Sports

No. 21 CCC women defeat Hutchinson at home, lose to No. 5 Dodge and Butler

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The Coffeyville Community College women's basketball team kicked off Kansas Jayhawk Conference action with a convincing home victory versus Hutchinson at home last Wednesday, November 18, but then dropped back-to-back battles with No. 5 Dodge City on the road and Butler at home.

The No. 21 Lady Red Ravens traded blows with Hutch in the first two quarters, but led the entire second half and pulled away late for the 59-47 win. It was all tied at 12-12 through one period, and CCC led 29-27 at intermission.

The home team doubled up on their guests in the third and were ahead 43-34 going into the final 10 minutes. The Lady Blue Dragons did pull within five points a couple of times down the stretch, but Coffeyville kept them at arm's length to hold on for the 12-point decision.

Only two Lady Ravens reached double figures as sophomore pivot Naomi Taylor scored 11 and freshman point guard Isabella McSwain had 10 points to go with five rebounds and a game-high seven assists.

At Dodge last Saturday, CCC sophomore forward Esme Smith bounced back from a six-point performance against Hutch as she led all scorers with 20 points and collected her fourth double-double on the year with a game-high 12 boards. Sophomore starting guard Sienna Lewis chipped in 11 points, while fellow sophomore ReKiah Bowen scored 10 off the bench.

The Lady Ravens scored the first bucket of the afternoon, but never led again as Dodge stormed out to a 21-11 advantage at the end of the first, then pushed the cushion to 48-22 at the half. The third period was a stalemate with both sides scoring 18 points, and although CCC won the fourth, the game was already out of hand in the 85-64 final.

Then this past Tuesday, Butler came to town, and pulled away over the final seven minutes of the fourth quarter for the 64-59 win. In a game that featured 14 ties and 11 lead changes, the Lady Grizzlies led by two at the end of the first. CCC was up 30-27 at the break and held a 48-47 margin through three complete.

All tied at 55-55 with 6:42 remaining after a three by Lady Ravens sophomore guard Mahongany Butler, the visitors outscored their hosts 9-4 the rest of the way to escape with the five-point win.

Smith was the lone CCC player to hit double figures with 32 points, just two weeks after putting up a career-best 42 in a win at Crowder.

The Lady Ravens (5-3, 1-2) will look to snap that two-game skid on the other side of the Thanksgiving holiday at home against Seward County this Saturday, with tipoff scheduled for 2:00 p.m. at Nellis Hall. CCC then heads to Concordia to face Cloud County on Thursday, December 3.



Lady Red Ravens freshman point guard Isabella McSwain pushes the ball up the floor in the fourth quarter of CCC's home win over Hutch on Saturday, November 21. Nick Dailey | Staff Photo

Ravens move up to No. 5 in country, remain undefeated with three straight KJCCC wins



CCC sophomore forward Jeremiah Ibeziako (No. 15) battles a pair of Hutch defenders down low during the first half of the Ravens' home win on Saturday, November 21. Nick Dailey | Staff Photo

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The hot start continues for Coffeyville Community College men's basketball following a trio of victories to begin Kansas Jayhawk Conference play, leaving the team without a loss with just four games before winter break. The Red Ravens climbed from No. 6 in the nation to No. 5 after a 93-74 home win over then-No. 23 Hutchinson on Wednesday, November 18. Next came a 98-82 road victory versus Dodge City last Saturday and a 96-88 win over Butler at Nellis Hall this past Tuesday night.

In the win over Hutch, Ravens sophomore guard Jack Sorrell led all scorers with 21 points, followed by sophomore forward Jeremiah Ibeziako with 15 points and eight rebounds and freshman shooting guard JJ Sullivan with 10 points. Freshman forward Isaiah Williams paced the second unit with 16 — including a perfect 4-4 from long range — and five boards.

Coffeyville led the entire evening and built a double-digit advantage in the first half to head into intermission up 52-31. The Blue Dragons started to knock down some shots in the second half, but CCC nearly matched them basket-for-basket to coast to the 19-point victory.

The Dodge City matchup was very similar, as the Ravens once again never trailed and held a 51-38 margin at the break. CCC maintained the edge in the second half, as well, and nearly reached the century mark in the 98-82 decision.

Sorrell led the way again with a game-high 25 points, meanwhile Ibeziako just missed out on a double-double with 23 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Freshman point guard Uzziah Sanders stuffed the stat sheet with 15 points, six boards and six assists, and freshman big man Nathaniel Salmon added 12 points.

Moving on to the home showdown with Butler, Sanders paced the locals with a career-best 27 points and a game-high four steals. Sorrell was not far behind with 26 points, six boards and three assists, while Ibeziako just missed yet another double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds. Freshman reserve pivot Harmon Hailemichael was limited to four points, but he had game highs in boards (11) and blocks (four) in just over 20 minutes off the bench.

