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Showdown cattle show celebrates 5th year competing in Aggierville



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A fashion show was held on a stage in the middle of Aggierville showcasing western wear from different vendors. The Grand Drive in Aggierville took place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.

COLE BERTELSEN

editor-in-chief

Aggieville Showdown drew cattle showmanship contestants from throughout the Midwest to Manhattan for its fifth year between April 4 and 5.

The competition began Friday with a showmanship competition held at the Riley County Fairgrounds and continued Saturday

morning with the top six competitors in both breeding heifer and market beef shows from the previous night.

Alexis Billeter, senior at University of Nebraska Kearney, won grand champion in Market Beef, while Claire Norris, senior at K-State, won grand champion in Breeding Heifers.

Saturday afternoon saw Aggierville filled with the Grand Drive at 6:30, including the showmanship winners

announcements, a beer and distillery garden and a variety of vendors.

Madison Coulter, junior in graphic design, attended the entire event and said the cold weather resulted in a smaller turnout, especially at the fairgrounds.

"I mean, it was packed in Aggierville, but I think there may be more people at the fairgrounds if it wasn't so cold, but it was really just parents and fitters and breeders," Coulter said.

Christian Calliham, a Kansas State graduate and Aggierville Showdown's executive director, founded the event in 2021. He said in a written statement the event's goal is to bring agriculture to the heart of Manhattan.

"This fifth anniversary is a testament to the passion and dedication of everyone involved," Calliham said.

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Over \$1 million donated at K-State Day of Giving

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Donations flooded in at Kansas State's Day of Giving on Wednesday, with 47% of the donors being alumni, 20% being faculty/staff, 9% being friends, 7% being parents and 3% being students.

The college hosted hourly and day-long challenges with awards totalling \$19,250. Any donation could be given to help the donor's favorite unit, whether that is the campus, college, school, program or student organization. The units that claim the top spot on the donation leaderboard win bonus funds.

Cats Cupboard had the most donors, raising \$53,271 from 140 different donations. The College of Business raised the most money, with 58 donors gifting \$346,870.



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Students and faculty gather on Bosco plaza to celebrate K-State Day of Giving.

Kansas Association of Teacher Educators holds first in-person event since COVID

JAKOB TWIGG

website manager

The Association of Teacher Educators - Kansas hosted its first in-person conference since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic on April 4.

ATE-K President Alan English said in-person events had a greater level of investment from attendees than virtual events.

"When teachers and teacher educators get together, we have a natural tendency to talk about pedagogy — the art of how one teaches," English said.

ATE-K works with the National Association of Teacher Educators and other professional organizations to share research and promote professional growth of college and public school educators in Kansas.

English said ATE-K helps educators continually update their knowledge of current

research in the science of education.

"Being an effective educator is both an art and a science," English said. "... Many of the presenters today are conducting research out in the field and giving us updates as to what the most up-to-date science is on the state of education. Education is simultaneous to that in art, and we're sharing the things that have worked or haven't worked with one another, and continually trying to hone our craft. Because I think an effective teacher is continually trying to improve oneself."

The conference included a keynote presentation from the 2025 Kansas Teacher of the Year winner, Leavenworth High School teacher Elizabeth Anstine.

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Vendors from local businesses gathered in Aggielville for the Grand Drive in the second day of the Aggielville Showdown. Despite the cold weather, the event saw a large turnout.

