sports **Running game at heart** of Husker, Wildcat game

that still harbors hopes for a top 10 ranking?

That's surprising — or would have been before the Cornhuskers' tumble out of the Top 25 for the first time since 1981 and Kansas State's rebound from last year's 6-6 record.

What shouldn't come as a shock in Saturday's matchup is that both Nebraska and the No. 11 Wildcats will run the ball.

A lot.

"I think there are a lot of similarities between the two teams," said Nebraska coach Frank Solich, winless in his two previous trips to Manhattan. "They really try to build around their running game. ... That's really our philosophy and what we've been about for a number of years."

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder doesn't expect much razzle-dazzle, either.

"I think both teams will see something maybe that's a little bit different," Snyder said. "But by the same token, you can bank on the fact that there will be an awful lot of what has been successful for them and what has been

MANHATTAN (AP) — Unranked successful for us. Good programs are ons on the ground as well: Nebraska Nebraska playing a Kansas State team not going to stray too far away from the tailback Dahrran Diedrick has 729 things that have allowed them to be good programs."

Quarterback Jammal Lord continues 10 TDs for the Wildcats. Nebraska's recent trend of versatile throw for 1,000 yards in a season.

"He's just gotten better throughout think that is to be expected of a young guy that ... has been thrust into a leadership role and gains experience every time he takes a snap."

Lord leads the Cornhuskers (7-4, 3-3 Big 12) with 1,229 yards rushing and shares the team lead with seven touchdowns. He has also thrown for 1,016 yards and 10 scores.

"He's a phenomenal player," Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman run, so we're going to have to do our job this week and try to contain him." The Wildcats (8-2, 4-2) counter with

sophomore tailback Darren Sproles, who has 1,072 yards and 12 touching single-season rusher.

Both teams have secondary weap- throwing game.'

vards and six scores, and quarterback Ell Roberson has run for 670 yards and

Roberson, like Lord, also is a threat quarterbacks who can both run and to pass, with 1,029 yards and five scores through the air.

"There's always room for improvethe course of the year," Snyder said. "I ment. I still make some mistakes as I watch film on my throwing, but I feel I'm doing a lot better than I had been," Roberson said. "I'm concentrating more and trying to focus on my target and get the ball there.'

It's Kansas State's defense, though that has been the story in the Wildcats' last two games — a 64-0 rout of Kansas and a 58-7 win over then-No. 21 Iowa State.

Over that span, Kansas State has said. "He's big and strong and he can forced 13 turnovers and scored three times on defense, including safety Bobby Walker's two interception returns for scores — on consecutive snaps — against Iowa State.

"They are never out of place," Solich downs and needs 191 more yards to said. "They get to the ball very quickly, $pass \ Josh \ Scobey \ as \ the \ school's \ lead- they \ have \ great \ corners, \ and \ that \ makes$ it tough to match up in terms of the

Brewster places three players on All-League football teams

The Brewster Bulldogs have a total of three representatives on the Western Kansas Libert League All-League football team including two on the first team and one who received honorable mention.

Bulldog linebacker Sean Swanson, junior, and quarterback Jacob Falcon, senior were first team selections. End and safety Jake Long, sophomore, was an honorable mention selection.

Western Kansas Liberty League Football All League Team

First Team

Swanson, Junior, Linebacker (Brewster) Falcon, Senior, Quarterback (Brewster) Matt Wilson, Senior, Quarterback (Cheylin)

Michael Sager, Senior, End/Safety (Cheylin)

Lee Albers, Senior, Running Back/Defensive End (Golden Plains)

Casey Shaw, Senior, Tight End/Defensive End (Golden Plains)

Jesse Miller, Sophomore, Running Back/Linebacker (Golden Plains)

Landon Truetken, Junior, Offensive End/Linebacker (Golden Plains)

Brandon Offutt, Senior, Offensive End/Defensive Line(Golden Plains)

Heath Brown, Senior, Linebacker/Fullback (Greeley County) Josh Gooch, Senior, Quarterback/Cornerback (Greeley

County) Travis Doty, Senior, Guard/Linebacker (Greeley County)

Scott Wolf, Senior, Quarterback/Defensive Back (Grinnell/ Wheatland)

Trent Stephens, Senior, Defensive Line/Offensive Line (Grinnell/Wheatland)

