

End of an era

Recruiting close to 500 student-athletes, and experiencing the countless practices and road trips in 25 years as a coach had more of an impact on Rick Weaver than the 357 basketball victories he has compiled at Baker University.

"The relationships with the players are the most important part of the job," said Weaver, who will retire with the most victories in the history of the Baker basketball program. "The wins and losses come and go, but the relationships are constant."

In December, Weaver announced that the 2009-2010 season would be his last as the head Wildcat basketball coach, a position he has held since 1985. Weaver served as head golf coach for 20 years before stepping down from that post in 2005.

Weaver's stint at Baker — the longest of any coach in any sport for the Wildcats — included three Heart of America Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors, the school's first conference championship (1989) and first NAIA tournament berth (1996). He coached two NAIA All-Americans — John Smith (1989, 1991) and Brent Dorsey (1998). Three overseas trips for exhibition games to Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, England, Greece, Italy and Spain also were among the highlights.

When asked to choose his favorite basketball moment, the 78-69 victory over William Jewell in 1988 immediately came to mind. The Cardinals entered the contest with a 45-game conference winning streak, 19-0 record and No. 4 ranking.

In golf, Weaver fondly remembers Baker's victory over William Jewell decided by a two-team playoff for the HAAC title.

Before coming to Baker, Weaver was the head basketball coach for five years (1980-1985) at Wayne (Neb.) State and two years (1978-1980) at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa. He has enjoyed making Baldwin his permanent home.

"As the years went by I seemed to become more entrenched at BU and in the Baldwin community," Weaver said. "I can't imagine a better place to raise kids than Baldwin, and I've really enjoyed being involved in the community and school activities."

Weaver will remain connected to Baker. He plans to continue teaching and assist with fund raising through 2011-2012 at the University.

Staying in touch with basketball and golf alumni, especially those former players who are coaching, remains important to Weaver.

"I have enjoyed following former players as they build their own lives and raise their families," Weaver said. "Obviously I get a kick out of following the guys who got into coaching. Once in awhile I'll catch one of their games and I'll even see an old Baker play. A lot of former guys tell me they are coaching their 'kids' teams' and it's fun to hear them moan about officials and players that don't listen."

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Coach Weaver fires up the team prior to a big game.



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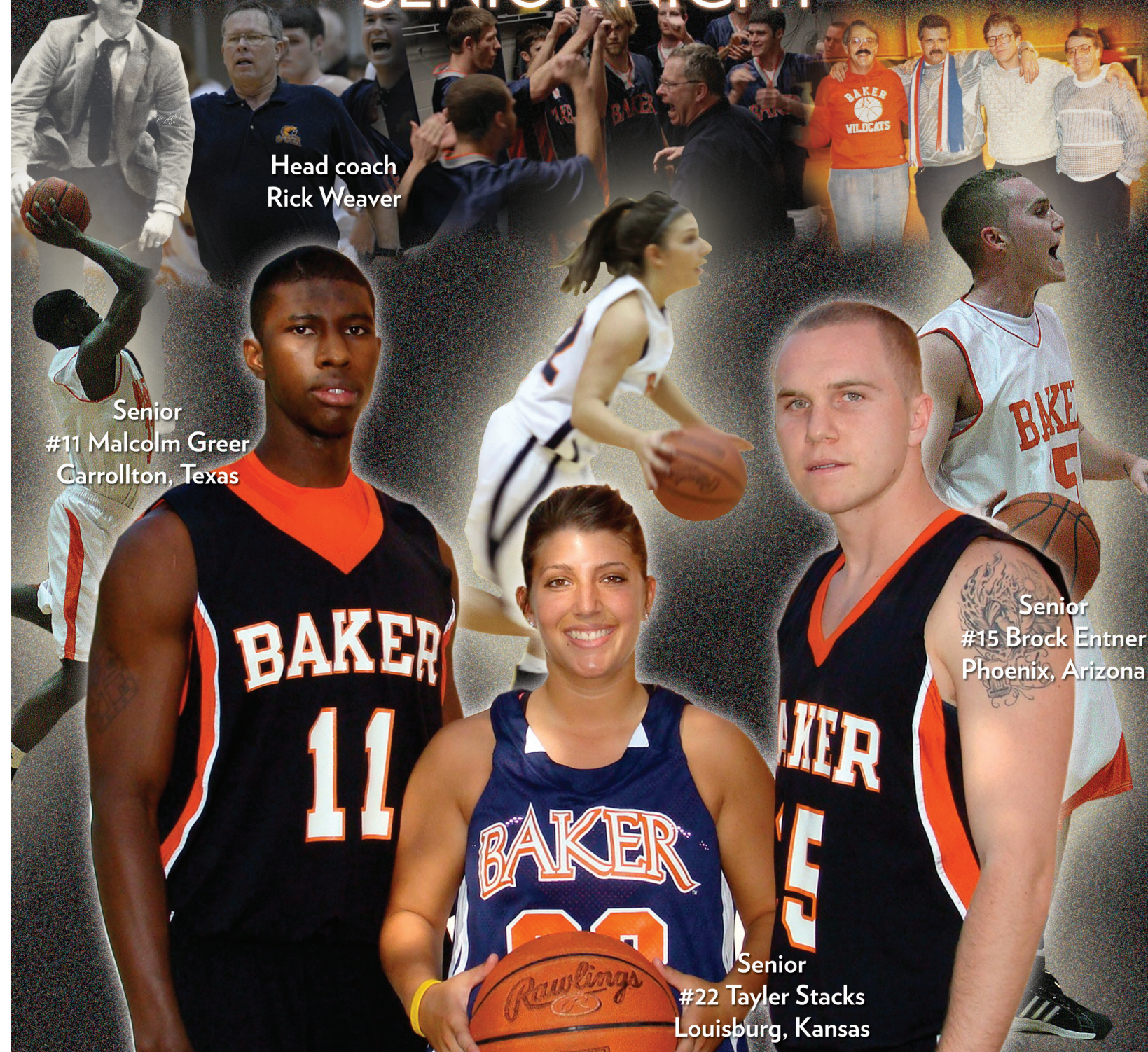
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BAKER UNIVERSITY SENIOR NIGHT



