

Six Cowboys named All-League

Six Goodland Cowboys were named to the first and second Northwest Kansas All-League football teams on Wednesday and four received an honorable mention.

Cowboys Coach Tony Diehl said league coaches met in Colby on Wednesday night to pick all-league players. The league includes Goodland, Colby, Hoxie, Atwood, St. Francis, Oberlin, Oakley and Quinter.

First team picks included junior Jordan Bedore as a running back and line-backer, senior Taylor Brack as a defensive end and senior Kris Rubio as a defensive back.

Second team picks were Brack as a tackle, senior A.J. Johnson as a guard, senior Anthony Davis as a defensive lineman and Don Raymer as a receiver.

Raymer received an honorable mention as a linebacker, freshman Bobby Miller as a running back, junior Jared Duke as a quarterback and senior Tom Cotter as a defensive lineman.

Diehl said he thought there might be a couple more players named to all-league, but he was pleased with the outcome.

"It was a competitive league this



Jordan Bedore



Taylor Brack

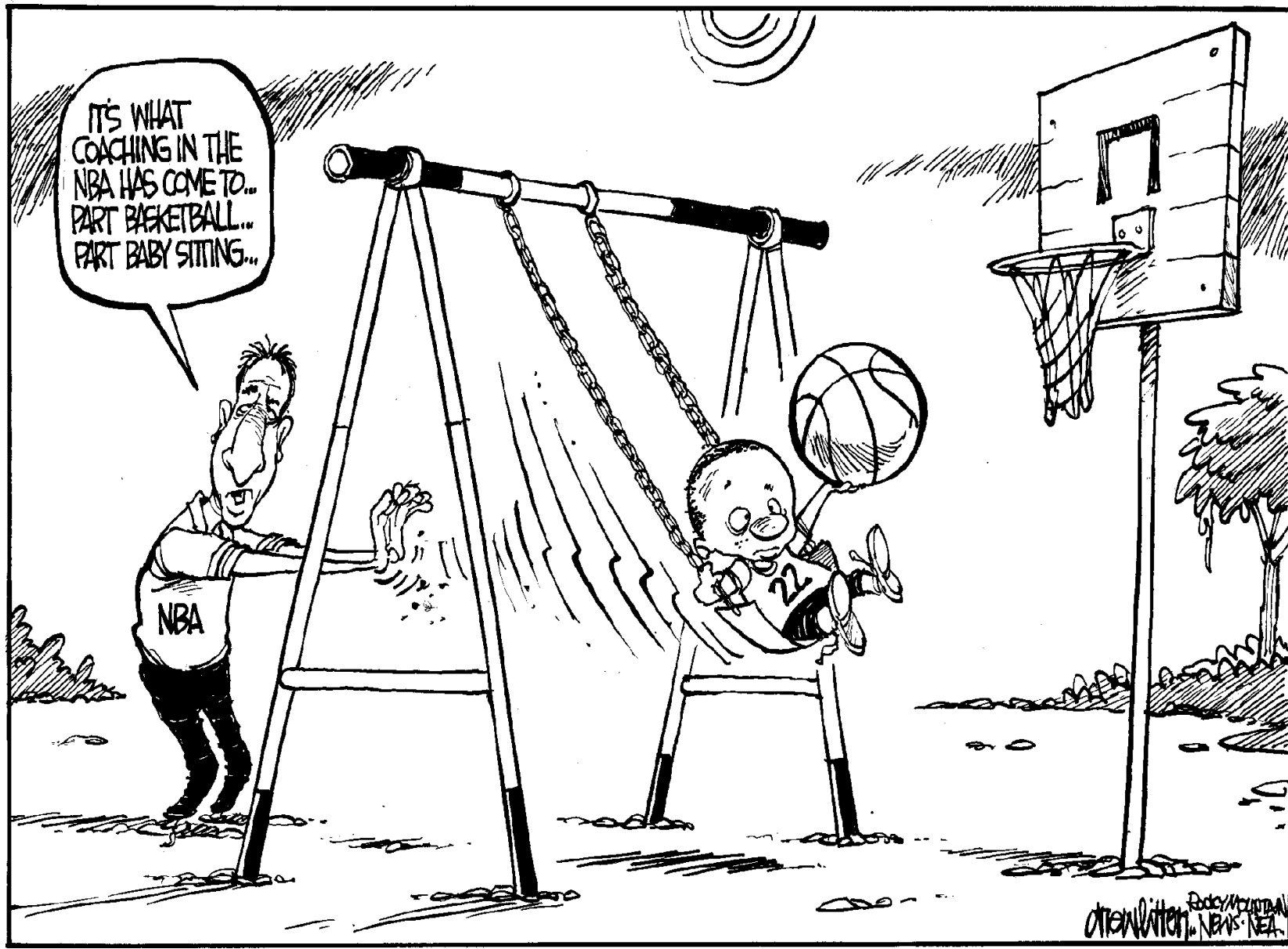


Kris Rubio

year," he said.

