

Bulldogs off to rocky start

Golden Plains middle schoolers lose two at Brewster

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The Golden Plains Middle School boys basketball teams started their seasons with a couple of losses each at the annual preseason tournament in Brewster on Nov. 6.

The A team and the B team both lost their games to Wallace County and Northern Valley.

The A team consists of Luke Wessel, Cole Ziegelmeier, Koi Wessel, Domonic Luna, Joseph Koerperich and Kade Wessel. The Bulldogs started the tournament against Wallace County. Koerperich put in two buckets in the first quarter, but the Wildcats scored 13. Two free throws by Koerperich were the only points the Bulldogs scored in the second, and the Wallace County led 31-6 at the half.

In the third, Koerperich made two more free throws along with a bucket from Koi Wessel. Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel and Koerperich each added a bucket in the fourth. However, Golden Plains ending losing 57-16 to the Wildcats.

Northern Valley defeated the A team 50-19 in the second game. Koerperich scored all 11 points in the first half and added another four in the third quarter. Koi Wessel and Kade Wessel each made a bucket in the third. The Bull-

dogs were unable to get any buckets to fall foul in the fourth.

The B team lost its first game to Wallace County 51-10. Bodie Sauvage scored six points and Austin Rivera and Nicholas Brown each added two.

In their second game against Northern Valley, the B team struggled to get the ball in the basket, scoring only four points – two from Rivera and two from Brown. Northern Valley won 28-4.

Other B team players are Jesus Aragon, Dawson Spresser and Joey Griffith.

Luke Wessel, Cole Ziegelmeier, Koi Wessel, Domonic Luna, Joseph Koerperich, and Kade Wessel

The Bulldogs' middle school boys and girls teams will play Dighton starting at about 4 p.m. at Rexford.

A momentous occasion



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Colby High senior Caitlyn Wark signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Fort Hays State next season Tuesday as coach Jeniffer Rall watched. Wark finished third out of 24 girls in the Class 4A state tennis championship last month and took first at state her junior year. She was named Girl's Tennis Player of the Year by the website CatchitKansas.com this summer. The site, a production of KWCH-TV in Wichita and Hutchinson, covers Kansas high school sports.

Chastened Chiefs hit the practice field

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – When he mapped out long-range plans for rebuilding the Kansas City Chiefs, Todd Haley never figured on spending November practices retracing steps that were covered in training camp.

But neither did he plan on getting blown out in Denver and preparing for Arizona this week on the heels of a two-game losing streak. So in their first post-rout practice since 2009, the Chiefs buckled up, knuckled down and “went back to basics” on Wednesday.

Players said a tough workout was exactly what they needed after Sunday's 49-29 flop to the Broncos, a game in which they set a team record by falling behind 35-0 in the first half.

“Today was just a ‘put-your-head-down-and-go-hit’ day,” said fullback Tim Castille. “Hitting helps a little bit. You get to take your frustrations out on each other a little.”

Haley, limping noticeably from an injury or procedure he refused to disclose, agreed with players who said it was a good, energetic practice.

“We got a bunch of base work,” he said. “We were in pads, just trying to get back to fundamentals, fundamentals of doing things the right way – offense, defense, special teams. I thought we had a good day's work. I thought we made progress.”

Progress seemed urgently needed after the Denver loss. In fact, after a 3-0 start to their second year under Haley, the Chiefs (5-4) have played poorly their last three in a row.

They got lucky and beat Buffalo in overtime, then had no luck in losing in overtime to Oakland. Against Denver, they looked like the 2008 team that finished 2-14 and got the coach and general manager fired. Instead of leading the AFC West, they're tied with Oakland, although the Raiders hold the tiebreaker by virtue of beating them head-to-head.

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