

Football win sets off fracas: 25 arrested, police injured

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Thousands of drunken Kansas State University football fans celebrating a victory over their archrival attacked police early Sunday in a "frightening" near-riot in which several officers were injured and 25 people were arrested, police said.

"We had several thousand drunk people on our hands...and they started attacking officers," said Manhattan police Sgt. Darrell Yarnall.

The situation came close to erupting into a riot, he said.

As many as 8,000 people, most of them students, had packed into a two-square-block area of shops and bars known as Aggieville to celebrate Kansas State's 24-7 victory Saturday over the University of Kansas, Yarnall said. The victory gave Kansas State the Governor's Cup, awarded each year to the winner of the game between the two schools.

"They got to drinking, it kept getting more crowded and they started to take over the streets," said Yarnall, who was among officers from Manhattan, Junction City and the Kansas Highway Patrol who were called to the scene. "I can tell you it definitely was frightening."

Police Sgt. Vernon Brown said the "mass disturbance" erupted about midnight.

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