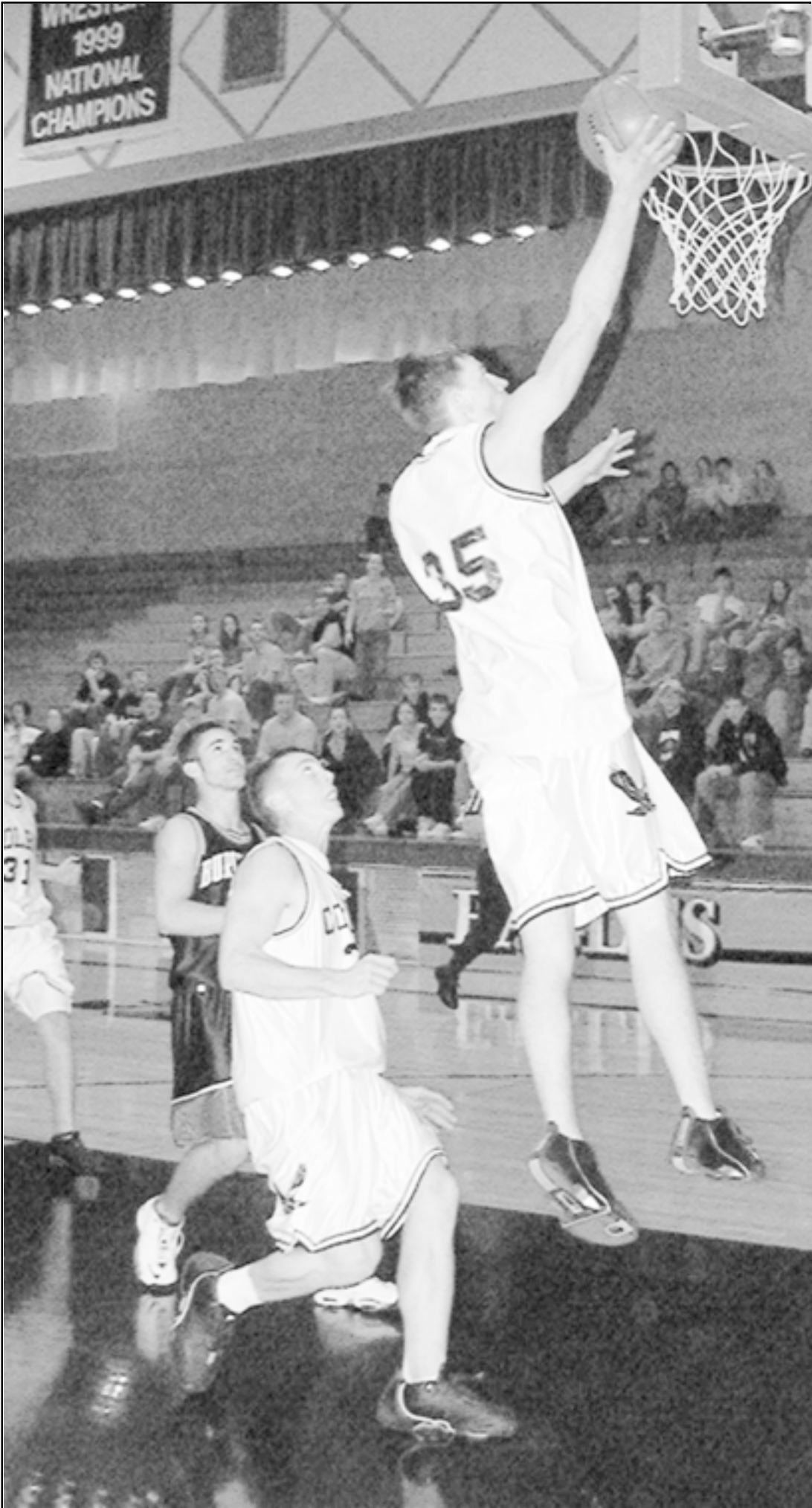


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Brian Sulzman had an easy lay-up against Burlington last month while Jeff Reavis and Deke Elliott (#31) came to help. The Colby Eagles are in action Saturday night in St. Francis.

USC beats Iowa 38-17 Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) - Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer played keep away from Brad Banks, and Southern California looked right at home playing in the Orange Bowl for the first time.

