

Brewster winning big



Bulldog Travis Dixon took a handoff from Jay Reid and ran for a first down against Jennings. Photo by Joan Jamison / The Goodland Daily News

Ranking finds Bulldogs tied for top ranking in its class

Brewster High is tied with Hanston for the No. 1 ranking statewide in Class 1A eight-man Division II football, according to The Associated Press consensus rankings.

Brewster will be playing the Sharon Springs Wildcats at 7:30 p.m. tonight at home.

Brewster's 2-0 record after two weeks of play has earned it its ranking on the list. Atwood ranked third in the 2-1A class eleven man, with a 2-0 record, and Norton ranked third in the 3A class with a 2-0 record.

The AP rankings are a compilation of ratings by the *Hutchinson News*, *Salina Journal*, *Topeka Capital-Journal* and *Wichita Eagle*. The season's second week changed little in the rankings.

The leaders remained the same in six of seven classes, even in two where there had been ties for the No.

1 spot after the first week of play. The exception was in Class 5A, but its No. 1 team, Liberal, had been tied for the top ranking the week before.

Liberal ran over Wyoming's Cheyenne Central, 28-7, claiming the top spot on the basis of that showing. Salina Central dropped out of the tie after edging out traditional rival Salina South 18-13.

Three teams — Fort Scott, Topeka Hayden and Holton — are still tied for the top 4A ranking. Likewise, Brewster and Hanston share the No. 1 spot for eight-man's Division II.

Among the state's largest high schools, Garden City remained No. 1. The only change in Class 6A came when Junction City and Derby traded the No. 4 and No. 5 spots, with Junction City ahead.

In Class 3A, Smith Center kept the

No. 1 ranking by destroying WaKeeney, 44-0. But Lakin, last week's No. 4 team, lost to Stanton County, 40-21, to tumble out of the rankings.

The rankings remained unchanged in classes 4A and 2-1A, as well as in both divisions of eight-man competition.

Claffin in 2-1A and St. Paul in eight-man Division I play were the consensus top picks.

Here are this week's ratings:

Class 6A
1. Garden City, 2-0. 2. Olathe South, 2-0. 3. Olathe North, 2-0. 4. Junction City, 2-0. 5. Derby, 2-0.
Others rated: None.

Class 5A
1. Liberal, 2-0. 2. Salina Central, 2-0. 3. St. Thomas Aquinas, 2-0, and Salina South, 1-1. 5. tie, Pittsburg, 1-1, and Valley Center, 2-0.
Others rated: None.

Class 4A
1. Fort Scott, 2-0; Holton, 2-0; and Topeka Hayden, 2-0. 4. tie, Pratt, 2-0, and Wellington, 2-0.
Others rated: Louisburg, 2-0, and Smoky Valley, 2-0.

Class 3A
1. Smith Center, 2-0. 2. Wichita Collegiate, 2-0. 3. Norton, 2-0. 4. Conway Springs, 2-0. 5. Medicine Lodge, 2-0.
Others rated: Rock Creek, 2-0.

Class 2-1A
1. Claffin, 2-0. 2. Pittsburg Collegian, 2-0. 3. Atwood, 2-0. 4. LaCrosse, 2-0. 5. Centralia, 2-0.
Others rated: Onaga, 2-0.

Eight-Man I
1. St. Paul, 2-0. 2. Little River, 2-0. 3. Tribune, 2-0. 4. Burrton, 2-0. 5. Hanover, 2-0.
Others rated: Jetmore, 2-0.

Eight Man II
1. tie, Brewster, 2-0, and Hanston, 2-0. 3. tie, Midway-Denton, 2-0, and Northern Valley, 2-0. 5. White City, 2-0.
Others rated: Hope, 2-0.

Kids look for chance to go to play-offs

Kids will have their chance to punt, pass and kick all the way to a National Football League play-offs game on Saturday.

The Goodland Activities Center will hold the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition at 9 a.m. Saturday at Cowboy Stadium. Registration will begin at 8:30.

Players for the Kansas City Chiefs, in town for the Slice of Life Benefit Golf Tournament that benefits the Goodland Regional Medical Center, will be present at Saturday's competition to sign autographs and pose for

pictures. This is the first year for the activity center to sponsor the event, said director Donna Terry.

Kids 8 to 15 can work their way from the local competition in Goodland to a sectional competition in October. From there, the top four or five kids will travel to one of the National Football Leagues games in November or December and then on to the national competition in January at the play-offs.

