

West holds on for 10-9 win in Shrine Bowl game

By DICK BOYD

The West ended a two-year winning streak by the East with a 10-9 victory in the 33rd annual Kansas Shrine Bowl all-star football game played Saturday evening at Carnie Smith Stadium on the campus of Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg.

The West took a 3-0 lead with a 42-yard field goal by Chase County's Grady Fowler in the second quarter. Smith Center standout Taylor Jones scored the only touchdown of the game for the West. Late in the second quarter, the West got the ball on the East 27 after a pass interception. Southeast of Saline quarterback Justin Schropp, who started the game for the West, pitched the ball to Jeran Trotter, Wichita Northwest. Instead of running as the East defense expected, Trotter passed to a wide open Jones for a 26-yard touchdown strike with 5:51 left in the first half.

With time running out in the half, the East answered when a 66-yard pass put them deep inside the West red zone. That led to a 4-yard touchdown pass from Pittsburg Colgan quarterback Jeff Smith to Lawrence Free State quarterback Brett Lisher with 46.1 seconds left. The extra point try bounced off the goal post and made it 10-6 in favor of the West at intermission.

The East added a field goal with 2:24 left in the third quarter but still

trailed 10-9. The West had the chance to put the game away with 1:12 remaining in the game but a fake field goal attempt on fourth down was stopped by the East. The East was unable to rally for a score and the West won 10-9.

The 19 points scored in the game tied the 1982 game as the lowest scoring in the history of the Shrine Bowl. The East won that game 12-7.

The West now leads the East in the series 19-13-1.

Jones rushed for 32 yards on six carries and caught two passes for 31 yards in the game. He was chosen the Most Valuable Player on the West squad. Jones rushed for 2,430 yards, a new Smith Center single season record, his senior year. He averaged 11.3 yards per carry and scored 34 touchdowns. He plans to walk on at Kansas State University this fall.

Schropp, who led Southeast of Saline to the Class 3A state championship this year, will play for Kansas Wesleyan. His coach was Nortonite Pat Haxton, who was also an assistant coach for the West squad. Head coach for the West was Marvin Diener, who has taken over at Gardner-Edgerton after a successful run at Salina Central. John Petrie, Hoxie, was also an assistant coach for the West.

In his senior season at Southeast of Saline, Schropp passed for 2,197 yards and rushed for 1,757 yards and scored 47 touchdowns.

D.J. Fulhage, Beloit, was the punter for the West and did an outstanding job. His father, Scott, was also chosen for the Shrine Bowl and went on to an all-star career punting for Kansas State and later in the NFL. Fulhage will walk on at K-State.

Michael Hubbard, also from Smith Center, played well on defense for the West. He was the Class 2A back-to-back state champion Redmen tackling leader last season with 99 tackles.

Seeing lots of action at defensive back for the West was Calder Keller, former Oakley standout who recorded 107 tackles and had three interceptions last season. Rock-solid offensive tackles for the West included Guy Miller, Scott City and Mark Starr, Goodland. Toliver Bird, Hoxie, made a number of tackles as a linebacker for the West. Zeb Elliott, Hope, made a successful transition from eight-man football and had several outstanding pass receptions as a wide receiver for the West.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl Game benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Crippled children, regardless of race, religion, national origin or relationship to a Shriner, are treated free of charge at the hospitals. The network of 22 hospitals provides expert, no-cost orthopedic, burn and spinal cord care to children under 18.

Using the theme, "Strong legs run so weak legs can walk", the Kansas Shrine Bowl has generated more than \$2.3 million for the hospitals.

Big Norton win for Nate Schaben

By MIKE HUGHES

The temperatures and racing action were both hot at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton July 15.

After finishing second one week before, Nate Schaben garnered his first win of the season at Norton in the IMCA Modified main event. Schaben, who also won the first heat race, led Randy Washburn, Mitch Kline, Brandon Blochlinger, and heat two winner Rick Schwab to the checkers.

Kensington's Cory Struckhoff put his #32 IMCA Stock Car in victory lane, his second of the year at Elmwood Park.

Jason Rogers finished second, followed by Dan Lauer, J.R. McCreery and Caleb Peters.

Heat race winners included Michael Zajic and Josh Hudson.

Kelly Karnopp of Norton won his second IMCA Hobby Stock feature in a row at the half-mile oval.

