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Caddie Signups



Young people from diverse backgrounds gain professional experience, learn about golf, and see firsthand some of the other opportunities available in the EAGLE Caddie Program held in association with Portland Parks & Recreation.

Black, diverse students encouraged to apply

Ninth graders are encouraged to apply as an EAGLE Caddie, a program giving young people valuable work experience, a pathway to higher education and valuable lessons in golf.

The Early Adventures in Golf for a Lifetime of Enjoyment program is a venture between the city of Portland, the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation and high schools.

Students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, female/non-binary, and/or immigrants or refugees are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship opportunities may be available to participants. The students do not need experience in golf. Participants are paid an hourly wage as golf caddies on Portland Parks Golf courses. The caddies also receive work credit hours with men-

tors who help guide their success.

“The EAGLE program is a wonderful way for young people from diverse backgrounds to gain professional experience, learn about golf, and to see firsthand the other wonderful opportunities available with Portland Parks & Recreation,” says PP&R Director Adena Long. “Dozens of students have had great success during and after being EAGLEs. The program is a great way to advance equity and expand the game of golf to the next generation of players.”

The deadline for applications is May 13. For more information and to apply, visit portland.gov/parks/sports/eagle or contact PP&R Golf Program Manager Vincent Johnson at vincent.johnson@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-318-1432.



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Kansas Rallies for Championship

Comeback was three years in the making

(AP) — The Great Kansas Comeback, as it will be known in the history books, is about more than just one stifling, scintillating 20-minute stretch of Jayhawks basketball.

The championship KU captured Monday night traced its roots back to 2020, when the Jayhawks were a team that looked very much on track for the program’s fourth national title.

Instead, it was KU’s come-from-behind 72-69 victory over North Carolina on Monday in New Orleans that will bring that fourth championship banner back to Allen Fieldhouse. The Jayhawks insisted they’d share it with the 2020 team, too.

Most of the key players in Monday’s title game — David McCormack (15 points), Ochai Agbaji (12), Christian Braun (12) and Jalen Wilson (15) — were on that team, too. The players who remained formed a poised, veteran group that came into the game with a mind-boggling 973 games of college experience.



Kansas players celebrate an NCAA basketball championship after beating North Carolina Monday night in the finals of the Men’s Final Four in New Orleans. (AP photo)

If any group was built to not lose its composure when things turned bad, this group might have been it. But, boy, things sure looked bleak for the Jayhawks as the first half wound down.

Led by a dominating inside game by Armando Bacot and an 18-2 advantage in second-chance points, the Tar Heels ran off 16 straight points to take a 16-point lead. Kansas looked stuck in cement.

Kansas Coach Bill Self used the long halftime break to calm things down and breathe some

fire into his players. He tweaked the defense, getting DaJuan Harris Jr. to apply more pressure early to UNC ballhandler R.J. Davis. Kansas clogged up passing lanes, forced the Tar Heels into rushed shots and boxed out.

That led to more running and more fast-break points (8) and turned a 16-point deficit into a six-point lead with 10 minutes left. When it was over, Kansas held on and completed the biggest comeback in title game history, surpassing Loyola Chicago’s 15-point rally against Cincinnati in 1963.

Scoring Outburst Wins Title



South Carolina’s Destanni Henderson smiles after making a basket during a scoring outburst she had in the second half that led her team to a NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship Sunday against UConn in Minneapolis. (AP photo)

(AP) — The smallest player on the court came up huge in the biggest moments for South Carolina

Basketball Championship Sunday against UConn in Minneapolis.

5-foot-7 Destanni Henderson stepped up and led the Gamecocks

to a 64-49 victory.

South Carolina’s senior point guard followed a UConn bucket in the second half with a driving layup, slicing her way through the lane, using her slight frame to shield the ball from a defender as she approached the hoop.

On the next trip down the court, the Gamecocks’ Aliyah Boston — the AP National Player of the Year — blocked a shot at the top of the key. Henderson sprinted behind the defense, hauled in Boston’s outlet pass, and made another layup — uncontested this time.

Later, Henderson scored again on consecutive possessions, with a long jump shot and another layup.

Henderson finished with a career-high 26 points, shooting 9 of 20 from the field.

“She was super aggressive on both sides of the basketball,” Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley said.