Congratulations to head coach Rick Weaver for his 25 years at Baker University





BAKER BASKETBALL

2009-10 Game Notes



Baker University

Women 16-12 (12-6 HAAC) Men 10-18 (3-15 HAAC)



MidAmerica Nazarene

Women 16-12 (11-7 HAAC) Men 16-12 (10-8 HAAC)

5:30/7:30 p.m. | Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010
George F. Collins Center | Baldwin City, Kan.
Radio: KNBU/KOFO

Women's HAAC Standings

	HAAC	Overall
Evangel	15-3	21-6
William Jewell	14-4	21-7
Avila	12-6	18-10
Baker	12-6	16-12
Benedictine	11-7	16-11
MidAmerica	11-7	16-12
Graceland	7-11	12-12
Missouri Valley	7-11	10-18
Lindenwood	6-13	8-21
CMU	4-15	10-19
Culver-Stockton	1-17	4-22

Men's HAAC Standings

	HAAC	Overall
CMU	16-3	22-7
William Jewell	13-5	18-9
Evangel	13-5	17-11
Lindenwood	13-6	21-8
Missouri Valley	10-8	18-10
MidAmerica	10-8	16-12
Benedictine	8-10	15-12
Graceland	6-12	12-16
Culver-Stockton	5-13	7-21
Avila	3-15	10-17
Baker	3-15	10-18

Women's Statistical Leaders

For the Wildcats - Emily Gibson, 14.8 ppg and 10.1 rpg; Jenna Brantley, 3.7 apg; Emily Gibson, 1.4 spg and 1.8 bpg.
For the Pioneers - Bethany Rexroth, 19.1 ppg and 9.1 rpg; Bethany Schwab, 2.0 apg; Kristie Tiegreen, 0.9 spg; Bethany Rexroth, 3.2 bpg.

Men's Statistical Leaders

For the Wildcats - Andre Strozier, 12.8 ppg and 8.3 rpg; Jaris Wommack, 2.3 apg; Malcolm Greer, 1.2 spg; Austin Bond, 0.8 bpg.
For the Pioneers - Brenton Bell, 21.4 ppg; Ben Swinger, 6.5 rpg; Brenton Bell, 3.9 apg, 1.8 spg and 0.7 bpg.

Game Preview

BALDWIN CITY, Kan. - The Baker Wildcats will play host to the MidAmerica Nazarene Pioneers Thursday night in the George F. Collins Center. The matchup will mark the final home game of the season for the Wildcats.

The Baker men look to tally another conference win after coming off a 102-95 victory against Avila University. During the contest, Andre Strozier captured his eighth double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Strozier continues to lead the Wildcats with 12.8 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game.