Derek Becker, Senior, Running Back (Grinnell/Wheatland) Cody Wolf, Senior, Offensive Line/Defensive Line (Grinnell/ Wheatland)

Chase Ostmeyer, Senior, Linebacker (Grinnell/Wheatland) Clint Johnson, Senior, End/Linebacker (Healy) Ryan Miller, Senior, Quarterback/Defensive Back

(Jennings) Preston Mackley, Senior, Wide Receiver (Triplains) Jordan Barrett, Sophomore, Quarterback (Triplains)

Kellen Davis, Senior, Quarterback/Defensive Back (Wallace County)

Clayton Cox, Senior, Fullbacker/Linebacker (Weskan) Orland Lopez, Junior, Back (Weskan) Honorable Mention

Long, Sophomore, End/Safety (Brewster)

John Simmonds, Senior, Guard/Defensive End (Cheylin) Brent Moss, Junior, Defensive Back (Golden Plains) Matt Giesenhagen, Junior, Quarterback/Defensive Back (Golden Plains)

Trevor McNeely, Senior, Offensive End/Defensive End (Greeley County)

Nathan Goetz, Senior, Tight End, (Grinnell/Wheatland) Mark Johnson, Sophomore, Back/End/Linebacker (Healy) Adam Wahlmeier, Junior, Running Back/Linebacker (Jennings)

Jerry Lahnanen, Senior, Defensive Line/Offensive Line (Jennings)

Nathan Plummer, Junior, Linebacker (Triplains)

Bailev Fischer, Junior, Linebacker (Wallace County) Reid Rains, Sophomore, Running Back/Defensive Back (Wallace County)

Jared Myers, Senior, Safety, (Weskan)

Two Lady Bulldogs on All-League

The Brewster Lady Bulldog volleyball team had two members on the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League teams as determined by the league coaches.

Alicia Collett and Sara Luckert, both seniors, were named to the all-league second team.

Western Kansas Liberty League Volleyball all League Team First Team

Jentri Dixson, Senior (Greeley County) Alicia Ostmeyer, Junior (Grinnell) Brianna Stephens, Senior (Grinnell) Kalin Lewallen, Senior (Triplains) Amy Streit, Senior (Wallace County) Alisha Welsh, Senior (Weskan)

Second Team Collett, Senior (Brewster) Luckert, Senior (Brewster) Sarah Moore, Junior (Cheylin) Jordan Young, Senior (Greeley County) Tanya Beckman, Junior (Grinnell) Erin Bixenman, Junior (Grinnell) Third Team

Amanda Poore, Senior (Cheylin) Michelle Goscha, Senior (Golden Plains) Kayla Beckman, Junior (Grinnell)

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City/County Rrecreation Men's Basketball Thursday, Nov. 14 Kuhrt Ranch over Screwbandos 37-35 Herls Chevrolet over Coke 16-23 Kuhrt Ranch over Dautel Furniture 45-38 Dautel Furniture over Coke 52-46 Jordan Shay, Junior (Healy) Erin Barrett, Senior (Triplains) Whitney DuBois, Junior (Weskan)

Honorable Mention Danielle Hickert, Senior (Golden Plains) Shawna Peterson, Senior (Greeley

County) Peggy Foster, Senior (Jennings) Nikki Rhodes, Junior (Jennings) JoAnna Kling, Senior (Wallace County) Brandi Bertrand, Senior (Wallace

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Okla. State looking for bowl eligibility

season as Kansas coach comes to a merciful end, Mark Mangino will look across the field and see somebody who's done what he wants to accomplish.

Oklahoma State (4-5, 2-3 Big 12), which meets the Jayhawks at 1 p.m. Saturday, needs to win twice in its final three games — at Kansas, against Baylor, and at No. 4 Oklahoma — to become eligible for its first bowl since 1997. Of course, the Cowboys will have to post a rare, for them, road win.

For Kansas, it's the final game of a dismal season that everyone knew would mark the first step in Mangino's long rebuilding project.

The Jayhawks (2-9, 0-7) will have their last chance to win a conference game. A loss would leave the Jayhawks with their worst record since the 1-10 debacle of 1988.