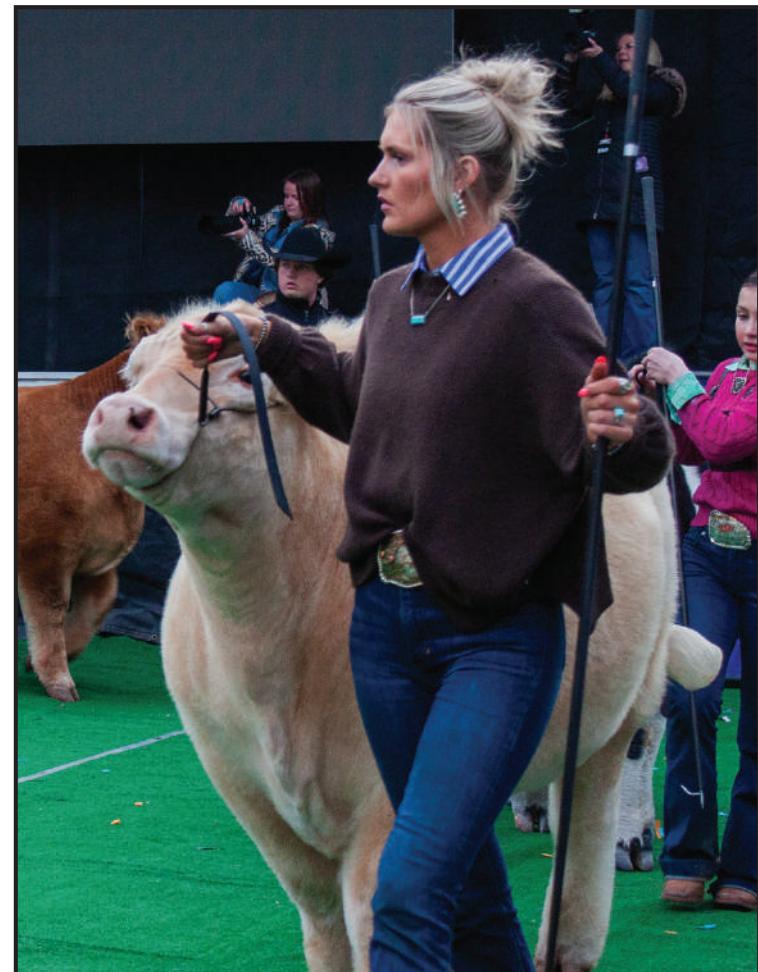


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Out-of-state competitor **Alexis Billeter**, senior at University of Nebraska Kearney, won grand champion in Market Beef.

"SHOWDOWN"

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"Nowhere else can you find a show that merges these worlds quite like we do, and we're excited to celebrate this milestone with all who have made it possible."

The event allows cattle showmen from around the country to compete.

"I think there are people from Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, maybe some other ones ... because it was an open show," Coulter said. "So that means [ages] eight to 25 can show from any locations."

The cattle show's popularity inspired a similar show modeled after it, which is set to debut April 25-26 in Ames, Iowa, called The Campustown Showdown.

"We are excited for the inaugural Campustown Showdown event in Ames,

Iowa to unite exhibitors, students, businesses, and the public to celebrate agriculture in Campustown," Calliham said.

Vendors at the Grand Drive said Manhattan's turnout in Aggielville was sizable despite the cold weather.

Emma Miller, owner of Miller Mercantile in Emporia, Kansas, said this was her first year at the event as a vendor.

"I feel like there's a good crowd, despite the cold weather, the winds died down, so that's great," Miller said. "We came to the fairgrounds this morning and set up at 8 a.m. and then we came over here about two to three o'clock and set up. Shopping didn't start till 6:30 or something, but there



Photo courtesy of Madison Coulter

The cattle show began Friday with a showmanship competition at the Riley County Fairgrounds and continued Saturday morning with the top six competitors in both breeding heifer and market beef shows.

was quite a big crowd at five o'clock ready to go."

Bridget Goretska, owner of Showbox Boutique, said

this was also the business' first year participating in the event.

"Yes, there's a lot of

people," Goretska said. "It's been a great experience and we've had a good time. It's fun, it's different."

"FIRST"

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Anstine said all teachers should strive to master their content, build positive connections with students and differentiate teaching styles based on a student's individual needs.

"Without instructional clarity, your students are not going to succeed," Anstine said. "They have to have that content knowledge. ... You can't scaffold learning if you

don't know where it's going and where you're trying to get your students to end up at the end, and you certainly aren't going to be able to differentiate if you don't understand the standard."

This year's conference included breakout rooms which included presentations of academic papers, posters and pre-publication research from researchers across the state.

ATE-K Vice President Dr. Amanda Licht said the presentations included a

diverse array of topics such as the use of artificial intelligence in teaching, biography-driven instruction and literacy.

"Getting together like this is really about the joy of connecting," Licht said. "So much of what we do at times feels like it is siloed work. We work by ourselves in our closed classroom doors. And having these opportunities to collaborate and have a dialogue with colleagues is really rejuvenating."



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2025 Kansas Teacher winner Elizabeth Anstine delivers a keynote speech at the ATE-K conference on Friday, April 4 in Manhattan.

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K-State's Manhappennin' Magazine releases its 2025 spring edition

LIBBY ZUCK
arts & culture editor

The Kansas State Manhappennin' Magazine is a diverse and creative media group which emphasizes lifestyle and culture magazine editorials.

On Thursday, April 10 the team released its 2025 spring edition at Johnny Kaw's Yard Bar from 7-10 p.m., encouraging individuality and personality throughout the night.

During the event there were a variety of vendors, including a free photobooth sponsored by Wing Productions, Manhappennin' sponsored tote bags and free

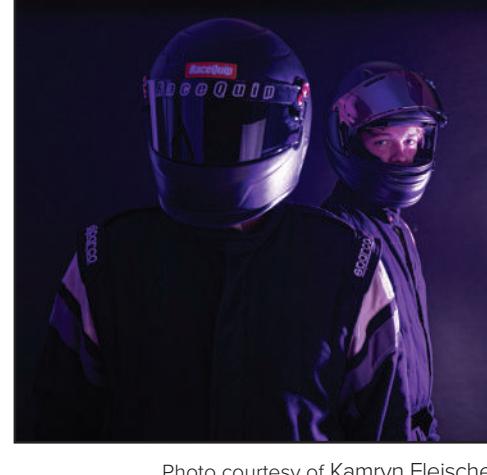


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The Manhappennin' staff covered the K-State motorsports team in its spring issue.

