

Freshmen lose to Colby, beat Red Devils at home

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The Cowboys "C" basketball team fell 55-27 to the Colby Eagles on Friday, but came back on Monday, grabbing a 52-30 win from the Oberlin Red Devils, both at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Coach Travis Witman said the Cowboys seemed distracted against Colby, and by the time they picked up their play, it was too late.



Lane Winter

The score was 32-12 in Colby's favor at half time, and though the Cowboys picked up nine points in the third quarter, they couldn't catch up to the Eagles. "We came out very flat and didn't seem mentally ready to play," the coach said. "The second half the boys did a better job, but by then we were too far behind to catch up." Scorers included Lane Winter, 10; Wade Taylor, 9; Brock Lohr, 4; and Derrick Raymer and Craig Mason, both 2. Witman said the players were better

prepared for the Oberlin game, but still need improvement. "We had much better intensity and worked better on defense," he said.

By the half, Goodland had 15 points up on Oberlin, a lead which would continue to be stretched.

The Red Devils scored 20 points in the second half, but they couldn't keep up with the Cowboys, who brought in 17 points.

The coach said the Cowboys played well, but still need improving.

"We still need to work on executing our offense," he said. "Overall, we played pretty well and we had all 10 players score."

David Livengood was the top scorer with 16 points, and Taylor was right behind, scoring 10 points.

Lohr scored 8 points; Winter, 6; Jake Johnson, 3; John Hamilton, Dan Melia, Mason and Jason McClung, each 2; and Josef Felver, 1.



Goodland cheerleaders supported the Cowboy varsity basketball team Tuesday against Lakin at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Chief's coach Vermeil ready for restoring team

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dick Vermeil was a retired Super Bowl-winning coach. He was living the good life.

Then an old friend named Carl Peterson talked him into taking over the Kansas City Chiefs.

After a 1-6 start, he wondered if maybe he should have stayed retired. "You get on the team bus and your wife is crying and you wonder," Vermeil said at the time.

But now his first Chiefs team has finished 6-10, winning three of their last four games.

At 65, he's eager to get started once again. He plans to fulfill the three-year commitment he made to help restore the Chiefs to the perennial playoff contenders they used to be.

"Can we make the playoffs next year? I don't know," said Vermeil. "We'll go into the season a better football team. We do know we have to upgrade the performance of the football team, and many times it takes better football players."

As many as 16 new players could populate the roster next season. They need help especially in the defensive interior where their pass rush was almost non-existent.

They need to get Pro Bowl tight end Tony Gonzalez fully recovered from a knee injury and safely signed to a long-term contract.

They need a dramatic upgrade in special teams and wide receiver.

They need for cornerback Eric Warfield to finally show the promise everyone has always said he has. They need left tackle John Tait to rebound from a disappointing year and perform as well as Marcus Spears, an emergency fill-in at right tackle who at times was terrific.

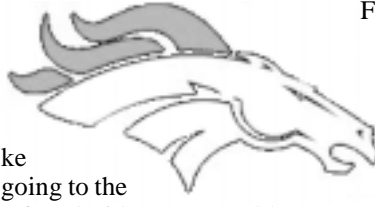
Most of all, the 2002 Chiefs will need to be faster.

This lack of speed, particularly at wide receiver, was a major factor in this team having the Chiefs' worst record since 1988.

"My attitude is if they can't run, they can't play. It's a game of movement," Vermeil said. "We have to get the separation."

After a mediocre season, Broncos will keep coach

DENVER (AP) — Even their coach called them mediocre, a word that applies to both ankles limited his effectiveness over the last half of the season.



The biggest news the Broncos made all season was in the hours after their finale, when coach Mike Shanahan toyed with going to the University of Florida before deciding to stay put.

Shanahan reasoned he couldn't abandon the Broncos in a time of trouble: coming off an 8-8 season and faced with making some serious roster decisions with a team about \$8 million over the salary cap for 2002.

"It would be hard for me to leave after a season like that," said Shanahan, who remembers happier times, especially the Broncos' Super Bowl wins in 1997 and 1998.

Since then, Denver has gone 6-10, 11-5 and 8-8 with a playoff loss thrown in in 2000.

Denver's season of great expectations never materialized, mostly because of injuries to fullback Howard Griffith, running backs Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary, wide receiver Rod Smith and, especially, wide receiver Ed McCaffrey.

The Broncos won their first two games and never again put together as much as a two-game winning streak.

They finished a respectable eighth in the league in total defense but fell precipitously from No. 2 to No. 22 in total offense.

Brian Griese, who went to the Pro Bowl last season after throwing for 19 touchdowns compared to just four interceptions, had 23 TD passes and 19 interceptions this year.

Davis, who missed half of the season because of arthroscopic surgeries on both knees, led the Broncos with only 701 yards rushing.

Rod Smith led the NFL with 113

catches — a club record — but injuries to both ankles limited his effectiveness over the last half of the season.