"We're going to be prepared for them," Mangino said. "This is our seniors' last game, this is our last game of the year. The seniors want to go out on a positive note. And our senior class has played with great spirit all year despite the fact that we have not won very

LAWRENCE (AP) — As his first end their season without their best business, one game at a time,' because player. Quarterback Bill Whittemore is I'm going to tell you right now, it is expected to miss a third straight game. going to be, and it can be, a very diffi-Whittemore hurt his left knee on Oct. 26 against Missouri. In his place will probably be Zach Dyer, who started the season at quarterback but was beaten be ripe. In Kansas and Baylor, the out by Whittemore and switched to Cowboys have drawn the two weakest safety.

"He seems very relaxed," Mangino said. "He realizes there is no pressure on him to do anything extraordinary. He just has to do the things he's capable of doing, and we've got a chance."

belong solely to the Cowboys. But sec- road and in order to be successful, in ond-year head coach Les Miles insists there's no thought about the on the road. We have Kansas in postseason.

"Right now, it's Kansas. We'll worry come up with a win. about those scenarios thereafter."

Miles has even been trying to get the minds of his players off bowl talk.

diversion for them, but it's a diversion, there isn't any question," Miles said. "They need to think about one thing and one thing only, and that's beating Kansas.

cult game in Kansas. There isn't any question.'

But the opportunity would appear to teams in the Big 12.

Of course, there's the issue of playing on the road, where the Cowboys have yet to win this year.

"It comes up every week," said Oklahoma State linebacker Terrence The incentive to win would seem to Robinson. "We are not winning on the order to get to a bowl, you have to win Lawrence and it will be important for "It's not on my mind," Miles said. us to go and play a good game and

Robinson is not expecting the Jayhawks to just fold up.

"There is no doubt that these guys "I think that is a great and positive are not going to let up on us," Robinson said.

The Cowboys experienced a great road win in their season finale a year ago when they beat Oklahoma in Norman.

"They've got to get up in morning "It was a great feeling to go to Okla-The Jayhawks will probably have to and say, 'OK, if we just take care of homa and win in our last game and that is how Kansas will see it," Robinson said. "They will come out and play their hardest and get ready to build on the upcoming season. We expect them to come out and play a tough game and give us their best effort.'

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much. So, we're looking forward to it."

Rockies hold line on ticket prices

Rockies are keeping ticket prices the same next season

"Our decision not to raise ticket prices in 2003 is a reflection of many factors, including the tremendous support we have received over the past 10 years," Rockies president Keli McGregor said. "We are also commit-

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado ted to keeping the individual-game experience at Coors Field attractive and affordable to families."

> Colorado hasn't increased season ticket prices since after the 2000 season and individual game prices since after the 2001 season.

Some outfield box seats will drop \$1.50 per ticket to \$20 or \$22.50.

Avs get road win over Predators

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Peter Forsberg had a goal and two assists to lead the Colorado Avalanche to a 3-1 victory over the Nashville Predators on Thursday night.

The Avalanche struck first when Greg de Vries, set up low in the right circle, took a pass from Forsberg and fired it into an empty net as Nashville

nfl schedule

By The Associated Press

Sunday's Games Dallas at Indianapolis, 11 a.m. New Orleans at Atlanta, 11 a.m. Buffalo at Kansas City, 11 a.m. Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 11 a.m. Washington at N.Y. Giants, 11 a.m. Jacksonville at Houston, 11 a.m. Arizona at Philadelphia, 11 a.m. Cleveland at Cincinnati, 11 a.m. Green Bay at Minnesota, 11 a.m. San Francisco at San Diego, 2:05 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 2:05 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 2:15 p.m. Denver at Seattle, 2:15 p.m. Baltimore at Miami, 2:15 p.m. New England at Oakland, 6:30 p.m. Monday's Game Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Sherman County Household Hazardous Waste will hold a drop-off from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the facility at 1860 S. Cherry.

goalie Tomas Vokoun moved too far to his left at 5:31.

Colorado made it 2-0 at 10:36 when Derek Morris, deep in the slot, took a pass from Forsberg and beat Vokoun to the glove side.

Nashville cut the lead to 2-1 in the second period as Andreas Johansson skated across the crease and scored on a backhand shot that beat Colorado goalie David Aebischer at 13:07. The Avalanche made it 3-1 just 31 seconds later when Forsberg put in his own rebound as he skated on his knees toward the goal.



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