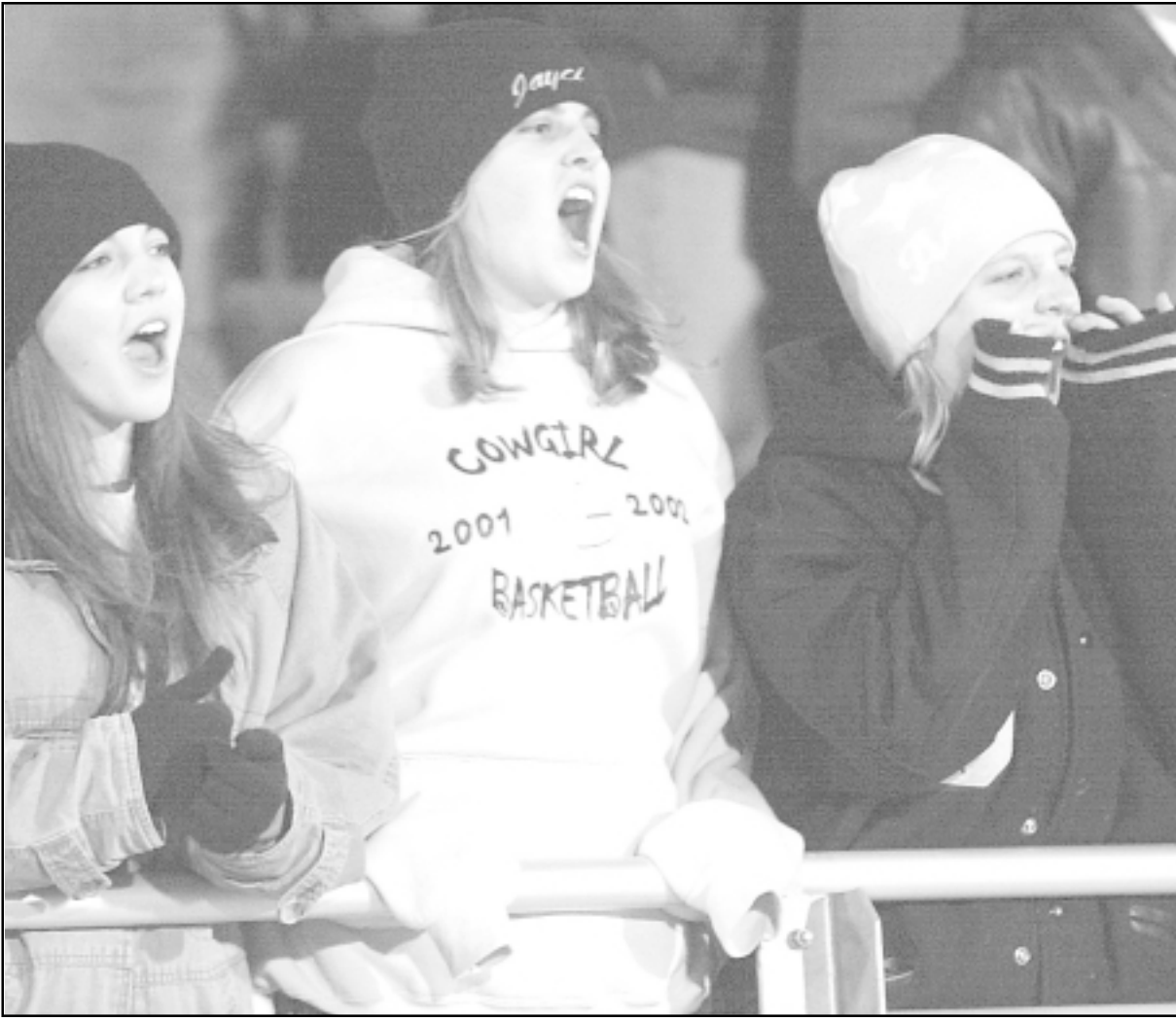


Cowboy fans brave cold in hopes team will defeat Eagles



Fans (left) were on their feet cheering the team as they moved down the field late in the game Tuesday in Kingman and it appeared the Cowboys could win in the closing minutes. A fumbled pass at the Kingman Eagle 5-yard line ended the Cowboys' hopes and eliminated them from the Class 4A playoffs with a 14-13 loss. In the third quarter, Cowboy quarterback Derrick Raymer (above right) engineered a drive to bring the Cowboys to within one point, hitting his receiver, his brother Donald Raymer. The Cowboys finished the season 5-5, and improved dramatically over last year, when the team was winless. It was the Cowboys' first appearance in postseason play since 1996. Photos by Ryan Unruh / The Goodland Daily News

Kansas State knows Iowa State's quarterback well

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State doesn't need anyone to introduce Seneca Wallace.

The 12th-ranked Wildcats already know Iowa State's versatile, dangerous quarterback well.

Just because Kansas State stopped him a year ago, linebacker Terry Pierce said, doesn't mean the job will be easy when No. 21 Iowa State visits KSU Stadium on Saturday.

"As a defensive player, this is our

time to stand out against a Heisman candidate," Pierce said. "I'd rank him up there with (Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman winner) Josh Heupel in 2000. But he does a lot of things others quarterbacks can't do."

