

Going, going, gone



Seventh grade Mustangs (from left) Tyler Raby, Jordan McCombs, Jed Gray and Elias Flores waited to see if the Hoxie Indians were going to make the basket in their game Tuesday in the high school gym. The Indians made plenty of shots, beating the Mustangs 34-8.

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Goodland native honored

By Kelsi Bowers
The Hoxie Sentinel

Long-time Hoxie High School wrestling coach Kirk Baker, a 1976 Goodland High School graduate, received one of the greatest honors a coach can receive when he was inducted into the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame at Fort Hays State University.

Before his successful coaching career at Hoxie, Baker learned the way for success in wrestling as a competitor. At Goodland High School, he was a state runner-up as a freshman, state champion as a sophomore and junior, grand state runner-up as a junior, and state runner-up and grand state champion as a senior.

He was inducted into the hall of fame at a banquet Saturday, Oct. 27, in Salina.

After high school, Baker attended Colby Community College, where he continued to dominate in wrestling, qualifying for nationals both years. Baker took on coaching at Hoxie after he married his wife Kelly.

"When I got out of college and moved to Hoxie," he said, "Bob Lovin contacted me and asked if I would be interested in working with the little kids wrestling program. I took the kids to wrestling camps, and I also came into the program at the time of state, so I was able to take them to the state tournament in Hays."

After that, Baker said, some of the school board members contacted him about working with the older boys. He then coached alongside Lovin, Paul Babcock, Roger Morris and then with Mike Porsch. Baker continued his coaching career at Hoxie for 22 years, from 1985 until



Kirk Baker

he retired in 2006.

His career at Hoxie High School included a 190-67-3 dual record and seven state championship teams, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2002 and 2003. Baker guided the Indians to five state runner-up titles in 1987, 1992, 2000, 2001 and 2004.

In all, the Indians were in contention for the Class 3-2-1A state team championships for two decades. The Indians placed in the top four at state 16 times. His teams captured 10 regional titles and 10 Northwest Kansas League titles.

Porsch, who started working with him during the 1995-96 school year and now leads the team, said he learned a great deal from Baker about coaching.

"I believe one of the greatest lessons I learned from Kirk was that you had to let each wrestler find and

develop their own style," Porsch said. "Teach them good technique and a variety of moves so they can use what works for them."

Baker's technique helped mold an unbelievable list of championship-level Hoxie wrestlers, Porsch said.

"Kirk always respected his wrestlers and believed they could achieve great things," Porsch said, "and many times that led them to success beyond what some other people expected of them."

Baker guided 31 state champions, including five two-time winners, one three-time champ and one four-time gold medalist. He had 13 wrestlers with 100 or more wins in their four years at Hoxie.

The coach credits his success to the formula he used to get the best performance from his wrestlers.

"I had to learn patience with the boys," he said. "After being in college, I was used to that style of work, and I realized that I had to pick and choose where I pushed the boys, and when something worked, I went with it."

Baker has been a four-time Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association Class 3-2-1A Coach of the year (1990, 1994, 1999 and 2003), won of the 1998 Kansas Wrestling Officials Association 3-2-1A Sportsmanship and Coach of the Year awards, twice was National Wrestling Coaches Association Kansas Coach of the Year (1999 and 2003), and was the 2006 Kansas Coaches Association Wrestling Coach of the Year and the 2006 National Federation of High School Coaches Association Kansas State Coach of the Year.

His wife is the former Kelly Allen, and together they have four sons, Travis, Trent, Tyler and Brandon.

Cowgirl on all-league roster

Northwest Kansas League coaches chose a Cowgirl for honorable mention on the all-league volleyball team.

Ashley Christians, a senior at Goodland High School was chosen for honorable mention.

The league's coaches select people from other teams, said Goodland Athletic Director Don Smith, and then they vote for their choices, but they can

only vote for members of other teams.

Selected for the all-league team were Lissa Mazanec and Tasha Wagoner, both seniors, from Colby; Sydney Carlson and Sara Miller, both seniors, from Rawlins County; Brea Teeter, Kimber Weiser and Megan Baalman, all seniors, from Oakley; Leanna Scheaffer, senior, and Adrienne Pauls, sophomore, Oberlin; and Corinna Hoyt

and Megan Ochs, both seniors, and Kendra Spresser, junior, all of Hoxie.

