

Elks Hoop Shoot 9 a.m. Saturday

The 31st annual Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Max Jones Field-house.

The competition is open to boys and girls 8 to 13. Each has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group — 8 to 9, 10-11 and 12-13 — with the best scores then advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

Over 3 million young people throughout the country participated in last year's competition.

Local competitions have been conducted in area schools. The winners from these will compete in Goodland. Winners here will compete against other contestants on Saturday, Jan. 18, in Russell. Then, it's on to state, regional and national events

The national winners will have their names inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque which is on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Wildcats get win over St. Louis, 65-48

MANHATTAN (AP) — Saint Louis guard Marque Perry didn't have much to smile about.

Kansas State stopped the Billikens' leading scorer and had four players in double figures as the Wildcats beat Saint Louis 65-48 Thursday night. "I wasn't too thrilled about it," said Perry, who was averaging 17 points a game.

The Wildcats held him to just three points on 1-of-10 shooting. But Perry wasn't alone. Kansas State held the Billikens to 36 percent shooting from the field, the ninth time this year the Wildcats have held their opponent below 40 percent.

"Our team defense was outstanding," said Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge. "I really have a lot of respect for that kid (Perry). We tried to get it out of his hands so he didn't have a chance to hurt us. That was definitely one of the keys to our success."

Pervis Pasco had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Gilson DeJesus added 14 to help Kansas State (8-4)

win its sixth straight, the Wildcats' longest winning streak since 1998 and Wooldridge's longest in his three years as coach.

During the winning streak, Kansas State has had four players score in double figures in each game. The Wildcats also won their fourth straight against the Billikens. Saint Louis has lost all three of its road games this season.

Siebrandt added 13 for Kansas State and Tim Ellis had 10 in his first college start.

"We've grown a lot since the beginning of the year," Ellis said. "We know that we need each other. We don't have one superstar so we need everyone to win."

Kansas State pulled away from the Billikens (5-5) early in the second half. Pasco's jumper with 17:56 remaining ignited a 12-0 Wildcat run that put Kansas State up 48-28 with 14:17 left. Saint Louis trimmed the lead to 14, but couldn't get any closer.

"The best team won tonight," Saint Louis coach Brad Soderberg said. "Kansas State is better than we are."

Anthony Drejaj scored 19 points and Chris Braun had nine for the Billikens.

The Wildcats led by as many as 14 in the first half, but Perry hit a 3-pointer with 58.3 seconds to play to make it 36-25 at halftime.

"Our emphasis was to jump on them early," Siebrandt said. "We feel like everything is clicking right now."

nfl playoffs

By The Associated Press

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday

AFC

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

NFC

Atlanta at Green Bay, 6 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday

AFC

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m. (CBS)

NFC

N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 2:30 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12

AFC

Indianapolis, Cleveland or N.Y. Jets at Oakland

Indianapolis, Cleveland or Pittsburgh at Tennessee

NFC

Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or Green Bay at Tampa Bay

Atlanta, N.Y. Giants or San Francisco at Philadelphia

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 19

AFC Championship and NFC Championship 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 26

At San Diego

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 4:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 2

At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, TBA (ABC)



Jayhawks romp over Asheville, 102-50

LAWRENCE (AP) — To play for Kansas and not score on this night, a guy had to have something broken.

Like a nose.

Reserve forward Bryant Nash apparently broke his nose in the second half Thursday night and was the only Jayhawk who failed to score during No. 18 Kansas' 102-50 romp over North Carolina-Asheville.

"I told them that it was pleasant to sit there and watch tonight," Jayhawks coach Roy Williams said. "It just makes it more fun for everybody. If you execute and try to do the things that we work on in practice, it makes it fun."

Twelve Jayhawks scored, including walk-on freshman Christian

Moody of Asheville, N.C., who made two free throws in the final minute.

"These kind of games are a lot of fun," said Kansas' Wayne Simien, who had 19 points and nine rebounds. "I know those guys work hard in practice. They're thrilled to get in there and score and hear 16,000 people yelling for them."

Nick Collison had 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting against the road-weary Bulldogs, who ended a four-game trip that included facing three teams that reached the round of eight in last year's round NCAA tournament. In their previous game at No. 10 Oklahoma, the Bulldogs lost 100-64.

"Both programs are wonderful

and the facilities are the best," Asheville coach Eddie Biedenbach said of the Big 12 rivals. "As far as who is better, that will be decided when they play."

Said Williams: "It was quite a night, but you have to feel for UNC-Asheville. They have played an unbelievable schedule. They just never got into it and we were good defensively."