MidAmerica enters the night on a three-game losing streak with the most recent loss coming against Lindenwood University. The Pioneers are led by Brenton Bell who averages 21.4 points per game.

On the women's side, the Wildcats look to get back on track after falling to Avila University 53-62.

Junior standout Emily Gibson remains atop the leader board for the Wildcats, averaging 14.8 points and 10.1 rebounds per game.

The MidAmerica women come to Baldwin looking for their second-straight win and a sweep of the Wildcats. The Pioneers put away Lindenwood 71-65 this past week.

Heading the Pioneers' efforts is Bethany Rexroth who averages 19.1 points, 9.1 rebounds, and 3.2 blocks.

Thursday's games also mark the end of an era for several members of the Wildcat basketball teams.

Seniors Taylor Stacks, Malcolm Greer, and Brock Entner will play their final home games and will be honored prior to the contests.

Last, but certainly not least, Baker men's basketball coach Rick Weaver will also partake in his final home game and will receive recognition before the start of the men's game. Weaver will be retiring at the end of the season, concluding a 25-year run as skipper.

Game Quick Notes

Season Match-up

1/21/10 | (w) - L-53-62
1/21/10 | (m) - L-51-78

The Last Time Out

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Baker University women's basketball team dropped its third straight game with a 62-53 loss at Avila University (18-10, 12-6) on Monday night. With the loss the Wildcats fall to 16-12 overall and 12-6 in Heart of America Athletic Conference play.

Junior Emily Gibson led the Baker offense with 13 points while pulling down six rebounds.

Offensive output killed the Wildcats. Baker shot only 32 percent, 17-of-53, from the field and managed only three second chance points. Avila hit 19-of-45 from the field, 42.2 percent, including 7-of-16 from beyond the arc. Three Eagles scored in double-figures, Courtney Gimlin (21), Alyson Young (16), and Jamie Kenney (11).

Senior Malcolm Greer led the way for the Baker men Monday evening scoring a career-high 29 points off 11-of-15 (73 percent) shooting from the floor. The Wildcats got contributions from everybody, Jaris Wommack had 21 points, while Brock Entner (16), Manuel Medina (14), and Andre Strozier (12) all chipped in.

Avila didn't go down without a fight. The Eagles had four players score in double figures, Quinton Branch (26), Adam Short (21), Logan Sullivan (14), and Kevin Booker (10).

Hot shooting was key for the Wildcats. Baker shot 36-for-50 (58 percent) from the floor and 12-for-23 (52 percent) from beyond the arc.

Baker Rosters

Women

No.	Name	Year	Ht.	Hometown
3	Jenna Brantley	JR	5'10	Lawrence, KS
10	Brooke Sanders	SO	5'7	Shawnee, KS
11	JaNeil Robinson	JR	5'7	Wamego, KS
13	Audrey Bryant	JR	5'9	Kansas City, MO
20	Gloria Atanmo	SO	5'10	Avondale, AZ
21	Cameron Roland	JR	5'9	Kansas City, KS
22	Taylor Stacks	SR	5'5	Louisburg, KS
23	Brittany Hines	JR	5'6	Hutchinson, KS
30	Brooke Soske	JR	5'7	Kansas City, MO
31	Emily Gibson	JR	6'0	Kansas City, MO
32	Bren Koontz	FR	5'6	Basehor, KS
35	Rae Lynne Stewart	SO	5'10	Independence, MO
44	Aubree Gustin	JR	6'0	Topeka, KS
45	Courtney Goodrum	JR	5'10	Wellington, KS
54	Emily Brickey	FR	5'10	Kansas City, MO

Head Coach: Susan Decker | Assistants: Rich Ebel, Andy Hannon

Men

No.	Name	Year	Ht.	Hometown
10	Jaris Wommack	JR	6'1	Taylorville, IL
11	Malcolm Greer	SR	6'3	Carrollton, TX
12	Sam Kenney	FR	5'10	Manhattan, KS
14	Corey Anderson	FR	6'2	Mansfield, TX
15	Brock Entner	SR	6'0	Phoenix, AZ
20	Joe Wachter	SO	6'0	Pittsburg, KS
22	Connor Bechard	SO	6'1	Gardner, KS
23	Ryckey Harper	JR	6'1	Kansas City, MO
24	Manuel Medina	JR	6'4	Kansas City, MO
30	Austin Bond	JR	6'4	Kansas City, KS
31	Drew Berg	SO	6'3	Baldwin City, KS
32	Jack Shortell	JR	6'7	Mission Hills, KS
35	Ryan Douvier	JR	6'6	Sedgwick, KS
40	Andre Strozier	JR	6'4	Phoenix, AZ
42	Tim Randolph	JR	6'4	Phoenix, AZ
50	Chris Haller	FR	6'2	Alma, KS