Celsius energy drinks. Along with the vendors, live music was performed by country artist Steel Skarecrow.

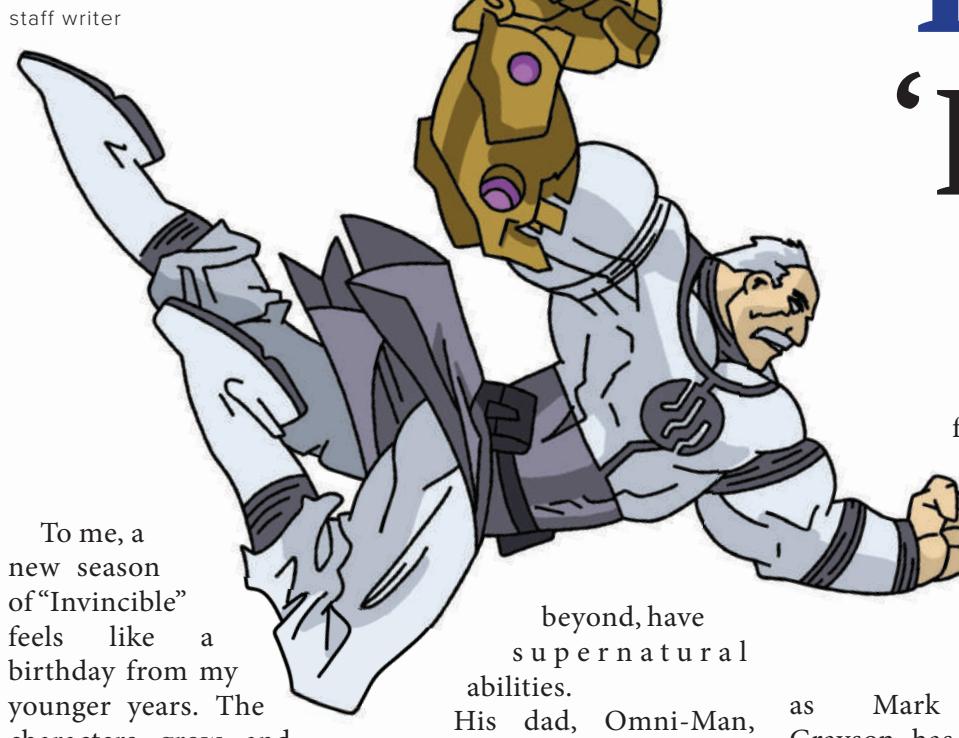
Photo courtesy of Kamryn Fleischer
The 2024-25 Manhappennin' staff poses together. The staff held a release party at Yard Bar on Thursday.



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JUSTIN SHOEMAKER

staff writer



To me, a new season of "Invincible" feels like a birthday from my younger years. The characters grow and age — in this season we see some new faces and some old ones leave — but the level of excitement is the same. There's a feeling of not knowing what's beneath the wrapping of each present, but that it can only hope to live up to your imagination. Season 3 of "Invincible" is live on Amazon Prime, and upon unwrapping, turned out to be the best birthday gift I could've ever asked for.

Before we move forward, let's take a brief moment to reflect and recap where this story has taken us. Mark Grayson is Invincible; The half-human, half-Viltrumite superhero tasked with defending the world. He isn't the only one with powers, however, as people from all over the world, and

beyond, have supernatural abilities.

His dad, Omni-Man, is an alien from the planet Vilrtum who was tasked with conquering Earth. Mark had to fight off his own father to get him to leave the planet alone, at least for now. Season 2 gives us our first look into the multiverse-infinite alternate realities where anything and everything is possible. The multiverse introduces us to a multitude of interesting new characters and problems — most importantly Angstrom Levy. He can teleport between realities and becomes a long-running antagonist in the series. The season ends with a battle against a new Vilrtumite, one who promises that Earth will never be safe until Vilrtum wins.

Season 3 opens with a three-month time jump

REVIEW 'Invincible' Season 3



from where we left off with our characters. We learn that this time was well-spent, as Mark "Invincible" Grayson has been training under Cecil and the Global Defense Agency. This is all in an effort to prevent the inevitable: the Vilrtum Empire's return to Earth.

This idea drives a lot of the character motivation in the show, and it feels real. Major decisions have weight and impact, and there are a lot of decisions in this season. Character moments, external conflicts and more are all taken very seriously, with real consequences. Every issue is given time and space, with the ramifications having a legitimate impact on the story.

