and a freshman, none of which average in double figures in scoring.

Freshman guard Cara Hill led the way at 8.6 points a game before Thursday's game, followed by sophomore forward Amanda Widner at 8.1, and freshman guard Michelle Johnson at 7.6.

"They're young, but they're eager," Mahon said. "Though they haven't had a lot of success, you can tell they're trying to get better."

Mahon has been impressed with his own team's ability to find scoring from an assortment of players lately, taking some of the pressure off junior guard Shauna Porter.

Porter is averaging 15.9 points a game to lead Fort Hays and needs 23 points to move past Terri Sargent on the Tigers' all-time scoring list. Porter now has 1,134 career points. Her jumper with 11 seconds left gave the Tigers an 87-85 home win over Oklahoma's Panhandle State University on Tuesday. It was the second straight game she made the deciding basket.

Two other starters are also averaging in double figures. Junior center Kelly Priest is scoring 13.1 points a game, followed by freshman forward Jamie Heiman at 11.1. Heiman leads the Tigers with 6.3 rebounds a night. Junior forward Maisha Prewitt has stepped up in the last three games and is now averaging 7.1 points.

"We've had different players step up at different times, instead of depending on Shauna Porter to do all our scoring," Mahon said. "... Our depth is coming into play. I like that depth and I like the fact that we've had different players step up."





FHSU women hang on

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

DURANGO, Colo. — Fort Lewis College didn't look like a team that had suffered a 41-point loss to University of Nebraska-Kearney two days earlier.

The Skyhawks gave the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team all it could handle in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action on Saturday night.

The Tigers held on for a 76-66 win, and though Fort Hays never trailed, Fort Lewis was knocking on the door all night.

Fort Hays has won nine of its last 10 games.

Junior center Kelly Priest helped keep the Tigers (11-7 overall, 8-3 RMAC) afloat with a game-high 20 points.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman followed with 15. Sophomore forward Heather Wendell scored 10. Junior guard Shauna Porter also had 10 points to get within 13 of passing Terry Sargent for sixth on the Tigers' all-time scoring list.

Freshman guard Maggie Eck score eight points, all in the second half.

Fort Hays led by as many as nine in the first half, but Fort Lewis (2-16, 0-11) hounded the Tigers with a tough man-to-man defense and got back into the game.

Priest scored the Tigers first seven points of the game and Wendell added another bucket to give Fort Hays a 9-5 lead early on. Fort Hays then made a

9-2 run to increase the lead to 18-9 midway through the first half.

Fort Lewis fought back to within 18-15, but the Tigers widened the gap back to 25-19. The Skyhawks then went on a 6-2 spurt to get back to within 27-25 and later tied the score 29-29 on a basket by sophomore Natasha McCall with 2½ minutes left before halftime.

Fort Hays hit 5-of-6 free throws and Fort Lewis hit 2-of-4 as the half wound down and the Tigers led 34-31 with under a minute left.

But Fort Lewis sophomore Michelle Johnson was fouled as she hit a bucket with 3 seconds left and hit her free throw to tie the game 34-34 at halftime.

Every time Fort Hays built a small lead in the second half, the Skyhawks had an answer.

The Tigers got ahead 43-38 early in the half, but Jennifer Grosjean hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to two points.

Fort Hays later went up 47-41, but sophomore Cara Hill hit a trey to make it a 3-point game.

Fort Lewis kept picking at the Tigers until about the nine-minute mark.

Eck hit a long jumper to make it 60-57, followed by a bucket from Heiman and another basket from Eck to make it 64-59.

A 3-pointer by Grosjean cut the lead back to 64-62, but Priest and Wendell hit back-to-back buckets and Heiman made a free throw to stretch the lead back to 69-62 with 2½ minutes left. The Tigers held off Fort Lewis from there.





Fort Hays teams find life on the road is no picnic in RMAC

By RYAN BUCHANAN

HAYS DAILY NEWS

If the Fort Hays State University men's and women's basketball teams' games at Fort Lewis College proved one thing, it may have been that there are no easy games left on the Tigers' schedule.

The Fort Hays men were unable to fight off one of the Skyhawks' best teams in years and lost 82-78 Saturday in Durango, Colo.

"Fort Lewis was a good basketball team," Tiger men's coach Chad Wintz said. "Our team played extremely well to be in the ball game, but we couldn't hold them off. A lot of things seemed to go against our basketball team, some that we could control and some that we couldn't."

The Tiger women found out Fort Lewis is better than its 2-16 overall and 0-11 conference records indicate, but Fort Hays battled to a 76-66 win.

"We had a tussle Saturday, but our kids stepped up and faced that adversity and did the things it takes to win on the road," Fort Hays women's coach Tom Mahon said. "Fort Lewis played well enough to make it a ball game."

With eight games left in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference regular season — five of those at home — both Fort Hays teams are fighting to position themselves for the postseason.

They'll have to protect their home court as they start a four-game homestand with games against University of Colorado-Colorado Springs and University of Southern Colorado Friday and Saturday.

Two East Division teams have a big lead in the men's standings. Metropolitan State College of Denver is first with an 11-1 RMAC record and Nebraska's Chadron State College is second at 10-1.

From there, things get pretty tight. The Tigers are tied three ways in the overall standings for third place at 6-5 with Southern Colorado and Fort Lewis.

"We knew at the start of conference play that there wouldn't be any easy games," Wintz said. "It didn't take losing to Fort Lewis to send that message. I was proud of the way our kids competed under some adverse situations and I really don't think we lost any momentum simply because of the way we've competed over the last three or four ball games. Spots 3-10 in the league are up for grabs. And there are some pretty good basketball teams in there that won't make the tournament. There are a bunch of teams in the mix and now is separation time, so we've got to make sure we tend to business at home these next few games."

FHSU: Mahon feels women are in good spot in RMAC race

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For the women — tied for third in both the overall conference standings and in the East Division — an RMAC title is still within reach. The Tigers are tied with Chadron State at 8-3. Metro is second at 9-3 and University of Nebraska-Kearney leads the way at 9-2.

"We're in pretty good position," Mahon said. "Every game from here on out is going to be important. We've got eight conference games left and five of those are at home. We've got to take those one at a time and realize that people are going to come in here anxious to beat us in Hays. So we've got to protect our home court. There are not going to be any easy games left. To win a conference championship, I think we've got to win all eight games."

The Fort Hays men (12-6 overall) jumped out to a 42-37 halftime lead over Fort Lewis on Saturday thanks to 65.4 percent shooting. The Tigers didn't let up much in the second half and finished 58.2 percent from the field for the game.

But Fort Hays' biggest nemesis was a large margin in the foul count. The Tigers were whistled 21 times to the Skyhawks' 10. Fort Lewis made 17-of-24 free throws, while the Tigers went 3-for-6 from the line.

"... When you have that kind of discrepancy at the foul line, it's very difficult to win. Even though we shot 58 percent from the floor, we couldn't overcome that," Wintz said.

The Tigers also took a hit from Fort Lewis sophomore forward Luke Neibling, who went 6-for-7 from 3-point range for 24 points.

"That worked against us also," Wintz said. "The young man was shooting 22 percent from 3-point range coming into the game and he hits 6-of-7 on us. Those

are the kind of things you don't count on."

Senior guard Dylan Fiedler continued to play well off the bench. He led the Tigers with 16 points and went 4-for-8 from 3-point range. Senior guard Rodney Malloy scored 13 points and juniors Tony Thomas and Willie Davis both scored 12.

The Tiger women (11-7 overall) found themselves tied with Fort Lewis 34-34 at halftime and led the Skyhawks by just four points with six minutes left in the game. Fort Hays held Fort Lewis to just four points down the stretch and 36.1 percent shooting in the second half.

"What I liked best was our defense in the second half," Mahon said. "We played good defense without fouling. One thing about this team is that I don't think they had any fear that they would lose that basketball game, at least the players didn't. It's good to have that kind of mental belief, especially on the road."

Fort Hays got 47 points from its inside players, led by junior forward Kelly Priest with 20 points and seven rebounds.

She made 9-of-15 from the floor. Priest is shooting 54 percent for the season. She scored the Tigers' first seven points of the game.

"Kelly Priest is really playing well offensively and taking good shots," Mahon said. "There's no question about which of our players wants to take our first shot and knock it down."

Freshman Jamie Heiman followed with 15 points and junior guard Shauna Porter scored 10, but the Tigers also got big contributions off the bench from sophomore forward Heather Wendell and freshman guard Maggie Eck, who scored 12 and eight points, respectively. Wendell went 6-for-6 from the field and leads the team in field goal shooting at 57 percent.





Tigers count their lucky stars

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

If you were one to believe in astrology, you might think the stars are all aligned the right way for the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team.

The Tigers have won four straight and nine of 10 as they battle for supremacy in the East Division of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

And, the Tigers have a golden opportunity to make up ground in the conference race the next two weekends.

Fort Hays (11-7 overall, 8-3 RMAC) is tied for third in the East, but just a game back of division leader University of Nebraska-Kearney. The Tigers have four straight home games in the RMAC, beginning with Friday's 6 p.m. matchup with University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (5-14, 2-9) in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

On Saturday, University of Southern Colorado (7-11, 4-7) comes to town for a 6 p.m. game at GMC after playing at Kearney the night before.

Probable starters

Friday	
Colo. Sprgs. (5-14, 2-9) Pos.	Fort Hays (11-7, 8-3)
Thomas (5-11, Jr.) F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Mathiesen (6-0, So.) F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Johnson (6-1, Jr.) C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Koskovich (5-11, So.) G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Henderson (5-7, Jr.) G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).
Series — Fort Hays leads 2-1.

Last meeting — CU-Colorado Springs won 70-62 (Jan. 29, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Saturday

S. Colorado (7-11, 4-7) Pos.	Fort Hays (11-7, 8-3)
Nadeau (5-7, Jr.) F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Plumer (5-10, Sr.) F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Frei (6-3, Fr.) C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Weiser (5-9, Fr.) G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
McElroy (5-7, So.) G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).
Series — Fort Hays leads 7-2.

Last meeting — Southern Colorado won 72-71 (Jan. 30, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

* — Records before Friday's game.

"We've got eight big conference games left," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "Everybody's happy to play at home."

"It's a situation where we've got to get geared up and get the kids ready to play."

Both Colorado Springs and Southern Colorado are big inside, but the Tigers hope to beat their opponents in transition.

"They're both big teams, with nice size," Mahon said. "We feel we can beat them up and down the floor."

Colorado Springs is led by 6-foot-1 junior center Corriisa Johnson. Johnson leads the Mountain Lions in both scoring (12.6) and rebounding (6.5).

Southern Colorado junior forward Karen Nadeau leads the Thunderwolves in scoring at 13.3 points per game. Senior forward Erin Plumer averages a team-high 7.3 rebounds per game.

Junior guard Shauna Porter leads Fort Hays in scoring at 15.6 points per game, fourth-best in the conference. Junior center Kelly Priest averages 13.4 points and 5.6 rebounds, while freshman forward Jamie Heiman averages 11.3 points and a team-high 6.2 rebounds.

Porter needs 13 points to pass Terry Sargent (1981-86) for sixth place on the school's all-time scoring list.



Fort Hays women win race

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

In this race between the tortoise and the hare, it was no contest. The hare won.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team wanted to push the tempo, and force the taller — and slower — Mountain Lions of University of Colorado-Colorado Springs to run the floor.

The Tigers' game plan worked to perfection, especially in the first half, as Fort Hays rolled to a 77-50 win in Friday night's Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference matchup in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Fort Hays shot 55 percent from the floor and junior guard Shauna Porter dished out eight assists in the first 20 minutes as the Tigers took a commanding, 44-19 halftime lead.

The Tigers also forced 13 turnovers before halftime, and converted them into 22 points.

"The first half, we really got up and down the floor well," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "We just beat them up and down the floor."

After Colorado Springs sophomore Susan Fultz scored with 6:19 left in the first half, the Mountain Lions trailed 28-19. Fort Hays then went on a 16-0 run the rest of the half to lead by 25 at the break.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman scored seven points in the run, and had 10 at the half, along with Porter. Junior guard LaTania Terry also had nine of her 11 points in the first half.

Heiman finished with 14 points, as did Porter, who passed Terry Sargent for sixth place on the all-time scoring list with 1,158 points. Sargent had 1,156 from 1981-86.

Porter also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds.

Junior center Corriisa Johnson led Colorado Springs (5-15 overall, 2-10 RMAC) with 17 points but was held to 7-of-18 shooting. She also led the Mountain Lions with seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Heidi Koskovich added 13 points.

Colorado Springs was held to 34 percent shooting, thanks to the Tigers' stifling zone defense. Normally, Mahon employs a tight man-to-man, but not against the Mountain Lions, who like to work the ball inside.

"This team, especially, is not a very good perimeter shooting team," Mahon said.

Fort Hays (12-7, 9-3) took its biggest lead of the night (70-36) on a pair of Porter free throws with 6:18 left in the game.

• Fort Hays 77, Colo. Springs 50 •

CU-COLO. SPRINGS (5-15, 2-10)

Thomas 1-6, 0-0 2, Mathiesen 3-10 0-0 7, Johnson 7-18 3-5 17, Koskovich 5-11 2-3 12, Henderson 1-5 0-0 2, Fultz 2-4 0-0 4, Hardy 0-0 0-0 0, Coleman 1-4 0-0 2, Chandler 1-3 1-2 3. Totals — 21-61 6-10 50.

FORT HAYS (12-7, 9-3)

Prewitt 2-5 2-2 7, Heiman 6-12 2-3 14, Priest 3-7 0-0 6, Porter 5-12 2-2 14, Terry 5-5 1-1 11, Ma. Eck 1-2 2-2 4, Me. Eck 1-4 0-0 3, Barrett 1-4 2-2 4, Wendell 2-3 0-0 4, Stoltz 1-5 0-0 2, Baldwin 2-4 0-0 5, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0, Schrader 1-2 1-2 3. Totals — 30-65 12-14 77.

CU-COLO. SPRINGS 19 31 — 50

FORT HAYS 44 33 — 77

3-point goals — Colo. Springs 2-10 (Mathiesen 1-3, Koskovich 1-1, Thomas 0-3, Coleman 0-2, Johnson 0-1); Fort Hays 5-15 (Porter 2-4, Me. Eck 1-3, Prewitt 1-3, Baldwin 1-2, Heiman 0-1, Stoltz 0-1, Schrader 0-1). Total fouls — Colo. Springs 13, Fort Hays 12. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Colo. Springs 37 (Johnson 7), Fort Hays 42 (Porter 8). Assists — Colo. Springs 10 (Johnson 4); Fort Hays 21 (Porter 8). Steals — Colo. Springs 7 (Koskovich 4); Fort Hays 11 (Prewitt 5). Blocked shots — Colo. Springs 3 (Johnson 2); Fort Hays 2 (Heiman 1, Priest 1). Turnovers — Colo. Springs 20, Fort Hays 15. A — 325. Officials — Marv Loucks, Bill Sma, Richard Sieker.




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Mahon is all smiles after Tigers' victory

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

That smile on Tom Mahon's face just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

And why not smile if you're the coach of the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team.

After all, Mahon deserves it. Especially after the weekend he and the Tigers had.

Fort Hays capped off a sweep of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference games with an 85-59 shellacking of University of Southern Colorado Saturday at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

On Friday, the Tigers pounded University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, 77-50.

Saturday's win against the Thunderwolves ran the Tigers' winning streak to six games. But more impressively, Fort Hays has won six of seven games against RMAC West Division teams and is still in the thick of things in the RMAC East.

The Tigers jumped out early and never looked back, much to Mahon's delight.

"We came out really well again in the first half and played with a lot of intensity," Mahon said. "And it's nice to jump up on people and put them away away early and we did that the last two nights. So that's encouraging to this basketball team because Southern Colorado is not a bad basketball team."

The win was also Fort Hays' 11th in its last 12 games, leaving the Tigers in good shape with six East Division games remaining on the schedule.

"That's really important," Mahon said. "Now we have six games left and it's three and three. We've got to continue to take care of our home court. We want to win the conference championship. I really believe we're going to have to win all six but if we get five out of six we should position ourselves pretty good."

Fort Hays (13-7 overall, 10-3 RMAC) jumped all over the Thunderwolves

• Fort Hays 85, So. Colorado 59 •

So. COLORADO (7-13, 4-9)
Shawana McElroy 6-13 0-0 12, Carbone 3-10 0-0
7, Frei 1-8 2-4 4, Weiser 2-9 0-0 6, Nadeau 0-3 0-0
0, Plumer 2-6 0-0 4, Dickens 2-5 0-0 4, Micki Smith 2-
8 10-12 14, Malizia 1-3 0-0 3, Green 0-1 2-2 2,
Davis 1-2 1-2 3. Totals — 20-68 15-20 59.

FORT HAYS (13-7, 10-3)
Maisha Prewitt 7-12 2-2 17, Heiman 3-8 0-1 6,
Kelly Priest 7-14 2-2 16, Shauna Porter 6-9 2-2 14,
Terry 1-6 0-0 3, Ma. Eck 1-2 0-0 2, Barrett 2-3 4-4 8,
Wendell 1-1 0-0 2, Stoltz 2-6 2-2 6, Baldwin 0-2 2-2
2, Schrader 1-2 1-2 3, Me. Eck 2-4 1-2 6, Robinson 0-
0 0-0 0. Totals — 33-69 16-19 85.

Southern Colorado 18 41 — 59
Fort Hays 41 44 — 85

3-point goals — Southern Colorado 4-19 (McElroy
0-1, Carbone 1-2, Weiser 2-6, Nadeau 0-3, Plumer 0-1,
Dickens 0-1, Smith 0-2, Malizia 1-2, Green 0-1); Fort
Hays 3-11 (Prewitt 1-2, Porter 0-1, Terry 1-4, Baldwin 0-
1, Me. Eck 1-3). Total fouls — Southern Colorado 19,
Fort Hays 14. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls —
None.

Rebounds — Southern Colorado 36 (McElroy 12);
Fort Hays 53 (Heiman, Priest 11). Assists — Southern
Colorado 7 (McElroy 5); Fort Hays 20 (Terry 7, Prewitt
6). Steals — Southern Colorado 13 (McElroy, Weiser
3); Fort Hays 7 (Terry 3). Blocked shots — Southern
Colorado 5 (Frei 3); Fort Hays 3 (Heiman, Priest,
Barrett). Turnovers — Southern Colorado 23, Fort
Hays 23. Officials — Mark Goodheart, Jim Adams,
Richard Sieker. A — 310.

early. The Tigers worked their way to an 18-4 lead with 14:22 remaining in the first half.

Southern Colorado (7-13, 4-9) got within 23-11 at the 10:08 mark of the first half on a layup by senior Erin Plumer. But Fort Hays outscored the Thunderwolves 18-7 the rest of the half to lead 41-18 at the break.

Fort Hays increased the lead to 58-32 with 11:55 to play on a layup by junior guard Shauna Porter.