Head Coach: Rick Weaver | Assistants: Terry Zerr, Pedro Dos Santos

MidAmerica Rosters

Women

No.	Name	Year	Ht.	Hometown
5	Kerri Zynen	SO	5'6	Co. Springs, CO
11	Lindsey Sprague	SO	5'7	Seymour, MO
12	Bethany Schwab	SR	5'6	Wellsville, KS
13	Beth Keeley	JR	5'7	Great Bend, KS
14	Stephanie Miller	FR	6'0	Overland Park, KS
15	Alyssa Chisam	SO	5'7	Osawatomie, KS
20	Hadleigh Meek	JR	5'7	Parkville, MO
23	Kristin Malone	SR	5'6	Connersville, IN
24	Kristie Tiegreen	SO	5'9	Lawrence, KS
30	Sophia Stockton	FR	6'0	Gardner, KS
33	Bethany Rexroth	SR	6'2	Lenexa, KS
35	Heather Cunard	JR	6'0	Missouri Valley, IA
50	Jackee Hill	SO	5'9	St. Louis, MO

Head Coach: Bill Olin | Assistants: Jon Lewis, Kayla Dingman

Men

No.	Name	Year	Ht.	Hometown
3	Vince Thompkins	SR	6'0	Olathe, KS
12	Drew Dunton	FR	6'6	Rogersville, MO
15	Ian Matthews	SO	6'8	Ottawa, KS
20	Josh Erwin	FR	6'3	Harrisonville, MO
21	Brenton Bell	SR	6'3	Olathe, KS
22	Mark Ball	SR	6'4	Hesperia, CA
23	Bryce Anderson	SO	6'4	Olathe, KS
24	Lucas Weigel	FR	6'8	Seesen, Germany
25	Barry Robinson	SO	6'0	St. Louis, MO
30	Ben Swinger	SR	6'8	Redfield, IA
32	Rustin Dowd	FR	6'0	Olathe, KS
34	Nick Djerf	FR	6'3	Brooklyn Park, MN
42	Ethan Alexander	FR	6'5	Olathe, KS
44	Keith McCullough	SO	6'9	Stilwell, KS
45	Andrew Crotty	JR	6'5	Olathe, KS

Head Coach: Rocky Lamar | Assistants: Matt Keeley, Bill Fleming

Team Stats Comparison

Baker Women		MidAmerica Women		Baker Men		MidAmerica Men	
Overall Record	16-12	Overall Record	16-12	Overall Record	10-18	Overall Record	16-12
Conference Record	12-6	Conference Record	11-7	Conference Record	3-15	Conference Record	10-8
Points	1777	Points	1856	Points	1841	Points	2110
Opp. Points	1654	Opp. Points	1797	Opp. Points	2032	Opp. Points	2056
Rebounds	1059	Rebounds	1099	Rebounds	873	Rebounds	1050
Opp. Rebounds	980	Opp. Rebounds	1045	Opp. Rebounds	976	Opp. Rebounds	893
Field Goal PCT	.39	Field Goal PCT	.43	Field Goal PCT	.42	Field Goal PCT	.47
Opp Field Goal PCT	.36	Opp Field Goal PCT	.37	Opp Field Goal PCT	.46	Opp Field Goal PCT	.45
3-Point PCT	.26	3-Point PCT	.34	3-Point PCT	.37	3-Point PCT	.32
Opp. 3-Point PCT	.28	Opp. 3-Point PCT	.30	Opp. 3-Point PCT	.39	Opp. 3-Point PCT	.35
Free Throw PCT	.75	Free Throw PCT	.70	Free Throw PCT	.72	Free Throw PCT	.73
Opp. Free Throw PCT	.71	Opp. Free Throw PCT	.66	Opp. Free Throw PCT	.71	Opp. Free Throw PCT	.67
Personal Fouls	456	Personal Fouls	467	Personal Fouls	431	Personal Fouls	558
Assists	393	Assists	432	Assists	333	Assists	410
Turnovers	482	Turnovers	592	Turnovers	373	Turnovers	450
Blocked Shots	86	Blocked Shots	121	Blocked Shots	65	Blocked Shots	82