Another important theme in this season is family. Not just the family you're born into, but the ones you choose. Relationships. Teams. Partnerships. All of these rise to the forefront of the show, and I'm all for it. The best parts of this universe are its characters, and they are front and center for the 6+ hours of content this season had to offer. Many of the new characters introduced in this run are genuinely fantastic, and some of my favorites yet. Powerplex is beautifully written, Oliver is fittingly naive and Conquest brings us some of the best scenes of the entire franchise.

This leads us into the best parts of this season. As we have previous episodes to go off of, this is more of a comparison than an original review.

The biggest leap in quality here is the animation. "Invincible" had issues with animation in the past, but this season both raised the floor and shattered the proverbial

ceiling. Additionally, this season introduced us to a new style of emotional scenes featuring otherwise forgettable characters. By giving these side characters real development and emotion, it makes it easier for the viewer to buy into and care about the universe outside of the Grayson family. These combine to make this run of episodes a genuine treat to watch. This season of "Invincible" gets an easy 5/5 stars, and I'd highly recommend it to any fan of superheroes, animation, or anyone looking for a new TV obsession.



"UPC"

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The Driver Era's debut single, "Preacher Man" had a new sound, which led to their other albums such as "Girlfriend" and "Summer Mixtape" featuring different styles of lyricism and soulful melodies. Luckily for K-State students, their newest album "Obsession" is set to release on the day of the concert, April 11.

Their devoted fanbase has followed the duo through every sound. From pop lyrics to an indie alternative vibe, the R5 family continues to grow as the duo makes their way in the industry.

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marketing/PR manager

Celebrating its five year anniversary this month, Mesa Collection continues to grow as they now offer licensed Greek life apparel and have launched their custom T-shirt service.

"To my knowledge there is not any other store in Manhattan that carries licensed Greek life apparel," said Mesa Collection Owner Sam Capoun. "We have apparel for all sororities at K-State and we currently have six different designs that they can choose from to customize for their sorority, but we are going to continue to grow that amount as we keep going."

Along with Greek life affiliated apparel, Mesa also offers custom Kansas State T-shirts, sweatshirts and crewnecks. These pieces of apparel range from \$40-\$50 and are able to be taken home the same day you fill out an order form in store.

"We have over 50 designs right now and people can come in and pick out a design, garment and a color of the garment and we make it right there," Capoun said.

Private events as well as pop-up shops are offered to communities to help create long-lasting memories. According to Capoun, some of the most fulfilling events have been sorority mom's weekends.

"Those events were so amazing because you get to see the moms with their daughters and the reasons



Photos courtesy of Mesa Collection

they love Manhattan," said Capoun. "We heard a lot of positive feedback from moms and daughters like 'Thank you for bringing something like this to Manhattan.'"

The custom T-Shirt wall, a charm bracelet/necklace bar and a permanent jewelry bar are three experiences offered in addition to shopping that go beyond being solely a clothing store.

Capoun feels Mesa is an anchor point for Manhattan for different things.

With the intention of being a safe place for the entire Manhattan community, Capoun said having the Kansas State Women's Basketball Team's seniors visit before leaving

for the Sweet 16 is a highlight for Mesa Collection.

"It was really cool to have those basketball players in here that are supporters of our store, but really have the community rally around them at our store and come in to get autographs and meet them — it felt like meeting our K-State side of things with the community side," Capoun said. "I love women supporting women so for us to be able to bring those K-State basketball players into our store and have people bring in their daughters to meet them — wow what a cool moment."

According to Capoun, this fulfilling experience goes hand-in-hand with Mesa Collection's goal for



their customers.

"Our goal is to always be that center point in the community to offer great products, great services and great prices," Capoun said.

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Sports

Friday, April 11, 2025

CHAMPION

K-State's Carla Bernat wins Augusta National Women's Amateur title



Photos courtesy of Augusta National

Senior **Carla Bernat** smiles as she lifts the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship trophy at Augusta National on Saturday. The Spaniard set the event record for lowest score while becoming the first champion from Spain.

BRAYDEN MESEKE

staff writer

Kansas State senior Carla Bernat shot her third consecutive day of four under par for a final score of 12-under to take home the prestigious Augusta National Women's Amateur title on Saturday.

"It feels amazing. I am over the moon," Bernat said after the final round. "As of right now, I don't think my brain has processed that I've won."

On hole 18, leading by a stroke, Bernat hit her driver perfectly down the fairway. On her approach shot, she hit the ball to the back of the green and needed a two-putt to secure the victory at the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club located in Augusta, Georgia.

Her first putt landed within five feet of the hole, and on her second shot, despite all the nerves, she rattled the golf ball to win the tournament. While the putt was routine for Bernat under most circumstances, it was not as easy as it may have looked with everything at stake.

"It's hard to describe it in words; I was just so happy and relieved that I made that putt," Bernat said. "I saw on the scoreboard there was one girl one shot behind me, so I knew I needed to make this."