Fort Hays held the Thunderwolves to 15 percent (5-of-33) shooting in the first half and 29 percent (20-of-68) for the game.

Junior Maisha Prewitt led the Tigers with 17 points. Junior Kelly Priest added 16 points and Porter scored 14.

Priest and freshman Jamie Heiman each pulled down 11 rebounds for Fort Hays, which outrebounded Southern Colorado 53-36.

Sophomores Micki Smith and Shawana McElroy led the Thunderwolves with 14 and 12 points, respectively.





Fort Hays looks for revenge

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

When the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team traveled to Golden, Colo., in December for a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game at Colorado School of Mines, the Tigers had hopes of snapping a two-game road losing streak.

And the Tigers liked their chances. After all, Fort Hays had defeated the Orediggers seven straight times and led the series 18-1.

But Mines stole a victory from the Tigers that night and then Metropolitan State College of Denver extended the Tigers' losing streak to four games with a four-point win the next night.

That was then. This is now.

Fort Hays enters this weekend's games against the same two teams on a roll. The Tigers have won 11 of 12 since that fateful weekend in December, including six in a row.

Fort Hays has climbed out of the lower half of the RMAC East Division standings since that point and is tied for second with Metro State. University of Nebraska-Kearney leads the East by one game.

Now it's time for the Tigers and coach Tom Mahon to get a little revenge against Mines and Metro State on Friday and Saturday. Tipoff for both games is 6 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"I think it's probably on both the coaches and players minds," Mahon said. "We were not happy with the way we played on that Friday out there against Mines. Then that Saturday we played better but if we played even a little bit better then we could have won."

"But we reminded them of the revenge factor last weekend. Last year we went out to Southern (Colorado) and CU-Colorado Springs and lost games we should have won. Then we got revenge last week for that. Now we're hoping for the same this weekend."

WOMEN: Porter top Tiger scorer

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Fort Hays (13-7 overall, 10-3 RMAC) has found the secret to success.

"We understand what we need to do to be successful now," Mahon said. "The girls are stepping up and that has brought us some success. And we've had the effort."

"We know we have the talent. But that first time I think we just kind of thought that maybe we would just show up that first night and play Mines and then get ready for Saturday against Metro. We were hoping to at least get a split. And things didn't happen that way."

Mines (9-11, 6-7) has two players scoring in double figures heading into Friday's game. Senior guard Amy Bollinger leads the Orediggers with an 11.4 average and adds 4.4 assists per game. Sophomore Marissa Eichhorn is second with 10.4 points per game.

Junior Shauna Porter leads the Tigers at 15.4 points per game. Two other Tigers are averaging in double figures. Junior Kelly Priest and freshman Jamie Heiman are averaging 13.2 and 11.2 points, respectively.

Metro State enters the weekend with a 14-6 overall record and is 10-3 in conference play. The Roadrunners start the weekend with a game Friday at Nebraska-Kearney.

Senior Sarah Coleman leads three Roadrunners averaging in double figures with 17.5 points per game. Senior Steph Allen, who has been a Fort Hays nemesis in past years, is second with a 15.2 average.

Junior Sara Gordon also scores in double figures (10.9) and leads the team in rebounding (7.5).

Probable starters

Friday	
Mines (9-11, 6-7)	Pos. Fort Hays (13-7, 10-3)
Dillard (6-0, Sr.)	F (Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Eichhorn (5-8, Soph.)	F (Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Good (6-5, Fresh.)	C (Jr., 6-0) Priest
Harman (5-9, Sr.)	G (Jr., 5-5) Porter
A. Bollinger (5-5, Sr.)	G (Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 18-2.

Last meeting — Colorado Mines won, 71-59 (Dec. 10, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Saturday	
Metro St. (14-6, 10-3*)	Pos. Fort Hays (13-7, 10-3*)
McArthur (6-1, Soph.)	F (Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Jennison (5-9, Jr.)	F (Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Gordon (5-10, Jr.)	C (Jr., 6-0) Priest
Coleman (5-10, Sr.)	G (Jr., 5-5) Porter
Allen (5-6, Sr.)	G (Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Metro State leads, 8-6.

Last meeting — Metro State won, 77-73 (Dec. 11, 1999).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

* — Records before Friday's games.



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Fort Hays wins with defense

By RYAN BUCHANAN
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Teams will have games when the ball won't go in the basket.

But the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team still finds a way to win — with defense.

Oh, and going 25-for-30 from the foul line never hurts.

The Tigers shot 38 percent from the floor, but did just about everything else right to pull away for a 74-57 win over Colorado School of Mines in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Friday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Fort Hays (14-7 overall, 11-3 RMAC) led just 50-49 with about eight minutes left in the game, but stepped up its defensive pressure for transition buckets to outscore the Orediggers 24-10 down the stretch.

The Tigers avenged a 71-59 loss at Mines earlier in the season. Fort Hays extended its winning streak to seven straight games and 12 of the last 13.

"We're going to have night where we don't shoot the ball 50 percent, and our kids especially in the last 10 minutes, picked up their game and did what was necessary to win," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "That's the mark of this team right now. They don't panic, they don't quit and they find a way to win the game. We extended our defensive pressure, pushed the ball down the floor, made some good passes and shared the ball. I was happy with our effort the last 10 minutes."

At one point in the second half, the Tigers hit 22-of-24 free throws.

"We concentrate a lot on free throws," Mahon said. "I'm a big proponent of spending a lot of time on free throws and having players understand that usually it constitutes about 25 percent of your offensive production."

Fort Hays held senior guard Amy Bollinger to nine points, limited 6-foot-6 freshman center Kim Good to eight and senior Kristin Dillard was scoreless. Senior Nikki Bautista led Mines (9-12, 6-8) off the bench with 14 points.

Meanwhile, junior center Kelly Priest and junior guard Shauna Porter led the Tigers with 15 points each. Junior Maisha Prewitt scored 11 points and had eight assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Sophomores Heather Wendell and Kirsten Barrett came off the bench to combine for 17 points inside.

Fort Hays outrebounded Mines 44-37, led by freshman Jaime Heiman, who despite a 1-for-9 shooting night, grabbed 10 boards.

• Fort Hays 74, Mines 57 •

COLORADO MINES (9-12, 6-8)

Eichhorn 3-12 0-0 7, Dillard 0-2 0-0 0, Good 4-6 0-0 8, Harman 0-3 0-0 0, A. Bollinger 4-10 0-0 9, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, R. Bollinger 1-4 0-0 2, Fredlake 0-0 0-0 0, Jen Schmidt 4-7 2-2 10, Bock 3-8 0-0 7, Nikki Bautista 6-12 2-4 14, **Totals** — 25-64 4-6 57.

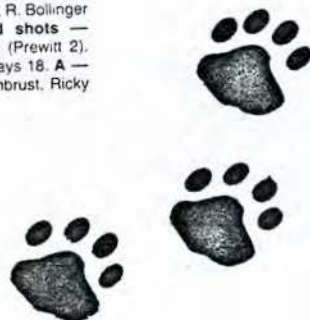
FORT HAYS (14-7, 11-3)

Maisha Prewitt 3-9 5-8 11, Heiman 1-9 4-4 6, Kelly Priest 7-11 0-0 15, Shauna Porter 5-14 3-4 15, Terry 0-3 2-2 2, Ma. Eck 3-4 0-0 6, Barrett 2-4 5-6 9, Wendell 2-5 4-4 8, Stoltz 0-0 0-0 0, Baldwin 0-2 0-0 0, Mi. Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-0 2-2 2, **Totals** — 23-61 25-30 74.

Colorado Mines 30 27 — 57
Fort Hays 37 37 — 74

3-point goals — Colorado Mines 3-14 (Eichhorn 1-5, Harman 0-2, A. Bollinger 1-3, R. Bollinger 0-1, Bock 1-3); Fort Hays 3-11 (Prewitt 0-2, Priest 1-1, Porter 2-4, Terry 0-2, Baldwin 0-2). **Total fouls** — Colorado Mines 20, Fort Hays 11. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Colorado Mines 37 (Eichhorn 6, Bautista 6); Fort Hays 44 (Heiman 10). **Assists** — Colorado Mines 14 (Bock 4); Fort Hays 18 (Prewitt 8). **Steals** — Colorado Mines 8 (A. Bollinger 2, R. Bollinger 2); Fort Hays 15 (Prewitt 4). **Blocked shots** — Colorado Mines 3 (Good 2); Fort Hays 3 (Prewitt 2). **Turnovers** — Colorado Mines 23, Fort Hays 18. **A** — 419. **Officials** — Marv Loucks, Steve Armbrust, Ricky Tutak.





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Fort Hays junior guard Shauna Porter shoots over Metro State forward Jodie Jennison in Saturday night's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Tigers claim big win

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team knew it was a big game.

And so did Metropolitan State College.

Both were in the hunt for that coveted second place spot in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's East Division standings when the two teams hooked up Saturday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon knew how important it was for his team to start out on a roll. And that's exactly what happened at the start of each half, propelling the Tigers to a 72-64 win.

The victory puts the Tigers in second place in the East standings, a game behind University of Nebraska-Kearney, which was an 82-47 winner over Colorado School of Mines Saturday night.

Mahon said the Tigers' start was a key to the win.

"It was very important to have them ready to go from the beginning," he said. "Like I told them before the game, if they let good teams think they have a chance they're going to hang around all night and you never know what is going to happen at the end of the basketball game."

Fort Hays (15-7 overall, 12-3 RMAC) has now won eight in a row and 13 of its last 14 games.

The Tigers eventually built a 10-point lead with 5:56 to play before halftime on two free throws by junior Shauna Porter. But Metro State came back and only trailed 35-33 at the break.

A basket by freshman Jamie Heiman increased the lead to 37-33 to

• Fort Hays 72, Metro State 64 •

Metro State (14-8, 10-5)

Jodie Jennison 5-13 0-0 10, McArthur 1-5 1-2 3, Sara Gordon 5-7 0-1 10, Coleman 3-12 0-0 7, Stephanie Allen 9-14 3-5 27, Carrillo 1-4 0-0 2, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Passama 1-1 1-1 3. Totals — 26-57 5-9 64.

Fort Hays (15-7, 12-3)

Maisha Prewitt 5-11 0-0 11, Heiman 2-9 0-0 4, Kelly Priest 6-10 2-2 14, Shauna Porter 9-21 8-10 28, Terry 1-5 2-2 4, Ma Eck 0-2 0-0 0, Barrett 1-2 0-0 3, Wendell 4-5 0-0 8, Baldwin 0-1 0-0 0, Ma Eck 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 28-66 12-14 72.

Metro State 33 31 — 64

Fort Hays 35 37 — 72

3-point goals — Metro State 7-20 (Jennison 0-2, McArthur 0-3, Gordon 0-1, Coleman 0-1, Allen 6-10); Fort Hays 4-13 (Prewitt 1-3, Heiman 0-1, Priest 0-1, Porter 2-5, Terry 0-1, Barrett 1-1, Baldwin 0-1). Total fouls — Metro State 16, Fort Hays 13. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Metro State 37 (Gordon 11); Fort Hays 35 (Heiman 8). Assists — Metro State 16 (Gordon 6); Fort Hays 17 (Prewitt 7). Steals — Metro State 9 (Allen 3); Fort Hays 12 (Terry 4). Blocked shots — Metro State 2 (Allen, Carrillo); Fort Hays 2 (Prewitt, Terry). Turnovers — Metro State 26, Fort Hays 18. Officials — Gary Tranbarger, Kevin Sundahl, Ricky Tulak. A — 746.

start the second half before senior Stephanie Allen hit her third 3-pointer of the game to pull the Roadrunners to within 37-36.

The Tigers went on a 10-3 run, spurred by Porter's five points, to take a 47-39 lead with 15:43 remaining.

The Tigers increased the lead to 59-44 on a steal and layup by junior Maisha Prewitt just under the midway point of the half.

Porter would later give the Tigers a 19-point lead at 68-49 on a 3-pointer from the left wing.

Porter led the Tigers with a season-high 28 points. Junior center Kelly Priest added 14 points and Prewitt scored 11 points and had seven assists.

Allen scored 27 points to lead Metro State (14-8, 10-5).

Fort Hays will travel to Kearney, Neb., Tuesday to battle the rival Lopers.



Porter's priority: winning

Fort Hays State's junior guard continues to ascend the school's all-time scoring list, but winning gives her the utmost satisfaction

By ARNE GREEN
The Salina Journal

Shauna Porter arrived on the Fort Hays State campus in the fall of 1997 with a well-earned reputation as a scoring machine.

By the time she leaves at the end of next season, she hopes to add a much more important designation to her resume: winner.

Porter, a junior guard from Glen Elder, has kept her scoring credentials intact, leading the Tigers in scoring each of the last two seasons and recently moving into sixth place on the school's career points list. And yet it is the team's performance that has her most excited.

The young and talented Tigers, after a slow start, have rebounded to win 13 of their last 14 games, including eight straight. A key 72-64 victory over Metro State on Saturday pushed their overall record to 15-7.

"I personally don't even look at the scoring list," said Porter, whose scoring average actually has dropped slightly as the team's fortunes have risen. "Usually it's my grandmas or some-

body that tells me what that all is about.

"All I care about is winning. We finally got on a roll here and that's what it's all about — winning the games."

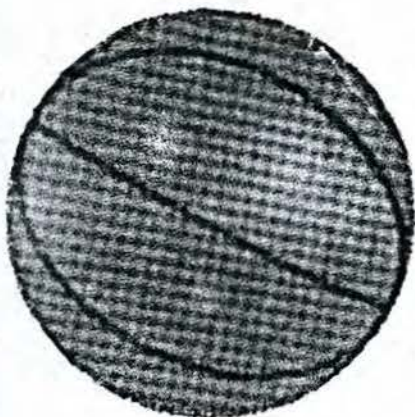
Porter said she still appreciates the historical significance of her place on the all-time scoring list. With her 28-point performance against Metro State, she now has 1,215 career points, just 46 behind No. 5 Kris Osthoff (1991-95). At her current pace, she should finish her career in second place, trailing only former All-American Annette Wiles.

"Just the group of girls on that list is pretty prestigious," Porter said.

But with the Tigers just one game out of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference lead at 12-3, Porter is putting all her energy now into making her team better. They play league leader Nebraska-Kearney on Tuesday in Kearney.

Porter averaged 18 points last year as a sophomore, her first season as a full-time starter. But Fort Hays State finished with a 14-13 record.

This year she is averaging 16 points and her shooting



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percentages are down slightly. But with the infusion of talent from an eight-member freshman class has allowed her to concentrate on other aspects of her game as well.

"I think teams are really keying on her and defending her better," said Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon. "When they play Fort Hays now, everything is geared to shutting down Shauna Porter, so she's seeing better defenses.

"Consequently there have been some games where she hasn't scored as much as she has. But like against (CU-Colo-Colorado Springs) last Friday, she had eight rebounds and eight assists. So other aspects of her game are really picking up."

Plus, junior center Kelly Priest has raised her scoring average two points to 11.3 and freshman forward Jamie Heiman is contributing 10.6 points a game. And junior Maisha Prewitt had 11 points in both victories last week-end against Colorado School

of Mines and Metro.

"I think this year we have a more balanced threat," said Porter. "Kelly Priest and Jamie Heiman and LaTaunia (Terry) and Maisha, they can all score."

"It takes a lot of the pressure off me, so I can distribute the ball more this year and get my teammates involved."

With Prewitt moving from point guard to small forward and Terry stepping in at the other guard, the Tigers don't have a true point in the starting lineup. Prewitt still leads the team in assists with a 4.7 average, followed by Porter at 3.7.

But it is at the other end of the floor that Porter has made the biggest strides, according to Mahon.

"I think the one aspect of Shauna's game that is getting better and better is that she's becoming a better defender," he said. "She's taking a little more pride in her defense and trying to become more of a complete basketball player."

"If there's one thing that Shauna's done from when

she first got her until now, she's a more well-rounded basketball player in all aspects."

At Waconda East, Porter was first and foremost a scorer. As a senior she averaged 32.5 points, though she also had 6.8 steals a game. She briefly held the state single-game scoring record with a 63-point performance against St. John's Beloit.

And her freshman year at Fort Hays, with a veteran team already in place, she was looked to primarily for instant offense.

"I was more of a spot-up shooter," Porter acknowledged. "My job was to provide a spark off the bench."

Now, on a team with no seniors, Porter has tried to join fellow juniors Priest, Prewitt and Terry as a leader as well.

"I think that's one of the toughest things, being a leader," she said. "I enjoy it a lot, it's just difficult, not being a senior and not having seniors on the team."

"(But) it's been an exciting season. I'm having the time of my life right now."



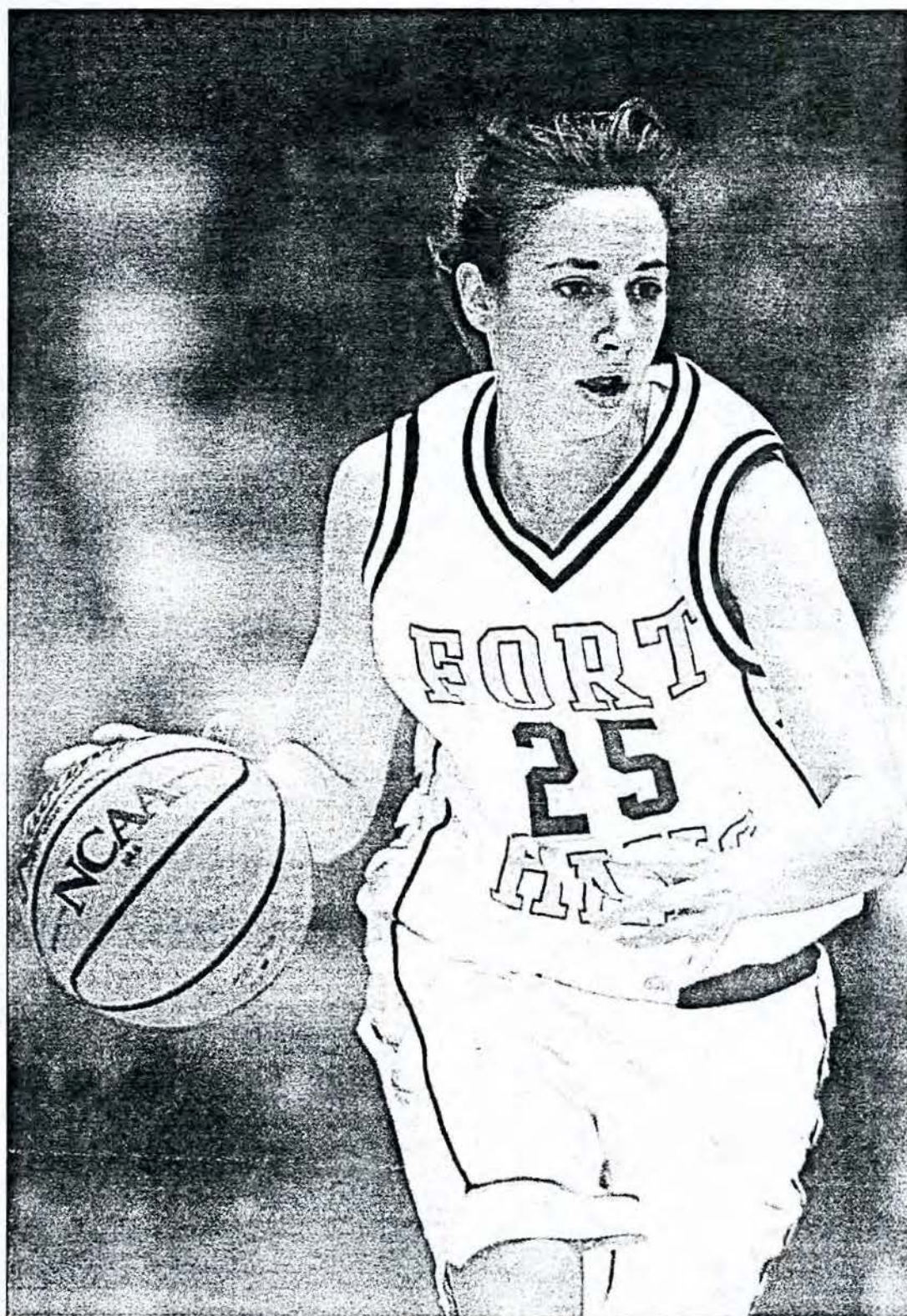


Photo courtesy Fort Hays State University

Former Waconda East standout Shauna Porter has been a key contributor in helping Fort Hays State remain in the thick of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title chase. The junior guard averages 16 points a game and ranks sixth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,215 career points.

