

## Qualifiers go to district shoot

All but one of the six first-place winners of the Elks Hoop Shoot basketball competition held in early January at Goodland went to the district competition Jan. 27 in Russell.

In the 8-9 girls division, Katie Clancy, daughter of Connie Russell of Goodland, placed third. She made 11 of 25 free throws and then won a tiebreaker by making three of five shots.

For the 8-9 boys division, Greg Farris, son of Pam and Eddie Galindo of Goodland, placed sixth, after making six of 25 free throws.

In the 10-11 girls division, Morgan Witzel, daughter of Donn and Kami Witzel of Burlington, came in third when she made five of 25 free throws. She also won a tiebreaker after making three of five shots.

For the 10-11 boys division, Taylor Elder, son of Tim and Beverly Elder of Sharon Springs, placed third after he made 20 of 25 free throws.

In the 12-13 girls division, both the first place winner, Lauren Cox of Colby, and the second place winner, Jessica Baker of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., from the Goodland competition were unable to go to Russell.

For the 12-13 boys division, Heath Baird, son of Bruce and Donita Baird of Brewster, came in third by making 18 of 25 free throws.



Katie Clancy



Greg Farris



Morgan Witzel



Taylor Elder



Lauren Cox



Heath Baird

## Kansas loads up on beefy linemen

LAWRENCE (AP) — Speculation that Terry Allen might be fired if Kansas fails to rebound next year caused some top recruiting prospects to turn their backs on the Jayhawks, Allen said Wednesday.

Allen unveiled a class of 17 high school prospects and nine junior college transfers he signed on Wednesday, including several highly sought stars. They include a star running back from Oklahoma and a bevy of beefy offensive linemen who could lend immediate help at a position of need.

But Kansas' 4-7 record last year was something recruiting rivals were quick to use against the Jayhawks.

"Recruiting's a nasty war out there," Allen said. "People say and do and talk about a lot of things. When you lose your last four football games, with the state of college football today, those things can come back and haunt you."

Asked if talk about the possibility of him being in his last year as head coach cost him any recruits, Allen said, "Sure it did."

"The most negative thing that's thrown around out there when you're coming off a disappointing season is job security. You can't overcome that until you have success."

Nevertheless, Allen said he was happy with his haul.

"I think we had an excellent class. This group is really an excellent fit for us," he said. "Across the board, we did a good job of identifying and meeting our needs."

Uppermost on the list of 2001 signees may be a group of junior college offensive linemen. The smallest is Danny Lewis, a 6-foot-5, 290 pounder from Phoenix (Ariz.) Community College. The biggest, Brock Teddlton, weighs 330.

"We've got nine junior college players, but the best thing about them is seven of those guys are mid-semester transfers. We've got them on campus now. They'll be able to participate in spring practice," Allen said.

Having the offensive linemen on campus now could be a great help in getting them up to speed next fall.

"It's paramount," Allen said. "We wanted big, physical players and guys who could get here at mid-semester. These guys fit the bill. Teddlton might be as big a guy as there is rolling around here. He's very strong. All of them move their feet relatively well."

One of the most highly sought prospects Allen signed was running back Marshall Chiles, 5-10, 205 of El Reno, Okla., who rushed for 2,008 yards last year and scored 44 touchdowns. He was named the Class 5A district player of the year.

"And we all know the caliber of Oklahoma football," said Allen.

Another jewel might be wide receiver Greg Heaggans of Kansas City, Kan. Rated as the No. 1 athlete in the state of Kansas by one publication, he had six interceptions as a defensive back and returned three kickoffs for touchdowns.

"He's fast. He can really run," Allen said.

Brian Luke, a quarterback from Walnut Creek, Calif., led Las Lomas High School to the North Coast Sectional championship game. He set five school records, including passing for 2,800 yards as a senior.

"We've got a very good quarterback in Brian Luke," Allen said.

One thing that did not prove a problem was not having his staff up to full strength during the busy recruiting period, Allen said. Most prominent

among the coaching vacancies is defensive coordinator, which Allen had hoped to fill with Kurt Schottenheimer.

But Schottenheimer, who was fired as defensive coordinator by the Kansas City Chiefs, took a job as defensive coordinator at the Washington Redskins and rejoined his brother Marty Schottenheimer.

"You can only have seven coaches on the road at a time. Including me, that's eight. We had the full complement of coaches out all the time," Allen said. "It didn't become an issue."

## Kansas State signs players for 2001 class

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State coach Bill Snyder announced the commitments of 28 players for the 2001 recruiting class on Wednesday.

Kansas State signed 10 junior-college transfers, one transfer from Michigan State and 17 incoming freshmen on the national football signing day.

The Wildcats signed players at all positions except tight end.

