

Mankato survives district battle with Huskies

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When Mankato football coach Gary Johnson predicted his 1985 team had the potential to be better than his '84 squad, one had to wonder if Johnson was just being an eternal optimist.

After all, last year's Cougars went 10-1 and lost to eventual Eight-Man Division I champ Midway-Denton in sub-state.

Also, gone was All-Area and Shrine Bowl running back-linebacker Gary Colson along with quarterback Gregg Doud and split end speedster Paul Fleming.

But Johnson was quick to point out the Cougars had their linemen returning. He said Curtis Free (230), Shane Ross (220), James Hubert (200) and Joe Colson (170) — all seniors — would make up for his team's losses in the backfield.

Johnson also noted that junior quarterback, Doug Benoit, had played the position as a freshman before switching to end last season, so replacing a signal-caller wouldn't be that big of problem.

Johnson was never more accurate.

Following its 41-38 district victory over previously No. 1-ranked Al-

The Salina Journal's prep football rankings

School	W-L
CLASS 6A	
1. Lawrence (1)	5-0
2. Shawnee Mission West (2)	4-1
3. Olathe South (3)	5-0
4. Junction City (4)	5-0
5. Dodge City (5)	5-0
CLASS 5A	
1. Wichita Kapaun (1)	5-0
2. Arkansas City (2)	5-0
3. Kansas City-Ward (4)	4-0
4. Independence (NR)	5-0
5. McPherson (NR)	5-0
CLASS 4A	
1. Mulvane (1)	5-0
2. Norton (2)	5-0
3. Shawnee-Aquinas (3)	4-1
4. Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail (4)	4-1
5. Colby (5)	5-0
CLASS 3A	
1. Saneca-Nemaha Valley (1)	5-0
2. Rossville (3)	5-0

mena-Northern Valley, Mankato is 5-0, ranked second in this week's Salina Journal Eight-Man Division I state football rankings and sitting in excellent position to return to the state playoffs in November.

"Our kids remember that Midway-Denton game (a 50-46 loss) last year," said Johnson, who is in his eighth-year as head coach. "Our seniors (seven) set some team goals at the beginning of the season and have provided good leadership. Since we started playing eight-man

football, we have lost to Midway-Denton twice in the playoffs and both years, Midway won the state. Our kids would like to be on top this year."

Although Johnson isn't about to take remaining district foes (Logan, Palco and Pike Valley) lightly, the Cougars have overcome the toughest obstacle in Northern Valley. Last Friday's game was billed the top eight-man game in the state and it definitely was played to that buildup.

3. Clifton-Clyde (5)	4-0
4. Silver Lake (2)	4-1
5. Lyons (NR)	5-0
CLASS 2-1A	
1. Pittsburg-Colgan (1)	5-0
2. Claflin (2)	5-0
3. Ashland (4)	5-0
4. Lyndon (5)	5-0
5. Madison (NR)	5-0
EIGHT-MAN I	
1. Coldwater (2)	5-0
2. Mankato (3)	5-0
3. Almena-Northern Valley (1)	4-1
4. Quinter (4)	5-0
5. Greensburg (5)	5-0
EIGHT-MAN II	
1. Denton-Midway (1)	3-0
2. Tipton (2)	5-0
3. Brewster (4)	4-1
4. Wakarusa (3)	4-0
5. Tescott (NR)	5-0

(Last week's ranking in parentheses).

While Northern Valley lived by the big play, Mankato primarily used ball-control offense and was rarely stopped by the Huskies.

The Cougars rolled up 262 yards on the ground and 129 passing. Tailback Mike Neilson had 97 yards rushing and two TDs, Benoit ran for 93 in addition to completing 8-of-11 passes for the 129 yards and a TD, and fullback Troy May added 71 yards rushing and two TDs.

"Most of May's yards came in the first half when they gave us the middle," Johnson said. "We just took what they gave us and we killed them up the middle."

Mankato held a 21-14 halftime lead, but Northern Valley, which entered the game with a 63-point scoring average, rallied to take a 38-27 advantage in the fourth quarter. Huskie quarterback Curtis Lowry, who threw for 231 yards, hit Rex Stutterheim on a 51-yard TD pass then ran four yards for a score for NV's last two scores.

Lowry had two other TD passes of 67 and 27 yards.

"They (NV) mixed it up well and made the big plays," Johnson said. "but outside of the first drive of the game, they never could establish a

long drive against us."

Mankato came back through the air. Benoit hit Justin Basart with a 13-yard TD pass and, after a Husky punt, capped a 48-yard drive with an 11-yard scoring strike to Colson with 1:30 left in the game. The Cougars' defense then stopped the Huskies to clinch the win.