Fort Hays to battle Kearney on road



Fort Hays and Nebraska-Kearney.
Enough said.

When the long-time rivals meet Tuesday night in Kearney, Neb., for Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference men's and women's games at the Health and Sports Center, it will be just like every other meeting — intense.

But this time there may be a little more on the line for both schools.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team and University of Nebraska-Kearney are battling for the top spot in the East Division. And Tuesday's 6 p.m. tipoff may settle the score on who is the best in the East.

On the men's side, both teams are looking to keep pace with Metropolitan State College of Denver and Nebraska's Chadron State College for the top spot.

The winner will get an added boost for a first-round home game in the RMAC postseason tournament.

But Kearney hasn't been the most hospitable place for the Tigers to play. The Fort Hays men last won there in the 1995-96 season, the same year the Tigers won the NCAA Division II title.

The last time the Fort Hays women won on the Lopers' home court was during the 1990-91 campaign. Coincidentally, the Tiger women won the NAIA National Championship that year.

Both Fort Hays men's coach Chad Wintz and women's coach Tom Mahon know a Tigers-Lopers matchup is a battle.

And what better way to head into a hostile atmosphere than with big wins in your last game. Fort Hays defeated the Metro State men's team — ranked No. 4 in the nation — 88-62 while the women moved up to second place in the East standings with a 72-64 win over the Roadrunners Saturday.

"There's no question about it that it was a great win over a good basketball team," Wintz said. "And a team can respond to a win like that in one of two ways.

"The first way is it can gain confidence and play a great game. The other is that it can fight to not have a letdown. A lot of teams come out flat after a big win and that's a big thing you see in sports today. Following a big win a lot of teams come out flat. But I don't think that will happen to us with a game of this magnitude."

Mahon said the win for his squad also gives the Tigers some added momentum when they try to snap the Lopers' 69-game home court winning streak — the longest in NCAA II.

"Mentally (the win) was really important for us," Mahon said. "It will give us momentum to go up and at least have a shot at beating Kearney at their place. We handled them pretty well here and I think our kids believe they're going to win.

"And if we just play — you never know when you're on the road if you're going to be given a chance to play

Men
Fort Hays (16-6, 10-5) Pos. **Kearney (11-11, 8-7)**
Davis (6-3, Jr.) F (Fr., 6-6) Svehla
Thomas (6-7, Jr.) F (Fr., 6-3) Gerdtz
Jackson (6-6, Sr.) C (Fr., 6-6) Gitt
Malloy (6-4, Sr.) G (So., 5-11) Harms
Simoneau (5-11, Jr.) G (Jr., 6-11) Weber
Tipoff — 8 p.m., Health and Sports Center (6:00)
Series — Fort Hays leads, 63-32
Last meeting — Nebraska-Kearney won, 74-72 (Jan. 4, 2000).
Broadcast — 7:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM)

Women
Fort Hays (15-7, 12-3) Pos. **Kearney (19-3, 13-2)**
Prewitt (5-7, Jr.) F (Sr., 5-8) Ramey
Heiman (6-0, Fr.) F (Fr., 5-11) Orr
Prest (6-0, Jr.) C (Jr., 6-1) Schroeder
Porter (5-5, Jr.) G (So., 5-6) Swift
Terry (5-7, Jr.) G (Sr., 5-8) Dutt
Tipoff — 6 p.m., Health and Sports Center (6:00)
Series — Fort Hays leads, 34-21
Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 75-57 (Jan. 4, 2000).
Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM)

and we have the chance then I like what can happen."

Senior Rodney Malloy leads Fort Hays (16-6 overall, 10-5 RMAC) at 18.6 points a game. Juniors Willie Davis and Tony Thomas also averaging 12.4 and 11.8 points, respectively.

Thomas and senior Michael Jackson lead Fort Hays with 8.3 and 6.4 rebounds a game, respectively.

Nebraska-Kearney (11-11, 8-7) will try to get sophomore guard Anthony Harms uncorked again. Harms burned the Tigers for 31 points in a 74-72 win on the Tigers' home floor earlier this year.

Harms enters Tuesday's game averaging 18.9 points. Junior John Weber averages 15.9 and freshman Mike Gitt is at 12.5.

Junior guard Shauna Porter will lead the Fort Hays women. Porter averages 16 points a game and scored a season-high 28 in the win over Metro State.

Junior Kelly Priest (13.3) and freshman Jamie Heiman (10.6) also score in double figures.

UNK's leading scorer is sophomore Beth Swift at 14.3 points a game. Freshman Allison Kruger comes off the bench to average 13.1. Junior Becky Schroeder (11.0) and sophomore Anny Burdorf (10.8) are also in double figures.

Mahon said the big win over Metro State has the Tigers ready to challenge the Lopers' long home winning streak. But Nebraska-Kearney may be looking for revenge after the Tigers mauled the Lopers 75-57 earlier in the season in Hays.

"We're in the perfect frame of mind and in the perfect position," Mahon said. "That game might be for the conference championship. When it gets right down to it, we're in second place by ourselves now and we're two games up on Metro, and Kearney is a game up on us. But we beat them head-to-head and if we can beat them and get into a tie, then we control our own destiny.

"Then if we win out, we win the conference hands down. So it's for the conference championship. If they win then they're going to win the conference championship. And it's been a couple years since we've been in that situation and we're excited about it."

Lopers pound Tigers inside

By RYAN BUCHANAN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

KEARNEY, Neb. — The University of Nebraska-Kearney women's basketball team wasn't going to waste a second chance at beating Fort Hays State University, the last team to beat the Antelopes before they went on a 10-game winning streak.

And Kearney also used a lot of second chances at the basket to stomp Fort Hays 84-51 in a battle between the top two teams in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Tuesday night at the Health and Sports Center.

The Lopers, ranked 16th in NCAA Division II, grabbed 25 offensive rebounds, compared to 11 for the Tigers and outrebounded Fort Hays 49-35 overall. That resulted in Kearney taking 78 shots from the floor, nearly twice as many as Fort Hays.

"Kearney played extremely well and we played rather poorly," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "I think the biggest difference in the basketball game was that they controlled the backboard. They had 25 offensive rebounds and we didn't handle their pressure very well. We turned the ball over 28 times."

"Those two factors are going to result in a blowout, and that's what happened."

Kearney (20-3 overall, 14-2 RMAC) turned up its defensive pressure about 10 minutes into the game and never let up. Senior guard Jodi Dubs started it all by pressuring Fort Hays junior guard Shauna Porter on the perimeter and letting sophomore guard Beth Swift and other Lopers cut off passing lanes for steals. The Tigers (15-8, 12-4) committed 28 turnovers and only forced 14.

"They extended their pressure and got out in the passing lanes, and we didn't do a good job of trying to back

• Kearney 84, Fort Hays 51 •
FORT HAYS (15-8, 12-4)
Prewitt 1-7 4-7 7, Heiman 1-5 0-2 2, Priest 3-6 1-2 7, Porter 4-7 0-1 9, Terry 1-5 2-2 4, Robinson 0-0 2-2 2, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0, Ma, Eck 0-1 0-0 0, Me, Eck 1-1 2-2 5, Baldwin 0-0 1-3 1, Barrett 1-3 2-2 4, Stoltz 3-6 0-0 6, Wendell 2-3 0-0 4. Totals — 17-44 14-23 51.

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY (20-3, 14-2)
Ramey 1-4 0-0 2, Allison Kruger 4-7 4-6 12, Becky Schroeder 9-17 5-9 23, Dubs 4-14 0-0 8, Beth Swift 7-12 0-0 15, Gusso 0-0 0-0 0, Marks 1-2 0-0 2, Jodi Ward 6-10 1-4 14, Ohm 0-5 1-2 1, Burdorf 3-7 0-0 7. Totals — 35-78 11-21 84.

Fort Hays 24 27 — 51
Nebraska-Kearney 35 49 — 84

3-point goals — Fort Hays 3-7 (Prewitt 1-2, Heiman 0-1, Priest 0-1, Porter 1-2, Me, Eck 1-1); Nebraska-Kearney 3-7 (Ramey 0-1, Swift 1-2, Ward 1-3, Burdorf 1-1). Total fouls — Fort Hays 18, Nebraska-Kearney 21. Fouled out — Kruger, Ohm, Nebraska-Kearney. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 35 (Prewitt 5); Nebraska-Kearney 49 (Kruger 12). Assists — Fort Hays 7 (Prewitt, Terry 2); Nebraska-Kearney 12 (Dubs 5). Steals — Fort Hays 5 (Prewitt, Priest, Porter, Robinson, Eck); Nebraska-Kearney 19 (Ward 6, Swift 5). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 4 (Prewitt 3); Nebraska-Kearney 1 (Dubs). Turnovers — Fort Hays 28, Nebraska-Kearney 14. Officials — Gene Carroll, Doug Miller, Mike Monk. A — 2,824.

cut it," Mahon said. "... Kearney just did a good job of pressuring the basketball and getting in the passing lanes, and we didn't handle it very well."

It was reminiscent of last year's game at Kearney, which Fort Hays lost by the same 33-point margin.

Tuesday's loss tied the Tigers' second worst in Mahon's seven years as coach. The worst was a 98-48 blowout at Emporia State University earlier this season. It was also the Tigers' second lowest scoring output of the season.

Kearney extended its home winning streak to 70 games, the longest current streak in Division II.

The loss ended an eight-game winning streak for Fort Hays, which had also won 13 of its last 14.

Kearney, the top 3-point shooting team in Division II, instead went inside. Swift still managed 15 points, but the Lopers only hit three treys. Junior center Becky Schroeder led

Kearney with 23 points. Freshman forward Allison Kruger had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Former Norton prep star Jodi Ward, a senior guard, scored 14.

"Our interior defense wasn't good enough," Mahon said. "I thought we did a good job of not allowing Beth Swift to step up and hit 3s. She still had 15 points, but only hit one 3 late. We did a good job on her, but consequently our inside defense broke down and Schroeder did a good job. We didn't have an answer to try to guard her and that really hurt us."

The Tigers went without a player scoring in double figures for the first time in 17 games. Porter led Fort Hays with nine points.

Turnovers hurt both teams early on, but after junior center Kelly Priest scored the first basket of the game for the Tigers, Kearney went on a 6-0 run. Fort Hays scored the next seven points, including five from Porter, to lead 9-6.

The Tigers battled to keep a 16-15 lead with about nine minutes left in the first half, when Kearney coach Amy Stephens called a timeout. That's when the Lopers extended their defense and started getting steals.

"... I called timeout and said, 'We've got to get to it here and raise our level of play, because we're in a dogfight,'" Stephens said. "The kids really responded and we cranked up our defense."

Fort Hays led 20-19 with 6:35 left in the half, but Kearney outscored the Tigers 16-4 to lead 35-24 at halftime.

After Porter scored the first two points of the second half, Kearney scored 11 straight to lead 46-26.

Sophomore center Heather Wendell later scored two straight buckets for the Tigers to make it a 50-31, but the Lopers went on another 11-0 run for a 61-31 lead.

Fort Hays will host Colorado Christian University on Saturday.



FHSU women may catch a break vs. Cougars

By RANDY GONZALES
HAYS DAILY NEWS

The Tigers may catch a break Saturday night in their bid for a home playoff game.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team needs a win against Colorado Christian University as the Tigers battle for an advantage in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's postseason tournament.

The Tigers host the Cougars Saturday at 6 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

And Colorado Christian could be without the RMAC's leading scorer. Tina Redmond, a 5-foot-10 junior forward, averages 22.7 points per game. But Redmond has a foot injury, and didn't play in Wednesday's 70-50 win

Probable starters

Christian (11-11, 7-8*)	Pos.	Fort Hays (15-8, 12-4)
Whipple (5-8, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Carrigan (5-10, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Warner (6-0, Sr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Camacho (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-5) Porter
Stimac (5-6, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 6 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 8-3.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 87-64 (Jan. 8, 2000).

Broadcast — 5:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

* — Record before Friday's game.

over Colorado College.

"Redmond might not play," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "We're going to prepare the same way, like she's going to play."

In the teams' first meeting this season, it was the Cougars' other half of their 1-2 punch which hurt the Tigers.

Brooke Carrigan, a 5-10 junior center, scored 22 points in the Cougars' 87-

64 loss on Jan. 8. The Tigers held Redmond to 13 points.

Carrigan, third in the conference in scoring at 21.6 points per game, had 24 points and 10 rebounds in the win over Colorado College.

Cassie Warner, a 6-0 senior post player, also had a double-double, with 15 points and 12 rebounds for Colorado Christian (11-11 overall, 7-8 RMAC), which plays at University of Nebraska-Kearney tonight.

It's inside where the Tigers have been hurt most this season. In Tuesday's 84-51 loss at conference leader Nebraska-Kearney, Fort Hays allowed the Lopers to grab 25 offensive rebounds.

"It wasn't so much (bad) interior defense, but (bad) interior boxing out," Mahon said.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman leads the Tigers in rebounding at 6.4 per game. She also averages 10.3 points, one of three Tigers in double figures.

Junior center Kelly Priest averages 13 points and junior guard Shauna Porter leads Fort Hays with 15.7 points per game.

Fort Hays (15-8, 12-4) has three regular season games left. After Saturday's game, Fort Hays finishes up at Chadron State (Neb.) College and Denver's Regis University on the road as the Tigers try to lock up a home playoff game in the first round.

"They're all important," Mahon said. "It's really going to be hairy the next two weeks."

"I think we have to win two of three. Three of three would be great."





Tiger women learn their lessons in win

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Perhaps it was fitting that Saturday night was designated as Athletic-Academic Excellence Awards Night.

The night was used to honor all Tiger athletes who excel in the classroom as well as their sport.

Several members of the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team were to be honored for their achievement. But little did the Tigers know that they would have to learn a valuable lesson in coach Mahon's classroom at halftime.

The Tigers trailed the Colorado Christian University 38-35 at halftime before executing Mahon's lesson plans in the second half to pull away for a 77-64 win in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference matchup in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

It was no secret that Mahon wasn't happy with his pupils at intermission.

"We played pretty well defensively in the second half," Mahon said. "We had a little heart to heart at half and I think it worked."

"I just got a little upset and told them that I can't be the only guy that gets mad and I can't be the only guy that gets fired up. They had to take responsibility to work hard and they had to play at a different level. If we play at (Colorado Christian's) level we let them hang around and you never know what's going to happen at the end of the basketball game."

Colorado Christian (11-13 overall, 7-10 RMAC) led by three points at the break and took a four-point lead early in the second half.

With Fort Hays (16-8, 13-4) trailing 41-40, junior Maisha Prewitt banked one in off the glass to give the Tigers a 42-41 lead at the 17:11 mark.

Fort Hays would never trail again. Prewitt's basket started a 10-2 run, capped off by freshman Jamie Heiman's two free throws to give Fort Hays a 52-43 lead just over five minutes into the half.

The Cougars cut the lead to 52-47 on a basket by junior Cara Cooper but a 7-0 run over the next 2:17 gave the Tigers a 59-47 lead and momentum to pull away.

Fort Hays led by as many as 21 points the rest of the way before

• Fort Hays 77, Colorado Christian 64 •
COLORADO CHRISTIAN (11-13, 7-10)

Stimac 0-5 1-2 1, Cara Cooper 4-5 4-6 12, Brooke Carrigan 8-19 11-16 29, Cynthia Camacho 3-6 2-2 10, Whipple 4-13 0-0 9, Maes 1-3 0-0 2, Newell 0-0 0-0 0, Stewart 0-1 0-0 0, Donaldson 0-0 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-1 1-2 1. Totals — 20-53 19-28 64.

FORT HAYS (16-8, 13-4)

Prewitt 3-11 3-6 9, Jamie Heiman 5-9 3-3 13, Priest 4-7 0-0 8, Shauna Porter 8-13 6-6 24, Terry 2-8 0-2 6, Ma Eck 2-3 0-0 4, Barrett 0-1 3-4 3, Stoltz 0-1 1-2 1, Wendell 3-5 3-4 9, Baldwin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 27-58 19-27 77.

Colorado Christian.....38 26 — 64

Fort Hays.....35 42 — 77

3-point goals — Colorado Christian 5-16 (Stimac 0-2, Cooper 0-1, Carrigan 2-3, Camacho 2-3, Whipple 1-5, Maes 0-2); Fort Hays 4-12 (Prewitt 0-2, Priest 0-1, Porter 2-4, Terry 2-5). Total fouls — Colorado Christian 23, Fort Hays 20. Fouled out — Camacho, Colorado Christian. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Colorado Christian 32 (Carrigan 9); Fort Hays 39 (Priest 8). Assists — Colorado Christian 9 (Camacho 5); Fort Hays 22 (Prewitt 9, Terry 6). Steals — Colorado Christian 5 (Stimac, Carrigan 2); Fort Hays 13 (Prewitt, Heiman, Terry 3). Blocked shots — Colorado Christian 1 (Camacho); Fort Hays 4 (Prewitt 2). Turnovers — Colorado Christian 21, Fort Hays 20. Officials — Lawrence Combs, Daran Frevert, David Stoppel. A — 1,318.

Colorado Christian pulled to within 77-64 at the final buzzer.

Porter led the Tigers with 24 points and Heiman added 13. Prewitt dished out nine assists and had two blocks.

Cougar junior Brooke Carrigan led all scorers with 29 points. Junior Cara Cooper added 12 points and junior Cynthia Camacho scored 10. Colorado Christian played without junior forward Tina Redmond. Redmond, the conference's leading scorer, was sidelined with a foot injury.