Bernat not only shot the lowest score ever recorded in the event, but she also became the first player to score in the 60s in all three days of the event.

A native of Castellón de la Plana, Spain, Bernat competed in amateur

Senior golfer **Carla Bernat** wipes her eyes clear from happy tears after a record-breaking performance at the Augusta National Women's Amateur on Saturday.

golf tournaments before coming to the United States for college. Bernat spent two years initially at Tulane before transferring for her last two years to K-State, following second-year head coach Stew Burke.

"Kansas State has taken me to my highest point of golf," Bernat said. "We have played a pretty strong schedule. I have been competing so much I am at my highest point in golf right now."

On the first day of the tournament, Bernat played a bogey-free round, making four birdies and keeping pace with the leaders at the time.

"It was awesome, I played well and hit the ball really solid," Bernat said after the first round. "My speed was really good, too. I think I managed the important moments pretty well today."

On Day 2 of the tournament, Bernat established herself in real contention, turning heads as a favorite to win the event. Bernat turned in her second round of 68, which moved her up three spots into a tie for third

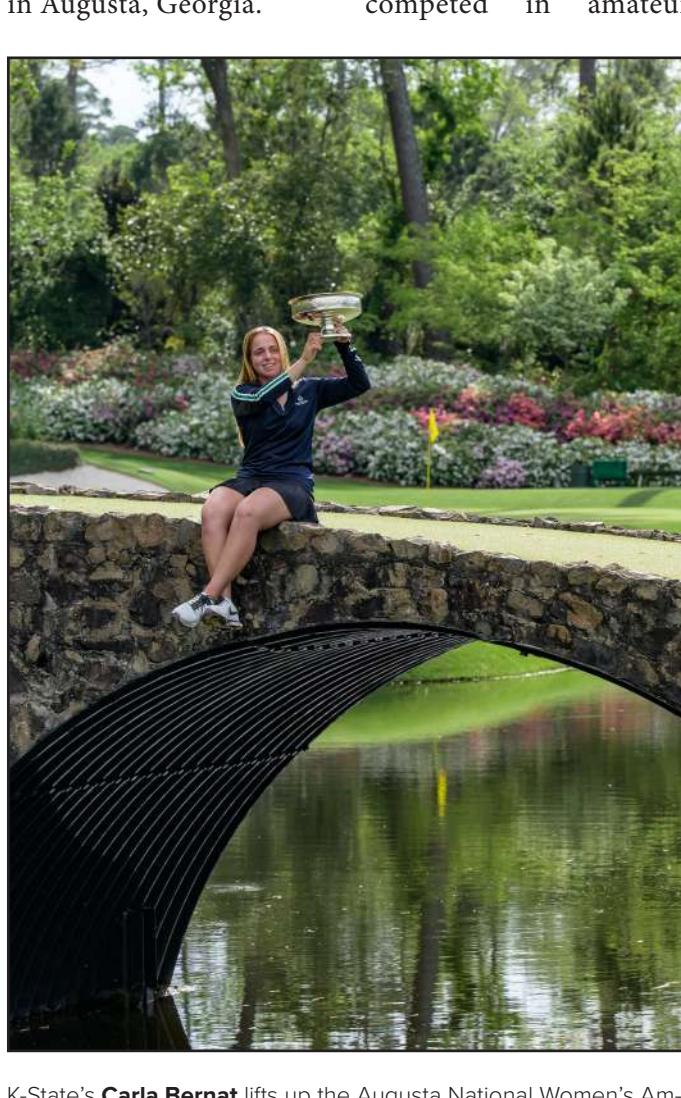
— just one shot back of the lead.

The first two rounds are held at Champions Retreat Golf Club in nearby Evans, Georgia. Those who make the cut are welcomed to the historic home of the Masters for the final round.

Her strong effort meant she made the cut for the second time. Last year, she finished 17th in the tournament, but with her great start this year, she had higher expectations.

At Augusta National, Bernat shot 3-under in the front nine, which moved her into first place with a one-shot lead entering the back nine.

The first hole on the back nine was a tricky one, as Bernat had to chip out of some pine straw and over a bunker onto the green. There, she ended up with a lengthy par-saving putt, which she sunk to keep her momentum rolling on the back nine.

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"BERNAT"K-State's **Carla Bernat** lifts up the Augusta National Women's Amateur trophy on Hogan Bridge in front of the prestigious Hole 12.

Tang tabs 1st transfer, Hausen and Rich enter portal



Photo by Emily Lenk |
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Head coach **Jerome Tang** signals a player as the Wildcats continued their winning streak to six games with a 73-70 win over Arizona on Feb. 11 at Bramlage Coliseum.

TOBY HAMMES
sports editor

Kansas State men's basketball has registered its first portal commitment of the 2025 offseason, seeing a commitment from Monmouth transfer Abdi Bashir Jr.