"We anticipated an offensive matchup with the team having the ball last probably winning," Johnson said. "It was similar to last year's Midway-Denton game (a 50-46 loss) except we scored late this time then held them (NV)."

While Northern Valley will likely miss the playoffs with one loss, fortune may be in Mankato's favor this season.

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Madison replaced Meade in the 2A-1A rankings and Lyons, 5-0, replaced Smith Center in the 3A top five. Smith Center suffered its first defeat of the season last Friday when it fell to Norton, 38-0. Lyons has played well all season and edged 4A Hoisington, 14-6, last Friday. Silver Lake slipped to fourth after falling to 4A's fourth-ranked team, Santa Fe Trail, 24-8.

Rossville is second and Clifton-Clyde third.

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The top three classes had little change. Mulvane is still top-ranked after whipping Ulysses, 35-0. Norton — No. 2 — clinched a share of the Mid-Continent League title by whipping Smith Center, Shawnee-Aquinas is still third followed by Santa Fe Trail and Colby.

Independence and McPherson are newcomers in 5A. Wichita Carroll dropped out after losing to top-ranked Wichita Kapaun and Kansas City-Summer fell out after losing to Kansas City-Washington. McPherson will be involved in one of the state's top games Friday when it travels to No. 2 Arkansas City. Both Ark Valley League teams are 5-0.

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Coldwater rolled over Macksville, 59-6, and moved into the No. 1 spot in Eight-Man I. Northern Valley dropped to third. Quinter and Greensburg are fourth and fifth, respectively, with 5-0 records. Quinter, bombed Golden Plains, 46-6, in a district game.

Tescott moved into the Eight-Man II rankings after whipping Bennington, 30-6, in a key district contest.

New York bounces Miami, 23-7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Freeman McNeil took over the National Football League rushing lead with 173 yards and an inspired New York Jets defense throttled Dan Marino and the Miami Dolphins for a 23-7 victory Monday night.

The Jets won their fifth consecutive game and moved atop the AFC East with a 5-1 record. Miami, which had won four straight, dropped to 4-2.

New York had not beaten Miami in seven games before Monday, but they dominated the Dolphins in the second half. The Jets led 6-0 at halftime on field goals of 22 and 18 yards by Pat Leahy, then controlled the ball for much of the second half behind McNeil's running.

"When you can beat the Super Bowl representative of our conference it's a big win," said Jets coach Joe Walton. "The offensive line came off the ball great and Freeman was running great."

New York marched 80 yards in 11

plays to open the third period. McNeil, who raised his season total to 645, had 15 yards rushing and 33 yards on a pair of pass receptions in the drive.

Quarterback Ken O'Brien, who hit 18 of 28 passes for 239 yards, then connected with Kurt Sohn on a 15-yard slant-in pattern to give the Jets a 13-0 advantage.

Miami staged its only scoring drive after that, going 73 yards in eight plays. New York had the Dolphins stopped but Mark Gastineau was caught offside on a third-down play and Miami got a first down.

Marino connected with Mark Clayton for 14 yards, then frustrated a Jet blitz with a flair pass to Tony Nathan for 25 more yards. Rookie Ron Davenport carried in from the three on the next play for the touchdown.

O'Brien then led the Jets on a 79-yard drive highlighted by McNeil runs of 17, 10 and 9 yards. On first down from the Miami 7-yard line Tony Paige was stopped after a 2-

yard gain and the Dolphins came up with the ball. After a short suspension, the officials ruled there had been no fumble.

Leahy connected from 18 yards moments later to make it 16-7.

The Jets, who scored on their first three second-half possessions, then went 62 yards in 10 plays to clinch it. McNeil ran for 36 yards on that drive, which was capped by Paige's 1-yard scoring run.

McNeil now has rushed for more than 100 yards against Miami four times, the only running back to do so.

Marino was 13 of 23 for 136 yards, the lowest yardage he has compiled in a game in two years.

An aggressive Jets defense kept Marino and the Dolphins off balance in the first half. Although Marino was sacked only once — for 10 yards by Barry Bennett — the Jets continually made Marino hurry his throws.

The Dolphins had two sustained

drives in the first half. The first one, fizzled on the Miami 37 and the other, which began at the Dolphin 1, reached only the 38.

Jets punter Dave Jennings twice pinned Miami deep in its territory. In addition to a 36-yard punt that was downed on the 1, Jennings was helped by a long bounce off the artificial turf for a 66-yard kick.

After a scoreless first period, the Jets marched 68 yards in 11 plays for their first score. Mickey Shuler made a diving catch for a 20-yard gain on third down to keep the drive going, and O'Brien hit Sohn for 12 yards on another third-down play.