The Jayhawks (8-3), who have won five straight, were much quicker, as well as taller, than the pre-season Big South favorites, forcing 26 turnovers. They also scored 58 points in the paint to just four for the outmanned Bulldogs. Keith Langford added 18 points for Kansas.

Alex Kragel scored 31 points for

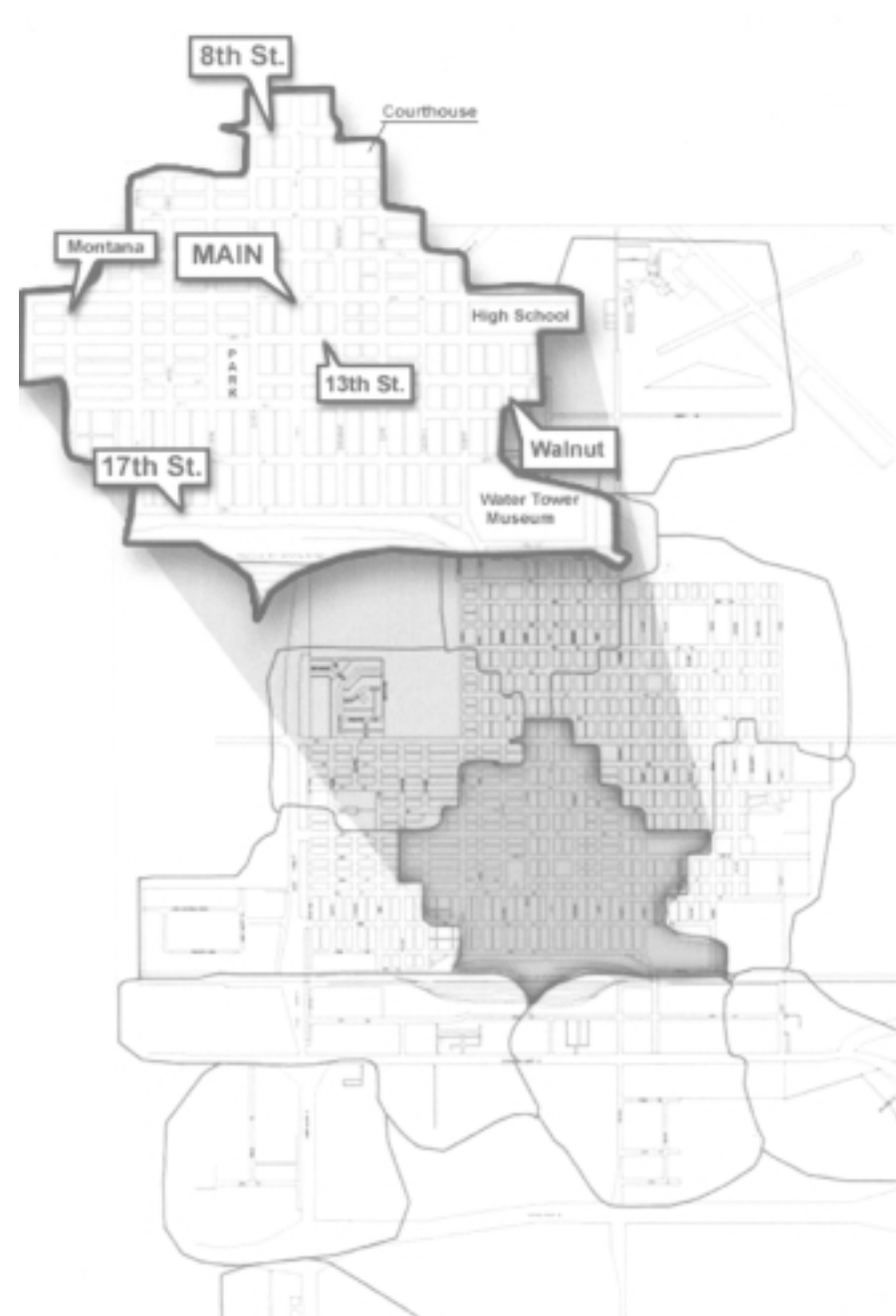
Asheville, 14 over his previous career high. The 6-foot-2 senior was 7-of-10 on 3-pointers after getting just 17 3s in his first nine games.

"It was just one of those nights," Kragel said. "I don't know if it was the atmosphere, but it felt good tonight. It was wonderful and you can't ask for a better atmosphere."

Andre Smith, who had been leading the Bulldogs with a 19-point average, was held scoreless and was 0-for-9 from the field, guarded much of the time by Kirk Hinrich.

Langford, who broke his nose in practice, was 6-of-7 in the first half, including 2-for-2 on 3-pointers as one banked off the glass and the other bounced up and down on the rim before dropping through.

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