Bashir Jr., a 6-foot-7 shooting guard, averaged 20.1 points, 2.6 rebounds and 2.2 assists across 33 minutes per game as a sophomore this past season. He spent both years of his college career at Monmouth.

One of the top scorers in the nation, Bashir Jr. shot 38.3% from 3 on a high volume, making the second most triples in the nation.

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"TANG"

Mittie adds center from portal, loses Walker and 5 others



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Head Coach **Jeff Mittie** talks with guard **Zyanna Walker** (1) after pulling her out during the first quarter against Baylor on Feb. 25. Walker entered the portal last Friday.

BRAYDEN MESEKE
staff writer

Kansas State guards Zyanna Walker, Brylee Glenn, Finley Ohnstad and forwards Eliza Maupin, Gisela Sanchez and Imani Lester all entered the transfer portal after the Wildcats' season ended in the Sweet 16.

Walker, a sophomore starter for the Wildcats, highlighted the portal entrances after playing a key role in the program's first Sweet 16 appearance in 23 years. She spent two seasons with the Wildcats after initially transferring from Louisville.

Walker was All-Big 12 defensive team this past season, as she was often tasked with guarding the other teams' best players. On offense, she tallied 8.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 3.4 assists, making 40.2% of shots in 26 minutes per game this year.

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"MITTIE"

KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

Bat Cats look to bounce back from Stillwater sweep vs. UCF at home

BY THE NUMBERS

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ERA

5.23

11th in Big 12

BATTING AVG.

.283

9th in Big 12

TOTAL HRs

58

2nd in Big 12

UCF

ERA

4.29

4th in Big 12

BATTING AVG.

.325

1st in Big 12

TOTAL HRs

32

11th in Big 12

BRAYDEN MESEKE
staff writer

K-State (21-11, 8-4)

Kansas State baseball bounced back from a sweep on the road at Oklahoma State with a solid win over Missouri State on Tuesday night. The Cats' bats woke up as they scored 12 runs on their way to the victory. K-State hopes that is a sign of things to come this weekend against UCF.

Bear Madliak led the way for K-State offensively, as he pounded two home runs against Missouri State. Madliak has

taken over as the team's full-time catcher and has done well, hitting .286 on the season with seven home runs and 20 RBIs.

Left-handed pitcher Adam Arther has ascended his level of play for the Wildcats. Arther is a side-arm throwing relief pitcher and is effective in getting batters out. In his 10 innings, he allowed just one run, good for a 0.87 ERA. His ability to get outs effectively makes him useful in lots of situations.

WHO TO WATCH:

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UCF: OF Andrew Williamson, RHP Wiley Hartley

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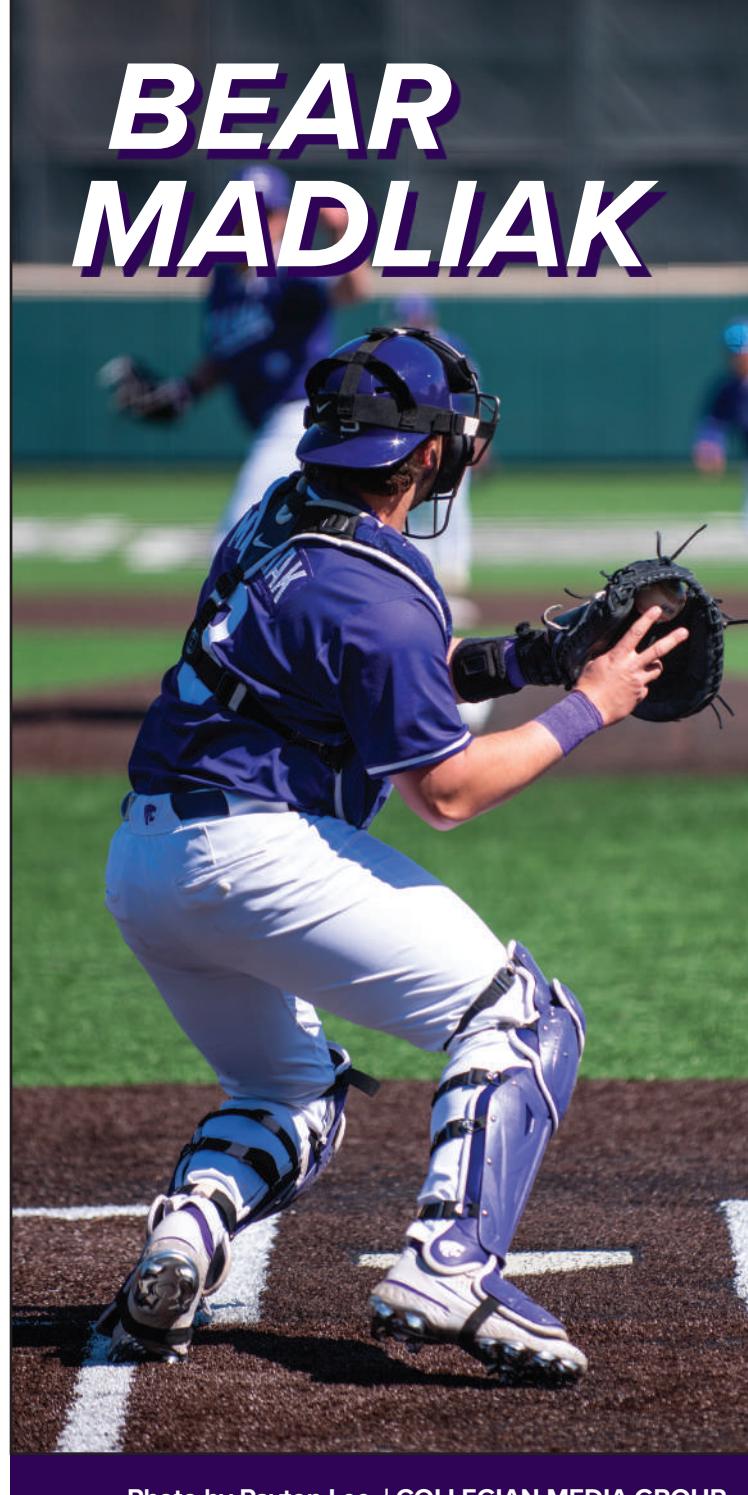


