

Defense boosts Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tamba Hali, who missed the Chiefs' first two preseason games because of sore ribs, sported a stunned smile after his first NFL game.

Kansas City's first-round draft pick had no idea the tackle he'd eluded Saturday to sack St. Louis quarterback Marc Bulger was Todd Stuesse, a 13-year NFL veteran.

"It feels good," Hali said. "He's been there, done that, knows the game."

Hali's tackle caused Bulger to fumble at the Rams 24 for a seven-yard loss in the second quarter. Will Svitek's recovery led to a field goal that put the Chiefs up 16-3 going into halftime.

The Chiefs' 16-12 win, which snapped an eight-game preseason losing streak, was their first game at Arrowhead under new head coach Herm Edwards.

"I just wanted to go out there and have fun, and that's what coach wanted us to do," Hali said. "Getting to the quarterback, I understand that's why you come to the league as a defensive end, to get to the quarterback and stop the run."

Hali, whose defensive line coach at Penn State was Larry Johnson Sr., father of the Chiefs' running back, had a team-high 11 sacks his senior year. He was the 20th overall pick in this year's draft.

Edwards has made defense a top priority, and Kansas City experienced defensive successes Saturday against the Rams. But those were diluted by 10 penalties for 80 lost yards. Jimmy Wilkerson sacked Bulger for a nine-yard loss. Rookie safety Bernard Pollard had four tackles, an interception and a forced fumble, but he also had a 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness.

"We can say they're young players but it's unacceptable because they're professional football players," Edwards said. "You can't keep teams in the game by making dumb fouls."

The Rams (1-2) had another frustrating night on offense. They were without injured wide receivers Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce and the first unit failed to score for the third game in a row.

"Not a big deal right now, because, we do that in the opener or the first couple games it's going to be a bigger issue," said coach Scott Linehan. "I'm not hung up on it. My biggest thing is, I want us to go back and make sure we're taking care of the ball and eliminate the penalties, and all that other stuff will come."

SportsBriefs

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods celebrated his 10-year anniversary of turning pro by winning for the 52nd time on the PGA Tour, making an 8-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole Sunday against Stewart Cink to win the Bridgestone Invitational.

Woods won for the fourth straight time, a streak that began at the British Open and shows no sign of ending.

This one looked to be in doubt, however, when Cink made up a three-shot deficit over the final three holes, then had Woods on the ropes the first three holes of the playoff.

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Matt Kenseth continued his momentum-building run toward the Chase for the championship Saturday night, pulling off a weekend sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway by winning the Sharpie 500.

His fourth win of the season clinched him a spot in NASCAR's 10-race playoff format, which begins Sept. 17 in New Hampshire.

HORSE RACING
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Bluegrass Cat became the latest 3-year-old colt forced into retirement by injury.

The Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes runner-up, who also finished second to Bernardini in Saturday's Travers, broke a bone in his right hind leg and was retired.

BASEBALL
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The Little League World Series championship between Columbus, Ga., and Kawaguchi City, Japan, was postponed by rain and rescheduled for 8 p.m. EDT Monday. It's the first time the title game will be played on a Monday night.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

The Colby High School Lady Eagles showed off their skills during a scrimmage Friday at the high school gym. The volleyball season opens Tuesday with varsity and junior varsity matches at home at the high school gym at 4:30 p.m. Last year, Colby finished fourth in the state tournament.

Trojan cross country teams finish third

By Trent Rose

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The Colby Community College men's and women's cross country teams opened their respective seasons Friday at the Barton County Invitational.

Both teams finished third out of four teams and Head Coach Jeff Becker was pleased with the results.

"We had a great first meet of season. We still have a lot of work to do to get to the point where we want to be, but this group is willing to

work hard (to get to that point)."

On the women's side, Mary Nyambura (sophomore, Kenya) led the way for the Lady Trojans, finishing sixth in the two-mile event with a time of 14:16.

Also finishing in the top 10 was freshman Tiffany Thomas (Goodland, Kan.), who took eighth place in a time of 14:26.

Other finishers for the women were Kalie Smith (11th, 14:36), Klare Zillinger (16th, 15:32), Nichole Eckels (19th, 16:15) and Jenna Faimon (23rd, 17:36).

The men had one top 10 finisher, Sandino Nero, who finished sixth in the three-mile event with a time of 16:00.

Other finishers for the men were Juve Chavez (14th, 16:50), Anton Sandoval (20th, 17:45), Mark Porter (25th, 18:39), Carlo Figlio (28th, 19:20), and Lance Clark (31st, 19:48).

The Trojan men and Lady Trojan women host the Colby Invitational 7 p.m. Sept. 8.

Trojans stumble out at opening tourney

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The Colby Community College women's volleyball team struggled in its first two matches of the season Friday in the North Platte, Neb., Tournament.

The Lady Trojans were defeated by Eastern Wyoming Community College and North Platte Community College.

Colby was without the services of its best weapon in sophomore outside hitter Ana Kokanovic missed the opening contests with an elbow injury.

"Ana averages normally 15 to 20 kills a game for us," Head Coach Pedro Gonzalez said. "Not having her on the court changes our rotation and the way we play."

However, Gonzalez said holding Kokanovic is the right decision, for her and for the team.

"We didn't want to risk an injury that would cost her to miss the rest of the season," Gonzalez said.

The Lady Trojans lost to East-

ern Wyoming by the scores of 26-30, 12-30, 24-30. In the second contest, North Platte defeated the Lady Trojans by the scores of 32-34, 26-30, 29-31. The Lady Trojans continue play in the North Platte Tournament Tuesday.

Colby plays its home opener 6:30 p.m. Wednesday versus Butler County.

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Cowboys fine Owens

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens has finally pushed the Dallas Cowboys too far, drawing a \$9,500 fine for missing a team meeting and a rehabilitation session and being late to an offensive meeting, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

"That's our club business. That's going to be accounted for," team owner Jerry Jones told the newspaper.

The incidents occurred Friday, the team's final day preparing for a preseason game against San Francisco. The Cowboys beat the 49ers 17-7, making them 3-0 this preseason without Owens playing any of the games because of a hamstring injury that's also kept him out of 19 of 31 practices since the start of training camp.

Neither team officials nor Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, immediately returned calls to The Associated Press seeking comment Sunday.

During a postgame television interview, Jones did not mention the fine but answered several other questions about Owens. Jones said his only concern with the receiver is "injury, not all this other stuff you hear about."

Owens' past is filled with run-ins with quarterbacks, coaches and others in his own organization. San Francisco and Philadelphia got rid of him, but the Cowboys welcomed him with open arms and a lucrative contract in March, four days after the Eagles released him.

Owens vowed to be a better man and a better teammate in Dallas.



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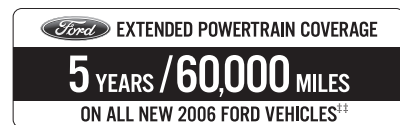
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