"Give Colorado Christian credit in the first half," Mahon said. "I thought they played pretty well in the first half and I thought Brooke Carrigan played extremely well. We couldn't find an answer to guard her."

Mahon said he was a little concerned about how his team would respond after a 33-point loss at University of Nebraska-Kearney on Tuesday. He was also worried about how the Cougars would come in after getting drubbed by Nebraska-Kearney on Friday night, 101-41.

"I was very worried and I knew it was going to be a tough game just from the standpoint that Colorado Christian got blown out (Friday) and they're college athletes and don't like to get embarrassed," Mahon said.

Fort Hays will travel to Nebraska's Chadron State College on Thursday and Denver's Regis University on Saturday to close out the RMAC regular season.



FHSU women want win



By RANDY GONZALES

HAYS DAILY NEWS

It's pretty simple for the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team.

But not necessarily easy.

The Tigers need to win one of their last two regular season games — both on the road — to clinch a home game in the first round of next week's Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference playoffs.

Fort Hays (16-8 overall, 13-4 RMAC) will play 7 p.m. Thursday at Chadron State (Neb.) College, then travel to Denver for a 2 p.m. game Saturday against Regis University.

Chadron State (17-7, 11-6) also is in the hunt for a home playoff game, and the Eagles likely need a pair of wins this week to avoid going on the road.

Regis (15-9, 9-8) needs a pair of victories to keep its playoff hopes alive. The Rangers host University of Nebraska-Kearney Thursday before playing Fort Hays.

"We want to take care of Chadron first," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "... I just want to play good basketball the next two weeks. If you want to win the (RMAC) tournament, you have to play your best."

Fort Hays handed Chadron State its first loss of the season in Hays, winning 82-71 on Dec. 19. The Eagles hope to return the favor on their home court.

"They play extremely hard, they get after the basketball, defend you, push the ball up the floor," Mahon said. "The big thing up there is defend them off the dribble without fouling."

The Tigers also have to contain Chadron State's center, 6-foot-4 junior Janelle Hutt. Hutt, who averages a team-high 10.3 points and six rebounds per game, scored 11 points in the teams' first meeting.

"We just have to find somebody to work hard, not let her catch it," Mahon said. "If she's at the free throw line in, she looks for her shot."

"We'll run a lot of people at her, it depends on how she plays."

Kelly Priest, the Tigers' 6-0 junior center, will get first crack at Hutt.

Priest is second on the team in scoring, averaging 12.8 points per game, and is fifth in the conference in field goal percentage at 54 percent.

Probable starters

Thursday's game

Fort Hays (16-8, 13-4)	Pos.	Chadron (17-7, 11-6)
Prewitt (5-5, Jr.)	F	(Jr., 5-8) Hoegerl
Heiman (6-0, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 6-0) Burke
Priest (6-0, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 6-4) Hutt
Porter (5-5, Jr.)	G	(Sr., 5-8) Dowdy
Terry (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-8) Hladky

Tipoff — 7 p.m., Armstrong Gymnasium (3,000).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 16-6.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 82-71 (Dec. 19, 1999).

Broadcast — 6:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

Saturday's game

Fort Hays (16-8, 13-4*)	Pos.	Regis (15-9, 9-8*)
Prewitt (5-5, Jr.)	F	(Fr., 5-8) Bahl
Heiman (6-0, Fr.)	F	(Jr., 5-11) Beamon
Priest (6-0, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 5-11) Pruitt
Porter (5-5, Jr.)	G	(Sr., 5-5) Echer
Terry (5-7, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-3) Rhoades

Tipoff — 2 p.m., Regis Fieldhouse (2,500).

Series — Fort Hays leads, 16-5.

Last meeting — Fort Hays won, 82-75 (Dec. 20, 1999).

Broadcast — 1:40 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).

* — Record before Thursday's game.

Junior guard Shauna Porter, who scored 23 against the Eagles in December, leads Fort Hays on the season and is fifth in the RMAC at 16 points per game. Porter needs 14 points to pass Kris Osthoff (1991-95) for fifth place on the school's all-time scoring list.

Jamie Heiman, a 6-0 freshman forward, is averaging 10.4 points and a team-high 6.4 rebounds per game.

Junior Maisha Prewitt leads the Tigers with 4.8 assists a game, second in the conference.

If the Tigers don't pick up that needed win at Chadron, doing it at Regis could prove tough, too.

The Rangers rely on 5-11 junior center Andi Pruitt inside and 5-3 junior point guard Meshach Rhoades to run the show.

Pruitt averages 14.3 points and 8.4 rebounds per game to lead the Rangers. Rhoades leads the conference with seven assists per game.

"Regis is playing with a lot more confidence," Mahon said. "Pruitt is a lot better for them. We need to slow her down."

"We have to control Rhoades on the outside. As she goes, the team goes."

In the teams' first game, in December at Hays, Pruitt had 11 points and Rhoades scored nine points and dished out seven assists in an 82-75 loss to the Tigers. Junior forward Katie Beamon, second on the team in scoring for the season at 14 points per game, led Regis with 22 points.





FHSU women need win after defeat

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

CHADRON, Neb. — It's come down to the final game of the regular season.

The Fort Hays State University women's basketball team needed to win one of two games on its final road trip on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference schedule.

After Thursday night's 75-53 blowout loss against Chadron State College, the Tigers now need to win Saturday afternoon in Denver against Regis University. A victory would assure Fort Hays of a home game in the first round of the conference playoffs on Tuesday.

"We just go into Regis and find a way to win," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said.

Fort Hays fell behind early as Chadron State coach Tom Andersen used an entirely new starting lineup. Four of the five Eagles' starters had started every game this season, until Thursday.

The new look paid off, as the Eagles used a 12-0 run to jump out to a 19-6 lead. Chadron State (18-7 overall, 12-6

• Chadron State 75, Fort Hays 53 •

FORT HAYS (16-9, 13-5)

Prewitt 2-6 2-3 7, Kelly Priest 7-18 0-0 14, Porter 1-6 2-2 4, Heiman 1-7 5-6 7, Terry 0-4 0-0 0, Schrader 0-1 0-0 0, Ma. Eck 1-3 0-0 2, Melissa Eck 4-4 0-0 10, Baldwin 0-4 0-0 0, Barrett 1-6 0-0 2, Stoltz 1-4 0-0 2, Wendell 1-2 3-5 5. Totals — 19-65 12-16 53.

CHADRON STATE (18-7, 12-6)

Jensen 3-4 0-0 7, Demasi 1-3 6-6 9, Schaefer 2-5 1-1 5, Odell 3-5 0-0 6, Petty 1-4 0-0 2, Hoegerl 3-5 0-0 6, Carla Dowdy 4-10 2-2 13, Hladky 3-5 0-0 7, Blaine 1-2 0-0 3, Burke 0-6 4-4 4, Pulliam 1-1 2-2 4, Hutt 4-11 1-3 9. Totals — 26-61 16-18 75.

Fort Hays 28 25 — 53

Chadron State 41 34 — 75

3-point goals — Fort Hays 3-20 (Prewitt 1-4, Priest 0-3, Porter 0-1, Heiman 0-2, Terry 0-3, Schrader 0-1, Ma. Eck 2-2, Baldwin 0-2, Barrett 0-2); Chadron State 7-20 (Jensen 1-2, Demasi 1-3, Schaefer 0-2, Petty 0-1, Hoegerl 0-1, Dowdy 3-6, Hladky 1-3, Blaine 1-1, Burke 0-1). Total fouls — Fort Hays 13, Chadron State 11. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 42 (Heiman 10); Chadron State 42 (Hutt 9). Assists — Fort Hays 12 (Ma. Eck 4); Chadron State 22 (Dowdy, Hladky 5). Steals — Fort Hays 6 (Heiman 2); Chadron State 11 (Odell 3). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 1 (Terry); Chadron State 3 (Hutt 2). Turnovers — Fort Hays 22, Chadron State 20. Officials — Van Tilberg, Florez, Erdman. A — 300.

RMAC) increased it to 24-8 with 11:38 remaining in the first half.

Senior guard Carla Dowdy hit three treys and scored 11 of her team-high 13 points in the first half for Chadron State, as the Eagles led 41-28 at the break.

Fort Hays (16-9, 13-5) had a couple

of chances to slice the lead to single digits early in the second half, but couldn't get the shots to drop.

The Eagles played a box-and-one defense on junior guard Shauna Porter, the Tigers' leading scorer. Porter, averaging 16 points per game, was held to four points and got off just six shots.

"We got good shots, maybe Porter wasn't shooting them," Mahon said. "... Basically, they took Shauna out of the game."

Junior center Kelly Priest led Fort Hays with 14 points and freshman guard Melissa Eck came off the bench to score 10.

Fort Hays shot 29 percent from the field and made 3-of-20 treys. Chadron State connected on 43 percent of its shots, including 7-of-20 3-pointers.

"Chadron was just extremely hot," Mahon said.

Chadron State increased the lead to as many as 25 points in the second half.

"About midway through the second half we executed our offense about as well as we have all season," Andersen said. "I was really pleased with that."



Fort Hays men win, women lose to Regis

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

DENVER — The men won their last regular-season game, but they quite possibly won't get a homecourt berth for the first round of postseason.

The women lost and still get to play on their home court Tuesday.

Such is life in this year's tight Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference basketball races.

Fort Hays State University's men won their regular-season finale Saturday with a 74-63 victory over Regis University.

But in order to get into the top four — and earn a homecourt advantage for the first round of the postseason tournament — the Tigers needed some help from at least two other teams in games that ended late Saturday night.

On the other hand, the Fort Hays women still got into the top four despite a 76-63 loss to Regis.

Pairings for the 2000 RMAC postseason tourney will officially be announced today, but Fort Hays learned late Saturday night that the women earned the No. 4 seed.

They will play host to No. 5 seed New Mexico Highlands University Tuesday in Gross Memorial Coliseum at a time to be announced later.

The Tiger men (18-8, 12-7) held on for Saturday's win by consistently keeping the Rangers at bay after Regis — out of playoff contention and

• Fort Hays Men 74, Regis 63 •

FORT HAYS (18-8, 12-7)

Willie Davis 4-11 0-0 10, Jackson 4-5 0-0 8, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Simoneau 1-1 0-0 3, Rodney Malloy 9-17 0-1 23, Richardson 0-0 0-0 0, Fiedler 2-5 0-0 6, Joel Butler 4-6 2-3 10, Kemper 2-5 2-2 6, Parker 2-5 2-5 6. **Totals** — 29-57 6-11 74.

Regis (8-18, 3-16)

Rhodes 4-6 0-0 9, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Corey LeDuff 5-10 3-5 16, Cain 2-4 2-2 6, Leary 1-6 0-0 2, William Dicks 8-19 5-6 23, Tharpe 2-5 0-0 4. **Totals** — 23-53 10-13 63.

Fort Hays 37 37 — 74
Regis 26 37 — 63

3-point goals — Fort Hays 10-23 (Davis 2-6, Simoneau 1-1, Malloy 5-10, Fiedler 2-5, Kemper 0-1); Regis 7-19 (Rhodes 1-2, Smith 0-1, LeDuff 3-6, Leary 1-6, Dicks 2-4). **Total fouls** — Fort Hays 15, Regis 13. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 35 (Butler 6, Parker 6); Regis 27 (Tharpe 6, Assists — Fort Hays 14 (Davis 3); Regis 12 (Dicks 5). **Steals** — Fort Hays 9 (Davis 2); Regis 5 (LeDuff 2, Dicks 2). **Blocked shots** — Fort Hays 2 (Butler 2); Regis 2 (Tharpe 2). **Turnovers** — Fort Hays 16, Regis 16. **A** — 250.

playing for nothing but pride — had cut the lead to three points several times late in the second half.

The Tigers, who shot 51 percent for the game, were hot down the stretch, hitting seven in a row at one point, including two straight by junior Joel Butler.

Butler was one of three Tigers to finish in double figures. He and junior Willie Davis finished with 10 points each. Butler and junior Tony Kemper each had six rebounds to lead FHSU in that category.

Senior Rodney Malloy, who had just two points in a 91-79 loss at Nebraska's Chadron State College on Thursday, had a team-high 23 points Saturday, including a 5-for-10 performance from

• Regis Women 76, Fort Hays 63 •

FORT HAYS (16-10, 13-6)

Priest 3-8 0-0 6, Terry 2-3 3-4 7, Jamie Heiman 5-8 5-6 15, Prewitt 1-6 0-0 2, Shauna Porter 9-15 2-2 22, Ma. Eck 1-2 0-0 2, Me. Eck 0-1 0-0 0, Baldwin 2-2 0-0 5, Barrett 0-2 0-0 0, Stoltz 1-1 0-0 2, Wendell 1-6 0-0 2. **Totals** — 25-54 10-12 63.

Regis (17-9, 11-8)

Michele Eccher 7-19 4-4 24, Andi Pruitt 6-8 1-2 13, Katie Beamon 8-13 1-2 17, Rhodes 0-3 4-5 4, Bahl 3-8 0-0 6, Dunseth 1-1 0-0 2, Day 0-4 0-0 0, MacNeil 0-0 0-0 0, Molly Marrin 4-4 0-0 10. **Totals** — 29-60 10-13 76.

Fort Hays 26 37 — 63
Regis 39 37 — 76

3-point goals — Fort Hays 3-11 (Priest 0-2, Prewitt 0-4, Porter 2-3, Me. Eck 0-1, Baldwin 1-1); Regis 8-20 (Eccher 6-14), Rhodes 0-2, Day 0-2, Marrin 2-2. **Total fouls** — Fort Hays 14, Regis 12. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 34 (Priest 9); Regis 31 (Beamon 15). **Assists** — Fort Hays 14 (Prewitt 9); Regis 19 (Rhodes 13). **Steals** — Fort Hays 5 (5 with 1 each); Regis 8 (Beamon 3). **Blocked shots** — Fort Hays 3 (3 with 1 each); Regis none. **Turnovers** — Fort Hays 22, Regis 17. **A** — 250.

3-point range

Senior William Dicks also scored 23 points to lead Regis (8-18, 3-16), while teammate Corey LeDuff added 16 points.

As a team, Fort Hays was 10-for-23 from 3-point range and also out-rebounded the Rangers 35-27.

Fort Hays led by as many as 15 points in the first half and still held a 37-26 edge at halftime.

But the Tigers missed five of six shots during a stretch early in the second half to let Regis back in it.

The Fort Hays women (16-10, 13-6) got off to a slow start for the second game in a row.

Regis (17-9, 11-8) was coming off a 74-65 upset victory over league leader

University of Nebraska-Kearney on Thursday, and the Rangers didn't let up against the Tigers.

Regis jumped out to an early lead, and FHSU didn't help itself, committing 19 turnovers in the first half.

Fort Hays did pull back to within seven late in the second half before Regis went on a run to go ahead 39-26 at halftime.

A bucket by junior LaTaunia Terry got the Tigers back to within nine, 68-59, with about three minutes left.

But that would be as close as they would get.

Freshman Jamie Heiman finished with 15 points and was one of two Tigers in double figures.

The other was junior Shauna Porter, whose 22 points helped move her into fifth place on the all-time scoring list for Fort Hays women.

Porter, who now has 1,294 career points, needs just 48 points to move into the No. 4 spot.

Porter, who had just four points in a 75-53 loss at Chadron State Thursday, was 9-for-15 from the field Saturday. Leading the Tigers in rebounding Saturday was junior center Kelly Priest with nine.

Junior Maisha Pruitt was just 1-for-6 from the field but dished out nine assists.

Regis (17-9, 11-8) was led by four players in double figures, including a game-high 24 points from senior Michele Eccher, who was 6-for-14 from 3-point range.

Fort Hays women at home vs. Cowgirls



By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Forget the last two games. Forget the weekend in general.

Now it's time for the postseason.

That's what Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach Tom Mahon is telling his team.

The Tigers had been on a roll entering their final two regular season games. In fact, Fort Hays had won 14 of its last 16 games.

But Nebraska's Chadron State College handed the Tigers a 75-53 loss Thursday night while Colorado's Regis University beat Fort Hays 76-63 Saturday to close out the regular season.

Even with the two losses, the Tigers still claimed a home game in the first round of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's Mile High Shootout. Fort Hays (16-10) will host New Mexico Highlands University (15-11) Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"We've just got to forget about the last weekend," Mahon said. "We didn't play the way we're capable of playing. But we're excited we're at home and now it's tournament time. We want to make the NCAA tournament and in order to do that we're going to have to win three in a row."

Fort Hays is the fourth seed in the eight-team field. Highlands is the seeded fifth.

Highlands handed the Tigers an 87-76 loss earlier in the season in Las Vegas, N.M.

Mahon said having the home game is important.

"It's key because if you look at the past history of the RMAC tournament there hasn't been a true conference champion that didn't get to play at home in the first round," Mahon said. "Plus we don't have to travel and the kids have more confidence at home. So it's a big key."

Becky Gonzales, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, leads the Cowgirls with 22.9 points and 6.2 rebounds a game.

"The best thing to do is to not let

Probable starters		
Highlands (15-11)	Pos.	Fort Hays (16-10)
Gallagher (5-6, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Branson (5-10, Fr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Gonzales (5-10, So.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Trujillo (5-3, Jr.)	G	(Jr., 5-6) Porter
Vigil (5-2, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry
Tipoff — 7 p.m., Gross Memorial Coliseum (6,814).		
Series — Fort Hays leads, 13-6.		
Last meeting — New Mexico Highlands won, 87-76 (Jan. 15, 2000).		

her catch the ball," Mahon said. "We can't let her get comfortable. She can be an inside or outside threat. If we shut her down inside she can step outside and hit the 3-pointer. So she's a good player who can do a lot of things. We just can't let her get the ball."

Three other Highlands players are averaging in double figures. Junior Angelio Trujillo is averaging 12.6 a game, freshman Kristin Branson is at 12.5 and sophomore Patricia Vigil adds 11.5 a contest.

Fort Hays is led by junior guard Shauna Porter at 15.8 points a game. Junior center Kelly Priest is at 12.6 a game and freshman Jamie Heiman averages 10.4 points.

Heiman leads the Tigers in rebounding at 6.5 per game and and junior Maisha Prewitt is dishing out 4.9 assists.

Mahon said the Tigers' defense will have to step up and not allow the Cowgirls to score at will.

"The biggest key is we can't let them score a lot of points," Mahon said. "We let them score 87 points out there this year. And I don't think we're a team that can outscore them. We have to play defense and hold them down."

● Tickets can be purchased by calling the Fort Hays athletic department at 628-4050. The game is not part of the season ticket package.

Reserved seats are \$8 and adult general admission tickets are \$6. Fort Hays students and K-12 students get in for \$3. VIP parking permits will still be accepted.



Fast start fuels Tigers' win

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

First impressions are important.

When the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team took to the court for its game against New Mexico Highlands University Tuesday night, those first minutes proved to be crucial.