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"I knew the tournament was going to start on No. 10 because I watch all the Masters," Bernat said. "So, as soon as I hit that second shot, I was like, 'You need to get it together and get this par.' That was the key."

Bernat birdied both the 13th and 15th holes but bogeyed the 17th, which kept her at a one-stroke advantage heading to the last and final hole. On the 18th hole, she putted in for par and won the tournament.

She became the first Spaniard to

win the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship and the first Wildcat as well.

"I felt like an underdog from the beginning of the tournament," Bernat said. "I wasn't looking at the people behind me, I was looking ahead at the leaders on top of the leaderboard."

Bernat was ranked No. 29 in the Women's Amateur Golf Rankings coming into the tournament and should receive a boost when the new rankings come out.

Back with the team in Manhattan, Bernat and the Wildcats will prepare for the Big 12 Championship, which is held April 15-17 at Houston Oaks Golf Club in Hockley, Texas.



Photo courtesy of Augusta National

Senior **Carla Bernat** kisses the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship trophy after becoming the first Wildcat to ever win the title.

"TANG"

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Bashir Jr., a native of Omaha, Nebraska, was a first-team All-CAA selection and set the Coastal Athletic Association's record for triples in a season.

Bahsir Jr.'s announcement follows the exit of junior guard Brendan Hausen to the transfer portal. Hausen was the second Wildcat to enter the portal, joining Macaleab "Buddy" Rich.

Hausen transferred to K-State after two seasons at Villanova and

averaged 10.9 ppg, shooting 38.8% from three-point range in his lone season in Manhattan.

Now at K-State, Bashir Jr. joins a position group of rising senior guards Dug McDaniel and CJ Jones, along with sophomore-to-be David Castillo.

K-State's scholarship count is fluid, with Max Jones and Tyreek Smith looking for waivers to play next season. K-State has seven individuals currently slated to return, plus two high school signees, with 15 total scholarships spots to fill in 2025-26.

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Finding someone comparable in the portal may be a need for K-State as she provided top tier defense, and next season would most likely have been expected to take a step forward as a point guard with the departure of All-American senior Serena Sundell.

Brylee Glenn, twin sister to senior guard Jaelyn Glenn, also entered her name into the transfer portal. Glenn started three years with the Wildcats but redshirted this past season due to the depth of the 'Cats roster. Glenn averaged 7.6 points per game during her three seasons playing.

Maupin was the first Wildcat to enter her name into the portal after the season. Maupin spent three years as a Wildcat but struggled to play many minutes due to the talent of other K-State bigs.

Maupin has great athleticism and runs the floor really well at 6-foot-3, making her dangerous in transition. Maupin was a solid role player for K-State but will look for a bigger role at her new school.

Ohnstad entered the portal after her redshirt freshman season. Ohnstad is from Minnesota and will have four years of eligibility for her new team.

Lester entered the portal after two years of being a solid defender and rebounder during her time in Manhattan. As a role player behind bigs Ayoka Lee and Kennedy Taylor, Lester averaged 2.4 points and 2.7 rebounds this year.

Lester transferred to K-State from Louisville, where she played with Walker. Both Lester and Walker entered their names in the transfer portal after one year at Louisville and are now doing the same after two years with the 'Cats.

