

# Three girls represent team

The Cowgirls conclude a 28-8 volleyball season by having three representatives chosen for the Northwest Kansas League all-league team.

The Cowgirls played a good season defeating several tough opponents including the number one seeded Oberlin Red Devils to win the league. They were then defeated by their nemesis Scott City at sub-state.

"The three girls represent our team," Coach Jerry McKee said. "There were several others I thought were strong candidates."

Finishing the season with such a

strong record and winning the league, the coach said, was done by the whole team.

Senior Lacey Brenner was selected along with sophomores Alisha McKee and Janae McKee. Although Alisha is his daughter and Janae his niece, Coach Jerry McKee wasn't playing favorites.

"Any of our starters could easily have been on the (all-league) team," he said.

The only senior for the Cowgirls this season, Lacey is the daughter of Dan and Dawn Ann Brenner. Janae is the daughter of Jim and Judy McKee.

Here's a complete list of the 2001 All-League Volleyball Team:

Name	School	Year
Dani Dorshorst	Oberlin	Senior
Alisha McKee	Goodland	Sophomore
Tiffany Focke	Colby	Junior
Heidi Koster	Hoxie	Senior
Shannon Lowry	Atwood	Junior
Amy Green	Atwood	Senior
Lacey Brenner	Goodland	Senior
Amber Feikert	St. Francis	Junior
Janae McKee	Goodland	Sophomore
Summar Stephens	Colby	Junior
Kortney Stapp	Oberlin	Junior
Haley Vollertsen	Oberlin	Senior

# Chiefs host Eagles, seeking win at home

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—When they host Philadelphia in what forecasters say will be a chilly Thursday night, the Kansas City Chiefs will be looking for something that's eluded them all season — a two-game winning streak.

On Sunday the Chiefs (3-7) put together their best game of the year, beating Seattle 19-7. But if their pattern for the year holds, that probably means the Eagles will not get the Chiefs' best effort.

"So far this year we haven't been able to win two in a row. We're good enough to beat Philadelphia but we're going to have to play the equivalent of (Sunday) and better," coach Dick Vermeil said Monday.

After beating Washington 45-13 on Sept. 30, Vermeil's first Chiefs team got thoroughly outclassed 20-6 in Denver. After they won at San Diego 25-20 on Nov. 4, they turned around and

played their worst game of the year in a 27-7 loss to the New York Jets.

"Most of the time when you don't play well after a big win, you play a better team," Vermeil said. "We have never had a big win and come off and played some pansy."

Nevertheless, the way they handled the Seahawks, who had won two in a row, should give the Chiefs a much-needed dose of confidence. The defense especially played well, holding Shaun Alexander to 43 yards rushing while choking off the Seattle offense to just 204 yards in total offense.

"The big thing was committing the eight-man front and the down defensive line played pretty well," Vermeil said. "They were fresh. They took advantage of the bye week and you could see it on the field. They were off for four days and I've always believed it takes a minimum of three days to refresh yourself."

# football scoreboard

By The Associated Press

Carolina	1	10	0	.091	161	252
American Conference						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Miami	7	3	0	.700	214	212
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
New England	6	5	0	.545	257	212
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	265	298
Buffalo	1	9	0	.100	180	273
Central						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	189	121
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	198	187
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	189	150
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	140	204
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	183	237
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	172	172
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	278	201
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	182	224
San Diego	5	6	0	.454	263	226
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	190	206
National Conference						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	232	131
Washington	5	5	0	.500	141	206
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	174	238
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	214	145
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	207	180
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	189	242
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	296	170
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	267	225
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	188	191
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	226	216



# Texas impressed with Buffs

IRVING, Texas (AP)—The excitement of being in the Big 12 championship began leaving Texas coach Mack Brown about the time he started watching the game film of Colorado's dominating performance against Nebraska.

Seeing the Buffaloes run over, through and around the Cornhuskers' defense in a 62-36 victory was all Brown needed to realize the No. 3 Longhorns wouldn't have it as easy against No. 9 Colorado as they did six weeks ago.

"I've never seen a team line up and get after Nebraska like Colorado did," Brown said Monday. "Our defense is very similar to Nebraska's. In fact, they were rated better than us going into game. 'We're just amazed. I stood there saying, 'What do you do?'"

Now Texas (10-1) is ahead of Nebraska in a much more important ranking: the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Longhorns are No. 3, meaning if they beat the Buffs and if either No. 1 Miami or No. 2 Florida loses, UT could be headed to the national championship game. Even if that happens, it's not a slam dunk, though, because Tennessee — which plays Florida on Saturday — could slide ahead of Texas in the BCS formula.

Regardless of how it works out, the fact the Longhorns are this close is something they hardly expected after losing to Oklahoma the first weekend in October. The Sooners were knocked out of the way Saturday when they lost to Oklahoma State.

Colorado (9-2) is seventh in the BCS standings. Its only chance of making a BCS bowl is by beating Texas.

"In my opinion, this is playoff football," coach Gary Barnett said. "If you wanted a football playoff, you're getting it. Every game, everybody's got to be up for it."

