

# 'Dawgs lose to Grinnell

The Lady Bulldogs from Brewster High School lost a tough 56-53 match to Grinnell in the first round of Western Kansas Liberty League action on Tuesday night.

Brewster's next game will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Building as they face Golden Plains in the pool play of the tournament.

Things looked grim for the Lady 'Dawgs after the loss of leading scorer Sara Luckert early in the game. Luckert went out with a knee injury and coach Laura Rush said she didn't know the extent of Luckert's injury, but "it didn't look good" for her return.

Brewster was down 19-14 at the end of the first quarter and hung in with Grinnell in the second, trailing 37-31 at the half.

Grinnell extended their leave over the Lady Bulldogs in the third, outscoring them 12-6 and leading 49-37 at the break.

Brewster put on a furious comeback in the fourth, outscoring Grinnell 16-7 and trailing by three with almost a minute left. The Lady Bulldogs were forced to foul and Grinnell missed the free throws, but the Brewster girls were unable to put the plays together for a lead at the end.

Ashley Carpenter and Alicia Collett each had 13 points to lead in the effort. Carpenter rose above her 3.2 point average after Luckert's injury and also had three rebounds and a steal.

Collett continued her dominance of the boards with 11 rebounds. She also had a team leading three steals along with four assists.

Jill Beiser had nine points, two steals and a team leading five assists. Tara Fulwider had seven points, three rebounds and an assist.

Miranda Starns had five points, along with a rebounds, a steal and an assist. Erin Carney had four points, six

rebounds and an assist.

Amber Fulwider had two rebounds in the effort, and Luckert had two points before leaving the game.

Part of Grinnell's success was they had 26 offensive rebounds to Brewster's 3. The Lady Bulldogs did better on the defensive side with 23 rebounds to 13 for Grinnell.

Brewster had the better shooting percentage at 57.1 percent to 28.4 for Grinnell, but the difference was the number of shots with Brewster getting 20 field goals on 35 attempts while Grinnell's 19 field goals came on 67 attempts. The Lady Bulldogs also had the better shooting percentage for both three-point baskets and free throws. Brewster hit 2 of 6 three-point tries for 33 percent while Grinnell hit 3 of 11 for 27.3 percent. At the charity stripe Brewster made 7 of 10 for 70 percent while Grinnell hit 9 of 22 for 41 percent.



# Coach does not come cheap for Kansas City Chiefs

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Coaches who have won Super Bowls do not come cheap.

Prying the retired Dick Vermeil out of his consultant's contract with St. Louis is going to cost the Kansas City Chiefs second- and third-round draft picks and relieve Vermeil himself of a half-million dollars.

Nevertheless, Kansas City Chiefs president Carl Peterson says, it's fair compensation for "the premier football coach in the National Football League."

Vermeil agreed last week to a three-year contract worth about \$10 million, The Kansas City Star reported Thursday. Vermeil would likely be intro-

duced at a news conference Friday, the newspaper said.

"Dick Vermeil's record speaks for itself," Peterson said Wednesday following commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling.

"I think it was appropriate for a Super Bowl coach. This man has been successful at everything he's ever done."

Vermeil, who retired after coaching the Rams to last year's Super Bowl title over Tennessee, said he, too, was pleased.

"I thought they made it fair. I feel good about it. I'm glad the Rams got something," Vermeil said from his home in the Philadelphia area. "They were good to me for three years. This is a way of paying something back to

them."

Asked when the Chiefs would begin working out contract particulars with Vermeil, Peterson said, "When does the next plane from Philadelphia get in?"

Peterson and Vermeil were coaches together at UCLA more than two decades ago. Their friendship deepened when Vermeil led the 1980 Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl while Peterson was director of player personnel.

Peterson tried to talk his buddy out of retirement when he was first put in charge of the Chiefs in 1989. He wound up with his second choice, Marty Schottenheimer.

Gunther Cunningham, after a 7-9 season, was left dangling for a week

until Peterson was finally able to persuade Vermeil to come back "to doing what he loves."

It's the second time Vermeil, 64, has come out of retirement. He stepped down after Philadelphia's Super Bowl and worked as a television commentator for 13 years before joining the Rams three seasons ago.

"I guess it was just meant to be," he said of his reunion with Peterson. "We were together at UCLA and the Eagles and now we're together again in Kansas City. I'm appreciative of how the commissioner ruled. It allows me to do what I'm best at, with people I admire and respect."

The Chiefs will give the Rams their second-round pick this year and the 2002 third-round choice they acquired

from Washington after the Redskins signed Schottenheimer.

Besides the draft picks, Tagliabue also said the Rams were due the \$500,000 they paid Vermeil as a consultant. Peterson said Vermeil would "make the Rams whole."

Rams president John Shaw said when Vermeil left the team he was given a \$2 million bonus as a thank-you for the Super Bowl championship, but that it was not intended as a payoff for the remainder of the contract.

Tagliabue found that, although the agreement did not prohibit Vermeil from seeking a coaching position with another club in 2000 or 2001, "the clear purpose and effect of the agreement ... was that Vermeil would remain retired from coaching through the 2001 season."

Peterson said publicly that he did not believe the Chiefs owed the Rams anything. But he said Wednesday the Rams

might have made out even better had they been willing to deal with him and not take the matter to the commissioner.