The Cowboys, who finished the season 5-5, finished fourth in the league, behind Atwood, St. Francis and Hoxie. Goodland was named champion among larger schools and Atwood in small schools.

The Cowboys annual award banquet will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the assembly room of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, and Diehl said the team's most valuable player will be named then.



Chief coach's wife struggles with robber

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Carol Vermeil, the wife of Kansas City Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil, struggled with a robber who got away with her billfold in the city's fashionable shopping district.

Vermeil, 66, suffered only a scraped knee when the young man knocked her to the ground late Tuesday afternoon on the Country Club Plaza.

"I had a heavy shopping bag and he followed me to my car," she told The Associated Press.

"I was putting the bag in my trunk and he followed me from the corner and came up beside me and asked what time it was. I looked at my watch and he grabbed my purse. I hung on for dear life. I would not let go of my purse."

She began screaming and the man reached into her purse and snatched her billfold, containing cash, credit cards and personal mementos.

"He took off running up the hill and jumped into a car that was waiting for him," she said.

Carol Vermeil struggled for several minutes with the young man.

"She fought him," said Dick Vermeil. "She didn't give him her purse. She yelled and called him an SOB and hung on. It's scary that could happen."

Carol Vermeil said losing the money "is insignificant."

"But all the credit cards and the pictures I hate to lose. I had one picture of Dick when he was a high school coach that I've always carried. He looks like he's about 19 years old. I've always loved that picture."

Dick Vermeil, 66, led the St. Louis Rams to the 1999 Super Bowl title and is in his second season with the Chiefs.

"I went home to see her," he said. "She was shook. But she'd already done all the things she needed to do — call the credit card companies, and all those kind of people. We have problems in our society. This guy has problems if he's going to make a living snatching women's purses."

"But everything has been taken care of and her confidence is back."

Huskers girding to stop Wildcat's offense

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — There's just one little problem Nebraska might have Saturday with trying to stop Kansas State running back Darren Sproles.

The diminutive Sproles is difficult to see.

Standing at just 5-7, the 170-pound Sproles is hard to get a bead on when he's behind his offensive line, which averages 6-4 and some 290 pounds a man.

And with sprinter's speed, Sproles can squirt through the line and scoot into the secondary before defenders figure out where he is.

"He's just dynamic," said Nebraska defensive coordinator Craig Bohl. "He can really make you look not very athletic."

Sproles, a sophomore, has amassed 1,072 yards this season. He needs just 191 yards to break the KSU single-season rushing record set by Josh Scobey last year.

Sproles has run for 100 yards or more in six straight games, tying a school record set by Isaac Jackson in 1973.

He is averaging 6.3 yards per carry — a full yard better than the school record for a season.

He also became the fastest ever to reach 1,000 yards, hitting the mark on his 159th carry of the season.

"He's very different," Bohl said. "He's a scat-back. He's elusive. He's got great change of direction."

Bohl said stopping Sproles will take a team effort.

"For us to think ... that in a one-on-one situation that we're going to bring him down is a little bit unrealistic," Bohl said.

Nebraska's young defense — which regularly uses five freshmen, five sophomores and six juniors — seemed to play on its heels earlier in the season.

But it has markedly improved.

After giving up 195 yards on the ground against Oklahoma State, the Huskers have held their past three opponents — Texas A&M, Texas and Kansas — to an average of 68 yards rushing.

Husker defenders want to keep that streak going.

"If you don't stop the run, it's going to be a long day," said cornerback DeJuan Groce.

Nebraska will counter on offense with quarterback Jammal Lord, who last week became the third Nebraska quarterback in six years to rush and pass for at least 1,000 yards in a season. Scott Frost did it in 1997 and Eric Crouch matched the feat last season, when he won the Heisman Trophy.

Nebraska's running game also has gelled behind an offensive line that struggled earlier this season with three

new starters.

After leading the Big 12 in rushing last season, I-back Dahrran Diedrick did not break 100 yards rushing in a game until posting 107 yards against Kansas. He now ranks ninth on NU's all-time rushing list, with 2,543 yards.

Freshman David Horne, who shares time with Diedrick, has 556 yards since coming out of his redshirt year six games into the season. He has scored seven touchdowns and is averaging nearly six yards a carry.