The Tigers got off to a fast start and never looked back to take an 88-75 win at Gross Memorial Coliseum in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

After winning the opener of the Mile High Shootout, Fort Hays will face University of Nebraska-Kearney in Friday's 2:30 p.m. Central time semifinals in Denver at Denver University's Hamilton Gymnasium. The No. 1 seeded Lopers were an 80-50 winner over Colorado Christian University Tuesday night.

The finals of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's postseason tournament are on Saturday. The winner will receive an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II playoffs.

On Tuesday, Fort Hays forced 17 turnovers and held the Cowgirls to 36 percent shooting from the floor in the first half while pulling away. The Tigers' defensive pressure also held one of the conference's most potent scorers, sophomore Becky Gonzales, to seven first-half points.

Fort Hays shot 63 percent from the field and 71 percent from behind the 3-point line while building a 24-point lead over the first 20 minutes.

"The first half was really good," Fort Hays coach

• Fort Hays 88, Highlands 75 •

NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS (15-12)

Branson 2-3 3-4 7, Gallagher 0-2 0-0 0, Becky Gonzales 10-16 6-6 29, Patricia Vigil 4-14 0-0 11, Angelic Trujillo 4-12 3-5 12, Charity Kurley 4-8 0-0 11, Saidler 1-1 0-0 2, Boots 0-0 0-0 0, Westphaln 0-1 0-0 0, Sanchez 0-0 0-0 0, Upchurch 1-2 0-0 3. **Totals** — 26-59 12-15 75.

FORT HAYS (17-10)

Prewitt 4-7 0-0 9, Heiman 3-4 2-3 8, Kelly Priest 12-18 2-4 27, Shauna Porter 6-10 5-6 22, Terry 2-6 1-3 5, Ma. Eck 0-1 0-0 0, Wendell 3-4 1-2 7, Kirsten Barrett 4-5 2-2 10, Baldwin 0-0 0-0 0, Me. Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Stoltz 0-0 0-1 0, Schrader 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals** — 34-55 13-21 88.

Highlands 26 49 — 75
Fort Hays 30 38 — 88

3-point goals — New Mexico Highlands 11-29 (Gonzales 3-5, Vigil 3-11, Trujillo 1-4, Kurley 3-7, Upchurch 1-2); Fort Hays 7-13 (Prewitt 1-3, Priest 1-3, Porter 5-6, Terry 0-1). **Total fouls** — New Mexico Highlands 19, Fort Hays 15. **Fouled out** — None. **Technical fouls** — None.

Rebounds — New Mexico Highlands 25 (Branson 7); Fort Hays 35 (Terry 7). **Assists** — New Mexico Highlands 16 (Gonzales 5); Fort Hays 24 (Prewitt 10, Porter 7). **Steals** — New Mexico Highlands 17 (Kurley 4, Trujillo 3); Fort Hays 13 (Terry 5). **Blocked shots** — New Mexico Highlands 1 (Branson); Fort Hays 4 (Prewitt, Heiman, Porter, Wendell). **Turnovers** — New Mexico Highlands 26, Fort Hays 25. **Officials** — Kevin Sundahl, Daran Frevert, Bob Parker. **A** — 437.

Tom Mahon said. "I think we played extremely good defense and really got after them and kept our bodies in front and didn't foul much. That was what dictated the whole basketball game. Even though it ended up 88-75, we just kind of quit playing the last five minutes. But that's OK. We won the basketball game and that was key."

Fort Hays (17-10) finished the game shooting a tournament record 62 percent (34-of-55) from the field. And Mahon said he would love to have another performance like that against the Lopers on Friday.

"You'd love to shoot like that every night," Mahon said. "When we go to play Kearney Friday

night we're going to have to have the same intensity on defense. If our shots are going, then great. But our defense can keep us in the basketball game."

Fort Hays was led by junior center Kelly Priest, who scored a career-high 27 points, including 17 in the first half. Priest shot 12-of-18 from the field on the night.

Priest's trey gave the Tigers a 34-20 advantage with 4:55 left in the first half.

Fort Hays went on a 16-6 run to lead 50-26 at the break. Junior guard Shauna Porter also scored 17 in the first half, and finished with 22. She made 5-of-6 treys for the game.

Fort Hays led by as many as 30 points in the second half before Mahon emptied the bench.

Sophomore Kirsten Barrett came off the bench to score 10 points. Junior Maisha Prewitt added 10 assists.

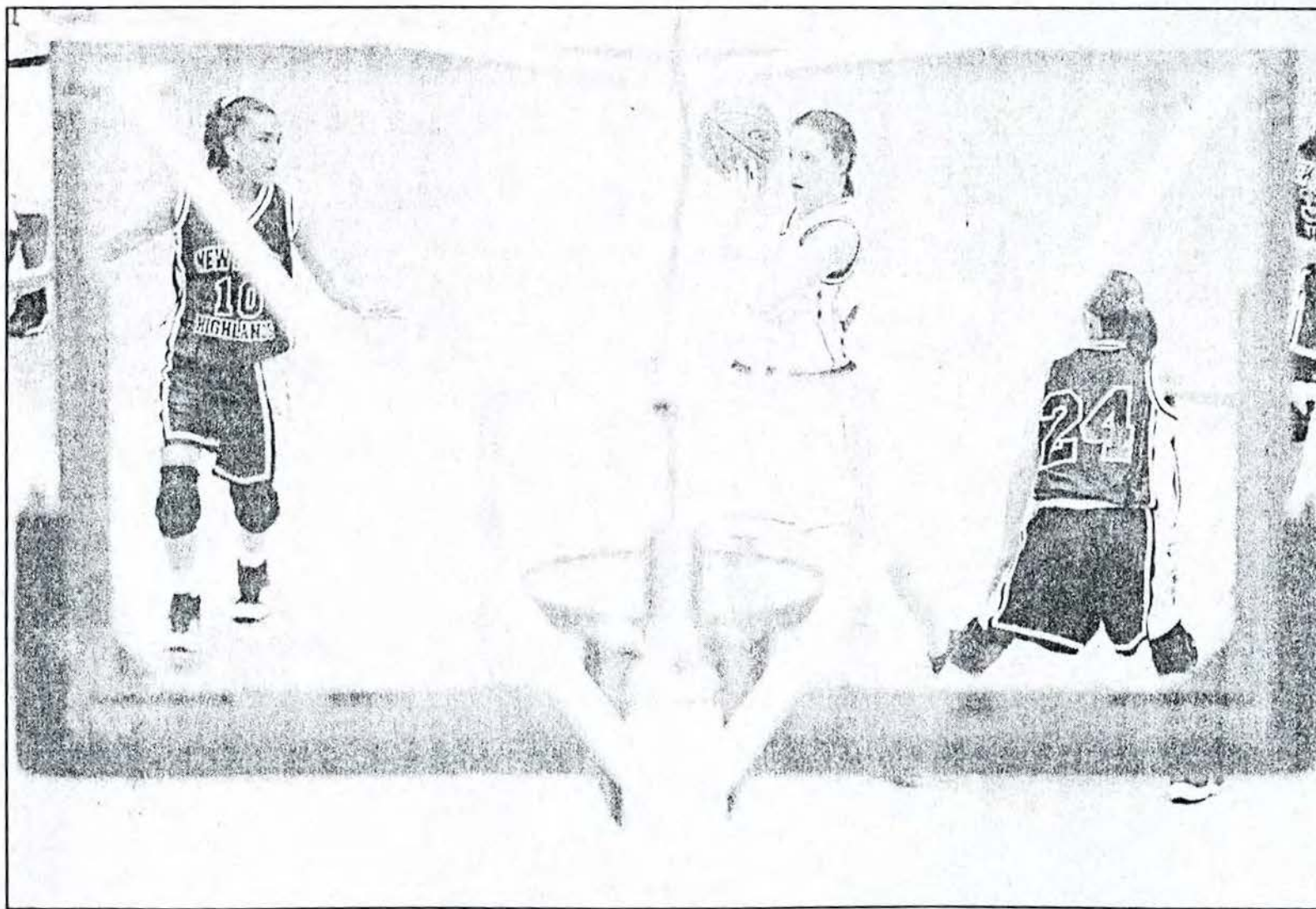
Gonzales led Highlands (15-12) with 29 points, 22 in the second half.

Mahon said the play of Priest and Porter helped the Tigers to the comfortable cushion at halftime.

"The first half was really indicative of how well our kids played," Mahon said. "I was really proud of their effort. And I think Kelly (Priest) and Shauna (Porter) did a good job of getting the ball in the basket in the first half."

• Tiger fans can purchase tickets for Friday's semifinal game in Denver at the Fort Hays athletic office in Cunningham Hall. Deadline for tickets is noon Thursday. Tickets may also be purchased at the game Friday in Denver.





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Fort Hays freshman guard Maggie Eck splits a pair of Highlands defenders as she passes on the fast break in Tuesday night's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum. At left is Highlands junior Angelic Trujillo, and at right is sophomore Patricia Vigil.

Tigers vs. Lopers in semifinals

By NICK SCHWIEN
HAYS DAILY NEWS

Once again, it's a key matchup between Fort Hays State University and University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The women's basketball teams from the two rival schools will meet in Friday's semifinals of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's Mile High Shootout in Denver.

The Tigers and Lopers will play at 2:30 p.m. Central time at Denver University's Hamilton Gymnasium.

Both teams captured easy first-round victories. Fort Hays defeated New Mexico Highlands University 88-75 while Nebraska-Kearney was an 80-50 winner over Colorado Christian University.

Fort Hays (17-10) and Kearney (22-5) have split two earlier games this season, each winning on their home floor.

Fort Hays won in Hays 75-57, while the Lopers took an 84-51 win in Kearney.

This time, it's winner take all. The loser goes home while the winner advances to the championship game Saturday at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that game receives an automatic berth into the NCAA Division II playoffs.

"It's the rubber match," Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said. "I think our team knows that we can beat them. And it's been a while since we've met them in a tournament situation. It's been a while since we've played them on a neutral court."

"And it's just a situation that — I hope Heather (Wendell) is OK with her ankle — if we are healthy and we're ready to go then we'll give it a battle. The biggest thing is we can't let them go on big spurts or big runs like we did up there. We have to keep it close and tight and instead of them jumping on us, let's jump on them. That's our attitude."

Mahon said the win over the Cowgirls Tuesday should help the Tigers. Fort Hays led by as many as 30 points in the second half before Mahon emptied the bench.

"That win was big," Mahon said. "Our kids played hard but we didn't have to go down to the last second to win the basketball game. So that was important. Our kids will have a lot of confidence going into the next game."

Nebraska-Kearney has a balanced attack, led by sophomore Beth Swift with 13.9 points per game. Freshman Allison Kruger averages 13.1 points.

Junior Becky Schroeder and sophomore Anny Burdorf also score in double figures, Schroeder at 11.3 and Burdorf at 10.5. Schroeder also leads the Lopers in rebounding with 7.3 a game.

Burdorf led the Lopers in the 30-point win over Colorado Christian Tuesday by scoring 16 points.

Juniors Shauna Porter and Kelly Priest lead Fort Hays in scoring. Porter is averaging a team-high 16 points a game while Priest is at 13.1.

Both exploded offensively in the win over Highlands. Priest and Porter each scored 17 points in the first half on their way to 27- and 22-point outings, respectively.



FHSU: Porter to pass Biser

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Priest's 27 points was a career high, and Porter's scoring output brought her to within just 26 points of moving up to fourth on the all-time women's scoring list at FHSU.

Porter, who now has 1,296 career points, is set to pass Chris Biser, who scored 1,321 career points from 1986-90. Porter moved into the fifth spot over the weekend, passing Kris Osthoff, who played for the Tigers from 1991-95.

Freshman forward Jamie Heiman is also scoring in double figures for the Tigers. Heiman is averaging 10.3 points a game and is also pulling down a team-high 6.3 rebounds.

Junior Maisha Prewitt is averaging 7.6 points and leads the team in assists (5.0). Junior LaTaunia Terry rounds out the starting five for the Tigers. Terry is second on the team in steals with 1.7 a game.

Mahon said the key to the game will be if the Tigers can hang close to the Lopers.

"That's what it is all about," Mahon said. "Hopefully our 'A' game will show up on Friday. If our 'A' game shows up, I really like our chances."

Probable starters

KEARNEY (22-5)	Pos.	FORT HAYS (17-10)
Ramey (5-8, Sr.)	F	(Jr., 5-7) Prewitt
Ohm (5-11, Fr.)	F	(Fr., 6-0) Heiman
Schroeder (6-1, Jr.)	C	(Jr., 6-0) Priest
Swift (5-6, So.)	G	(Jr., 5-6) Porter
Dubs (5-6, Sr.)	G	(Jr., 5-7) Terry

Tipoff — 2:30 p.m., DU's Hamilton Gymnasium.

Series — Fort Hays leads, 34-22.

Last meeting — Nebraska-Kearney won, 84-51 (Feb. 15, 2000).

Broadcast — 2:10 p.m., KJLS Radio (103.3 FM).



Kearney shoots past FHSU

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

DENVER — Senior Jodi Ward, making just her third start of the season, made the most of her opportunity in Friday's semifinals of the Mile High Shootout.

Ward scored 27 points to lead the University of Nebraska-Kearney women's basketball team to an 89-68 win over Fort Hays State University in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's postseason tournament.

Ward, a former prep star at Norton, connected on a tourney record seven 3-pointers in 10 attempts as No. 1 seed Kearney (23-5) advanced to Saturday night's title game for the fifth straight season.

The Lopers were looking for their fourth conference tourney title in that span. The tourney winner receives an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Ward, who was averaging eight points per game, lit the Tigers up for 18 points in the first half — including four 3-pointers — as the Lopers took a 45-35 lead at the break.

She made her seventh 3-pointer with 15:01 left in the game to set the record and give Kearney a 61-40 lead.

Kearney led by as many as 29 points twice in the second half.

The Lopers also got 18 points from sophomore Beth Swift and 13 from junior Becky Schroeder. Senior Jodi Dubbs and freshman Allison Kruger scored 11 each.

Junior Kelly Priest led Fort Hays (17-11) with 12 points. Junior Shauna Porter and freshman Jamie Heiman added 10 points each.

• Kearney 89, Fort Hays 68 •

FORT HAYS (17-11)

Kelly Priest 4-9, 4-5 12, Jamie Heiman 4-4 2-2 10, Prewitt 2-6 3-4 7, Shauna Porter 3-14 3-3 10, Terry 3-4 1-3 8, Ma. Eck 0-0 0-0 0, Mi. Eck 0-3 0-0 0, Baldwin 2-2 0-0 6, Barrett 2-2 0-0 5, Stoltz 0-1 0-0 0, Wendell 2-5 3-4 7, Schrader 0-1 1-2 1, Robinson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals — 23-52 17-23 68.

KEARNEY (23-5)

Jodi Ward 10-16 0-0 27, Allison Kruger 5-6 1-2 11, Becky Schroeder 4-7 5-7 13, Jodi Dubbs 5-9 1-3 11, Beth Swift 6-7 4-4 18, Gusso 0-0 0-0 0, Bennett 0-2 0-0 0, Marks 1-5 2-2 4, Ramey 0-2 0-0 0, Ohm 0-5 1-3 1, Burdorf 1-6 2-4 4. Totals — 32-65 16-25 89.

Fort Hays 35 33 — 68
Kearney 45 44 — 89

3-point goals — Fort Hays 5-15 (Baldwin 2-2, Porter 1-4, Priest 1-4, Terry 1-1, Barrett 1-1, Prewitt 0-3); Kearney 9-15 (Ward 7-10, Swift 2-3, Burdorf 0-2). Total fouls — Fort Hays 22, Kearney 20. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 33 (Terry 5, Heiman 5); Kearney 35 (three with 6). Assists — Fort Hays 12 (Prewitt 6); Kearney 7 (Schroeder 4). Steals — Fort Hays 5 (five with 1); Kearney 11 (Ward 3). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 2 (Priest 1, Stoltz 1); Kearney 2 (Ramey 1, Burdorf 1). Turnovers — Fort Hays 22, Fort





RMAC honors Tigers

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

Five Fort Hays State University basketball players received recognition from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference for their play during the season.

For the Tiger women, junior guard Shauna Porter was named to the All-RMAC team, as well as the All-East Division First Team. Junior center Kelly Priest was named to the All-East Division Second Team.

Porter averaged 15.8 points to lead Fort Hays (17-11). Priest averaged 13.1 points.

Porter hit a team-high 39 3-pointers for the year while Priest pulled down 5.8 rebounds a game.

The Tigers' season ended with an 89-68 loss to University of Nebraska-Kearney in the semifinals of the Mile

High Shootout.

For the Tiger men, senior guard Rodney Malloy was named to the All-RMAC East Division First Team and juniors Tony Thomas and Willie Davis made the East Division Honorable Mention squad.

Malloy averaged a team-high 18.4 points a game and tied the school's single-game record with nine 3-pointers against Metropolitan State College.

Davis was second on the team with 12.2 points a game, while Thomas averaged 11.3 points and a team-high 7.6 rebounds.

Fort Hays (18-9) lost to Nebraska-Kearney 87-80 in the first round of the conference playoffs.



Porter honored

BY THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

Fort Hays State University junior guard Shauna Porter has been named to the GTE Academic All-America District VII Third Team.

Porter, a Glen Elder native, has a 3.88 grade point average while majoring in elementary education.

The team members are selected by CoSIDA.

Porter is averaging a team-high 16 points a game for the Tigers.



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PORTER NAMED TO DISTRICT VII ACADEMIC THIRD TEAM: FHSU junior guard Shauna Porter has been named to the GTE Academic College Division District VII third team basketball squad. Porter is the Lady Tigers leading scorer averaging 16 points per game. The Glen Elder, Kan. native currently ranks sixth on FHSU's all-time scoring list with 1,248 points and needs just 14 points to move past Kris Osthoff into fifth place.

