"Dogs bow out in semis"

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The women's basketball team shock the MIAA one night and nearly did it again the next. The Bulldogs eliminated Emporia in the opening round of the MIAA tournament. Two days later, the Bulldogs lost to second-seeded Emporia in the semifinals.

At 11-11 in the second half, the Bulldogs were up by six, which was their largest lead of the game. The Hornets fought back, cutting the deficit to one with 1:40 left in the game, but the Bulldogs held on to win, 70-65.

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The women's basketball season was over for Jordan Kaiser, who was named to the All-MIAA First Team. Kaiser finished with a team-high 14 points in the opening round loss to Emporia. Kaiser finished her Bulldog career with 37 career All-MIAA honors.

The Bulldogs were named the MIAA Player's Association's Team of the Year.

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The Bulldogs were able to kill the Hornets' rally by sinking free throws in the final minute, finished with a 60-58 win over the Hornets. A late three-pointer by the Bulldogs was the game's point of the game. A Juno Jones fast break layup in the final minute of the game was the point of the game for the Bulldogs.

"I think the game was settled in the first half," Sloop said. "Emporia had a chance in the second half, but in the first half the free throw shooting was the difference."

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