Also on honorable mention are Holly Keller, senior, St. Francis; Macy Michelbrink, senior, Rawlins County; Leah Cox, senior, Colby; Chandra Spillman, senior, Hoxie; Jordan Dreher, freshman, Oberlin; Alecia Cooksey, senior, Oakley; and Deresa Stover, junior, Quinter.

bowling results

Monday Night Scratch Classic League

Oct. 29, 2007
Floyd's Refrig. & AC over Steve's Body Shop 15-5
Weber Kennel over Adronics 18-2
RMR over The Rookies 17-3
Bowladium Lanes over SunOpta 15-5
Fitzgibbon's Inc. and J & L

Deliveries postponed

High Individual Game: Jeff Stevens 253
High Individual Series: Jeff Stevens 841
High Team Game: Bowladium Lanes 679
High Team Series: Bowladium Lanes 2,315
League Standings: Eighth week first round

SunOpta

104.5-55.5
Bowladium Lanes 100.5-59.5
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 98-62
Steve's Body Shop 91-69
Weber Kennels 88.5-51.5
J&L Deliveries 83-57
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 71-69
RMR 56-104
Adronics 43-117
The Rookies 24.5-115.5

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Michigan Wolverines at Wisconsin Badgers from Camp Randall Stadium

10:30 a.m. 30/27 FXSP College Football Teams TBA

12:30 p.m. 3/9 NBC College Football Air Force Falcons at Notre Dame Fighting Irish from Notre Dame Stadium

1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Happy Hour Series Phoenix, Ariz.

1:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage - Teams TBA

7/11 CBS College Football Auburn Tigers at Georgia Bulldogs from Sanford Stadium

22/28 ESPN College Football Teams TBA

2:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series Arizona. Travel 200 from Phoenix International Raceway

30/27 FXSP High School Football Teams TBA

5 p.m. 30/27 FXSP College Football Teams TBA

5:15 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Virginia Cavaliers at Miami Hurricanes from The Orange Bowl

6 p.m. 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage - Teams TBA
8:15 p.m. 30/27 FXSP College Football Washington Huskies at Oregon State Beavers from Reser Stadium

Sunday

11 a.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs from Arrowhead Stadium

22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling Etonic Championship from Cheektawaga, N.Y.

60/79 UNIV F'bol Liga Mexicana Morelia Monarcas at Toluca Diablos from Bambonera
12 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Champ Car World Series Gran Premio of Mexico City

12:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Womenis College Basketball Arizona State Lady Sun Devils at North Carolina Lady Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center

2:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC NASCAR Nextel Cup Checker Auto Parts 500 from Phoenix International

Raceway

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Womenis College Basketball Oklahoma Lady Sooners at Maryland Lady Terrapins from Comcast Center

6:15 p.m. 8/8 NBC Sunday Night Football Indianapolis Colts at San Diego Chargers from Qualcomm Stadium

2 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Tennis Masters Cup: Round Robin from Shanghai, China

Monday

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball New Mexico State Aggies at Duke Blue Devils from Cameron Indoor Stadium

6:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football San Francisco 49ers vs Seattle Seahawks from Qwest Field

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Regional Semifinal Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix vs Ohio State Buckeyes from Columbus, Ohio

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball CBE Classic Youngstown State Penguins at UCLA Bruins from Pauley Pavilion

2 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Tennis Masters Cup: Round Robin from Shanghai, China

Tuesday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Regional Final from Syracuse, N.Y.

5:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Toledo Rockets at Ball State Cardinals from Ball State.

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball NIT Regional Final from Columbus, Ohio

30/27 FXSP College Basketball Wyoming Cowboys at Denver Pioneers

8:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball CBE Classic Teams TBA from Los Angeles

11 p.m. 22/28 ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.

2 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Tennis Masters Cup: Round Robin from Shanghai, China

Wednesday

5 p.m. 23/28 ESPN College Basketball North Carolina Tar Heels at Davidson Wildcats from Belk Arena
5:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Akron Zips at Miami (Ohio)

Red Hawks from Yager Stadium

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets from Toyota Center

7:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP High School Football Teams TBA

8:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Regional Final Teams TBA from Seattle, Wash.

2 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Tennis Masters Cup: Round Robin from Shanghai, China

Thursday

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Teams TBA from New York

6 p.m. 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs Dallas Mavericks from American Airlines Center

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Oregon Ducks vs Arizona Wildcats from Arizona Stadium

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Teams TBA from New York

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls vs Phoenix Suns from US Airways Center

2 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Tennis Masters Cup: Round Robin from Shanghai, China

Friday

1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nextel Cup Qualifying Homestead, Fla.

4:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Teams TBA from New York

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Houston Rockets vs San Antonio Spurs from The AT&T Center

6:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Teams TBA from New York

7 p.m. 30/27 FXSP High School Football Teams TBA

8:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons vs Los Angeles Lakers from Staples Center

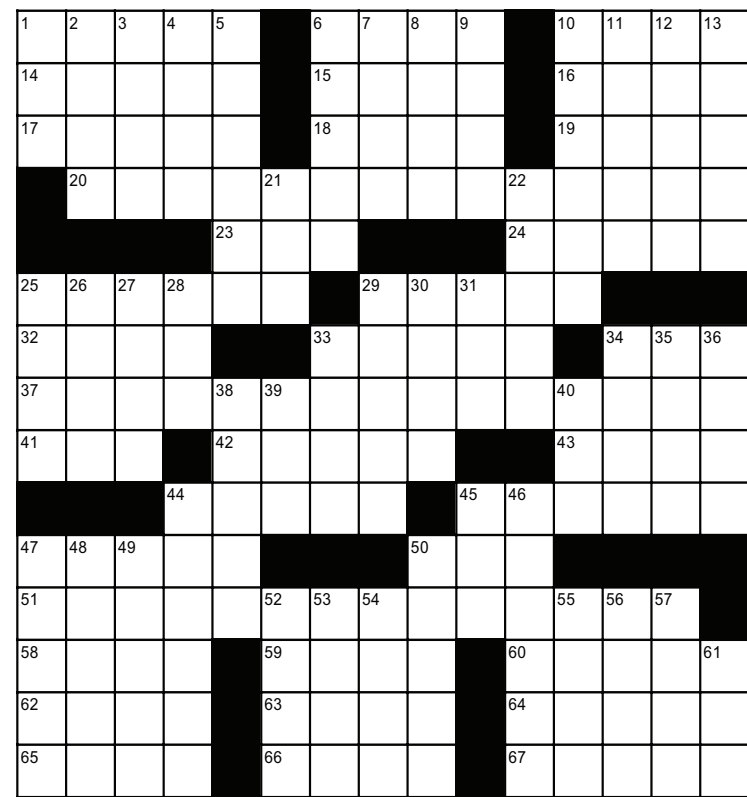
9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Hawaii Warriors at Nevada Wolf Pack from Mackay Stadium

Crossword Puzzle

And?

- ACROSS**
1. Spanish appetizers
6. Run off at the mouth
10. Fight for breath
14. In pieces
15. U2 vocalist
16. Up to the task
17. City near Dayton
18. ___ JAIL (Monopoly square)
19. Dirtbag
20. Greet the judge
23. Buddhism sect
24. ___-totsy
25. Far East boat
29. "Shut up!"
32. Cookie sometimes eaten inside-out
33. Bone-chilling
34. Philosopher Lao-

37. ___ One way to advertise
41. Not fresh
42. Non-imaginary numbers
43. Quickly, briefly
44. Engraving tools
45. Messy place
47. Dickens's Heep
50. Whole lot
51. Beat a difficult situation
58. Like much folk mus.
59. In charge of
60. Graceland name
62. Actress Russo
63. Unloading site
64. Show one's pearly whites
65. Mideast's Gulf of ___
66. Whirling water
67. Vacancy sign



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1. Bill add-on
2. Pals of Tarzan
3. Have dog breath?
4. Oratorio highlight
5. Anthem section
6. Compressed-air weapon
7. Aerial stunt
8. Voting no on
9. Timely benefit
10. Big goon
11. More or less
12. Insulting remarks
13. Of no importance
21. Place to kick back
22. Big Indian
25. Artsy Manhattan area

26. Fast-shrinking Asian sea
27. Patch up
28. Green bean, for example
29. String section members
30. Bellicose god
31. Long or Peebles
33. List-ending abbr.
34. Hardy heroine
35. BA or ERA
36. Catch sight of
38. Straight: Prefix
39. One-eighty
40. Hang back
44. Bum out
45. 2B or SS
46. Overrun
47. Part of UV
48. Rose up, in dialect
49. Lamebrained
50. Towel material
52. "Uh-uh!"
53. "Metamorphoses" author
54. Can't do without
55. "Blondie" boy
56. Diabolical
57. Some flooring
61. Get firm

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