Colorado was sure geared up for the Huskers, taking a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter and still scoring three touchdowns in the final period. The Buffs ran for 380 yards while scoring the most points ever by a Nebraska opponent.

Brown watched the Colorado-Nebraska film with his staff before showing it to the team. Players already knew the details.

"If we think it's going to be like when we played them here, we've got another thing coming," Texas offensive lineman Mike Williams said. "It's going to be a bigger, rowdier-than-ever Colorado team that shows up."

Considering the game is in the Dallas area, the Longhorns should have the crowd on their side.

"Playing in Texas Stadium against Texas will NOT be a neutral site," Barnett said.

# Broncos limp onto practice field

DENVER (AP)—After a three-day break following their Thanksgiving Day win over Dallas, the Denver Broncos returned to the practice field on Monday in no better shape than when they left it.

Wide receiver Rod Smith is still limping, this time on his other ankle, and receiver Keith Poole has painfully bruised ribs.

The Broncos lost running back

Olandis Gary to a broken fibula in his left leg in the 26-24 victory, and subsequent surgery will sideline him for the remainder of the season.

They should, however, get Terrell Davis back for Sunday's game in Miami. Davis has mostly recovered from his second arthroscopic knee surgery of the season.

On Monday, the Broncos placed Gary on injured reserve and signed

running back KaRon Coleman to the active roster. Coleman, who carried 54 times for 183 yards and a touchdown for the Broncos last season, was among the team's final cuts on Sept. 2.

Asked if he has ever endured an injury-ridden season such as this, coach Mike Shanahan said, "No, not even close. Usually it might be at one position. We've had it collectively, at every position."

# Grant writer to be on probation first year

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City of Atchison has employed a full-time grant writer, and has received a total of \$16 million in grants, or \$2 million a year.

Schilling said the advisory board will be responsible for creating bylaws to define the position. Members agreed that Schilling should continue representing the district on the advisory board.

Goodwin said the \$36,000 includes an annual salary and all transportation, equipment or office expenses. He said the city, county and schools will be expected to pay any postage and handling fees involved in applying for a grant.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said it's important that the person hired for the job is well-informed and educated about grants.

"So many times I don't even know what grants are out there," he said.

The grant writer will be expected to do more than find money for specific projects, Goodwin said.

"Part of their job is to be proactive,"

he said, "to go out and find money or grants."

Board Member Mike Campbell said the advisory board should consider specifying a performance level in the grant writer's contract.

Goodwin said the advisory board could require the writer secure at least \$2 million dollars in grants the first year. He added that the share of the administrative fees should be a big incentive for someone motivated by money.

Board President Dick Short said he's glad to see the city, county and school board working together. Each entity agreed to support the program for one year, with board members saying they will likely support it again next year.

"This could be a starting point for additional collaboration between the groups," Goodwin said.

Schilling noted that it will take time for the program to get on its feet.

"I think the first year will be kind of a learning experience for everyone," he said.

# Basketball rules clinic Saturday

The Northwest Kansas League is sponsoring a basketball rules clinic for coaches, officials and those interested in becoming basketball officials from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Quinter High School gym.

This will be a "hands on" clinic with the rules being explained in detail along with demonstrations of the various rules and interpretations, league officials say. All area basketball officials as well as others interested in learning more about the specifics of basketball officiating are invited.

Northwest Kansas needs more basketball officials, the league says, and this clinic provides an opportunity for new officials to become acquainted with those who are currently officiating in the area and get started refereeing basketball.

# Kansas kids needed to play ball overseas

The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars are seeking players 11 to 18 from Kansas who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week tournament in Australia.

The 2002 tournament will include teams in age groups 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18. The squads are led by college coaches and pro scouts who provide a perspective on what it's like to play at the game's highest level.

"Selected players will have the chance to compete against some of the world's best teams, explore famous sights like the Great Barrier Reef and the Australian Outback, and learn about a distinct culture," Program Director Kevin Ritter said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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# KU ends year with one game offering hope

LAWRENCE (AP) — In a year of tumult and failure for Kansas, one game stands out.

One game offers hope for the future and underscores the frustration of the present and a 3-8 season that cost Terry Allen his job.

On Sept. 22 at Colorado, the Jayhawks actually led 13-10 at halftime. They eventually lost 27-16. But they were in position to beat the team that would later score 62 on Nebraska and play Texas for the Big 12 championship.

"We actually had a chance to win that game," said defensive back Andrew Davison, a wistful note in his voice. "People saw what we did. We're not that far away."

In the meantime, big-talking Al Bohl is hard at work looking for the coach who can turn the moribund Jayhawks around and take them to the top of the Big 12.

Publicly, no front-runner has emerged. Speculation has included everyone from former star quarterback Nolan Cromwell to Fresno State head coach Pat Hill to Oklahoma assistant Mike Stoops.

Bohl, who was hired as athletic director last summer specifically because of his reputation as a doctor of failing football programs, keeps saying interim head coach Tom Hayes is also a top candidate.

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