Palmer dominated his duel with Heisman runner-up Banks, helping the No. 5 Trojans to a 16-minute advantage in time of possession as they beat third-ranked Iowa 38-17 Thursday night.

Palmer led scoring drives of 79, 80, 99, 85 and 61 yards, helping USC blow open a game that was 10-all at halftime.

He threw for 303 yards and a touchdown and was chosen the game's most valuable player.

Banks was limited to 204 yards passing and failed to lead Iowa's normally high-powered offense into the end zone until the final minute.

The Hawkeyes' biggest play came when C.J. Jones returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.


Southern California (11-2) beat a top 25 team for the seventh time this season.

USC won its final eight games and snapped a nine-gamewinning streak by Iowa (11-2).

"We didn't think it would be this easy," said Mike Williams, who caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Palmer.

"After the kickoff, they didn't do anything."





The Trojans outscored UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa 134-51 in their final three games.




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Kansas State wins sixth straight

MANHATTAN (AP) — Saint Louis guard Marque Perry didn't have much to smile about.

Kansas State stopped the Billikens' leading scorer and had four players in double figures as the Wildcats beat Saint Louis 65-48 Thursday night.

"I wasn't too thrilled about it," said Perry, who was averaging 17 points a game.

The Wildcats held him to just three points on 1-of-10 shooting. But Perry wasn't alone.

Kansas State held the Billikens to 36 percent shooting from the field,

the ninth time this year the Wildcats have held their opponent below 40 percent.

"Our team defense was outstanding," said Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge.

"I really have a lot of respect for that kid (Perry)."

"We tried to get it out of his hands so he didn't have a chance to hurt us. That was definitely one of the keys to our success."

Pervis Pasco had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Gilson DeJesus added 14 to help Kansas State (8-4) win its sixth straight, the Wildcats'

longest winning streak since 1998 and Wooldridge's longest in his three years as coach.

During the winning streak, Kansas State has had four players score in double figures in each game.

The Wildcats also won their fourth straight against the Billikens. Saint Louis has lost all three of its road games this season.

Siebrandt added 13 for Kansas State and Tim Ellis had 10 in his first college start.

Anthony Drejaj scored 19 points and Chris Braun had nine for the Billikens.

Jayhawks roll to 102-50 victory

LAWRENCE (AP) — To play for Kansas and not score on this night, a guy had to have something broken.

Like a nose.

Reserve forward Bryant Nash apparently broke his nose in the second half Thursday night and was the only Jayhawk who failed to score during No. 18 Kansas' 102-50 romp over North Carolina-Asheville.

"I told them that it was pleasant to sit there and watch tonight," Jayhawks coach Roy Williams said. "It just makes it more fun for everybody. If you execute and try to do the things that we work on in practice, it makes it fun."

Twelve Jayhawks scored, including walk-on freshman Christian Moody of Asheville, N.C., who made two free throws in the final

minute.

"These kind of games are a lot of fun," said Kansas' Wayne Simien, who had 19 points and nine rebounds. "I know those guys work hard in practice. They're thrilled to get in there and score and hear 16,000 people yelling for them."

Nick Collison had 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting against the road-weary Bulldogs.

It's official: Parcells is new Cowboy coach

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Bill Parcells is the unyielding taskmaster and demanding coach. Jerry Jones is the meddling owner and general manager of the Dallas Cowboys.

They insist they can work - and succeed - together.

Parcells returned to the NFL on Thursday when he was introduced as the head coach of the Cowboys by Jones, who after three straight 5-11 seasons is willing to do anything he can to win again.

"We are both kind of at the same

place, we both want to go to the same place," said the 61-year-old Parcells, a year older than Jones. "I'm hopeful that we can provide each other the mutual vehicle to get there."

The hiring came after more than a week of speculation and conflicting reports about a coach with a history of walking away from deals, and one who said more than once that he'd never coach again.

No matter how unlikely the pairing, the two men need each other. Jones needed a proven coach who

might be able to return the Cowboys to prominence.

Dallas won the last of its five Super Bowls - three under Jones - in 1996 and hasn't had a winning record since 1998.

Parcells, who took the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets from losing records to the playoffs in two seasons, wanted a chance to coach again.

"I know the window of opportunity was definitely closing on me. This opportunity, this situation has a nice appeal to me," Parcells said.

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