Graduate lineman of the week

A 1999 graduate of Goodland High School has earned the title of Defensive Lineman of the Week at Baker University. Wesley Hat-

cher, the son of Bryan and Cinda Hatcher of Good-

land, is a senior at the school in Baldwin City. He is studying mathematics and wants to be a teacher and assistant football coach when he graduates, said his grandmother, Arbutus Topliff.

He has played on the football team off and on all four years, Topliff said, and this year is a starter.

"We are very proud of him," she said. "Not everyone from Goodland goes on to play football in college."

Hatcher wears the number 58 on his jersey, Topliff said, the same number he wore in high school.

Jury to decide fate of baseball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A jury will decide who gets the ball Barry Bonds hit for his record 73rd homer.

In a decision received by lawyers, Judge James J. McBride rejected the claims of both Alex Popov — who briefly got a glove on the ball before a mob tackled him in the bleachers of Pacific Bell Park — and Patrick Hayashi, who grabbed the ball amid the chaos.

McBride ruled there is a question whether Popov actually controlled the ball in his glove, and that a jury should determine the answer.

The ball is now in a court-monitored safe.

Eastern Illinois a tuneup for serious challengers

Now comes Eastern Illinois, the final piece of Kansas State's three-game tuneup for its first real challenge of the year against USC on Sept. 21.

For the Division I-AA Panthers, who lost 61-36 to Hawaii on Aug. 31 in their season opener, it may be a long Saturday afternoon. So far in their three-week parade of patsies, the Wild-

cats (2-0) have crunched Western Kentucky 48-3 and leveled Louisiana-Monroe 68-0.

Does anyone think the Eastern Illinois game will be any different?

"I expect it to be a fast-paced game," said quarterback Marc Dunn, who threw three touchdown passes against the woefully overmatched Indians of Louisiana-Monroe. "Defensively, we're going to have to execute very well to win this game.'

Outmanned Division I-AA foes get a healthy paycheck for visiting Manhattan every September to get their brains beaten out by the Wildcats.

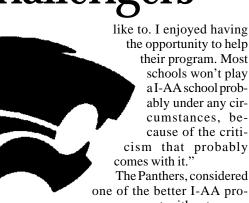
It's a long-standing policy of Kansas State coach Bill Snyder to pack the pre-conference schedule with pushovers. It pads the victory column and provides his young players and second-teamers with plenty of opportunity for growth. But it also brings criticism from those who say the Wildcats have outgrown their need for easy early wins.

to identify exactly where we feel like we're not good enough and put some real emphasis on those areas," Snyder said.

lower-division schools must be kidnapped and brought to KSU Stadium.

"It is not our intent to go find I-AA schools. We would have all I-A schools if we could get them on our schedule," Snyder said.

"In playing I-AA schools, the one thing I've need," he added. "I like some of those promoney to support a program they way they'd a coaching staff standpoint."



like to. I enjoyed having the opportunity to help their program. Most schools won't play a I-AA school probably under any circumstances, because of the criticism that probably

one of the better I-AA programs, are not without weaponry.

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Quarterback Tony Romo was the Ohio Valley Conference player of the year last season. And junior Andre Raymond had 335 all-purpose yards, one short of the school record, against Hawaii.

"Romo is a very fine quarterback," Snyder said. "He can throw the ball extremely well. Their offense is a little more like what we played this last week. They're a formation offense and they try to get you in a position where you might get people out of their responsibilities by making incorrect adjustments. They can be a very productive offense.'

Nevertheless, it's doubtful the Panthers have ever seen a defensive player in the Ohio Valley with the talent of Terence Newman. The Wildcats' senior cornerback, a Big 12 track champion, scored last week on both offense and special teams. Some say he is a force on the team.

"Terence is a tremendous athlete," said "We are trying to get better and we're trying Dunn, who threw him a 51-yard TD pass against Louisiana-Monroe. "He can do so many different things with the ball. He's a great asset. He is incredibly fast. When you Besides, Snyder said, it's not as though the talk about Terence Newman, you talk about speed.'

As overmatched as this week's opponent may be, Snyder is not about to insult the visitors by saying he's already begun to plan for the Trojans.

"There will be nothing done until we are come to appreciate is the fact that there is a great certain we feel comfortable with our approach with Eastern Illinois," he said. "We'll look at grams. Western Kentucky doesn't have the somethings, not on the practice field, but from

University of Kansas sells over 26,000 season tickets

LAWRENCE (AP) -Don't let anybody say Al Bohl's not a crackerjack salesman.

The fast-talking athletic director has been popping his buttons all week with the announcement that season ticket sales for Kansas football are at their highest point since 1969.

They've passed the 26,000 ticket mark.

That's not bad for a program that hasn't had a winning season won in seven years, and a credit to Bohl's salesmanship and zeal.

Now the rest is up to Mark Mangino. Bohl has promised all those ticket-buyers better things to come.

His first-year coach, who makes his first home appearance against Division I-AA Southwest Missouri State on Saturday, knows he had better deliver.

The home-opening crowd, in fact, will be looking for the first win of the Mangino Era. The Jayhawks opened by getting clobbered at Iowa State and then fell to 0-2 with a closer loss last week at UNLV.

"We have to keep working at it," Mangino said. "We've got to keep practicing well and taking those good practice habits over to the game field. That's all that it amounts to: a tremendous amount of repetitions and paying attention to the little details.

"The more we improve on our practice field, the more it will transfer over to our game field."

While the Jayhawks were losing their first two games, the Bears went 2-0, first coming out on top over East Central 26-14 and Hampton 28-26.

Since moving to Division I-AA in 1982, the Bears are 1-16 against Division I-A opponents, including a 24-10 loss to the Jayhawks a year ago.

Still, Mangino is not expecting an easy win for his reorganized Jayhawks who are still searching for their

own identity. Things were thrown into even more disarray this week with the resignation of offensive line coach Ken Conatser, who said he and Mangino had "philosophical

differences.

Having a sudden vacancy in the coaching staff two games in the season is rare and distracting for any program, let alone that has not vet won.

Mangino said others on the staff would be shuffled around to take up the slack. He insists that spirited practices will foreshadow a successful home opener against the Bears.

"I unfortunately have been with some teams that have been down after a loss or two, and when you blow the whistle to bring them up, they kind of just glide towards you. They don't have any spirit," Mangino said Tuesday.

By contrast, the Jayhawks went into special teams practice Monday "and the kids were flying around on the special teams like it was game day. And then we went to the team period to go over the mistakes we made against UNLV, and everybody was listening. Nobody was daydreaming.

"Nobody was feeling bad for themselves," he said.

"I talked to several of our assistant coaches when we left the field, and we all felt that we are dealing with some smart kids who know the task at hand and that will keep going. The term that I like to use is, 'We're going to keep sawing wood,' and they are."

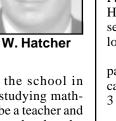


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