

# East beats West 29-12

The East team defeated the West 29-12 Saturday at the 31st annual Kansas Shrine Bowl at Welch Stadium on the campus of Emporia State University.

The East struck first, scoring on a 48-yard pass play on the first play from scrimmage after the opening kickoff. The West responded with a 45-yard pass for a touchdown later in the first quarter but missed the extra point.

The West took the lead 12-7 with less than six minutes left in the first half on a 1-yard quarterback sneak.

A two-point conversion attempt failed.

The second half was dominated by the East as it scored 22 unanswered points to make the final score 29-12. In the third quarter, the East scored on a 25-yard pass play then on a 2-yard run with four seconds left in the period.

The game's final score came on a 22-yard run in the fourth quarter.

This was the first win for the East since 2000, when it defeated the West 21-13 in Topeka. The teams finished in a 12-all tie in 2001 in a

game played at Kansas State University. The West won 27-13 in 2002 in Pittsburg and 35-2 last year in Wichita.

The Northwest Kansas League was represented at the game by Goodland's Jordan Bedore and Atwood's Jeff Horinek, both of whom played mostly on defense. Bedore is headed to Kansas State University this month while Horinek will be on his way to Colorado State University.

## Heading to Dodgertown



Goodland's shortstop Jake Alander (left) made a play at second base against Scott City on July 22 at the American Legion zone tournament in Colby. Alander was picked to play in this year's Dodgertown World Series August 13-17 in Vero Beach, Fla. Dodgertown is the spring training camp for the Los Angeles Dodgers.  
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## sports shorts

### Former Cowgirl begins final season

Senior Ashley Hallagin of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, begins her final season of her college volleyball career Sept. 3 when the Cardinals take on Mercer University at the City Hotel and Bistro Invitational in Greenville, N.C.

Hallagin, who started 27 of the 30 matches so far, led Lamar in assists last year with 1,081 averaging over 10 per game. She also led the team in service aces with 42.

Hallagin played her first two collegiate season at Barton County Community College, where as a team captain she led the Cougars to two National Junior College Athletic Association Region VI championships.

Lamar finished 10-21 overall last season and 3-17 in the Southland Conference. After their opening tournament in North Carolina, the Cardinals begin a seven-match home stand starting Sept. 10 with the first day's competition of the Lamar Cardinal Classic.

### Hoosiers play Chippewas in opener

Former Cowboy Luke Stone, a senior at Indiana University, Bloomington, will open his final collegiate football season Sept. 4 when the Hoosiers host Central Michigan University.

Stone played his first two seasons at Garden City Community College before transferring to Indiana in January 2003. Last season, he played in all 12 games for the Hoosiers and started in the team's opener against the University of Connecticut. The second-year safety had 11 tackles in 2003, including five solo.

The Hoosiers finished 2-10 overall in 2003 and 1-7 in the Big Ten Conference. The Chippewas of Central Michigan, members of the Mid-American Conference, finished 3-9 overall last season.

### Cowboy turned Broncbuster in action this month

Don Raymer, a sophomore at Garden City Community College, will begin his second season on the Broncbuster football team on Aug. 28, at home, against Dodge City Community College.

The game will be begin at Memorial Stadium in Garden City starting at 7 p.m. (Central Time). Last year, the Broncbusters defeated the Conquistadors 21-19 in the season opener for both teams in Dodge City.

Raymer played in all 10 games for Garden City last season. As a wide receiver he caught four passes for 58 yards, the longest for 30 yards. He also played on special

teams. The Broncbusters were 5-5 overall last season and 4-3 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The conference coaches' preseason poll was released Saturday with Garden City picked to finish third behind three-time defending champion Butler County Community College and Coffeyville Community College.

### Year-long wait over for Tiger

Kris Rubio, a redshirt freshman on the Fort Hays State Football team, will be on the field ready to play on Aug. 26 when the Tigers open their season with their annual battle against the Hornets of Emporia State University.

Rubio, a defensive back, spent last season practicing with the team and learning the system of coach Tim O'Connor, who begins his fourth season leading the Tigers.

Fort Hays State finished 6-5 overall in 2003 and 5-3 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, including a 33-28 upset win over Chadron State College (Neb.) which was undefeated and nationally ranked at the time.

Kickoff for the Tigers' opening game will be 7 p.m. (Central Time) at Welch Stadium in Emporia. Last year the Hornets won 31-21 in Hays.

## Violence shows ugly side of sports

I was channel surfing a few days ago, and on one of the sports news programs it showed a brawl between two pit crews during a NASCAR race.

We try to teach our children good sportsmanship and we do a good job for the most part, but there are exceptions. Overall, though, it seems that we hold our children to a higher standard of conduct than we do as adults. The better a person is at his or her sport, the more tolerant we become of violent excess.

Fights in auto racing are nothing new. I remember about 20 years ago seeing a newspaper report of one of the Unser brothers "duking it out" with one of the Yarboroughs. However now it seems standard that when drivers are involved in a wreck that puts them out of that race, at least one time out of three a driver will attack the other.

Is this wrong? Yes. Will it stop? No. Extra curricular violence draws crowds, which makes money, and as long as the owners, agents and athletes are raking in the cash it will remain with us.

If it is a choice between the integrity of the sport and money, then money will win out 95 percent of the



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time. How many times has Mike Tyson fought since he was suspended for life for biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear?

Violence in hockey has gotten so bad that players have appeared in court on assault charges. Baseball has the ugly practice of "brush back" pitches and its "bench-clearing" brawls, which some fans look forward to and cheer for.

Fights are frequent in soccer, football has cheap shots that leads to fisticuffs, we've seen them on the basketball court and now we see them along the sidelines, in the pits and in the stands.

I'm actually offended when I see a professional athlete with multi-million dollar contracts charge after a pitcher with a baseball bat because he was struck out. The new trend is taking a shot at the catcher first so the batter will have time to

get to the pitcher.


Violent athletes are not being held accountable, whether they attack another player, a coach, an official or a fan. Even when action is taken against them, it seems meaningless to

me. If an athlete is suspended for a game or two, it's not going to ruin him financially. If he or she gets a fine, chances are the players' union will pay it, either outright or "under the table."

Society's tolerance, and in some cases encouragement, of violent behavior has created a new elite class of people who consider themselves above the law.

This is one reason why I no longer follow professional sports.

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