

Struggling to win



Michael Zimmerman, a freshman at Goodland High School, wrestled Saturday's junior varsity tournament at the Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Chiefs lose despite Grbac's good game

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Elvis Grbac had one of his best games of the season against the New England Patriots. It turned out he completed one pass too many. The Kansas City quarterback threw

for 350 yards and three touchdowns Monday night, but his pass across the middle with 11 seconds left didn't give the Chiefs enough time for another play and the Patriots held on for a 30-24 victory. "That was not the play I wanted,"

Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham said. Grbac "didn't see anyone open, but the ball should have been thrown to the end zone."

Drew Bledsoe completed 33 of 48 passes for a season-high 282 yards, and Troy Brown caught 12 of them for 119 yards and a touchdown. Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals as the Patriots (4-9) had their highest point total of the season and won for just the second time in seven games.

Derrick Alexander caught five passes for 116 yards, including an 81-yard touchdown, for the Chiefs.

The Chiefs, who had used all their timeouts on defense, didn't even try to line up as the final few seconds ticked off the clock.

"I probably should have thrown the ball into the end zone. But I saw Tony was open," said Grbac, who completed 25 of 46 passes. "I got him the ball. Any time I get the ball to Tony, he can score."

With its fifth consecutive loss, Kansas City (5-8) was officially eliminated from the playoff race.

But even the dud matchup provided some excitement for Monday Night Football, which has had two of the previous six games decided on last-play field goals.

The Patriots took a 27-10 lead on Bledsoe's two touchdown passes, Kevin Faulk's 1-yard dive and a pair of field goals. But Kansas City came back, scoring on the third play of the fourth quarter when Grbac hit Gonzalez from 4 yards out.

Cowboys pull ahead to win

After a tight first quarter, the Goodland Cowboys junior varsity pulled ahead in the second period against Imperial on Friday night, and then held on to win the game 72-58.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 18-16. Goodland managed 21 points to Imperial's 10 in the second quarter, leaving the score 39-26. Imperial put in an effort to even up a score in the third and fourth quarters, scor-

ing 16 points in each. Goodland got 18 points in the third, leading 57-42 at the end, and 15 points in the fourth.

High scorers for Goodland were Jordan Reibel, with four three-point shots out of the seven and one two-point shot on his only attempt, and Andrew Melia with six two-pointers out 10 attempts. Don Raymer scored on four out of 10 he attempted.

On offensive rebounds the team

grabbed the ball 16 times. Brian Mai and Don Raymer got five apiece and Melia had three.

Kris Rubio and Don Raymer each got three defensive rebounds. Aaron Gittinger, Melia and Rubio got three steals apiece and Mai and Raymer had two steals.

The junior varsity team will play at home at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, against Quinter.

Arizona gambles on new leader
Hiring of former Chiefs coach announced

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In hiring John Mackovic, Arizona gambled that the competitive fires are still burning in a 57-year-old man who has been away from coaching for three years.

It was a move in stark contrast of the Wildcats' archrivals at Arizona State, where the Sun Devils opted last weekend for 41-year-old Dirk Koetter, a head coach for just three seasons at Boise State.

Mackovic has coached at three major colleges — Texas, Illinois and Wake Forest, as well as a four-year stint with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.

He was conference coach of the year in all three collegiate jobs.

"No one else offered the impeccable credentials that John offered for the well-being of student-athletes, football knowledge — not just X's and O's, although he certainly knows about that," Arizona athletic director Jim Livengood said. "John has a ton of passion and a burning desire to be back in college football and coaching young people."

At the news conference Monday to announce his hiring, Mackovic said that as he watched 20 to 30 games a week on the big bank of televisions at ESPN, the urge to get back to coaching grew stronger.

He said he thought the Arizona job was the best opening of the many that were created in the last few weeks. He returns to a program where he was of-fensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach a quarter-century ago.