GTE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM S E L E C T E D B Y C O S I D A

GTE ACADEMIC COLLEGE DIVISION BASKETBALL DISTRICT VII

First Team

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Emily Bloss	Emporia State	Jr.	3.93	Recreation	Wellsville, KS
Leslie Dudley	Pittsburg State	Sr.	3.71	Sociology	Leavenworth, KS
Jayne Even	North Dakota State	Sr.	3.62	Mass Communications	Sioux Falls, SD
Alia Fischer	Washington University	Sr.	3.84	French & Business	Rochester, MN
Jamie Pudenz	North Dakota	Sr.	3.53	Criminal Justice	Jeffers, MN

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Kim Birkel	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	3.99	Exercise Science	David City, NE
Bridget Colgan	Loras College	Sr.	3.92	Finance	Naperville, IL
Laura Crowley	Rockhurst	So.	4.00	Econ/ Political Science	Liberty, MO
Katie Gariss	Missouri Southern	So.	4.00	Biology/Pre-Med	Joplin, MO
Jessica Logan	Northern Colorado	Sr.	3.89	Kinesology	Yapa, Co

Third Team

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Krista Bernadt	Wayne State	Jr.	3.78	Chemistry	Hebron, NE
Lindsay Morgan	Bethany	Sr.	3.60	Art Education	Arkansas City, KS
Shauna Porter	Fort Hays State	Jr.	3.88	Elementary Education	Glen Elder, KS
Brianne Schoonover	Wartburg	So.	4.00	Accounting/Bus. Mgt.	Fredericksburg, IA
Jennifer Sylvester	South Dakota State	Sr.	3.89	HPER	St. Peter, MN



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RMAC Announces Phillips 66 Academic Honors

COLORADO SPRINGS, Co. - The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference is pleased to announce its Winter Phillips 66 Academic Award Winners. To be eligible, a student athlete must maintain a minimum 3.2 Grade Point Average, be a "starter or key reserve" for a championship-sponsored RMAC sport and must have been enrolled at least two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters at the active member school.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

Men's Basketball

Weston Simoneau Jr. 3.28 Physical Education

Women's Basketball

Shauna Porter Jr. 3.88 Elementary Education

Heather Wendell So. 3.61 Agriculture

Kirstin Barrett So. 3.94 Psychology

Hayley Baldwin So. 3.91 Communications

Men's Indoor Track and Field

Stephen Black Jr. 3.93 Physics

Brian Emmons Sr. 3.67 Biology

Nathan Jones So. 3.65 Mathematics

Chad Manning Jr. 3.35 Physical Education

Trevor Price Sr. 3.34 Physical Education

Nathan Reed Sr. 3.24 Elementary Education

Casey Seyfert So. 3.81 History

Jay Simpson Sr. 3.39 Technology Studies

Robert Spies Jr. 3.50 Elementary Education

Women's Indoor Track and Field

Breanna Butler So. 3.89 Physical Education

Lisa Davies Sr. 3.23 Physical Education

Janet Eck Sr. 3.76 Speech-Language Pathology

Janene Hill Sr. 3.55 Communications

Kim Nollette Sr. 3.85 Computer Info. Systems

Sabrina William Jr. 3.70 Information Systems Admin.

Laura Wolfram So. 3.69 Physical Education

Wrestling

Matt Sleder So. 3.26 Elementary Education

Mike Kennedy So. 3.38 Justice Studies

Zane Englebert So. 3.73 Mathematics

Erich Singer Fr. 3.92 Technology Studies

Adams State College, Chadron State College, Colorado Christian University, Colorado School of Mines, Fort Hays State University, Fort Lewis College, Mesa State College, Metropolitan State College of Denver, New Mexico Highlands University, Regis University, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Southern Colorado, Western State College



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RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000

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All-RMAC Women's Basketball Team Announced

COLORADO SPRINGS, Co. - The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference announced its All-Conference selections on Monday.

Becky Gonzales, a 5-10 forward/center who earned Freshman of the Year honors last season, was the top vote getter and was named Player of the Year. Gonzales led the RMAC in scoring (23.1 points per game). She shot .447 from long range (3rd in RMAC) and .843 from the free-throw line (2nd in RMAC).

Colorado Christian's duo of Tina Redmond and Brooke Carrigan were also named to the All-RMAC team. Carrigan's 21.1 points per game was second highest in the conference and Redmond's late-season return from a foot injury propelled the Cougars into the RMAC Tournament.

Jodi Dubs led the University of Nebraska at Kearney to the conference title. She had the second best assist/turnover ratio in the league (1.55).

Shauna Porter rounds out the All-RMAC team. She averaged 16 points per game and 3.33 assists while leading the Fort Hays State Tigers to the semifinals of the conference tournament.

All-East Division First Team

Tina Redmond, Colorado Christian
Brooke Carrigan, Colorado Christian
Shauna Porter, Fort Hays State
Jodi Dubs, Nebraska-Kearney
Andi Pruitt, Regis

All-East Division Second Team

Braidi Hladky, Chadron State
Amy Bollinger, Colorado Mines
Kelly Priest, Fort Hays State
Beth Swift, Nebraska-Kearney
Katie Beamon, Regis

East Division Honorable Mention

Misty Odell, Chadron State
Carla Dowdy, Chadron State
Marissa Eichhorn, Colorado Mines
Kristin Dillard, Colorado Mines
Nikki Bautista, Colorado Mines
Stephanie Allen, Metro State
Sarah Coleman, Metro State
Becky Schroeder, Nebraska-Kearney
Meshach Rhoades, Regis
Michele Eccher, Regis

All-West Division First Team

Becky Gonzales, New Mexico Highlands
Susan Luecke, Mesa State
Kelly O'Dwyer, Mesa State
Stacey Noll, Western State
Angelica Trujillo, New Mexico Highlands

All-West Division Second Team

Robin Droege, Adams State
Miranda Weiser, Southern Colorado
Amanda Widner, Fort Lewis
Corrissa Johnson, CU-Colorado Springs
Shannon Grace, Southern Colorado

West Division Honorable Mention

Jessica Flores, Adams State
Casey Hill, Fort Lewis
Camille Freeze, Mesa State
Shaun Gallagher, New Mexico Highlands
Karen Nadeau, Southern Colorado
Heidi Koskovich, CU-Colorado Springs
Susan Hanchett, Western State
Lisa Reed, Western State
Jackie Rowbury, Western State

Player of the Year: Becky Gonzales, New Mexico Highlands

Freshman of the Year: Kim Good, Colorado Mines

Coach of the Year: Amy Stephens, Nebraska-Kearney

Fort Hays State University "TIGERS"
Fort Hays State University Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 07, 2000)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(17-11)	(14-2)	(3-8)	(0-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(13-6)	(10-0)	(3-6)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-5)	(4-2)	(0-2)	(0-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg						
25 Shauna Porter.....	28-28	993 35.5	145-340	.426	39-108	.361	113-141	.801	20	61	81	2.9	48	0	91	75	3	46
21 Kelly Priest.....	28-28	653 23.3	160-302	.530	14-39	.359	33-43	.767	56	106	162	5.8	73	0	35	72	14	26
30 Jamie Heiman.....	28-28	788 28.1	108-241	.448	12-30	.400	61-83	.735	69	107	176	6.3	63	0	45	57	16	26
10 Maisha Prewitt.....	28-24	787 28.1	75-211	.355	22-75	.293	39-58	.672	19	85	104	3.7	55	0	142	125	22	59
40 Heather Wendell.....	28-1	394 14.1	61-109	.560	0-0	.000	35-45	.778	27	71	98	3.5	53	0	14	31	9	21
31 LaTaunia Terry.....	26-23	567 21.8	45-127	.354	15-49	.306	31-45	.689	26	44	70	2.7	43	0	58	66	9	48
33 Kirsten Barrett.....	28-6	391 14.0	36-88	.409	2-6	.333	39-53	.736	38	43	81	2.9	40	0	10	26	3	13
23 Missi Eck.....	27-0	189 7.0	35-82	.427	20-49	.408	6-8	.750	10	18	28	1.0	13	0	9	19	0	9
22 Maggie Eck.....	27-2	388 14.4	39-93	.419	2-6	.333	12-16	.750	8	32	40	1.5	13	0	48	65	0	26
35 Katie Stoltz.....	26-0	225 8.7	26-65	.400	0-2	.000	9-14	.643	19	42	61	2.3	34	0	3	19	6	8
32 Haley Baldwin.....	13-0	98 7.5	7-20	.350	4-11	.364	4-8	.500	10	5	15	1.2	7	0	1	11	0	1
20 Allison Schrader....	18-0	73 4.1	4-16	.250	2-8	.250	9-18	.500	4	9	13	0.7	8	0	3	11	0	1
13 Lacie Robinson.....	7-0	19 2.7	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	0.7	1	0	1	2	0	1
TEAM.....									63	78	141	5.0	0		5			
Total.....	28	5600	745-1703	.437	132-384	.344	393-534	.736	370	706	1076	38.4	452	0	465	587	82	290
Opponents.....	28	5600	738-1753	.421	133-422	.315	351-511	.687	401	667	1068	38.1	475	-	396	579	75	309

TEAM STATISTICS	FHSU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2015	1960	!11-19-99	BETHANY COLLEGE	W	84-69	725
Points per game.....	72.0	70.0	!11-23-99	WASHBURN UNIVERSITY	L	64-78	250
Scoring margin.....	+2.0	-	!11-27-99	NORTHERN COLORADO	L	61-71	350
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	745-1703	738-1753	!11-29-99	TABOR COLLEGE	W	96-46	266
Field goal pct.....	.437	.421	!12-02-99	at Emporia State University	L	48-98	1742
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	132-384	133-422	!12-04-99	at Pittsburg State University	L	53-69	519
3-point FG pct.....	.344	.315	**12-10-99	at Colorado Mines	L	59-71	249
3-pt FG made per game..	4.7	4.8	**12-11-99	at Metro State	L	73-77	100
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	393-534	351-511	**12-19-99	CHADRON STATE COLLEGE	W	82-71	250
Free throw pct.....	.736	.687	**12-20-99	REGIS UNIVERSITY	W	82-75	525
REBOUNDS.....	1076	1068	**01-04-00	NEBRASKA-KEARNEY	W	75-57	400
Rebounds per game.....	38.4	38.1	**01-08-00	at Colorado Christian University	W	87-64	250
Rebounding margin.....	+0.3	-	**01-14-00	at Adams State College	W	70-57	682
ASSISTS.....	465	396	**01-15-00	at New Mexico Highlands Univ.	L	76-87	200
Assists per game.....	16.6	14.1	**01-21-00	WESTERN STATE COLLEGE	W	70-66	340
TURNOVERS.....	587	579	**01-22-00	MESA STATE COLLEGE	W	64-60	325
Turnovers per game.....	21.0	20.7	!01-25-00	PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY	W	87-85	310
Turnover margin.....	-0.3	-	**01-29-00	at Fort Lewis College	W	76-66	260
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.8	0.7	**02-04-00	CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	W	77-50	325
STEALS.....	290	309	**02-05-00	SOUTHERN COLORADO	W	85-59	310
Steals per game.....	10.4	11.0	**02-11-00	COLORADO MINES	W	74-57	419
BLOCKS.....	82	75	**02-12-00	METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE	W	72-64	746
Blocks per game.....	2.9	2.7	**02-15-00	at Nebraska-Kearney	L	51-84	2824
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	**02-19-00	COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	W	77-64	1318
Home win streak.....	13	-	**02-24-00	at Chadron State College	L	53-75	300
ATTENDANCE.....	7296	7976	**02-26-00	at Regis University	L	63-76	250
Home games-Avg/Game....	16-456	11-671	+02-29-00	NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIV.	W	88-75	437
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	1-600	+03-03-00	vs Nebraska-Kearney	L	68-89	600
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st 2nd Total			RMCA Games: ** East Division, ** West Division			
				& NCAA II Games			
				^ NCAA I Games			
Fort Hays State University....	1021 994 -	2015		+ Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament			
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First Round Results

Tuesday, February 29

Colorado Christian	50	@ Neb.-Kearney	80
N.M. Highlands	75	@ Fort Hays State	88
Metro State	71	@ Chadron State	92
Regis	83	@ Mesa State	80

Friday, March 3

Fort Hays State	68	vs Nebraska-Kearney	89
Regis	62	vs Chadron State	47

Saturday, March 4

Regis	74	vs Nebraska-Kearney	86
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All-Tournament Team

Roxi Hoegerl, Chadron State
Andi Pruitt, Regis
Michelle Eccher, Regis
Beth Swift, Nebraska-Kearney
Jodi Ward, Nebraska-Kearney

Tournament MVP: Jodi Ward, Nebraska-Kearney

East Division

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
\$*Nebraska-Kearney	15	4	.789	24	5	.828
*Chadron State	13	6	.684	20	8	.714
*Fort Hays State	13	6	.684	17	11	.607
*Metro State	12	7	.632	16	11	.593
*Regis	11	8	.579	19	10	.655
*Colorado Christian	9	10	.474	13	14	.481
Colorado Mines	8	11	.421	11	15	.423

West Division

School	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
\$*Mesa State	13	6	.684	17	10	.630
*N.M. Highlands	13	6	.684	15	12	.556
Southern Colorado	9	10	.474	12	14	.462
Western State	7	12	.368	10	14	.417
Adams State	6	13	.316	7	19	.269
CU-Colorado Springs	3	16	.158	6	21	.222
Fort Lewis	1	18	.053	3	23	.115

*Mile High Shootout Participant
\$ Divisional Champion

2000 RMAC Women's Basketball Tournament

(1) Nebraska-Kearney (15-4)

Tuesday, February 29
at Nebraska-Kearney (6 p.m.)

Nebraska-Kearney (80-50)

(8) Colorado Christian (9-10)

Friday, March 3, 1:30 p.m.
Hamilton Gymnasium
Denver, Colo.

Nebraska-Kearney (89-68)

(4) Fort Hays State (13-6)

Tuesday, February 29
at Fort Hays State (7 p.m.)

Fort Hays State (88-75)

(5) New Mexico Highlands (13-6)

Saturday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Gymnasium
Denver, Colo.

Nebraska-Kearney (86-74)

CHAMPION

(3) Chadron State (13-6)

Tuesday, February 29
at Chadron State (6 p.m.)

Chadron State (92-71)

(6) Metro State (12-7)

Friday, March 3, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Gymnasium
Denver, Colo.

Regis (62-47)

(2) Mesa State (13-6)

Tuesday, February 29
at Mesa State (6 p.m.)

Regis (83-80)

(7) Regis (11-8)

All-Conference Honors**March 9, 2000****All-East Division First Team**

Tina Redmond, Colorado Christian
 Brooke Carrigan, Colorado Christian
 Shauna Porter, Fort Hays State
 Jodi Dubs, Nebraska-Kearney
 Andi Pruitt, Regis

All-East Division Second Team

Braidi Hladky, Chadron State
 Amy Bollinger, Colorado Mines
 Kelly Priest, Fort Hays State
 Beth Swift, Nebraska-Kearney
 Katie Beamon, Regis

East Division Honorable Mention

Misty Odell, Chadron State
 Carla Dowdy, Chadron State
 Cara Stimac, Colorado Christian
 Marissa Eichhorn, Colorado Mines
 Kristin Dillard, Colorado Mines
 Nikki Bautista, Colorado Mines
 Stephanie Allen, Metro State
 Sarah Coleman, Metro State
 Becky Schroeder, Nebraska-Kearney
 Meshach Rhoades, Regis
 Michele Eccher, Regis

All-West Division First Team

Becky Gonzales, New Mexico Highlands
 Susan Luecke, Mesa State
 Kelly O'Dwyer, Mesa State
 Stacey Noll, Western State
 Angelic Trujillo, New Mexico Highlands

All-West Division Second Team

Robin Droege, Adams State
 Miranda Weiser, Southern Colorado
 Amanda Widner, Fort Lewis
 Corissa Johnson, CU-Colorado Springs
 Shannon Grace, Southern Colorado

West Division Honorable Mention

Jessica Flores, Adams State
 Casey Hill, Fort Lewis
 Camille Freeze, Mesa State
 Patricia Vigil, New Mexico Highlands
 Shaun Gallagher, New Mexico Highlands
 Karen Nadeau, Southern Colorado
 Heidi Koskovich, CU-Colorado Springs
 Susan Hanchett, Western State
 Lisa Reed, Western State
 Jackie Rowbury, Western State

Player of the Year: Becky Gonzales, New Mexico Highlands**Freshman of the Year:** Kim Good, Colorado Mines**Coach of the Year:** Amy Stephens, Nebraska-Kearney**WBCA/Division II Poll****Feb. 29, 2000**

1. St. Rose (23)	29-0	16. Northern Michigan	21-5
2. Northern Kentucky	24-2	17. Binghamton	25-2
3. North Dakota State (1)	22-3	18. West Texas A&M	21-5
4. Presbyterian	25-1	19. Nebraska-Kearney	21-5
5. Delta State	24-2	20. Central Missouri State	21-5
6. North Dakota	22-4	21. Francis Marion	22-6
7. Bentley	23-3	22. Ferris State	20-5
8. Emporia State	23-3	23. Arkansas Tech	23-5
9. Rollins	25-2	24. Minnesota-Duluth	21-5
10. Cal Poly Pomona	24-2	25. Slippery Rock	20-5
11. Kennesaw State	23-3		
12. Indiana (Pa.)	23-3		
13. Western Washington	22-3		
14. Michigan Tech	21-5		
15. Northern State	25-4		

11 others received votes.

