

Eighth grade Eagles finish second in league

The eighth grade girls basketball team finished their season with a second place finish in the league tournament.

In the first game of the tournament, the Eagles defeated the Atwood Lady Buffalo 36-7.

“This was a great defensive effort on our part,” said coach Raenette Martin, “they only allowed two of Atwood’s players to score.”

Rishonna Martin took offensive control and led her team with 12 points, followed by Brittany Kersenbrock and Lauren Cox with 5 points each. April Weaver and Caitie Henry each had 4 points, while Kristin Cox, Ashley Barnes and Jenna Johnson all had 2.

The team had a short break before the tip-off of the championship game against Goodland.

“Even though we were evenly matched on the boards and at the line, Goodland dared us to beat them from inside, and we just couldn’t make anything happen defensively down low,” Martin

said.

The Mustangs took the league title from the Eagles, winning the game 56-49. Barnes led the team with 14 points, Kersenbrock added 10, Martin 9, Lauren Cox 7, Johnson 4; Henry 2 and Weaver tallied 3.

“I thought the girls played hard, but I feel the defensive strategies we worked on in practice the last two weeks were not applied. They have to learn to adapt their game to the teams they are playing,” Martin said.

The Eagles finished their year 12-1. Leading scorers for the season were Kersenbrock with 14.1 per game and Martin with 10.2 per game. Rebound leaders were Lauren Cox averaging 6.4 per game and Barnes with 5.4. Kersenbrock also led the team in assists with 2.6 per game and steals with 5.4 per game.

Coach Martin summarized, “they have the talent to be successful. This team has a ton of potential.”

Sports this week

- Thursday - Colby** - Second round of boys sub-state basketball in Colby
- Friday - Colby** - Second round of girlss sub-state basketball in Colby
- Saturday - Colby** - boys and girls sub-state basketball finals in Colby

KU Jayhawks defeat Texas Tech, 65-56

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keith Langford scored 20 points as No. 6 Kansas beat Texas Tech 65-56 Monday night, clinching at least a tie for the Big 12 conference title.

Kansas (23-6, 13-2 Big 12) led most of the way and built a 13-point early in the second half. Tech narrowed the margin to 59-53 with 5:01 remaining in the game.

But Kansas’ Aaron Miles scored back-to-back baskets — one off his steal and ensuing easy layup — to stretch the lead back to 10 at the 4:21 mark.

The Red Raiders (16-10, 6-9) scored only three points in the final five minutes.

The win gave the Jayhawks at least a tie for the Big 12 title with either No. 4 Texas or No. 5 Oklahoma. The Jayhawks have won of 10 of their last 11 games and can

clinch the title outright with a win at Missouri on Sunday.

Nick Collison added 13 points and seven rebounds for Kansas, and Kirk Hinrich and Aaron Miles scored 10 points apiece.

Andre Emmett, the league’s leading scorer coming into the game with a 22-point average, scored 16 points and Kasib Powell added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Raiders.

Kansas led 39-28 at halftime.

The Jayhawks used a 8-2 run to jump out to an early 12-6 lead while holding held Tech without a field goal for about five minutes. Ronald Ross ended the drought when he got a layup with 12:06 remaining in the half.

Kansas dominated inside, scoring 24 of its first-half points in the paint.

Sports Briefs

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Defending champion Andre Agassi was upset in the first round of the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic by wild card Thomas Enqvist 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1.

The defeat snapped Agassi’s 12-0 start this year after winning the Australian Open and in San Jose. It was his best start since winning his first 15 matches in 1995. Enqvist, who is 5-4 in his career against Agassi, snapped that run as well, winning in three sets in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Marty Mornhinweg, fired in January as coach of the Detroit Lions, was hired by the Philadelphia Eagles as