Wallace has ignited a young Iowa State team with his ability to both pass effectively and beat defenses with his mobility.

So far this season, Wallace has thrown for 2,495 yards — an average

of 270.2 yards per game, 18th in the nation — and completed 59 percent of his passes.

He also has rushed for 207 yards and seven touchdowns this season.

"He's still as quick as he ever was,"

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "I think he's playing with tremendous confidence right now. Seneca was always an accurate passer. He had those unbelievable numbers. He's just good. He's really good."

In last week's 42-35 win over Missouri, Wallace set school records with 31 completions and 493 total yards, including 425 yards passing.

"He's the most accurate passer we'll face," Pierce said.

Last season, though, Wallace wasn't effective at all in Kansas State's 42-3 win.

The Wildcats held him to just 129 yards passing with one interception and didn't let him run out of the pocket

all day. "I think he just had a bad day," Snyder said.

Pierce said Kansas State, which ranks first nationally in scoring defense, had a lot to do with Wallace's bad day — and the team hopes to do more of the same this year.

"We got on him fast," Pierce said. "Every time he had the ball, we put a hit on him. As long as we get started fast, keep him off the field and intimi-

date him, we'll be okay." Bobby Elliot, the Wildcats' defensive coordinator, was on Iowa State's staff last season — but any inside information he might have won't give Kansas State an extra edge against Wallace, Snyder said.

"You could probably bring the whole defensive staff down here and it still would be difficult to defend him," Snyder said.

Jayhawk linebacker faces dad's team

LAWRENCE (AP) — True freshman linebacker Kevin Kane will play against his dad's former team Saturday when Kansas meets Nebraska.

John Kane was a linebacker for the Cornhuskers in the mid-70s. Kevin Kane arrived at Kansas as a highly touted prospect from Rockhurst High in Kansas City, Mo., where he was a first-team all-state selection his junior

and senior years.

"I never got a chance to watch a game (in Nebraska)," the younger Kane said. "I'm sure my dad will be happy to go back up there. He will be rooting for the Jayhawks."

Kane has had 20 tackles for the Jayhawks (2-7, 0-6 Big 12) so far this season, including 14 solo stops. He is listed at 215 pounds but coach Mark

Mangino would like to increase that weight to 235.

"He's very smart. He understands how to play football," said Mangino. "Even when he's outmatched, he finds a way to make a tackle. He plays with leverage. He plays downhill. He's extremely intelligent at reading keys. He really understands what this game is all about."

The defense Kane plays on, however, is the worst in the Big 12 in rushing, pass efficiency, scoring, and total defense.

Nebraska (6-4, 2-3) has the best rushing offense in the nation with 283.2 yards per game and Kansas gives up 257.1 yards on the ground.

Nebraska has a 33-game win streak against the Jayhawks and 33 straight victories on homecoming, which takes place this weekend in Lincoln.

Improving Chief defense loses linebacker

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City's beleaguered defense took another blow Wednesday when linebacker Lew Bush was suspended four games after testing positive for a banned substance.

The Chiefs said the action was taken after a routine test by the league, which ordered the suspension because of a violation of its "anabolic steroid and substance policy."

A 10-year veteran, Bush had lost his job to rookie Scott Fujita. For this week's game at San Francisco, his place as backup outside linebacker will be taken by Glenn Cadrez.

half of the season, the defense has ranked 32nd — dead last — in total defense, pass defense and scoring defense.

Bush will be eligible to return after the Chiefs play the Arizona Cardinals on Dec. 1.

Coach Dick Vermeil said league policy prohibited him from saying much about the situation. League rules dictate Bush be removed from the organization entirely for four games.

"No comment other than I'm very sorry and feel very bad for the young man," Vermeil said.

"That doesn't mean I can't talk to him on the phone and make sure he's doing all right," Vermeil said. "He's got a very active community relationship. He'll work heavily in that right now and work out on his own. But we can't coach him or work him out or slip him game plans or anything like that."

His place on the 53-man roster was filled by wide receiver Marvin "Snoop" Minnis, who was activated for the first time since breaking a bone in his right foot during a workout in May. Minnis will probably not be active for this week's game at San Francisco.

In a 20-10 victory over Oakland in their previous game, the Chiefs still gave up over 400 yards but believed they showed improvement by only yielding one touchdown.

"I've said all along I see different things improving within the scheme, and how we play and the people who play the positions," Vermeil said. "We did a halfway decent job against the Raiders. If we can continue to grow and not give up the big play No. 1, and No. 2, continue to take the ball away, that makes us competitive."

Avs remain winless at home

DENVER (AP) — Marian Hossa scored three goals, and Daniel Alfredsson had a goal and two assists as the Ottawa Senators beat Colorado 5-2 on Wednesday night and kept the Avalanche winless at home.

Patrick Lalime had 36 saves for Ottawa, which extended its franchise record by scoring a power-play goal in

its ninth straight game.

David Aebischer, starting his second straight game in place of the injured Patrick Roy, stopped 29 shots as Colorado dropped to 0-3-3 at home.

It was Hossa's second career hat trick, with his other coming Nov. 18, 2000, against Florida. Alfredsson has scored in all 10 of the Senators' games.

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