Winners of Saturday's competition will be announced at 10 a.m. by the Chiefs players.

Chiefs' fans miss player

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City fans were looking forward to Ryan Leaf's return. Instead, they're going to get Moses Moreno.

Leaf was expected to start for San Diego at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday, almost two years to the day after the heralded rookie quarterback had one of the most nightmarish days in the history of his high-profile profession.

But San Diego coach Mike Riley said Thursday that Leaf, who was 29-of-63 for 314 yards with one touchdown and five interceptions in losses to Oakland and New Orleans, would take a seat on the bench against the Chiefs.

Leaf sat out all of last season with an injury, then worked his way back to the starting lineup. Earlier this week, Riley had been thinking how much it would do for his young quarterback's psyche to come back to Kansas City and play well.

"That would do a lot for him as far as putting some of those ghosts behind him," Riley said. "I think that has stayed with him for a long time. It's what people refer to all the time. It's nothing you get over very fast."

In his 1998 debacle, Leaf actually had more turnovers (5) than passing yards (4).

"The Kansas City week has been bad for me, huh?" Leaf said Thursday. "All three of us are capable of starting and winning for this ballclub. Jim (Harbaugh) and Moses have supported me through all this. I'm going to support Moses."

Moreno, a third-year backup, will be

making his second career start and his first for the Chargers.

"I think our team needs a spark," Riley said. "One of our biggest goals to be a better team is to be more productive on offense and we haven't done that."

In a brief appearance this year, Moreno was 3-of-4 for 20 yards.

"In a 16-game season, you have to be ready at all times," he explained. "I'm getting my opportunity here and I'm going to take advantage of it."

Kansas City coach Gunther Cunningham said Thursday the quarterback switch would not force the Chiefs to tinker much with their game plan.

"I think you approach the game the same way," Cunningham said. "It's still their offense. It's just a different guy delivering the ball."

It's an inexperienced secondary Moreno will be facing. Rookie Patrick Dennis will make his first start at left cornerback, joining rookie safety Greg Wesley.

Former Chargers linebacker Lew Bush, who signed with the Chiefs this season, figures his new teammates are not getting any great break by facing Moreno instead of Leaf.

"He's a real smart guy who knows where to go with the ball," said Bush. "We've got our work cut out for us. There's not that much of a dropoff between him and Ryan other than the size factor."

The 6-foot-5 Leaf towers over the 6-1 Moreno, who was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1998.

Two Olympic greats among stars competing in Sydney

Two of the greatest Olympians of the 20th century will be among the biggest stars competing in Sydney, Australia, at the 2000 Summer Games.

Sprinter Michael Johnson of the United States gained unprecedented wins at the 1996 Atlanta Games in the 200-meter and 400-meter races. He's the only man ever to sweep both events at the same Olympics.

Weight lifter Naim Suleymanoglu of Turkey is trying to become the first in his sport to win a fourth Olympic gold medal.

The 4-foot-11-inch "Pocket Hercules" won in the 141-pound class in 1988, 1992 and 1996.

Over 10,000 athletes from nearly 200 nations will compete in Sydney.

Marion Jones of the United States is the most-heralded woman.

She hopes to win five gold medals at one Olympics, a feat unmatched by any female in track and field history. Jones is favored in the 100 and 200 meters, the 400 and the 1,600 relay. Plus, she is a long-jump contender.

In the premier race of the Summer Games, Maurice Greene of the United States wants to capture the 100-meter dash. Greene, who has set a world record of 9.79 seconds, is billed as the world's fastest human.

Hicham el-Guerrouj of Morocco is

going after the 1,500-meter gold medal. He's the world record-holder at that distance and in the mile.

Romania's Gabriela Szabo seeks an unmatched women's Olympic double at 1,500 and 5,000 meters.

She was the 1999 female athlete of the year.

The only high jumper ever to clear 8 feet is Cuba's Javier Sotomayor.

Tomas Dvorak of the Czech Republic might be the best athlete on Earth. He is the world record holder in the decathlon.

In gymnastics, U.S. coach Bela Karolyi has Dominique Dawes and Amy Chow back from the "Magnificent Seven" that won the team gold

medal in 1996. Plus, he's got newcomer Elise Ray. They'll battle Romania's Andreea Raducan.

Russia's Svetlana Khorkina was the uneven bars gold medalist in 1996.

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