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COLLEGE HOOPS: Kansas pulls away from Detroit

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LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Julian Wright and Russell Robinson led a second-half charge Thursday night that enabled mistake-prone No. 9 Kansas to pull away late and beat the University of Detroit, 63-43.

The 25-point underdog Titans found themselves trailing only 41-37 when Jon Goode made a three-pointer with 8:55 to go, silencing a nervous crowd in Allen Fieldhouse, where the Jayhawks since 1994-95 are now 172-11.

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Wright got the decisive 9-0 run going with two quick buckets and Robinson, after Wright rebounded a Detroit miss, hit a three-pointer that made it 50-37 with 6:02 to play.

Mario Chalmers led the Jayhawks (11-2) with 22 points.

Brandon Cotton had 20 for Detroit (3-9).

Big Ten women

NO. 21 MICHIGAN STATE 74, INDIANA 49: Rene Haynes scored 20 points, and 6-foot-9 freshman Allyssa DeHaan blocked nine shots, setting game and season records for the host Spartans (10-2) in their Big Ten opener. Haynes was 7-for-13 from the field and 5-for-5 from the line and also had eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. DeHaan, who has blocked 60 shots this season, finished with 10 points, all in the second half, and 10 rebounds. Nikki Smith and

Kim Roberson each had 12 points for the Hoosiers (11-3).

NO. 13 PURDUE 79, MICHIGAN 35: Katie Gearlds scored 22 points and broke the host Boilermakers' record for career three-pointers in the Big Ten opener for both teams. Gearlds was 5-of-9 from three-point range to push her career total to 186 for Purdue (12-2). Kelly Helvey led the Wolverines (7-7), who shot 24 percent and made 22 turnovers, with nine points.

Top 25 men

NO. 2 NORTH CAROLINA 87, RUTGERS 48: Brandan Wright had 19 points and seven rebounds, and fellow freshman Wayne Ellington added 17 points for the host Tar Heels (11-1). Adrian Hill scored 13 in leading the Scarlet Knights (6-6), who played without leading scorer J.R. Inman and fellow starter Anthony Farmer, who served one-game suspensions for academic reasons.

NO. 7 ARIZONA 94, CALIFORNIA 85: Marcus Williams scored 21 points and Ivan Radenovic 17 for the host Wildcats (10-1, 1-0 Pac-10). Williams made all eight of his shots from the floor, and Radenovic hit six of seven. Freshman Ryan Anderson led the Golden Bears (8-5, 0-1) with 16 points.

NO. 11 TEXAS A&M 101, GRAMBLING STATE 27: Josh Carter tied a school record with eight three-pointers for the host Aggies (11-2), who scored the first 28 points of the game and limited Grambling (2-5) to 19 percent shooting.

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NO. 19 NOTRE DAME 101, RIDER 51: Rob Kurz scored 23 points and Kyle McAlamey 21 on seven three-pointers for the host Irish (11-1).

NO. 21 TENNESSEE 101, TENNESSEE TECH 77: Junior guard JaJuan Smith had a career-high 23 points for the host Volunteers (11-2), who are 20-1 against Tech (5-7).

NO. 22 MEMPHIS 87, LAMAR 62: Chris Douglas-Roberts had 19 points for the host Tigers (10-3), who built their lead to 22 midway through the second half and coasted.

NO. 24 NEVADA 89, MAINE 69: Marcellus Kemp scored 20 points and Nick Fazekas added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the host Wolf Pack (11-1), who shot 60 percent.

NO. 25 CLEMSON 75, GEORGIA 60: Freshman Trevor Booker had 14 points for the host Tigers (13-0), who are off to their best start since the 1996-97 team coached by Rick Barnes started 17-0 and rose to No. 2. Mike Mercer scored 13 for the Bulldogs (8-3).

NO. 17 LSU 92, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 58: Glen Davis scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for host LSU (9-3).

State men

AQUINAS 80, OHIO WESLEYAN 79: Jeff Jayson scored 23 for visiting Aquinas (7-7).

EASTERN MICHIGAN 63, EASTERN ILLINOIS 51: Jarred Axon had 15 points, and Jesse Bunkley scored 12 of his 13 in the second half for the host Eagles (3-8), who have won two of their last three.

NORTH CENTRAL (ILL.) 69, ALBION 58: Zach Silas and Dean Raven scored eight each for visiting Albion (2-7).

NORTHERN MICHIGAN 101, WIS.-STEVENS POINT 92: Ricky Volcy totaled 32 points and 13 rebounds for the host Wildcats (7-5).

NORTHWOOD 84, ST. JOSEPH 83: Aaron Simpson scored 30 points for host Northwood (5-6).

State women

ALBION 73, CAL LUTHERAN 48: In Thousand Oaks, Calif., Jessica Babcock scored 16 for Albion (6-4).

CALVIN 70, PUGET SOUND 62: In Thousand Oaks, Calif., Lisa Winkle scored 18 points for Calvin (7-1).

DETROIT MERCY 54, NEW HAMPSHIRE 50: In Blacksburg, Va., reserve Joyce Massey led the Titans (3-9) with 12 points.

DRURY 63, SAGINAW VALLEY STATE 62: Jenna Schroeder scored 15 for host Saginaw (3-8).

EASTERN MICHIGAN 64, FURMAN 62: Sarah VanMetre scored 19 points and Alyssa Pittman 18 for the visiting Eagles (5-5).

HUNTINGTON 81, SIENA HEIGHTS 67: In Chicago, Laura Panozzo topped Siena (9-5) with 14 points.

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