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TEN HOURS AND COUNTING

Nicolas Mahut, left, of France and John Isner, right, of Tampa, Fla., began their match at Wimbledon on Tuesday ... and they're not done yet.

7 HOURS, 6 MINUTES: Wednesday's fifth set, which on its own broke the record for the longest tennis match ever played.

118: Number of games played Wednesday. The players are tied 59-59; with no tiebreaker, a player must win the set by two games.

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Business partners promote artists

KC Collection includes about 100 works, which will be rotated among 10 corporate sponsors.

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A new art collection is designed to raise awareness of leading Kansas City and regional artists and to give area corporations a pool of specially selected works to choose from.

About 100 works by 15 artists form the Kansas City Collection. Every six months, the works will rotate among 10 corporate partners — including Barkley, Bishop-McCann, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and Helix Architecture + Design Inc. — to be displayed publicly, and available for sale.

The Kansas City Collection is managed by The Collectors Fund, an art and asset management company founded by Alexander “Sandy” Kemper and Will Connor in 2006.

About 65 artists were nominated and local and national curators selected the final 15. The artists and their work will be included in a brochure and website, www.thekccollection.com, touting the collection.

“The expenses were such that none of us could have done this individually, but together, with 10 companies, we can underwrite the expenses and still have money left over to acquire some of the art,” Kemper said.

The corporate partners also are guaranteeing the artists that a certain percentage of their work will be sold during the 18-month program.

“We think it will be quite successful and we would like to do it again in Kansas City and expand to other cities,” Kemper said.

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FROM THE ARTIST

“Over a Kansas Sky” by John Ochs is part of the Kansas City Collection.