"If John Shaw and the Rams had decided to negotiate, we could have come to the same conclusion, perhaps even a better decision by the St. Louis Rams. I consider this individual the best coach in the National Football League," Peterson said.

Shaw appeared to be satisfied.

"The Rams feel vindicated that commissioner Tagliabue has awarded us significant draft compensation," he said.

"This decision protects and upholds the NFL's anti-tampering policy and the integrity of a coach's contract. This matter is now closed. We will focus our efforts on completing the Rams' coaching staff, free agency, the upcoming collegiate draft and preparing for the 2001 season."

# Longhorns win over Wildcats; keep streak alive

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As the shots continued to clank off the rim and thud off the backboard, Texas coach Rick Barnes stayed calm.

The No. 23 Longhorns, trying to keep a pair of winning streaks alive against Kansas State, were missing shots in bunches and looking ragged on offense.

It got so bad, the home crowd of 8,316 gave a sarcastic cheer when Royal Ivey hit a free throw with 30 seconds left in the first half that finally gave Texas 20 points.

But Barnes stayed calm.

Texas wasn't scoring, but neither was Kansas State. And even after shooting just 6-of-36 from the floor in the first half — 20 minutes of basketball that Barnes told his players were some of the worst he hoped to see them play — Texas escaped with a 63-41 win Wednesday night.

By winning even when it played poorly, Texas (12-2, 2-0 Big 12) extended its home winning streak to 22 games and won its seventh in a row overall, the longest such streak in Barnes' three seasons in Austin.

"You're going to have some bad nights like that," Barnes said. "I told them we're going to find a way to make shots in the second half."

Eventually, the Longhorns did. Chris Owens and Darren Kelly sparked a 12-0 run in the second half that turned a close game into a 37-21 Texas lead, and the Longhorns never looked back.

Texas outrebounded Kansas State 49-32 and held the Wildcats to 30.4 percent shooting for the game. Kansas State starters Larry Reid, Richie Terry and Kelvin Howell went a combined 0-for-12 from the floor. Phineas Atchison led the Wildcats (7-6, 1-1) with 11 points.

"The only word I can come up with offensively is inept," Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge said. "I had no idea we couldn't make a layup or an open jump shot. That was not entertaining at all. It stunk."

Texas' defense had something to do with that. The Longhorns turned 21 Wildcats turnovers into 18 points and constantly harassed Kansas State shooters into off-balance shots.

Still, it was anyone's game at half-

time with Texas clinging to a 20-16 lead, and the Longhorns looked nothing like a Top 25 team. The Texas players half expected Barnes to unleash a tirade in the locker room.

"He wasn't upset because I think he knew we were playing good defense," said Owens, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds. "If you play good defense, you always have a chance. He told us to keep our defensive intensity up, to keep crashing the boards on the offensive end."

Barnes said there was no point yelling about missed shots even after watching the teams make just 11 of 59 in the first half.

"That's the hardest thing to talk to

players about, is not making shots," Barnes said. "When the ball isn't going in, you can't coach it or really say anything about it."

Texas was much better in the second half, going 15-of-27 from the floor and connecting on six 3-pointers.

Texas led 25-21 when Owens hit a short jumper, and Kelly followed with a 3 and a floater in the lane that made it 32-21. Texas maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the way.

The win ended a five-game home-stand for Texas, its longest of the season. The Longhorns visit Big 12 rival Nebraska on Saturday before returning home for a nationally televised match-up with Connecticut on Monday.

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# Quarterback has surgery

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos quarterback Brian Griese has had surgery on his separated right shoulder and could be ready for the team's first minicamp next season.

Griese was accompanied by his father, Hall of Famer Bob, to the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic on Wednesday. Dr. Richard Hawkins repaired the joint

where the shoulder blade meets the collarbone.

Team officials said there are no complications, and the recovery time is about four months.

That timetable means Griese could be able to participate in Denver's first minicamp, which typically is two weeks after the NFL draft. This year's draft is April 22-23.

Griese, the NFL's top-rated quarterback last season, hurt his throwing shoulder on Nov. 13.

# bowling results

<b>Tuesday Night Alibi League</b> Jan. 2, 2001
Bumper Babes over Ghost Team 4-0 Shelter Insurance over Northwinds Survey 4-0 Blossom Shoppe over A Head of the Times 3-1 Hitchcock over Kanorado Collingwood 3-1
<b>High scratch game:</b> Betty Wright-206 <b>High scratch series:</b> Jeannie Pyles-553
<b>High handicap game:</b> Phyllis Darby-242 <b>High handicap series:</b> Regina Mastin-630
<b>Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League</b> Jan. 3, 2001
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Eisenbart Trucking 14-6 Fitzgibbons over Weber Kennel 13-7 ProLine Inc. over Burlington 20-0 Sigco over Bowladium Lanes 16-4
<b>Individual high game:</b> Jhan VanDonge-226 <b>Individual high series:</b> Jhan VanDonge-830
<b>Team high game:</b> Alcorn Shelter Insurance-595 <b>Team high series:</b> Sigco-2301
<b>League Standings:</b> Sigco 36, 4; Proline Inc. 31, 9; Fitzgibbons 30, 10; Alcorn Shelter Insurance 22, 1/2, 17 1/2; Weber Kennel 18 1/2, 21 1/2; Bowladium Lanes 13, 27; Eisenbart Trucking 9, 31; Burlington 0, 40.

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