Crusaders lose by 12

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The Heartland High boys basketball team had Tuesday's game against Triplains under control going into the third quarter, but the Viking's switch to full court pressure proved to be too much for them.

The Winona team was able to overcome an 11-point first-half deficit on their way to defeating the Crusaders 66-54 at the Community Building.

Heartland started off strong. Senior Jeremy Myers scored on a driving layup while being fouled by a Triplains' defender. He drained his free throw to cash in the three-point play and give his team a 7-4 lead. Then the Vikings scored three of the next four points to tie the game at 8. Myers made another shot while being fouled, but he missed his free throw, giving the Crusaders a 10-8 lead. A lane for a layup to make it 16-12. Heartland led 16-14 at the end of the quarter.

Junior Clint Goosen hit a pretty turnaround rainbow jumper from

near the free-throw line to extend the Crusaders' lead to 19-14 early in the second quarter. Moments later, Grace nailed a jumper while being fouled. He completed the play by sinking his free throw to give Heartland a 22-14 advan-

Triplains responded by making the next three baskets to cut the lead to 22-20. Myers scored on a tough running one-hand layup from the left baseline to extend Heartland's lead to four. The Crusaders dominated the end of the second quarter, scoring 10 of the next 13 points to give them a 34-23 halftime lead.

The Vikings began applying a full-court press at the start of the third period, causing the boys to commit several turnovers and allowing Triplains to mount a rally.

Brett Gfeller of Triplains made a layup and a jumper and' Ethan Plummer nailed a three-pointer to give their team a 48-43 lead. They led 50-45 at the end of the third. little later on, Meyers drove the Despite Heartland's subpar performance in the third, one positive development was the defensive play of Goosen, who forcefully blocked several shots.

"He has a very well-timed 8 p.m. Friday at Healy.

jump," said Heartland coach Randy Regier.

Myers was fouled while taking a shot a the beginning of the fourth. He hit one of two free throws to cut the Vikings' lead to 50-46. Triplains, however, scored the next 8 points to take a 58-46 lead. Goosen made an acrobatic layup to make it 58-48 a little later. The Vikings Plummer responded by making consecutive buckets to extend his team's lead to 14.

Later on, Goosen grabbed a rebound down low and laid it over the rim in heavy traffic to make it 62-52. Grace hit a turnaround jumper to cut the lead to 62-54. Heartland was unable to get any closer and Triplains picked up the

Regier said turnovers really hurt his team in the second half.

"We got away from our offense in the second half," he said. "We moved the ball around well in the first half and utilized everyone. Not everyone scored, but they had good looks at the basket.

"We didn't play as well as we could as a team in the second half.'

The Crusaders will play again at



Heartland High senior Jeremy Myers shot a free-throw during the Crusaders' game against Triplains High School from Winona on Tuesday at the Colby Community Building.

Eagles' top runner an academic star

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Colby High junior Katrina Kaus may be the perfect model her high school career, and she has a perfect 4.0 high school grade average so far.

accomplishments on and off three seasons. She took 27th in the field when she was selected the state meet at Wamego this for the Class 4A Academic All-State Cross Country team. The utes, 46 seconds. award was announced during halftime of the basketball game this season include taking between the Colby girls and first in the Northwest Kansas St. Francis on Dec. 15. Cross League Meet for the third time country coach Bob Mannebach and finishing first in the Hill gave her a plaque, which Kaus, City Invitational. She also took a starting guard, accepted in her fifth at the regional meet, third basketball jersey.

"When athletes work really hard in sports, they usually also work really hard in the classroom," the coach said.

named by the Kansas Cross als. Country/Track and Field Coaches Association. To make the allstate squad, an athlete had to be nominated by their coach, be a junior or senior, have at least a the top 30 at the state meet, said said. Mannebach.

On top of cross country and basketball, Kaus also runs for

the track and field team in the spring. Her 4-by-400-meter relay team took first in the Class 4A finals at the state meet in Wichita last year with a time of 4:09.3. Her teammates were of a student athlete. She has sophomores Emilea Finley, qualified for the state meet in Alyse Dumler and Morgan cross country all three years of Bell. Kaus finished third in the 3,200-meter race and fifth in the 1,600.

Kaus has been Colby's top Kaus was recognized for her cross country runner for the last season with a time of 16 min-

Kaus' other accomplishments a season-best time of 16:04 and third at the Hays Invitational.

In her sophomore season, Kaus snared first in the Lakin, The all-academic team was Hays and Goodland invitation-

One reason for Kaus' success may be the fact that she runs on the same team as her twin sister Katherine.

"Each one competes hard and 3.75 grade average and finish in makes the other one better," he

> The sisters also team up on the basketball squad.

Jayhawk's senior helps team avoid upset

held its poise in one of the most intimidating places in college basketball, ignored the rafter-rattling crowd and shook off nearly every challenge from the nation's No. 1

Only one person stood in the way of a monumental upset by the two-time Ivy League champions: Sherron Collins. He was just enough to pull Kansas through.

Playing with an aggressiveness he hasn't needed in a senior season filled with blowouts, Collins had a career-high 33 points and

71-66 victory Wednesday night.

"Tonight was like a tournament game," Collins said. "When things aren't going good, you just have to find a way to win and I was that way to win. I didn't want to let us lose and wasn't going to let us lose."

Facing being on the wrong end of one of college basketball's biggest upsets, and with the nation's longest home winning streak in jeopardy, Collins showed why this is still his team.

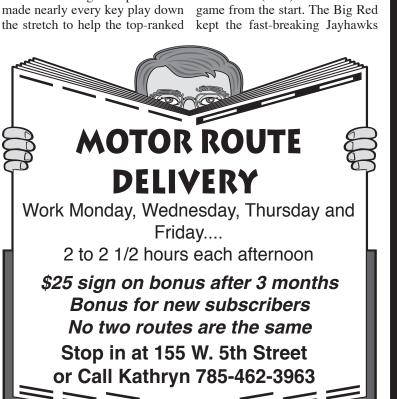
Cornell (12-3) dictated the

LAWRENCE (AP) — Cornell Jayhawks avoid the upset with a grounded by turning it into a streak going. grind. Never intimidated by playmost famous gyms, the Big Red forced Kansas to grit one out at Allen Fieldhouse instead of running away with another easy win.

> Cornell made nine 3-pointers, got 24 points from Ryan Wittman and stayed in front well into the second half. It just wasn't enough to keep their 10-game winning

Kansas (14-0) overcame a rare ing in one of college basketball's off night from the field -36 percent — and shoddy defense in the first half to pull off one of the toughest victories during its 51game home winning streak.

> Xavier Henry had 14 points and four steals and Brady Morningstar hounded Cornell sharpshooter Ryan Wittman throughout the sec-



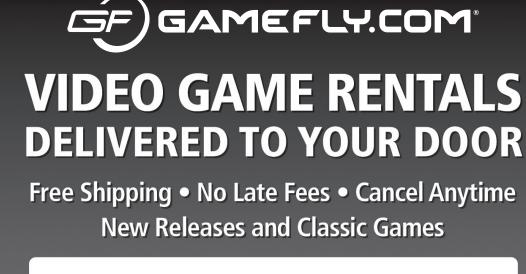


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