

# CHAMPIONS

## Jayhawks Roll On To Victory

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There is something in the air when March rolls around the corner. The air smells like March Madness and with this air comes the atmosphere of basketball. Sixty-four teams have waited all season for a chance to punch their ticket to the big dance. Everyone witnessed this epic battle begin to see who would come out as National Champions.

The field was led by #1 seeds North Carolina, Kansas, Memphis, and UCLA. These four #1 seeds represent 4 brackets that will fight until one team remains. Villanova, Western Kentucky, Sienna and Kansas State were some of the teams pulling off upsets in the first round.

The second round saw a surprising team full of history in Duke go down and witnessed a Cinderella team emerge in the form of Davidson.

Davidson's glass slipper slipped off in the Elite 8 to the hands of Kansas. North Carolina seemed to be the strongest team in the tournament by defeating their first 3 opponents by an average of 20 points.

They proved untouchable and a heavy favorite to win it all. History was made in the form of four #1 seeds reaching the final four for



AP/ Eric Gay

**The Jayhawks pulled off a comeback victory to win 75-68 in OT.**

the first time. All of the heavyweights were about to show the world why they were crowned with a #1 seed. With every blow came a counter attack and after the dust settled, Kansas and Memphis survived their final four matches to reach the championship game.

With both coaches tasting the crisp taste of victory, making it this far would mean nothing without the ring and title to go with it. The game of all games pitted the Kansas Jayhawks against the Memphis Tigers. This war was fought for the chance to claim a piece of greatness and a championship.

Each team drew their weapons

and battled till the end. The first battle ended in a draw so they had to settle it in overtime. Endurance and heart would decide the game and the national champion. Bragging rights were on the line and the whole world watched as Kansas rose above all odds to claim victory. They have now carved their name amongst the great teams of college basketball.

Kansas faced the basketball world, came out the victor and now they are crowned kings of the sport. The Jayhawks went on to beat Memphis 75-68. Let the entire world take witness to the 2008 NCAA National Champion Kansas Jayhawks. CONGRATULATIONS.

## MLB Season Looking Up

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PLAY BALL! The words ring loud and the curtain has been lifted as 32 Major League Baseball Teams get their long and awaited season underway. This season, just as many others before, has many fans asking a flurry of questions with so few answers.

The Boston Red Sox are the defending champions of the MLB World and they are looking for a repeat performance. The curse that everyone thought they still had went away when they won their first world series in 50+ years. They have now won 2 titles in the past 4 years.

The New York Yankees are trying to make some noise this year after releasing their skipper Joe Torre. Their new manager Joe Girardi has now gotten this dynasty focused on adding another title to an already tremendous collection. Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter lead an experienced team trying to dethrone the defending champs and create magic of their own.

The Chicago Cubs have been one of the most talked about teams since 1908, which happens to be the last time they won a World Series. All the talk is that the cubbies are this year's favorites to win the World Series. The fans in Chicago have a great feeling about this team, something they claim was not felt for the previous teams in Chicago. An explosive offense, a good defense and a

mixture of pitching depth has this team poised to put all the talk to rest. If it so happens that they break the curse, the talk will then evolve to "can they do it again?"

The Detroit Tigers are a team that came out of nowhere to make the playoffs last year. They are now a post season favorite in the American League. They added new pop in Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis in a trade with the Florida Marlins. This new acquisition can add power to their offense and defense. They have one of the most explosive lineups in baseball, but can they carry that explosiveness throughout the long season and make a run to the promise land?

The New York Mets are known as the team with the biggest collapse ever. They basically ruled the National League during the regular season last year only to collapse in the first round of the playoffs ending their season. This year watches them added depth to their starting rotation in the form of last year's AL CY Young winner Johan Santana. If you add him to a rotation anchored by Pedro Martinez along with a great lineup, they will be coming for revenge and will not rest until they replace the bad taste of losing with a sweet World Series title.

One thing is for sure, set your DVR, get your popcorn, flop on your comfortable couch, order the MLB Package and zoom into the television because you do not want to miss any part of the season. "The other sports are just sports. Baseball is a love." ~ Bryant Gumbel, 1981

### 2008-2009 Student Government Candidates

**SGA President**  
James Jefferson  
Matthew Wynne

**SGA Vice President**  
Sean Baker

**SGA Treasurer**  
Crysta Shepard  
Anchalee Fraizer

**SGA Secretary**  
Alexander Scott  
Brittany Hall  
Dexter Days

**Senator At Large**  
Sobeilly Guadalupe  
Queen Colbert  
Brandon Barnes  
Johanna Guadalupe  
Kalah Magruder  
Alexander Scott  
Dominic Hunter  
Leah Fowler

**Off Campus Senator**  
Maurice Medley

**Graduate Senator**  
No Applicants

**SGA Elections are on April 17.  
Show up and vote!**

### Bronco Nights

The Student Activities Council of Fayetteville State University hosted Bronco Nights, a fun-filled evening of card games, sparkling grape juice, dancing, and mingling. The event was aimed at offering Fayetteville State students a night from which they could engage in various games without the violence, risk, and negativity of gambling with money, which can be a threat to young men and women in the community. Real casinos involve drugs, alcohol, prostitution, violence, and the threat of becoming addicted to gambling, which often ruins entire families, while emptying healthy bank accounts.

On March 24, 2008 at Fayetteville State, students competed for "tickets" which were thrown into a raffle at the end. They were given the opportunity to win Rodeo Week tickets, a DVD player, a television, and other prizes. Instead of alcohol, students sipped sparkling grape juice...instead of drugs, they were able to engage in laughter. Fruits, chips, and cookies were offered. SAC aimed to deter the young student body from dangerous activity and instead give them a good time...Mission accomplished.