Five Broncos will go to the Pro Bowl — Smith, placekicker Jason Elam, defensive tackle Trevor Pryce, cornerback

Deltha O'Neal and special teamer Ian Gold — but one of them might not be back with the team in 2002. Elam is one of six Broncos eligible to become free agents, a list that includes two other starters — safety Eric Brown and offensive tackle Trey Teague — as well as backup quarterback Gus Frerotte.

Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen both say the Broncos' current situation is similar to 1995, when Shanahan first arrived as head coach. Denver was coming off a 7-9 season.

"We were ranked dead last in the NFL in defense," Shanahan said. "We didn't have a first-, second- or third-round draft choice."

"I think we're more talented than we were back in '95," Bowlen said, "but we've got a lot of work to do."

In the upcoming draft, Denver will forfeit its third-round pick because the league ruled the team violated deferred compensation rules. Denver will have no better than the 19th pick in the draft.

Shanahan said he was most disappointed in the offensive decline this year. "Last year we were second in the NFL in almost every category on offense," he said. "To go from No. 2 to 22 with basically the same team is discouraging. On the positive side, some of our young guys got some good experience."

"On defense, we went from 24th in the NFL to the top 10. We improved drastically in run defense (No. 6). When you do that, you have a chance to win championships."

Kansas faces tough schedule

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Things are about to get a lot tougher for No. 1 Kansas.

Fresh off a 96-57 rout of Nebraska on Wednesday night in their first game atop the AP college basketball poll since 1997, the Jayhawks have trips to No. 11 UCLA and No. 6 Oklahoma State, and a visit from No. 5 Oklahoma in their next three games to look forward to.

"It is definitely going to be challenging," coach Roy Williams said about his team. "UCLA is a ranked team, and we have to play them at Pauley Pavilion with their fans all in your face. It will definitely be a tough 10 days for us."

The Jayhawks (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) got double-doubles from Nick Collison, Drew Gooden and Wayne Simien while routing the Huskers. And, Aaron Miles set a school freshman record with 12 assists.

The Jayhawks, who replaced Duke atop the AP poll this week, hit their first six 3-pointers and opened the game with a 25-4 run.

"That was as fun a half as I've played since I've been here," said Collison, who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. "Everything just went right."

Gooden had 16 points and added 12 rebounds to his NCAA-leading total, and freshman Simien had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

It was the first time since 1996 that a Nebraska opponent had at least 10 rebounds from three different players.

"This game was good to get ready for UCLA," said Gooden, who has seven straight double-doubles.

"It will be big-time for our team because it is like a home game with all of the Kansas fans and in a great atmosphere."

A couple of Jayhawks said the torrid start came primarily because they wanted to show the world they deserved their No. 1 ranking.

But not Gooden. "Being No. 1 is not a big deal to our team because we still have 'Kansas' written across our chest. We just want to win," he said.

By halftime, it was 57-24 and Gooden, Collison, Kirk Hinrich and Jeff Boschee were all in double figures. "Kansas came out fired up and on fire," Nebraska coach Barry Collier said. "Hinrich, Collison and Gooden really led the charge."

Cary Cochran, who came into the game leading the Huskers in scoring at 14.5 points per game, was scoreless on 0-for-3 shooting.

John Robinson and Brennon Clemmons each had 16 points for Nebraska.

After winning its first six games, Nebraska (7-6, 0-2), has lost six of seven.

"They are quick," Clemmons said. "By the time we turned around at halfcourt they were already down there waiting on us. The key is to block out because they obviously play above the rim."

Kansas, which has won 13 straight since losing its opener to Ball State, went into a cold spell at the beginning of the second half.

After missing their first six shots, the starters were all pulled from the floor by Williams.

"I wasn't mad like I usually am when I do that," Williams said. "I just wanted to talk to them about shot selection."

The second-teamers outscored the overmatched Huskers 7-1, then the starters came back and quickly widened a 65-30 lead to 78-33.

sports briefs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dozens of former Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders have joined a lawsuit charging that visiting players spied on them as they showered and dressed in a Veterans Stadium locker room in Philadelphia.

An expanded lawsuit has been filed in state court in Philadelphia.

Former cheerleaders, a total of 44, seek damages from football players from all 29 NFL teams which played at the Philadelphia Eagles stadium between 1983 and this year.

Former umpires sue Major League Baseball

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Three former umpires who lost their jobs as part of a 1999 mass-resignation are each suing Major League Baseball for at least \$350,000.

The umpires are Ken Kaiser of New York, Dale Ford of Tennessee, and Mark Johnson of Kentucky. Their attorney, John Loss, works in Kansas City, and said that's why the suit was filed Monday in federal court here.

In July 1999, scores of umpires resigned in a negotiating ploy gone awry. Many later tried to rescind those resignations, but baseball refused to take many of them back, including Kaiser, Ford and Johnson. Twenty-two umpires lost their jobs.