"It's been a long wait," he said, "but I feel like I'm finally home."

When he was fired at Texas after a 4-7 season in 1997, Mackovic said he

was through with coaching.

"I chose to say I was retired because I was hurt," Mackovic said. "I just didn't know if I wanted to continue because I felt we had done the things that were asked of us and we had put our program at Texas in not only a competitive but a winning position, but we had an off year."

Mackovic agreed to a five-year contract. His salary was not disclosed pending approval by the Board of Regents.

Livengood wanted an offensive-minded coach, and Mackovic fills that bill. He said he will call the plays.

"I will be vitally involved with all parts of the program," he said, "but I do expect to be involved on a minute-by-minute basis with the offense."

After 14 years as coach, Dick Tomey resigned moments after the Wildcats lost to Arizona State 30-17 in the season finale.

Mackovic said replacing Tomey was a bittersweet aspect of his decision. He and Tomey are close friends.

One of Tomey's main failures was his inability to get Arizona to the Rose Bowl. The Wildcats are the only Pac-10 team never to make it to the Pasadena classic.

"I want us to be the best. That's why I do things," Mackovic said. "First of all, we have to get to and win the Rose Bowl. This university has not been there. That would be my No. 1 obligation to our team, our university, our fans."

He also talked about bolstering dwindling fan support.

Mackovic said he wants the home crowd to become "as ferocious and as

fearsome and as loathed by opponents as we can make it. It can be done. It's been done other places in the Pac-10 that at one time were not known for their home-field advantage."

He said he turned down another offer recently and was contacted by a third school, but had already accepted the Arizona job.

Mackovic's record in 13 seasons as a college coach is 85-64-3. He was 30-34 with the Chiefs.

He was offensive coordinator at Purdue in 1977 and was quarterbacks coach for Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys in 1981 and 1982.

Mackovic directed Texas to a 10-2-1 record in 1995 and won the Big 12 championship in 1996, but was fired after the Longhorns went 4-7 in 1997. His over-all record at Texas was 41-28-2.

The warm weather was a factor in his decision. He said it also should be a major recruiting advantage.

Mackovic said he won't be able to devote his full energy to the Arizona job until he completes his obligations to ESPN for the next few weeks. He said he will not rush to hire a staff, but wants to have some assistants in place soon to work on recruiting.

He said he had no problems going to a school where the basketball program of coach Lute Olson overshadows football.

"It overshadows only in the sense that they've had such phenomenal success, and they deserve every bit of the recognition," he said. "That Arizona logo with the saguaro cactus sticking out of it, that is better known today than anybody could have dreamed, and that helps every team in recruiting."

bowling

Thursday Night Mixed League
Nov. 30, 2000

Our Team over Bankwest of Kansas 3-1
Exit 17 over Mex & Company 4-0
Charlie's Angels over Poor Country Folks 3-1

McDonald's over Gutter Dusters 4-0
Sunwest Investments over Rod & Suzie's Welding 3-1
Bowladium Lanes over Rain or Shine 3-1

Women's high game for Nov. 16: Suzie Butts-200

Women's high game: Diana Nichols-204

Women's high series: Laura Wing-488

Men's high game: Terry Sapp-215

Men's high series: Terry Sapp-560

Team high game: Sunwest Investments-834
Team high series: Sunwest Investments-2293

League Standings: No. 1 Exit 17 4, 0; No. 2 McDonald's 4, 0; No. 3 Bowladium Lanes 3, 1.