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****Adams State (7-19, 6-13 RMAC)****November**

19 at New Mexico State L 65-75
 28 St. Martin's College L 60-67

December

5 at Western New Mexico L 74-78
 6 vs. Lubbock Christian L 46-74
 10 *Western State L 58-82
 11 *Mesa State W 56-51
 18 *New Mexico Highlands W 72-61
 19 *Fort Lewis W 66-58

January

7 *at CU-Colorado Springs W 57-48
 8 *at Southern Colorado W 64-55
 11 at Panhandle State L 60-79
 14 *Fort Hays State L 57-70
 15 *Nebraska-Kearney L 43-67
 21 *at Colorado Mines L 46-70
 22 *at Metro State L 58-89
 28 *Chadron State L 41-62
 29 *Regis L 63-72

February

4 at Colorado College W 69-64
 5 *at Colorado Christian L 60-70
 8 Panhandle State L 82-93
 11 *at Western State L 52-80
 12 *at Mesa State L 59-88
 18 *CU-Colorado Springs W ot 72-66
 19 *Southern Colorado L 43-66
 22 *at New Mexico Highlands L 59-90
 26 *at Fort Lewis L 50-57

* RMAC Game

Chadron State (20-8, 13-6 RMAC)**November**

19 vs. Missouri-St. Louis W 63-62
 20 vs. N.M. Highlands W 83-45
 23 at South Dakota Tech W 86-74
 30 Dickinson State W 79-61

December

10 *Colorado Christian W 93-63
 11 *Regis W 76-50
 14 South Dakota Tech W 81-77
 19 *at Fort Hays State L 71-82
 20 *at Nebraska-Kearney L 51-67
 31 at Montana State-Billings L 61-76

January

1 vs. Rocky Mountain College W 79-61
 6 *Colorado Mines W 68-49
 8 *Metro State W 70-55
 13 *at Fort Lewis W 71-65
 20 *Southern Colorado W 84-58
 22 *CU-Colorado Springs W 69-52
 28 *at Adams State W 62-41
 29 *at New Mexico Highlands L 77-88

February

3 *Western State W 78-63
 5 *Mesa State L 45-67
 10 *at Colorado Christian W 76-48
 11 *at Regis W 60-57
 18 *at Colorado Mines L 54-66
 19 *at Metro State L 74-79
 24 *Fort Hays State W 75-53
 26 *Nebraska-Kearney W 76-73
 29 #Metro State W 92-71

March

3 # vs. Regis L 47-62

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****Colorado Christian (13-14, 9-10 RMAC)****November**

19	Quincy University	W	80-61
20	South Dakota Tech	L	73-76
26	Seattle Pacific	W	84-81
27	Union College	W	98-84

December

3	vs. St. Mary's	L	71-98
4	at Incarnate Word	L	51-67
7	*at Regis	W	75-74
10	*at Chadron State	L	63-93
19	*at Metro State	L 2ot	106-111
20	*at Colorado Mines	W	60-50

January

7	*Nebraska-Kearney	L ot	80-86
8	*Fort Hays State	L	64-87
14	*at Mesa State	L	68-71
15	*at Western State	W	93-81
22	*Fort Lewis	W	99-44
28	*at Southern Colorado	W	90-80
29	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	66-64

February

4	*New Mexico Highlands	L	64-86
5	*Adams State	W	70-60
8	*Regis	L	41-67
10	*Chadron State	L	48-76
16	Colorado College	W	70-50
18	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	41-101
19	*at Fort Hays State	L	64-77
25	*Metro State	W	80-75
26	*Colorado Mines	W	76-64
29	#at Nebraska-Kearney	L	50-80

*RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

Colorado Mines (11-15, 8-11 RMAC)**November**

19	South Dakota Tech	L	77-81
20	Palm Beach Atlantic	W	71-59
26	at Augustana	L	51-66
27	vs. South Dakota	L	57-73
30	Northern Colorado	L	64-76

December

6	Panhandle State	W	69-53
10	*Fort Hays State	W	71-59
11	*Nebraska-Kearney	L	49-63
18	*Metro State	W	74-60
20	*Colorado Christian	L	50-60

January

6	*at Chadron State	L	49-68
8	*at Regis	L	54-62
14	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	64-47
15	*at Southern Colorado	L	64-71
21	*Adams State	W	70-46
22	*New Mexico Highlands	W	60-56
28	*at Western State	L	64-74
29	*at Mesa State	L	49-64

February

1	at Colorado College	W	67-57
5	*Fort Lewis	W	73-54
11	*at Fort Hays State	L	57-74
12	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	47-82
18	*Chadron State	W	66-54
19	*Regis	L	52-53
22	*at Metro State	W	71-67
26	*at Colorado Christian	L	64-76

*RMAC Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****Fort Hays State (17-11, 13-6 RMAC)****November**

19	Bethany College	W	84-69
23	Washburn	L	64-78
27	Northern Colorado	L	61-71
29	Tabor College	W	96-46

December

2	at Emporia State	L	48-98
4	at Pittsburg State	L	53-69
10	*at Colorado Mines	L	59-71
11	*at Metro State	L	73-77
19	*Chadron State	W	82-71
20	*Regis	W	82-75

January

4	*Nebraska-Kearney	W	75-57
8	*at Colorado Christian	W	87-64
14	*at Adams State	W	70-57
15	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	76-87
21	*Western State	W	70-66
22	*Mesa State	W	64-60
25	Panhandle State	W	87-85
29	*at Fort Lewis	W	76-66

February

4	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	77-50
5	*Southern Colorado	W	85-59
11	*Colorado Mines	W	74-57
12	*Metro State	W	72-64
15	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	51-84
19	*Colorado Christian	W	77-64
24	*at Chadron State	L	53-75
26	*at Regis	L	63-76
29	#N.M. Highlands	W	88-75

March

3	# vs. Nebraska-Kearney	L	68-89
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* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

Fort Lewis (3-23, 1-18 RMAC)**November**

20	Westminster College	L	53-57
22	Western New Mexico	L	65-68
26	at Union	L	60-86
27	at Seattle Pacific	L	76-89

December

5	vs. Lubbock Christian	W	67-62
6	at Western New Mexico	W	80-71
10	*at Southern Colorado	L	55-72
11	*at CU-Colorado Springs	L	49-73
17	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	65-82
19	*at Adams State	L	58-66

January

6	*Mesa State	L	51-76
8	*Western State	L	58-68
13	*Chadron State	L	65-71
15	*Regis	L	62-88
20	at Panhandle State	L	62-63
22	*at Colorado Christian	L	44-99
27	*Nebraska-Kearney	L	46-87
29	*Fort Hays State	L	66-76

February

3	*at Metro State	L	45-70
5	*at Colorado Mines	L	54-73
10	*Southern Colorado	L	66-74
12	*CU-Colorado Springs	L	61-65
17	*at Mesa State	L	55-88
19	*at Western State	L	60-72
24	*New Mexico Highlands	L	69-72
26	*Adams State	W	57-50

* RMAC Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****Mesa State (17-10, 13-6 RMAC)****November**

19	vs. Ripon College	W	73-67
20	at Winona State	L	67-75
26	Saint Joseph's (Ind.)	W	82-76
27	Lynn	W	81-70

December

4	at Northern Colorado	L	43-65
11	*at Adams State	L	51-56
13	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	55-64
18	*Southern Colorado	W	63-48
19	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	65-44
31	vs. Rocky Mountain College	W	75-33

January

1	at Montana State-Billings	L	59-70
6	*at Fort Lewis	W	76-51
11	*Western State	W	67-50
14	*Colorado Christian	W	71-68
21	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	57-89
22	*at Fort Hays State	L	60-64
28	*Metro State	W	72-68
29	*Colorado Mines	W	64-49

February

3	*at Regis	L	53-64
5	*at Chadron State	W	67-45
11	*New Mexico Highlands	W	66-54
12	*Adams State	W	88-59
15	*at Western State	W	80-70
17	*Fort Lewis	W	88-55
25	*at Southern Colorado	L	74-83
26	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	56-45
29	#Regis	L	80-83

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

Nebraska-Kearney (24-5, 15-4 RMAC)**November**

19	at Missouri Western State	W	78-77
20	vs. Southern Indiana	W	62-55
26	McPherson	W	90-30
27	Moorhead State	W	81-66

December

1	at Nebraska-Omaha	L	71-86
3	Washburn	W	83-59
10	*at Metro State	L	61-75
11	*at Colorado Mines	W	63-49
19	*Regis	W	80-48
20	*Chadron State	W	67-51
29	Emporia State	W	68-65

January

4	*at Fort Hays State	L	57-75
7	*at Colorado Christian	W	86-80
14	*at New Mexico Highlands	W	85-57
15	*at Adams State	W	67-43
21	*Mesa State	W	89-57
22	*Western State	W	70-52
27	*at Fort Lewis	W	87-46

February

4	*Southern Colorado	W	68-57
5	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	96-54
11	*Metro State	W	75-59
12	*Colorado Mines	W	82-47
15	*Fort Hays State	W	84-51
18	*Colorado Christian	W	101-41
24	*at Regis	L	65-74
26	*at Chadron State	L	73-76
29	#Colorado Christian	W	80-50

March

3	# vs. Fort Hays State	W	89-68
4	# vs. Regis	W	86-74

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****New Mexico Highlands (15-12, 13-6 RMAC)****November**

19	Lubbock Christian	L	63-66
20	Chadron State	L	45-83
22	at Wayland	L	70-90

December

3	vs. Texas Lutheran	L	79-86
4	vs. Huston Tillotson	W	71-62
5	at St. Edwards	L	85-89
11	*Western State	W	73-64
13	*Mesa State	W	64-55
17	*Fort Lewis	W	82-65
18	*at Adams State	L	61-72

January

3	Wayland Baptist	W	83-65
7	*at Southern Colorado	W	62-61
8	*at CU-Colorado Springs	L 2ot	77-79
14	*Nebraska-Kearney	L	57-85
15	*Fort Hays State	W	87-76
21	*at Metro State	L	69-81
22	*at Colorado Mines	L	56-60
28	*Regis	W	74-70
29	*Chadron State	W	88-77

February

4	*at Colorado Christian	W	86-64
11	*at Mesa State	L	54-66
12	*at Western State	W	83-76
18	*Southern Colorado	W	82-72
19	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	75-51
22	*Adams State	W	90-59
25	*at Fort Lewis	W	72-69
29	#at Fort Hays State	L	75-88

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

Regis (19-10, 11-8 RMAC)**November**

19	Northern Colorado	W	74-72
20	Quincy	W	83-66
26	St. Martin's	W	94-67
27	South Dakota State	L	65-78

December

2	at Colorado College	W	62-42
7	*Colorado Christian	L	74-75
11	*at Chadron State	L	50-76
19	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	48-80
20	*at Fort Hays State	L	75-82
30	Wisconsin-River Falls	W	82-63

January

4	CU-Colorado Springs	W	61-38
6	*Metro State	L	68-72
8	*Colorado Mines	W	62-54
15	*at Fort Lewis	W	88-62
20	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	68-55
22	*Southern Colorado	W	76-64
28	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	70-74
29	*at Adams State	W	72-63

February

3	*Mesa State	W	64-53
5	*Western State	W	75-58
8	*at Colorado Christian	W	67-41
11	*Chadron State	L	57-60
18	*at Metro State	L	68-76
19	*at Colorado Mines	W	53-52
24	*Nebraska-Kearney	W	74-65
26	*Fort Hays State	W	76-63
29	#at Mesa State	W	83-80

March

3	# vs. Chadron State	W	62-47
4	# vs. Nebraska-Kearney	L	74-86

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****Southern Colorado (12-14, 9-10 RMAC)****November**

19	Colorado College	W	80-35
20	Eastern New Mexico	L	44-56
26	vs. Central Missouri State	L	53-64
28	vs. Middlebury College	W	79-68

December

3	Panhandle State	L	64-68
4	Southwest Baptist	L	66-76
7	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	73-55
10	*Fort Lewis	W	72-55
14	at Colorado College	W	64-56
17	*at Western State	W	82-73
18	*at Mesa State	L	48-63

January

7	*New Mexico Highlands	L	61-62
8	*Adams State	L	55-64
14	*Metro State	L	72-77
15	*Colorado Mines	W	71-64
20	*at Chadron State	L	58-84
22	*at Regis	L	64-76
28	*Colorado Christian	L	80-90

February

4	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	57-68
5	*at Fort Hays State	L	59-85
8	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	84-82
11	*at Fort Lewis	W	74-66
18	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	72-82
19	*at Adams State	W	66-43
25	*Mesa State	W	83-74
26	*Western State	W	55-50

* RMAC Game

Metro State (16-11, 12-7 RMAC)**November**

19	vs. Baker	W	75-63
20	at Northwest Missouri State	W	99-85
26	at North Dakota State	L	38-106
27	vs. Ferris State	W	90-88

December

3	at Northern Colorado	W	87-81
10	*Nebraska-Kearney	W	75-61
11	*Fort Hays State	W	77-73
18	*at Colorado Mines	L	60-74
19	*Colorado Christian	W 2ot	111-106
29	vs. Assumption	L	69-86
31	at Grand Canyon	L	63-70

January

6	*at Regis	W	72-68
8	*at Chadron State	L	55-70
14	*at Southern Colorado	W	77-72
15	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	57-55
21	*New Mexico Highlands	W	81-69
22	*Adams State	W	89-58
28	*at Mesa State	L	68-72
29	*at Western State	W	74-71

February

3	*Fort Lewis	W	70-45
11	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	59-75
12	*at Fort Hays State	L	64-72
18	*Regis	W	76-68
19	*Chadron State	W	79-74
22	*Colorado Mines	L	67-71
25	*at Colorado Christian	L	75-80
29	#at Chadron State	L	71-92

* RMAC Game

RMAC Tournament Game

RMAC Women's Basketball 1999-2000**March 9, 2000****CU-Colorado Springs (6-21, 3-16 RMAC)****November**

21	at Air Force	L	50-60
25	vs. Mary Hardin Baylor	W	54-42
26	vs. Oklahoma Baptist	L	54-68
27	at Wayland Baptist	L	44-61

December

1	at New Mexico State	L	38-67
4	Colorado College	W	74-76
7	*Southern Colorado	L	55-73
11	*Fort Lewis	W	73-49
19	*at Mesa State	L	44-65
20	*at Western State	L	50-66

January

4	at Regis (Non-Conference)	L	38-61
7	*Adams State	L	48-57
8	*New Mexico Highlands	W 2ot	79-77
14	*Colorado Mines	L	47-64
15	*Metro State	L	55-57
20	*at Regis	L	55-68
22	*Chadron State	L	52-69
26	at Colorado College	W	55-43
29	*Colorado Christian	L	64-66

February

4	*at Fort Hays State	L	50-77
5	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	54-96
8	*at Southern Colorado	L	82-84
12	*at Fort Lewis	W	65-61
18	*at Adams State	L	66-72
19	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	51-75
25	*Western State	L	62-64
26	*Mesa State	L	45-65

* RMAC Game

Western State (10-14, 7-12 RMAC)**November**

19	Westminister	W	70-50
20	Western New Mexico	W	93-66
26	Lynn	L	61-64
27	St. Joseph's	W	78-73

December

10	*at Adams State	W	82-58
11	*at New Mexico Highlands	L	64-73
17	*Southern Colorado	L	73-82
20	*CU-Colorado Springs	W	66-50
21	at Southern Utah	L	52-64

January

8	*at Fort Lewis	W	68-58
11	*at Mesa State	L	50-67
15	*Colorado Christian	L	81-93
21	*at Fort Hays State	L	66-70
22	*at Nebraska-Kearney	L	52-70
28	*Colorado Mines	W	74-64
29	*Metro State	L	71-74

February

3	*at Chadron State	L	63-78
5	*at Regis	L	58-75
11	*Adams State	W	80-52
12	*New Mexico Highlands	L	76-83
15	*Mesa State	L	70-80
19	*Fort Lewis	W	72-60
25	*at CU-Colorado Springs	W	64-62
26	*at Southern Colorado	L	50-55

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SCORING OFFENSE

## Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	24-5	2244	77.4
2. Metro State.....	27	16-11	1978	73.3
3. New Mexico Highlands	27	15-12	1963	72.7
4. Fort Hays State.....	28	17-11	2015	72.0
5. Chadron State.....	28	20-8	2003	71.5
6. Colorado Christian..	27	13-14	1925	71.3
7. Regis University....	29	19-10	2025	69.8
8. Western State.....	24	10-14	1634	68.1
9. Mesa State.....	27	17-10	1833	67.9
10. Southern Colorado...	26	12-14	1736	66.8
11. Colorado Mines.....	26	11-15	1604	61.7
12. Fort Lewis.....	26	3-23	1549	59.6
13. Adams State.....	26	7-19	1532	58.9
14. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	6-21	1504	55.7

SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	77.4	59.4	+18.0
2. Chadron State.....	28	71.5	63.0	+8.5
3. Mesa State.....	27	67.9	61.7	+6.2
4. Regis University....	29	69.8	64.3	+5.6
5. Fort Hays State.....	28	72.0	70.0	-2.0
6. New Mexico Highlands	27	72.7	71.5	+1.2
7. Western State.....	24	68.1	67.5	+0.6
8. Southern Colorado...	26	66.8	66.8	-0.0
9. Metro State.....	27	73.3	74.3	-1.0
10. Colorado Mines.....	26	61.7	63.7	-2.0
11. Colorado Christian..	27	71.3	75.7	-4.4
12. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	55.7	65.0	-9.3
13. Adams State.....	26	58.9	70.5	-11.5
14. Fort Lewis.....	26	59.6	73.8	-14.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	818	1752	.467
2. Regis University....	29	737	1681	.438
3. Fort Hays State.....	28	745	1703	.437
4. New Mexico Highlands	27	679	1636	.415
5. Metro State.....	27	721	1762	.409
6. Colorado Christian..	27	661	1627	.406
7. Western State.....	24	583	1439	.405
8. Chadron State.....	28	693	1711	.405
9. Mesa State.....	27	660	1650	.400
10. Southern Colorado...	26	641	1689	.380
11. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	549	1473	.373
12. Fort Lewis.....	26	572	1598	.358
13. Colorado Mines.....	26	589	1650	.357
14. Adams State.....	26	560	1628	.344

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	147	324	.454
2. Regis University....	29	166	433	.383
3. Metro State.....	27	206	547	.377
4. Mesa State.....	27	147	410	.359
5. Colorado Christian..	27	174	501	.347
6. New Mexico Highlands	27	214	622	.344
7. Fort Hays State.....	28	132	384	.344
8. Fort Lewis.....	26	148	432	.343
9. Western State.....	24	122	384	.318
10. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	62	211	.294
11. Chadron State.....	28	176	601	.293
12. Southern Colorado...	26	124	427	.290
13. Colorado Mines.....	26	100	387	.263
14. Adams State.....	26	112	460	.243

SCORING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	1722	59.4
2. Mesa State.....	27	1665	61.7
3. Chadron State.....	28	1765	63.0
4. Colorado Mines.....	26	1655	63.7
5. Regis University....	29	1864	64.3
6. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	1754	65.0
7. Southern Colorado...	26	1736	66.8
8. Western State.....	24	1621	67.5
9. Fort Hays State.....	28	1960	70.0
10. Adams State.....	26	1832	70.5
11. New Mexico Highlands	27	1931	71.5
12. Fort Lewis.....	26	1918	73.8
13. Metro State.....	27	2006	74.3
14. Colorado Christian..	27	2044	75.7

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Colorado Christian..	27	429	576	.745
2. Fort Hays State.....	28	393	534	.736
3. Metro State.....	27	330	449	.736
4. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	461	655	.704
5. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	344	489	.703
6. Regis University....	29	385	553	.696
7. New Mexico Highlands	27	391	566	.691
8. Southern Colorado...	26	330	483	.683
9. Colorado Mines.....	26	326	479	.681
10. Western State.....	24	346	511	.677
11. Mesa State.....	27	366	547	.669
12. Fort Lewis.....	26	257	392	.656
13. Chadron State.....	28	441	709	.622
14. Adams State.....	26	300	534	.562

FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Mesa State.....	27	574	1738	.330
2. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	626	1665	.376
3. Western State.....	24	535	1415	.378
4. Colorado Mines.....	26	563	1478	.381
5. Adams State.....	26	633	1648	.384
6. Chadron State.....	28	608	1562	.389
7. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	647	1642	.394
8. Southern Colorado...	26	607	1540	.394
9. Metro State.....	27	684	1685	.406
10. Regis University....	29	722	1760	.410
11. Fort Hays State.....	28	738	1753	.421
12. Fort Lewis.....	26	697	1615	.432
13. New Mexico Highlands	27	704	1631	.432
14. Colorado Christian..	27	772	1739	.444

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. New Mexico Highlands	27	107	355	.301
2. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	133	438	.304
3. Colorado Mines.....	26	135	436	.310
4. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	172	549	.313
5. Fort Hays State.....	28	133	422	.315
6. Mesa State.....	27	174	550	.316
7. Regis University....	29	138	421	.328
8. Chadron State.....	28	124	374	.332
9. Fort Lewis.....	26	126	379	.332
10. Western State.....	24	131	381	.344
11. Adams State.....	26	172	488	.352
12. Southern Colorado...	26	127	352	.361
13. Metro State.....	27	174	469	.371
14. Colorado Christian..	27	161	420	.383

