

Arizona clinches Big 12 title

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Bill Self spent the morning before his team's game at Arizona walking around campus, getting some exercise while enjoying the mild desert weather.

But the Kansas coach couldn't seem to get very far without being stopped. Nothing derisive. Just basketball talk.

"There's no telling how many people stopped me to talk ball," Self said after No. 2 Arizona's 84-61 win over his 14th-ranked Jayhawks on Saturday night. "There was so many people who did that because they just love ball, much like we do."

Kansas set the Big 12 standard under Self by winning or sharing an NCAA-record 14

straight league titles from 2005-18.

Arizona has made a quick imprint in a short time.

A year after finishing tied for third in their first Big 12 season, the Wildcats (28-2) stormed through the conference at 15-2. Arizona bounced back from consecutive losses to Kansas and No. 10 Texas Tech last month by winning five straight, closing out their third conference title in five years — the previous two in the Pac-12 — by beating the Jayhawks and Cyclones by a combined 29 points.

"We talk about vision a lot. What's our vision, what's our purpose?" coach Tommy Lloyd said after Arizona's 73-57 win over No. 6 Iowa State on Monday night. "We want to envision ourselves cutting down the nets. We want to

envision hoisting that trophy. Don't get ahead of yourself, then you got to dig into like, what do we have to do to get that, what's the most important thing today?"

Lloyd's ability to find players who fit his system and hone their focus has the Wildcats among the favorites to reach their first Final Four since the Lute Olson-led 2000-01 team.

A long-time assistant under Mark Few at Gonzaga, Lloyd has recruited high-level talent in Tucson while developing a team-first mindset that's led to the best start by any coach in NCAA history. He was The Associated Press national coach of the year during his first season in 2021-22 and the Wildcats have kept winning, earning Lloyd 140 wins as a head coach in five sea-

sons — one more than the NCAA record set by Butler's Brad Stevens.

"I'm not good at counting big numbers; it's really hard for me to count past one, so I keep it pretty simple," Lloyd said. "But I'm happy. I'm happy the program has been successful."

Lloyd went against recent conventional wisdom with this season's roster, relying heavily on freshmen. The recruiting class, headlined by Koa Peat and Brayden Burries, was one of the best in the nation and has meshed well with the returning veterans.

The Wildcats are big and physical, dominating the paint on offense — fourth nationally at 43.2 points per game — while creating havoc with their aggressive-without-fouling defense.

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contain. The last game Willenborg killed us at their place with 30 (points) and double-digit rebounds.

"Keeping them off the boards is going to be key for us, making sure we limit Willenborg's production as much as we can and not letting him get easy stuff around the rim. As bad as we played at their place, we were up seven in the first half. We gave up too many second-chance points and easy buckets for them in the second half."

The Gorillas are led by three double-digit scorers with junior guard Connor Rogers (18.1), freshman guard Mason English (15.2) and freshman forward Ethan Sage (10.3).

English continues to lead the MIAA with 5.4 assists per game, and Sage is PSU's top rebounder at 7.3 per game. Junior forward Don-



ald Coats (7.8 scoring average) and junior guard Hayden Shanks (5.4) complete Pittsburg State's probable starting lineup.

The Gorillas have lost their last three games, most recently 78-61 last Saturday at Central Missouri.

"Tournament time, hopefully guys will play a little more free," Boschee said. "Nothing to lose, just go out there and compete."

The PSU-UCO winner advances to play top-seeded Washburn at 6 p.m. Thursday in the quarterfinal round.

GORILLAS

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should have pushed it a little harder coming down the stretch, but 21.02, I'm not mad. It's a PR, so I can't be mad. And, it got me into nationals in the 200, too. It's a very good day."

Then on Sunday, PSU's Ilias Garcia won the final in 6.59, followed by Northwest Missouri's Dominic Sedlacek in 6.63 and Weddington in 6.66.

Weddington later won the 200 in 21.04.

Other winners for the Gorillas were Grayson Smith in the pole vault, Dylan Sprecker in the mile and 3K, Caden Williams in the 400, William Seitz in the 600 yards and the distance medley relay team of Jordan Kilonzo, Kevar Williams, Eli Gilmore and Dylan Sprecker.

Leo Chauchard posted PSU's victory when he won the heptathlon with 5,347 points. It was the only time this season he was able to finish the two-day event.

"I got my hamstring tore twice," Leo Chauchard said. "The first week of January, I tore my hamstring on the hurdles. And

then at Nebraska, on the hurdles I tore my hamstring again.

"It was pretty stressful because I wanted to qualify for nationals. This was the last chance, so I'm so happy to finish this 'hep' and to be back in good health this year. I knew if I was going to do what I know, I should be fine to qualify. Every event was OK. Nothing was bad, so that's why I have a good result at the end."

Second places went to Braylon Brown in the pole vault, Jack Haukap in the weight throw, Xavier Byers in the high jump, Johnethon Lockett in the triple jump, Drake Stapleton in the shot put, Watson in the 400 and Braylon Thompson in the 200.

"To score in every single event just shows the balance that our men have," Rutledge said. "We have a lot of young guys who needed to start putting some things together, and they did. There were a lot of ups and downs, but how talented this group is, it shows good for the future. I'm pretty impressed with them."

HIGH-POINT

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nothing like it.

"There was a lot of competition, national level competition," Sprecker said. "(Ben) Barrows (coach) and I have always preached, you have to find a way. My first-ever indoor conference, Mason Strader was the mile champ; I was runner-up. I won the 1500 that spring, won the mile the next indoor and won the 1500 the next spring. I was trying to keep that tradition alive."

Mullen earned 26 points to become indoor high-point winner for the second straight year. She won the 3,000 (9:49.15) and 5,000 (16:37.43) and placed third in the mile (4:56.42).

"At this specific meet, the 5K, I was doing a pacing job sort of to help my teammate Hannah Gibson," Mullen said. "That one, I really wasn't in a racing mindset. I was trying to help my teammate

get to nationals.

"I think in the 5K, you can get more comfortable. In the 3K, you never really get comfortable. You are like fighting the whole time."

Mullen didn't feel any pressure entering the meet as the favorite in both the 5K and 3K.

"I just try to have fun and run," she said. "It kind of helps I already have my national qualifier in the 3K. So I could just race. The mile, going in I was trying to have fun and see what I could do. I was very happy with my third-place finish in that."

Mullen passed her teammate Kaci Singer entering the home stretch in the 3K, and Singer wound up in third place in an event where she wasn't expected to score.

"I do a lot of runs with her, and she's a dog," Mullen said. "I see her compete hard every day. I was so happy to see her put it into the race. She's my teammate, but we were fighting it out."

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
Case No. CRP-2026-PR-000014
Gloria Ann Iley, Deceased

(Pursuant to K. S. A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by John L. Iley, surviving spouse of Gloria Ann Iley, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described personal property, to-wit:

U. S. Bank Account No. XXX2856

and other interests in personal property owned by decedent at the time of death. And that property and other interests in personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 18th day of March, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, sitting at Pittsburg, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Sabrina Ekis, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Midland Credit Management, Inc., et al.,

Defendants

Case No. CRP-2026-CV-000024

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas by Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc., praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT NUMBER TEN (10) IN BLOCK NUMBER FOUR (4) IN ARMACOST'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ARMA, (CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS), ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No. 019-113-05-0-30-03-006.00-0. Commonly known as 103 E Palmer St., Arma, KS 66172 ("the Property") MS 231537

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 7, 2026 in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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