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch
Classic League
Nov. 29, 2000

ProLine Inc. over Fitzgibbons 17-3
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Sigco 12-8
Bowladium Lanes over Weber Kennel 11-9

Eisenbart Trucking over Burlington 17-3
Individual high game: Jhan VanDonge-

279
Individual high series: Jerry Amthor-920

Team high game: Alcorn Shelter Insurance-694

Team high series: Alcorn Shelter Insurance-2474

League Standings: Alcorn Shelter Insurance 71 1/2, 28 1/2; Sigco 69 1/2, 30 1/2; Bowladium Lanes 59 1/2, 40 1/2; ProLine Inc. 59 1/2, 40 1/2; Eisenbart Trucking 55, 45; Weber Kennel 40 1/2, 59 1/2; Fitzgibbons 28, 72; Burlington 16 1/2, 83 1/2.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Nov. 29, 2000

D & G Clan over Phillips Brothers 4-0
Konorado Coop over Mueller Grain 3-1
Pinbreakers over Kickers 4-0
Gamblers over W-R Equipment 3-1
Extras over Mudslingers 4-0
Shear Dimensions over Team One 4-0

Men's high game: Jim Fritz-222

Men's high series: Melvin Musil, Sr.-587

Women's high game: Julie Crow-195

Women's high series: Becky Cloyd-521

Team high game: Pinbreakers-877

Team high series: Pinbreakers-2456

League Standings: D & G Clan 33, 19; Shear Dimensions 31, 21; Phillips Brothers 31, 21; Extras 31, 21; Gamblers 30, 22.

nfl scoreboard

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National Football League
American Conference

East
WL T Pct PF PA
Miami 103 0 .769 270 166
N.Y. Jets 9 4 0 .692 287 246
Buffalo 7 6 0 .538 243 270
Indianapolis 7 6 0 .538 334 283
New England 4 9 0 .308 222 277

Central
WL T Pct PF PA
Tennessee 103 0 .769 256 188
Baltimore 9 4 0 .692 262 135
Pittsburgh 7 6 0 .538 253 201
Jacksonville 6 7 0 .462 284 272
Cincinnati 3 100 .231 158 294
Cleveland 3 110 .214 137 360

West
WL T Pct PF PA
Oakland 103 0 .769 372 256
Denver 9 4 0 .692 409 316
Kansas City 5 8 0 .385 307 304
Seattle 5 8 0 .385 246 308
San Diego 1 120 .077 223 352

National Conference

East
WL T Pct PF PA
N.Y. Giants 9 4 0 .692 253 198
Philadelphia 9 5 0 .643 300 214
Washington 7 6 0 .538 245 210
Dallas 4 9 0 .308 249 304
Arizona 3 100 .231 190 366

Central
WL T Pct PF PA
x-Minnesota 112 0 .846 330 267
Detroit 8 5 0 .615 264 251
Tampa Bay 8 5 0 .615 320 204
Green Bay 6 7 0 .462 277 268
Chicago 3 100 .231 169 301

West
WL T Pct PF PA
New Orleans 8 5 0 .615 279 245
St. Louis 8 5 0 .615 439 383
Carolina 6 7 0 .462 257 221
San Francisco 5 8 0 .385 335 353
Atlanta 3 110 .214 216 377

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 24, Detroit 17

Sunday's Games

Seattle 30, Atlanta 10

Miami 33, Buffalo 6

Carolina 16, St. Louis 3

N.Y. Giants 9, Washington 7

Cincinnati 24, Arizona 13

Denver 38, New Orleans 23

Tampa Bay 27, Dallas 7

Pittsburgh 21, Oakland 20

Tennessee 15, Philadelphia 13

San Francisco 45, San Diego 17

N.Y. Jets 27, Indianapolis 17
Jacksonville 48, Cleveland 0
Green Bay 28, Chicago 6
Open: Baltimore

Monday's Game
New England 30, Kansas City 24
Sunday, Dec. 10

Detroit at Green Bay, 11 a.m.

New England at Chicago, 11 a.m.

San Diego at Baltimore, 11 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Miami, 11 a.m.

Carolina at Kansas City, 11 a.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 11 a.m.

Seattle at Denver, 2:05 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.

New Orleans at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 6:35 p.m.

Open: Atlanta

Monday, Dec. 11

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.

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Mill & Seed
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