The Huskers (7-4, 3-3 Big 12) are averaging 347 yards a game rushing, third best in the nation. No. 11 KSU (8-2, 4-2) is averaging 253, fifth best.

Bohl wouldn't say if he has anything special planned to shut down the Wildcats' running game.

"We feel like we've got a good plan," he said. "But we are going to be challenged, without question."

Short week could be beneficial for Broncos

DENVER — Having a short week after Monday night's loss to the Oakland Raiders could prove beneficial to the Denver Broncos.

With just five days to prepare for the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, the Broncos don't have much time to worry about what went wrong.

"Monday was Monday, today's Wednesday, it's a short week and we have to have a short memory," Broncos linebacker Keith Burns said. "We can't sit here and worry about what happened, what could have happened Monday because Seattle could care a little bit less about what happened. They probably were glad about what happened."

Oakland, specifically quarterback Rich Gannon, picked apart Denver's defense in its 34-10 victory. The Raiders used short passes like a running game, then threw deep when the Broncos moved up.

Gannon completed 34-of-38 passes — a league-record 21 straight comple-

tions in one stretch — for 352 yards and three touchdowns, with most of the yardage coming after the catch.

"The thing I was disappointed most with in that game, not only did they have completions, they had some big yards after the catch. We had 34 completions too, but we didn't have the yards per catch," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "Once you've thrown the football, if you can limit those yards to four or five yards you are very effective."

Oakland's success might make it appear the Broncos are playing too passively, but Shanahan said Denver is using basically the same defense it did to stop St. Louis, Buffalo and New England, three of the league's best passing teams.

"We have got to get better with 11 guys on the same page," Shanahan said. "We had too many missed assignments. We didn't tackle like we normally did and we didn't have the same level of intensity as we did in some of those other games."

"It comes back to me. It comes back to us as a team. If we want to do anything in the last seven games we've got to play at a much higher level than we did Monday night."

ROMO'S HIT: Tight end Shannon Sharpe will be out up to a month after partially dislocating his right elbow in the first quarter against Oakland.

Sharpe was injured when LB Bill Romanowski, who played six years in Denver before signing with Oakland before the season, came down on his arm. Sharpe tried to make the catch with his left hand because Romanowski was holding his right arm, then was injured when most of Romanowski's weight came down on it.

Sharpe said he will make a judgment on Romanowski's intent when he sees the film.

"Until I see it, I can't say," Sharpe said. "I just think he made a play and I don't know if he intended to do it. Let's just say today he still doesn't feel bad

about it."

HOUSE CALL: With Sharpe out for the next few weeks, Dwayne Carswell will return to the starting lineup.

Last season, Carswell set career highs with 49 receptions and 495 yards and was selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time. Carswell moved back into the backup role with the return of Sharpe this season, with just six catches for 35 yards before Sharpe's injury.

Sharpe is a better receiver, but Carswell is a better blocker at 6-3, 260 pounds, and he did have five catches for 57 yards against the Raiders.

"Obviously, you lose a great player it is going to change somewhat. But I've got a lot of confidence in Dwayne Carswell that he will step in and do a great job both in the running game and the passing game," Shanahan said. "When Shannon went down, Dwayne came in and made some nice catches, some good runs after the catch. So we expect him to play at a very high level."

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
L & M Steel over Basgali Construction 14.5-5.5
Sigco over Western Ks Valley 15-5
Weber Kennels over Witzel and Rhea Imp. 15-5
Bowladium Lanes over ProLine 19-1
Fitzgibbons Inc over Sunflower Satellite 16-4

Individual high game: Jim Fritz-236
Individual high series: Jerry Amthor-846

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-662
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2362

League Standings: Bowladium Lanes 19-1; Fitzgibbons Inc. 16-4; Sigco 15-5; Weber Kennels 15-5; L & M Steel 14.5-5.5; Basgali Construction 5.5-14.5; Witzel And Rhea Imp. 5-15; Western Ks. Valley 5-15; Sunflower Satellite 4-16; ProLine Inc. 1-19.

Wednesday Night Mixed League November 13, 2002

Gamblers over JIBG 3-1
Phillips Brothers over The Pits 3-1
Guzzlin Socializers tied D&G Clan 2-2
Palace Barber Shop over Blind #10 4-0
Shear Dimensions over Fun Lovers 3-1

Men's high game: Paul Weber-215
Men's high series: Paul Weber-618

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-194
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-573

Team high game: Palace Barber Shop-633
Team high series: Palace Barber Shop-1821

League Standings: Guzzlin Socializers; Shear Dimensions; Palace Barber Shop

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