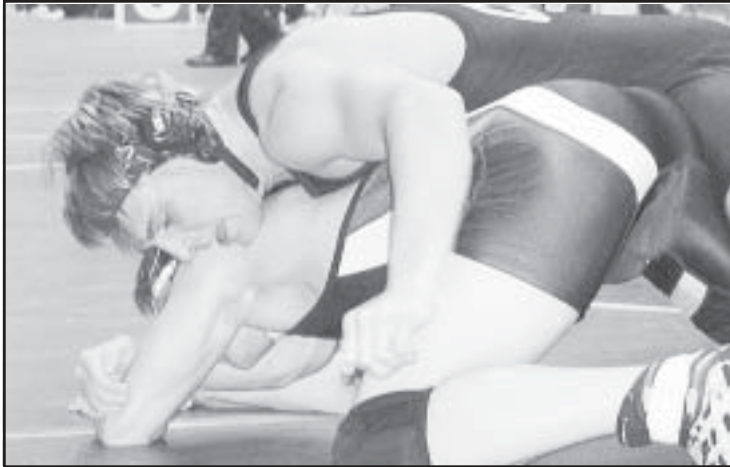
a senior assistant coach.

Mornhinweg was fired on Jan. 27 after compiling a 5-27 record in two seasons with Detroit.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs took the first step toward revamping their league-worst defense by signing coveted linebacker Shawn Barber to a seven-year deal.

Barber, who had 93 tackles and two interceptions with the Philadelphia Eagles last year, should help bolster the Chiefs’ defense, which allowed more points and yardage last season than any other in franchise history and ranked 32nd in yardage allowed.

Eagle grapplers at state



DANIEL MORRIS/Colby Free Press

Schuyler Sharpe (Top) finished fourth in the 152 pound weight division at the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament last weekend in Wichita. Brent Deibert (Left) worked to get leverage on his Concordia opponent in the heavyweight division. Tucker Olsen (Above Center) won his match against Chris O'Toole of Royal Valley by a score of 18-9 at 171 pounds. Travis Powell (Above) made his second appearance at the state tournament at 112 pounds.

Chiefs reach agreement with former St. Louis Ram

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs and former St. Louis cornerback Dexter McCleon have reached an agreement on a multiyear contract, but no date for McCleon to sign was immediately announced.

“It’s not a done deal yet,” Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore said Tuesday night, “but you’d be safe in saying that an agreement has been reached.”

McCleon’s signing would be the Chiefs’ second major move to shore

up a defense that was among the league’s worst in 2002. On Monday, they signed a seven-year deal with former Eagles linebacker Shawn Barber.

The Rams took McCleon, 29, out of Clemson in the second round of the 1997 draft. He was a starting cornerback from 1999, when current Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil coached the Rams to a Super Bowl title, through 2001.

McCleon lost his starting job to Dre’ Bly last season, when he was

hampered by a hamstring injury early in the year. He played in 13 games, starting four, and made 18 tackles with one interception and two fumble recoveries.

McCleon was among four players cut last week, although Rams’ coach Mike Martz had said the team would consider re-signing him at less than the \$3.9 million he was expected to make.

The Chiefs declined to specify the terms of the agreement, but the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and The

Kansas City Star both reported that the deal was for more than \$11 million over five years, including a \$2 million signing bonus.

The Chiefs still have both of their starting cornerbacks from 2002, William Barteel and Eric Warfield.



Boys Class 4A Sub-State Tournament

Colby (16-4)

72-39

Colby

Ulysses (4-15)

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. at Colby

Scott City (12-7)

65-43

Scott City

Pratt (9-10)

Saturday - 7:30 p.m. at Colby

Larned (14-5)

60-62

Larned

Concordia (8-11)

Thursday - 6 p.m. at Colby

Goodland (13-7)

83-49

Goodland

Hugoton (8-11)

Girls Class 4A Sub-State Tournament

Colby (19-1)

78-20

Colby

Ulysses (1-18)

Friday at Colby

Scott City (14-5)

Wednesday - 6 p.m. at Colby High School

Concordia (8-11)

Saturday - 6 p.m. at Colby

Larned (16-3)

Tuesday - 6 p.m. at Larned

Hugoton (5-14)

Friday at Colby

Goodland (15-5)

Wednesday - 7 p.m. at Hays High

Pratt (7-12)

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