Last May, an arbitrator ordered baseball to rehire nine of the 22, but not the three plaintiffs.

The lawsuit claims baseball owes termination pay to the three.

Loss said the umpires' contract "says that if the umpires resign by their own action, they get a lump sum based on their years of experience."

Kaiser and Ford each want \$400,000 in termination pay, plus \$117,000 for

Weskan boys beat Golden Plains

The Weskan boys defeated the team from Golden Plains, 109-54, on Friday at Rexford.

Troy Okeson of Weskan lead all players with 25 points, Gunnar Tope had 23, Josh Burch 17, John Welsh 12, Drew Lofton 10, Nolan Cole 9 and Clayton Cox 8.

Weskan made 28 shots on the floor,

nine three pointers, and 26 of 36 freethrows.

For Golden Plains, leading scorer was Miller with 20 points, followed by Shaw with 13, H. Albers with 10, Lee Albers with 6, and Moss with 2.

The Golden Plains boys made 19 shots on the floor, and 13 of 23 freethrows.

Wrestling club competed in Hays

The Goodland Wrestling Club sent 20 wrestlers to compete in the Kansas Kid Tournament on Dec. 29. The wrestlers had not had a practice yet; practices started Jan. 2.

T.J. Hawkins took first place at 115 pounds, in the 12 and under class

Several other Goodland wrestlers placed in their weight/age groups.

Those who participated:

6 and under: Shay Miller, 46 pounds.

8 and under: Michael Pettibone, 67 pounds, third; Kayler Rietcheck, 70 pounds, third; Seth Miller, 58 pounds, fourth.

10 and under: Nathan Deeds, 82 pounds, third; Teather Dautel, 64 pounds, fourth; Erik Roeder, 73 pounds, fifth; Paul Starr, 82 pounds.

12 and under: T.J. Hawkins, 115 pounds, first; Aaron Deeds, 92 pounds, third; A.J. Stephans, 88 pounds, fourth; Preston Dautel, 76 pounds, fifth; Nick Smith, 130 pounds.

14 and under: Brandon Zelfer, 100 pounds, second; Brett Bahe, 90

pounds, fourth; Wyatt Dautel, 115 pounds, fourth; Mark Starr, 160 pounds, fourth; Brett Lalicker, 95 pounds; Justin Holloway, 110 pounds; Brandon Hatfield, 125 pounds.

basketball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

Atlantic Division:	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	22	11	.667	—
Boston	20	14	.588	2 1/2
Washington	18	14	.562	3 1/2
Orlando	19	18	.513	5
Philadelphia	15	20	.429	8
New York	14	20	.412	8 1/2
Miami	8	24	.250	13 1/2

Denver	10	23	.303	15
Memphis	10	24	.294	15 1/2
Pacific Division:	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	6	.812	—
Sacramento	26	9	.743	1 1/2
L.A. Clippers	18	17	.514	9 1/2
Phoenix	18	17	.514	9 1/2
Seattle	18	17	.514	9 1/2
Portland	15	19	.441	12
Golden State	12	23	.343	15 1/2

Central Division:	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	—
Indiana	20	16	.556	1
Toronto	19	16	.543	1 1/2
Detroit	16	17	.485	3 1/2
Charlotte	16	18	.471	4
Atlanta	13	21	.382	7
Cleveland	13	21	.382	7
Chicago	6	28	.176	14

Tuesday's Games:	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington 96, L.A. Clippers 88				
Atlanta 101, Portland 92				
New Jersey 104, Miami 95				
Memphis 84, Toronto 81				
L.A. Lakers 121, Detroit 92				
Houston 88, New York 86				
Dallas 95, Denver 94				
Utah 98, Phoenix 84				
Milwaukee 113, Golden State 97				

Midwest Division:	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	8	.758	—
Minnesota	25	9	.735	1/2
Dallas	23	11	.677	2 1/2
Utah	18	16	.529	7 1/2
Houston	11	23	.324	14 1/2

Wednesday's Games:	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio 93, Boston 90				
Charlotte 111, Atlanta 87				
L.A. Lakers 109, Indiana 90				
Orlando 102, Philadelphia 91				
Minnesota 111, Seattle 106				

bowling results

Happy Hour League

1/03

KMA Over B&B Electric 4 to 0
Pocket Rockets over Wheatridge Farm 3 to 1
Kanorado COOP over blind team 4 to 0
Bowladium Lanes split with Rasure Lumber 2 to 2

Individual high game: Brent Wood-274

Individual high series: John Elliott-684

Team high game: KMA-869

Team high series: KMA-2522

League Standings: No. 1 KMA 22, No. 2 B&B Electric 20, No. 3 Bowladium Lanes and Kanorado COOP 16, 12

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9-pin no tap league on Friday nights starting on Jan. 18th

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