The race got off to a shaky start when Laura Hinger and Phil Hinger tangled, causing Phil to roll his #18 race car.

Both drivers suffered bumps and bruises but escaped unharmed.

Heat two winner Brady Schoen

finished in the runner-up spot, followed by Adam Balthazor, heat one victor Dustin McClurg, and Jerry Hudson.

Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton picked up feature win number four on the season in the Cruiser division.

They were chased to the finish line by the two heat race winners, Joe and Jim Carter and Michael Hockemeier and Jim Ellis.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Dustin McClurg, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Brent Schoen, 4. Laura Hinger.

Heat 2: 1. Brady Schoen, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Jerry Hudson, 4. Phil Hinger.

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. Balthazor, 4. McClurg, 5. Hudson, 6. Brent Schoen, 7. P. Hinger (DNF), 8. L. Hinger (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Michael Zajic, 2. Caleb Peters, 3. Cory Struckhoff, 4. J.R. McCreery.

Heat 2: 1. Josh Hudson, 2. Jason Rogers, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Dan Lauer.

Feature: 1. Struckhoff, 2. Rogers, 3. Lauer, 4. McCreery, 5.

Peters, 6. Zajic, 7. Tyler Hahn (DNF), 8. Hudson (DNF), 9. Schoenberger (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Nate Schaben, 2. Brice Riley, 3. Brandon Blochlinger, 4. Brian Calhoon.

Heat 2: 1. Rick Schwab, 2. Mitch Kline, 3. Randy Washburn, 4. Chad Dolan.

Feature: 1. Schaben, 2. Washburn, 3. Kline, 4. Blochlinger, 5. Schwab, 6. Jason Schoenberger, 7. Marty Clark, 8. Calhoon, 9. Tim Watts, 10. Dolan, 11. Doug Shearer, 12. Riley (DNF), 13. Jeff Walters (DNF).

Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. Michael Hockemeier, Jim Ellis, 2. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 3. Jeremy Simmons/Roger Deal, 4. Brandon St. Clair/Scott St. Clair.

Heat 2: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 2. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 3. Rhona Annon/Joann Ellis, 4. Nick Horn/Tim Horn.

Feature: 1. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 2. Carter/Carter, 3. Hockemeier/Ellis, 4. Thomas/Thomas, 5. Horn/Horn, 6. Annon/Ellis, 7. St. Clair/St. Clair, 8. Simmons/Deal (DNF). END

Norton athlete earns honor

By DICK BOYD

Jered Sloan, a red-shirt freshman from Norton, is one of just 10 Fort Hays State University athletes named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association NCAA Division II All-Academic Team.

Sloan is an art major and had a 3.38 grade point average the spring semester.

This past season, Sloan ranked 15th in the nation in Division II in the decathlon.

He placed second in the decathlon in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships

at Western State College in Gunnison, Colo.

Sloan also competes in the open 110 meter hurdles and high jump. In the conference meet, he placed fourth in the high jump with a personal best height of 6-feet-7-inches and won his preliminary heat of the 110 meter hurdles with a personal best time of 14.6.

In the 110 hurdles finals, he hit a hurdle and placed fourth.

Athletes chosen for the national all-academic team are picked based on both academic and athletic achievements in the 2005-06 school year.

Two area athletes recognized

By DICK BOYD

Colby Community College basketball athlete Valerie Jackson, Logan and outdoor track athlete Joshua Davis, Jennings, have been recognized for academic achievement by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Jackson earned Distinguished Academic All-American recognition. To achieve this special honor, student athletes must earn an overall grade point average of 3.8-4.0.

Davis earned Academic All-American status. Student athletes who have a 3.6-3.8 grade point average earn this award.

The Colby College women's basketball, men's basketball, softball, baseball, women's golf and women's outdoor track teams were honored by the NJCAA.

The women's basketball team,

which won the 2006 Region VI Championship and played in the NJCAA tournament, posted an overall team grade point average of 3.20. The Colby College men's basketball team had a 3.02 GPA. Lady Trojan softball team members had a 3.36 GPA. Baseball completed the year with a 3.20 GPA. The women's golf team had a 3.47 GPA with women's outdoor track earning a 3.00 GPA.

Tom Stephens, women's basketball coach, is a graduate of Lenora High School.

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