The Ravens' closest contest of the year thus far saw the Grizzlies get out to an early 11-2 lead that blossomed to as much as 13 at one point, but the home team chipped away and trailed 45-42 at halftime.

Coffeyville pulled ahead early in the second half, but was down by one with 10:29 to play before using a 10-2 run to go up 68-61 just over two minutes later. The Grizz did cut it to three with only 12 seconds on the clock, but some clutch free throw shooting by Sanders and Sorrell sealed the 96-88 final.

CCC (9-0, 3-0) will welcome Seward County to town this Saturday at approximately 4:00 p.m. at Nellis Hall. The Ravens then return to the road to square off with Cloud County on Thursday, December 3, in Concordia.

IndyCar is coming to Kansas Speedway in 2027: see the details released Tuesday

The Kansas City Star

The IndyCar Series is returning to Kansas City in 2027 as part of NASCAR's late-spring racing weekend at Kansas Speedway.

It's the first time in 17 years that KC will play host to an IndyCar race. Drivers in the open-wheel series will compete on the 1.5-mile oval track in Kansas City, Kansas on Saturday, May 8.

That particular date will feature a racing doubleheader: NASCAR's FedEx Freight Truck Series will also race that day.

The weekend will open with an ARCA Menards Series race on Friday, May 7. The IndyCar and truck races will follow on Saturday, and the NASCAR Cup Series race will take place on Sunday, May 9.

"This is an incredible win for race fans," Kansas Speedway president Pat Warren said in a news release. "Adding the NTT INDYCAR SERIES to our May weekend provides a tremendous amount of excitement and value with three distinct disciplines on track the same day.

"The NTT INDYCAR Series has a rich racing history here at Kansas Speedway, so we know there will be action at every turn."

The 2027 doubleheader brings together two series that helped launch Kansas Speedway in 2001. Ricky Hendrick won the track's inaugural NASCAR Truck Series race on July 7, 2001, and Eddie Cheever Jr. won its first IndyCar race the next day.

INDYCAR returned to Kansas Speedway every year through 2010. Tony Kanaan, Sam Hornish Jr. and the late Dan Wheldon were among the legendary drivers who won in KCK. Six-time series champion Scott Dixon won most recent Kansas Speedway IndyCar race in 2010.

"We cannot wait to bring the NTT INDYCAR SERIES back to Kansas Speedway and provide another incredible opportunity to showcase our sport alongside NASCAR through our partnership with FOX Sports," IndyCar president J. Douglas Boles said in a statement. "Kansas has a history of producing some of the most thrilling, wheel-to-wheel action in our sport, and we know how passionate race fans are about INDYCAR on ovals."

Tickets for the May 7-9 race weekend are on sale now at www.kansasspeedway.com.

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IN THE 14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

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To Change His/Her Name to:
Veronica Y. Gadlin
Case No. MGC-2026-CV-53
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 60
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You are hereby notified that Veronica Y. Durden, filed a Petition in the above court on the 19th day of November, 2026 requesting a judgment and order changing his/her name from Veronica Y. Durden to Veronica Y. Gadlin.

The Petition will be heard in Montgomery County District Court, 102 W. 7th St. Suite A, Coffeyville, Kansas, on the 6th day of January, 2027, at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested names change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before December 14th, 2026 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

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cal controversy. "College students these days ..." But I don't believe that.

Writing about local politics has always been challenging. After all, we've been swimming in nonstop national news for decades: daily national newspapers like USA Today, broadcast news each evening, cable news like CNN, talk radio like Rush Limbaugh and more.

The buffet of topics — Bill Clinton's infidelity, George W. Bush's rush to war, Barack Obama's quietly aggressive immigration policy — has been alluringly convenient for writers who should be focused more locally because the national stories are constantly shoveled toward us.

Local commentary, however, often means doing the research yourself. As college instructors, we beg students to leave their dorm rooms, meet people, explore areas of town away from campus. Be there in person and describe what you see locally.

RIGHT NEXT DOOR

If not local, the coverage of Kansas Reflector is stubbornly statewide. I can't count the number of times I have pitched a story to my exceptional opinion editor Clay Wirestone to have him reply with something like: "Remember that our focus is Kansas."

Sometimes that means deleting a column idea completely. Other times it means doing extra research that narrows the focus to Kansas, which is our mission, after all.

Last night, I was thinking about my advice — my tone so confident and expert — to the student journalists in that hotel conference room last week. I was also replaying the emailed coaching that I had sent earlier in the day to the students who asked for critiques.

And then, dog leash in hand, I walked past that same house, the one with the political Halloween display. With all of the lights in the house off, it was far too late to ring the doorbell and ask about the Cornell 7. And, I told myself, the decorations weren't even up anymore.

With that, a local story faded because it didn't get the courage it deserved — not from a rookie college journalist but from me. Even the guy dispensing the supposedly expert advice sometimes needs an additional shot of courage to knock on a neighbor's door and tell a local story.

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