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REBOUNDING OFFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Mesa State.....	27	1292	47.9
2. Adams State.....	26	1199	46.1
3. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	1142	42.3
4. Colorado Mines.....	26	1080	41.5
5. Metro State.....	27	1090	40.4
6. Chadron State.....	28	1121	40.0
7. Western State.....	24	959	40.0
8. Southern Colorado...	26	1027	39.5
9. Fort Hays State.....	28	1076	38.4
10. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	1107	38.2
11. Fort Lewis.....	26	977	37.6
12. Regis University....	29	1070	36.9
13. Colorado Christian..	27	963	35.7
14. New Mexico Highlands	27	923	34.2

REBOUNDING MARGIN

## Team	G	TEAM	Avg	OPP	Avg Margin
1. Mesa State.....	27	1292	47.9	1060	39.3
2. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	1142	42.3	983	36.4
3. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	1107	38.2	963	33.2
4. Adams State.....	26	1199	46.1	1128	43.4
5. Western State.....	24	959	40.0	919	38.3
6. Chadron State.....	28	1121	40.0	1077	38.5
7. Fort Hays State.....	28	1076	38.4	1069	38.2
8. Colorado Mines.....	26	1080	41.5	1091	42.0
9. Regis University....	29	1070	36.9	1087	37.5
10. Metro State.....	27	1090	40.4	1133	42.0
11. Southern Colorado...	26	1027	39.5	1146	44.1
12. New Mexico Highlands	27	923	34.2	1101	40.8
13. Fort Lewis.....	26	977	37.6	1149	44.2
14. Colorado Christian..	27	963	35.7	1171	43.4

ASSISTS

## Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
1. Regis University....	29	490	16.90
2. Fort Hays State.....	28	465	16.61
3. Chadron State.....	28	445	15.89
4. Western State.....	24	390	15.83
5. New Mexico Highlands	27	390	14.44
6. Fort Lewis.....	26	368	14.15
7. Southern Colorado...	26	362	13.92
8. Colorado Christian..	27	368	13.63
9. Metro State.....	27	367	13.59
10. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	384	13.24
11. Colorado Mines.....	26	337	12.96
12. Mesa State.....	27	319	11.81
13. Adams State.....	26	279	10.73
14. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	286	10.59

TURNOVER MARGIN

## Team	G	TEAM	Avg	OPP	Avg Margin
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	465	16.0	612	21.1
2. Southern Colorado...	26	532	20.5	632	24.3
3. Chadron State.....	28	525	18.7	631	22.5
4. New Mexico Highlands	27	506	18.7	567	21.0
5. Colorado Mines.....	26	466	17.9	522	20.1
6. Colorado Christian..	27	523	19.4	545	20.2
7. Regis University....	29	525	18.1	543	18.7
8. Metro State.....	27	523	19.4	523	19.4
9. Fort Hays State.....	28	587	21.0	579	20.7
10. Western State.....	24	556	23.2	541	22.5
11. Fort Lewis.....	26	572	22.0	515	19.8
12. Mesa State.....	27	523	19.6	437	16.2
13. Adams State.....	26	581	22.3	484	18.6
14. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	684	25.3	486	18.0

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	963	33.2
2. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	983	36.4
3. Regis University....	29	1087	37.5
4. Fort Hays State.....	28	1069	38.2
5. Western State.....	24	919	38.3
6. Chadron State.....	28	1077	38.5
7. Mesa State.....	27	1060	39.3
8. New Mexico Highlands	27	1101	40.8
9. Colorado Mines.....	26	1091	42.0
10. Metro State.....	27	1133	42.0
11. Colorado Christian..	27	1171	43.4
12. Adams State.....	26	1128	43.4
13. Southern Colorado...	26	1146	44.1
14. Fort Lewis.....	26	1149	44.2

BLOCKED SHOTS

## Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Mesa State.....	27	150	5.56
2. Colorado Mines.....	26	120	4.62
3. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	93	3.44
4. Chadron State.....	28	87	3.11
5. Fort Hays State.....	28	82	2.93
6. Southern Colorado...	26	68	2.62
7. Western State.....	24	59	2.46
8. Adams State.....	26	61	2.35
9. Metro State.....	27	62	2.30
10. Regis University....	29	66	2.28
11. Colorado Christian..	27	45	1.67
12. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	41	1.41
13. New Mexico Highlands	27	37	1.37
14. Fort Lewis.....	26	35	1.35

STEALS

## Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
1. Southern Colorado...	26	320	12.31
2. Western State.....	24	288	12.00
3. Colorado Mines.....	26	289	11.12
4. New Mexico Highlands	27	297	11.00
5. Chadron State.....	28	304	10.86
6. Regis University....	29	308	10.62
7. Fort Hays State.....	28	290	10.36
8. Colorado Christian..	27	274	10.15
9. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	278	9.59
10. Fort Lewis.....	26	247	9.50
11. Metro State.....	27	254	9.41
12. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	237	8.78
13. Adams State.....	26	226	8.69
14. Mesa State.....	27	202	7.48

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO

## Team	G	Asst	Avg Turn	Avg Ratio
1. Regis University....	29	490	16.9	525
2. Chadron State.....	28	445	15.9	525
3. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	384	13.2	465
4. Fort Hays State.....	28	465	16.6	587
5. New Mexico Highlands	27	390	14.4	506
6. Colorado Mines.....	26	337	13.0	466
7. Colorado Christian..	27	368	13.6	523
8. Metro State.....	27	367	13.6	523
9. Western State.....	24	380	15.8	556
10. Southern Colorado...	26	362	13.9	532
11. Fort Lewis.....	26	368	14.2	572
12. Mesa State.....	27	319	11.8	523
13. Adams State.....	26	279	10.7	581
14. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	286	10.6	684

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OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

## Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Adams State.....	26	443	17.04
2. Mesa State.....	27	432	16.00
3. Colorado Mines.....	26	394	15.15
Southern Colorado...	26	394	15.15
5. Western State.....	24	338	14.08
6. Chadron State.....	28	389	13.89
7. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	375	13.89
8. Metro State.....	27	372	13.78
9. Fort Lewis.....	26	354	13.62
10. Fort Hays State.....	28	371	13.25
11. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	384	13.24
12. New Mexico Highlands	27	340	12.59
13. Regis University....	29	348	12.00
14. Colorado Christian..	27	310	11.48

3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

## Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
1. New Mexico Highlands	27	214	7.93
2. Metro State.....	27	206	7.63
3. Colorado Christian..	27	174	6.44
4. Chadron State.....	28	176	6.29
5. Regis University....	29	166	5.72
6. Fort Lewis.....	26	148	5.69
7. Mesa State.....	27	147	5.44
8. Western State.....	24	122	5.08
9. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	147	5.07
10. Southern Colorado...	26	124	4.77
11. Fort Hays State.....	28	132	4.71
12. Adams State.....	26	112	4.31
13. Colorado Mines.....	26	100	3.85
14. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	62	2.30

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

## Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Mesa State.....	27	860	31.85
2. Adams State.....	26	756	29.08
3. CU-Colorado Springs..	27	767	28.41
4. Metro State.....	27	718	26.59
5. Colorado Mines.....	26	686	26.38
6. Chadron State.....	28	732	26.14
7. Western State.....	24	621	25.88
8. Fort Hays State.....	28	705	25.18
9. Nebraska-Kearney....	29	723	24.93
10. Regis University....	29	722	24.90
11. Southern Colorado...	26	633	24.35
12. Colorado Christian..	27	653	24.19
13. Fort Lewis.....	26	623	23.96
14. New Mexico Highlands	27	583	21.59

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To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

SCORING

# Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G
1. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	189	34	97	509	23.1
2. Carrigan, Brooke-CCU.....	27	206	21	137	570	21.1
3. Allen, Stephanie-METRO....	26	127	78	87	419	16.1
4. Coleman, Sarah-METRO.....	27	170	55	40	435	16.1
5. Porter, Shauna-FHSU.....	28	145	39	113	442	15.8
6. Beamon, Katie-RU.....	29	166	2	94	428	14.8
7. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	163	6	87	419	14.4
8. Johnson, Corissa-UCCS....	25	124	2	110	360	14.4
9. Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	138	80	55	411	14.2
10. O'Dwyer, Kelli-MSC.....	27	129	54	67	379	14.0
11. Kruger, Allison-UNK.....	29	140	1	103	384	13.2
12. Priest, Kelly-FHSU.....	28	160	14	33	367	13.1
13. Nadeau, Karen-USC.....	26	109	63	50	329	12.7
14. Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU....	25	83	36	112	314	12.6
15. Branson, Kristin-NMHU....	25	118	4	68	308	12.3
16. Schroeder, Becky-UNK.....	29	125	3	83	336	11.6
17. Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	112	65	45	334	11.5
18. Vigil, Patricia-NMHU.....	27	105	76	24	310	11.5
19. Gordon, Sara-METRO.....	27	117	16	52	302	11.2
20. Grace, Shannon-USC.....	24	108	0	51	267	11.1

REBOUNDING

# Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg/G
1. Luecke, Susan-MSC.....	27	57	177	234	8.7
2. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	67	177	244	8.4
3. Gordon, Sara-METRO.....	27	58	151	209	7.7
4. Clegg, Lindsay-MSC.....	27	56	151	207	7.7
5. Warner, Cassi-CCU.....	25	60	122	182	7.3
6. Dillard, Kristin-CSM.....	26	64	124	188	7.2
7. Plumer, Erin-USC.....	24	70	102	172	7.2
8. Schroeder, Becky-UNK.....	29	63	143	206	7.1
9. Beamon, Katie-RU.....	29	100	101	201	6.9
10. Johnson, Corissa-UCCS....	25	53	118	171	6.8
11. Good, Kim-CSM.....	26	71	105	176	6.8
12. Droege, Robin-ASC.....	26	57	114	171	6.6
13. Mathiesen, Michelle-UCCS..	27	51	123	174	6.4
14. Eichhorn, Marissa-CSM....	26	67	98	165	6.3
15. Heiman, Jamie-FHSU.....	28	69	107	176	6.3

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 3.0 made per game)

# Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kruger, Allison-UNK.....	29	140	252	.556
2. Branson, Kristin-NMHU....	25	118	216	.546
3. Grace, Shannon-USC.....	24	108	198	.545
4. Priest, Kelly-FHSU.....	28	160	302	.530
5. Beamon, Katie-RU.....	29	166	314	.529
6. Hutt, Janelle-CSC.....	28	111	210	.529
7. Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	138	263	.525
8. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	189	363	.521
9. Hoegerl, Roxi-CSC.....	28	96	192	.500
10. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	163	328	.497
11. Burdorf, Anny-UNK.....	29	100	207	.483
12. Warner, Cassi-CCU.....	25	81	168	.482

ASSISTS

# Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
1. Rhoades, Meshach-RU.....	29	205	7.07
2. Prewitt, Maisha-FHSU....	28	142	5.07
3. Bollinger, Amy-CSM.....	26	117	4.50
4. Scimac, Cara-CCU.....	27	115	4.26
5. Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU....	25	102	4.08
6. Dubs, Jodi-UNK.....	29	105	3.62
7. Ziegler, Amy-ASC.....	20	72	3.60
8. Hladky, Braidie-CSC.....	28	99	3.54
9. Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	96	3.31
10. Porter, Shauna-FHSU.....	28	91	3.25
11. Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	94	3.24
12. Camacho, Cynthia-CCU....	27	87	3.22

FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.0 made per game)

# Player-Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Burdorf, Anny-UNK.....	29	61	72	.847
2. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	97	115	.843
3. Allen, Stephanie-METRO....	26	87	107	.813
4. Porter, Shauna-FHSU.....	28	113	141	.801
5. Rhoades, Meshach-RU.....	29	60	75	.800
6. Carrigan, Brooke-CCU.....	27	137	175	.783
7. Freeze, Camille-MSC.....	27	67	87	.770
8. Hanchett, Susan-WSC.....	24	54	71	.761
9. Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU....	25	112	149	.752
10. Kruger, Allison-UNK.....	29	103	138	.746
11. Bollinger, Amy-CSM.....	26	76	103	.738
12. Heiman, Jamie-FHSU.....	28	61	83	.735

STEALS

# Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
1. Bollinger, Amy-CSM.....	26	76	2.92
2. Rowbury, Jackie-WSC.....	24	67	2.79
3. Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU....	25	65	2.60
4. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	56	2.55
5. Hladky, Braidie-CSC.....	28	70	2.50
6. Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	71	2.45
7. Eichhorn, Marissa-CSM....	26	58	2.23
8. Nadeau, Karen-USC.....	26	57	2.19
9. Prewitt, Maisha-FHSU....	28	59	2.11
10. Henderson, Barb-UCCS....	27	55	2.04
11. Coleman, Sarah-METRO....	27	53	1.96
12. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	54	1.86
Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	54	1.86

3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.0 made per game)

# Player-Team	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1. Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	80	163	.491
2. Rhoades, Meshach-RU.....	29	57	121	.471
3. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	34	76	.447
4. O'Dwyer, Kelli-MSC.....	27	54	123	.439
5. Freeze, Camille-MSC.....	27	38	87	.437
6. Widner, Amanda-FLC.....	26	30	74	.405
7. Coleman, Sarah-METRO....	27	55	137	.401
8. Allen, Stephanie-METRO....	26	78	200	.390
9. Caputa, Nina-FLC.....	21	31	81	.383
10. Hoegerl, Roxi-CSC.....	28	31	82	.378
11. Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	65	176	.369
12. Noll, Stacey-WSC.....	24	25	68	.368

3-POINT FG MADE

# Player-Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
1. Allen, Stephanie-METRO....	26	78	3.00
2. Vigil, Patricia-NMHU.....	27	76	2.81
3. Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	80	2.76
4. Nadeau, Karen-USC.....	26	63	2.42
5. Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	65	2.24
6. Coleman, Sarah-METRO....	27	55	2.04
7. O'Dwyer, Kelli-MSC.....	27	54	2.00
8. Rhoades, Meshach-RU.....	29	57	1.97
9. Whipple, Elspeth-CCU.....	27	43	1.59
10. Becky Gonzales-NMHU.....	22	34	1.55
11. Caputa, Nina-FLC.....	21	31	1.48
12. Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU....	25	36	1.44

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
99-00 INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
Through games of Mar 09, 2000 (All games)

BLOCKED SHOTS

## Player-Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Luecke, Susan-MSC.....	27	87	3.22
2. Good, Kim-CSM.....	26	60	2.31
3. Johnson, Corissa-UCCS....	25	43	1.72
4. Clegg, Lindsay-MSC.....	27	45	1.67
5. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	37	1.28
6. Bautista, Nikki-CSM.....	24	27	1.13
7. Burke, Melissa-CSC.....	24	25	1.04
8. Kutt, Janelle-CSC.....	28	27	0.96
9. Youngstrom, Sharee-WSC...	24	23	0.96
10. Prewitt, Maisha-FHSU.....	28	22	0.79
11. Grace, Shannon-USC.....	24	18	0.75
12. Flores, Jessica-ASC.....	25	18	0.72

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

## Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Beamon, Katie-RU.....	29	100	3.45
2. Plumer, Erin-USC.....	24	70	2.92
3. Good, Kim-CSM.....	26	71	2.73
4. Kruger, Allison-UNK.....	29	76	2.62
5. Koskovich, Heidi-UCCS....	26	68	2.62
6. Eichhorn, Marissa-CSM....	26	67	2.58
7. Youngstrom, Sharee-WSC...	24	61	2.54
8. Heiman, Jamie-FHSU.....	28	69	2.46
9. Dillard, Kristin-CSM.....	26	64	2.46
10. Flores, Jessica-ASC.....	25	60	2.40
Warner, Cassi-CCU.....	25	60	2.40
Branson, Kristin-NMHU.....	25	60	2.40

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Min. 3.0 assists/game)

##	Player-Team	G	Asst	Avg	Turn	Avg	Ratio
1.	Rhoades, Meshach-RU.....	29	205	7.1	91	3.1	2.25
2.	Dubs, Jodi-UNK.....	29	105	3.6	69	2.4	1.52
3.	McElroy, Shawana-USC.....	26	78	3.0	55	2.1	1.42
4.	Swift, Beth-UNK.....	29	94	3.2	68	2.3	1.38
5.	Eccher, Michelle-RU.....	29	96	3.3	72	2.5	1.33
6.	Bollinger, Amy-CSM.....	26	117	4.5	89	3.4	1.31
7.	Stimac, Cara-CCU.....	27	115	4.3	90	3.3	1.28
8.	Porter, Shauna-FHSU.....	28	91	3.3	75	2.7	1.21
9.	Trujillo, Angelic-NMHU...	25	102	4.1	86	3.4	1.19
10.	Hladky, Braidie-CSC.....	28	99	3.5	86	3.1	1.15
11.	Prewitt, Maisha-FHSU.....	28	142	5.1	125	4.5	1.14
12.	Rowbury, Jackie-WSC.....	24	73	3.0	70	2.9	1.04

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

## Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1. Luecke, Susan-MSC.....	27	177	6.56
2. Pruitt, Andi-RU.....	29	177	6.10
3. Gordon, Sara-METRO.....	27	151	5.59
Clegg, Lindsay-MSC.....	27	151	5.59
5. Schroeder, Becky-UNK.....	29	143	4.93
6. Warner, Cassi-CCU.....	25	122	4.88
7. Dillard, Kristin-CSM.....	26	124	4.77
8. Johnson, Corissa-UCCS....	25	118	4.72
9. Kutt, Janelle-CSC.....	28	128	4.57
10. Mathiesen, Michelle-UCCS.	27	123	4.56
11. Drooge, Robin-ASC.....	26	114	4.38
12. Carrigan, Brooke-CCU.....	27	116	4.30

HOLD THE ROPE

Every year a professional basketball team wins the championship. Every year a college basketball team wins the NCAA title. Every year a high school team in Class 6A on down wins the State crown. All these teams have one thing in common. No matter how tough it became throughout their season, they did one thing – they held the rope!

What is holding the rope? Imagine you are hanging from the edge of a cliff with a drop of twenty thousand feet. The only thing between you and a fall to your death is a rope, with the person of your choice at the other end. Who do you know that has the guts to pull you to safety? Who will hold the rope? Who do you know that is going to let the rope burn their hands and not let go? How many people do you know who are going to withstand that burning pain and watch blood drip from their hands for you?

If you can name two people, that's not good enough because those two people might not be around. The next time your team is together, look around and ask yourself, who can I trust to hold the rope? Who is going to let their hands bleed for me? When you can look at every member of your team and say to yourself that they all would hold the rope, then your team is destined to win a lot of ball games. You see, the team that holds the rope when the going gets tough are winners. When you are down by ten and thoroughly exhausted, yell at your teammates to hold the rope, let it burn, but don't let go.

Every year there are winners and losers in all sports. Every year the winners hold the rope. You don't have to be the best team on the floor to win the game. If you play with poise and do what your coaches ask you, and most of all **HOLD THE ROPE** you will be successful. No matter what sport you play, in order to win, you must have a commitment to the team. If you are suppose to run three times per week, don't miss. Once you start letting up at practice or start missing workouts, you've killed the team because you didn't hold the rope.

Don't let your team down. You've got to **HOLD THE ROPE!**

I wish you all the best in
basketball & life. Go for your
dreams!!

In Hoops Always, *Steph*