Sanchez entered her name in the transfer portal after two seasons with the Wildcats where she was also a solid role player off the bench. San-

chez is an all-around offensive player that can score at all three levels. Sanchez transferred from Arizona and is now back in the portal with one season of eligibility left.

With all of the departures, it leaves guard Taryn Sides as the only returning player who played minutes on last year's team. Taylor may also have a possibility to return if she is granted a waiver for an additional season.

For incoming players, the first transfer commit of the year for head coach Jeff Mittie and the Wildcats was center Ramiya White, a freshman from Virginia Tech. The 6-foot-5 center brings size to the Wildcats that they will need to replace with the departure of their bigs, primarily Lee.

White averaged 1.4 points per game in a small role last year at Virginia Tech. The Wildcats initially liked White out of high school, recruiting her as a high school prospect.

While White is the first transfer for next season, she isn't the first commit

for the Wildcats since the season ended as they gained a commitment from forward Brandie Harrrod, who was initially committed to Auburn.

Harrrod is a four-star prospect and joins an already highly ranked K-State high school recruiting class of five-star guard Jordan Speiser, four-star guard Aniya Foy, and overseas guard Gina Garcia Safont.

Roster continuity was big for K-State recently in the era of the transfer portal, keeping the core of Ayoka Lee, Sundell and Jaelyn Glenn together while adding a few transfers each year.

However, with K-State losing those three to graduation and double that in transfers, adding more emphasis on the portal will be important for the 'Cats to remain competitive next season.

K-State's track record of transfers is solid as this past year the Wildcats signed forwards Temira Poindexter and Kennedy Taylor, who both played big roles on the team.

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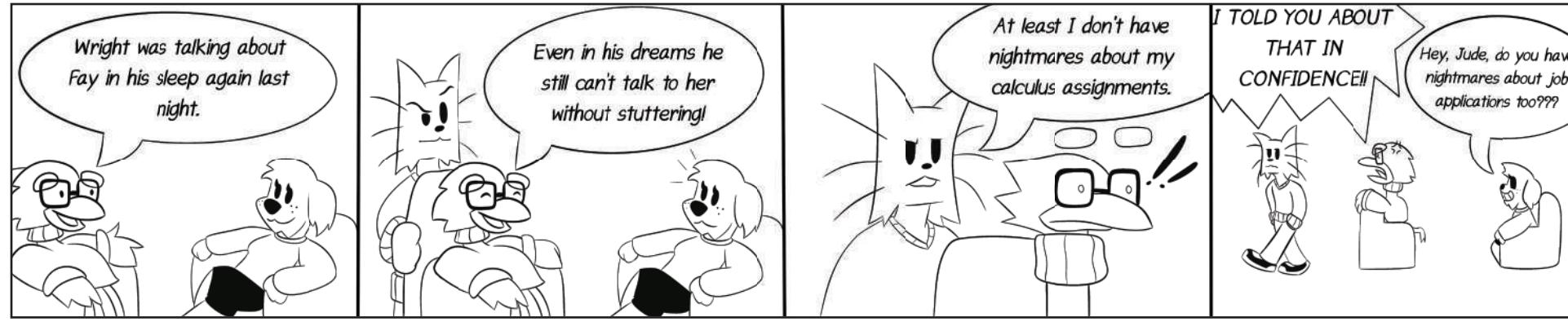
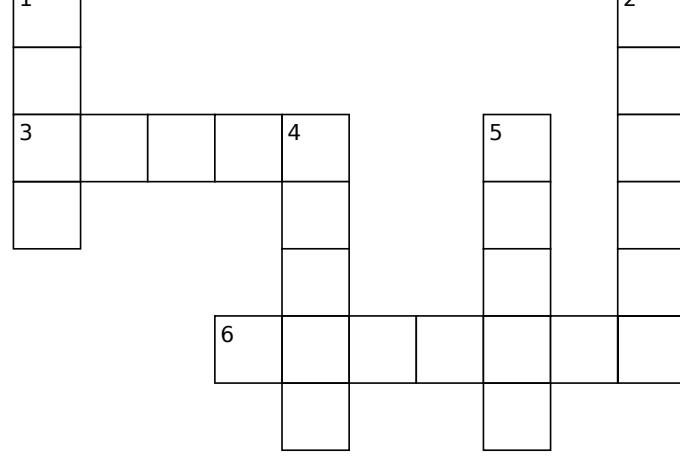


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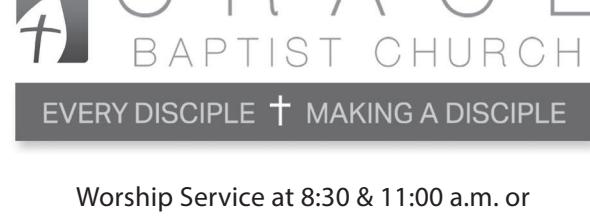
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