The class includes six wide receivers, four defensive backs, three running backs, three fullbacks, three defensive ends, three offensive linemen, three linebackers, two defensive tackles, two quarterbacks, one kicker and one punter.

Ten states are represented in the class, including eight players from Kansas.

Snyder said he is pleased with the diversity of the class.

"As always the case, the strength of this or any other recruiting class will not be determined until we have these young men in our program for

## Wildcats lose heartbreaker

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's first game without Kareem Rush was an adventure, to say the least.

Brian Grawer scored a season-best 22 points and hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 15.4 seconds left in a wild 70-66 victory Wednesday night. The Tigers rallied from a late eight-point deficit after blowing a 15-point first-half lead and overcame 33-percent overall shooting by going 13-for-28 from 3-point range and 19-for-21 from the free-throw line.

Only six of the Tigers' baskets were not from 3-point range.

"So much happened, and Brian's will held us together," coach Quin Snyder said. "Our margin for error with Kareem out is small."

Grawer, who is averaging 7.2 points, helped fill the void left when Rush suffered a season-ending thumb injury in a loss at Oklahoma State on Monday. Grawer was 6-for-12 from 3-point range and played all 40 minutes as Rush, in street clothes and wearing a cast, watched from the bench after undergoing surgery earlier in the day.

"My guys were finding me and I had a pretty good night," Grawer said. "We just have to come together closer as a team to make up for Kareem's loss because one player's not going to make up for what Kareem does every night."

Besides Rush and his Big 12-leading 21.9-point average, Missouri also overcame a poor game by No. 2 scorer Clarence Gilbert, who played despite having the flu and scored only two points. But Gilbert's points were big: a pair of free throws for the game's final points with 4.3 seconds to play, after Quentin Buchanan shot an air ball from the baseline for Kansas State's last chance.

"He was throwing up the whole time before the game," Snyder said. "I admired the fact he wanted to play, but if you're going to play you have to play a certain way."

Freshman Wesley Stokes added a career-best 19 points, including four 3-pointers, for Missouri (15-7, 6-3 Big 12). Freshman Rickey Paulding, who replaced Rush in the Missouri lineup, had 10 points in his first career start.

Matt Siebrandt scored 11 of his 20 points in the final 5:30 for Kansas State (8-12, 2-7), which has lost seven of eight. Siebrandt also had 20 points in Kansas State's 80-59 victory over Missouri at Manhattan, Kan., on Jan. 16.

Larry Reid added 12 points for Kansas State, and Buchanan and Travis Reynolds had 10 apiece.

Siebrandt scored seven straight points for a 62-54 lead with 4:08 to play, and he had Kansas State's four

points the rest of the way.

"We've had a lot of tough ones this year, but this one is really hard," Siebrandt said. "We had the game won, but we just blew it, flat out blew it."

Grawer's previous season best was 14 points against Kansas Jan. 29. Stokes, who was 5-for-8 from 3-point range, topped his previous high of 11 at Indiana Dec. 18.

Siebrandt had seven points and Reid and Reynolds each had two baskets in a 13-0 run that gave Kansas State a 51-45 lead with 9:54 to go. After two free throws by Grawer, Siebrandt scored seven points in a row to give Kansas State its largest lead at 62-54 with 4:08 to play.

"It's the most frustrating thing I've ever seen or I've ever been involved with," coach Jim Wooldridge said. "To be at the point of victory and then give it right back to them, it's just a ridiculous way to finish a game."

All of Missouri's points during an 18-6 first-half run came on 3-pointers and put the Tigers ahead 27-12 with 8:50 to go. Stokes was 3-for-3 from long range during the run and Rickey Paulding had two 3-pointers.

Missouri began the game 7-for-9 from 3-point range, then missed its last six attempts of the half as Kansas State narrowed the gap to 34-25 at the break.

## Cowgirls lose to Hays Lady Indians

By Janet Craft

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The Goodland Cowgirls junior varsity lost to the Hays Lady Indians 50-39 on Saturday night at Hays.

At the end of the first quarter, Hays was ahead 6-2.

In the second quarter, Hays scored

17 points to Goodland's 11 to bring the score to 23-13.

After half-time, Goodland came back to make 14 points to Hays' 13, which made the score 36-27. In the final quarter, Hays scored 14 points to Goodland's 12.

Anny McCoy was the top scorer for

the Cowgirls with 16 points after she made seven field goals and two free throws.

StevieLee Raymer had 9 points on one field goal and seven free throws. Erica Mann contributed 5 points with two field goals and one free throw.

Lacey Brenner, Danielle Hellerud and Hayley Jarmin each scored 2 points with one field goal each.

Tranda Ihrig, Abby Scheopner and Jessica Vignery each made 1 point. Steph Fairbanks and Tess Schultz also played.

The Cowgirls made 54 percent of their free throws.

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