McNeil swept right for gains of seven and 20 yards before the drive stalled and Leahy booted his 22-yarder.

New York's other drive began at its 33 late in the second quarter. McNeil again was the key player in the drive, running for 11 yards and taking an O'Brien pass for a 13-yard gain.



Chicago Bears head coach Mike Ditka

Ditka charged with DUI

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol early Monday, prompting irate Bears fans to flood state police with calls of protest.

Ditka was arrested about two miles north of O'Hare International Airport shortly after the Bears had returned from San Francisco, where they thrashed the rival 49ers 26-10 in a National Football League game Sunday.

State police had been fielding calls from angry Bears fans all day.

"We've been called everything in the book that you can think of," said Illinois State Police Trooper Louis Jurkowlaniec.

One indignant caller told state police Ditka was "the best thing that has ever happened to Chicago," said Trooper Sandra Mosley, adding that three troopers had been handling the telephones.

"If the officer had not done his job, Ditka may have been dead," Ms. Mosley said. "We're doing our job."

Jurkowlaniec said three charges were placed against Ditka: speeding, improper lane usage and driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

State Police Sgt. Charles Roth said Ditka, 45, was stopped just after midnight on the Tri-State Tollway. Ditka posted \$100 bond

and surrendered his driver's license before being released, Roth said.

Ditka, who was alone in the car, refused to take a breathalyzer test at a state police station, so a separate citation was issued for that, Jurkowlaniec said.

Because Ditka refused to take the test, his arrest was made on the basis of a field observation, added Sgt. William Kearney.

"They look at how he handles himself, how he speaks, walks, how he was driving the car," Kearney explained. He said the report by the arresting officer, whose identity was not released, was confidential.

"There is a very good chance he (Ditka) could lose his driving privileges" for up to a year, Kearney said.

The maximum fine for a drunken driving conviction is \$3,000, he said.

Ditka is allowed to drive until his court date, the officer said.

Ditka's vehicle was towed, and he took a taxi home from the station, said Kearney.

"He was very polite," Jurkowlaniec added.

Ditka is to appear Nov. 8 in Schaumburg traffic court.

Asked if Ditka would receive any special treatment, Kearney said, "We go through the normal process with everyone. We try and treat them all equal."

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Cardinals, having been with the club since 1974.

Herzog elected to go with Forsch Monday instead of bringing back Andujar on three day's rest. Andujar was ineffective in losing Game 2 in Los Angeles, going 4 1/3 innings and giving up six runs on eight hits.

"Today's ballgame was important," Herzog said of his decision to lift Forsch right away. "If we didn't win, I didn't think we would have a chance. I wanted Dayley to get us to the seventh inning, and he did."

In Game 1, Valenzuela had to pitch his way out of minor trouble in the first two innings. This time, he was only half as lucky.

And this time, the trouble was of his own doing, the result of wildness.

Valenzuela walked Willie McGee on a 3-2 pitch to start the first inning. McGee checked his swing just in time to avoid striking out, and the next batter, Smith, walked on four pitches. Valenzuela then threw a strike to Herr, before the Cards RBI leader pulled a ground double down the left-field line.

McGee scored easily and Smith

ran through the "stop" sign of third-base coach Hal Lanier to score as Pedro Guerrero's throw from left field sailed over catcher Mike Scioscia's head. Valenzuela backed up the play, and Herr held at second. Herr, who homered in Game 3, wound up at third shortly thereafter, however, when Valenzuela threw the ball into center field on an attempted pickoff play.

The Cards were held to the two runs when Jack Clark lined out hard to Madlock at third, Cesar Cedeño struck out and Tito Landrum, Coleman's replacement in left field, fled to center.

The double was Herr's fourth of the playoffs, tying a record set by Pete Rose of Cincinnati and Matty Alou of Oakland, both in 1972. And the RBI were the fourth and fifth in the series for Herr, who had 110 during the season.

"The way we played the first two games out there, I'm sure they feel they can win both games," Herr said of the Dodgers. "But we aren't thinking of playing both games. We're thinking of playing one. If they win Game 6, I'm sure they'll feel they have something going."

In the fourth inning, the Dodgers tied the score on Madlock's second home run in as many days.

"We have to regroup on the flight back and get them. You've got to take it one game at a time," said Tom Niedenfuer, who served up Smith's home run. "We've got a guy (Hershiser) who is 11-0 at Dodger Stadium."

"A lot of times people are keyed up in situations like this and maybe hit the ball harder. Things happen like that in the playoffs," said Dodgers first baseman Enos Cabell, trying to explain Smith's homer.

"Somebody doesn't do anything ... and then does it all of a sudden."

Not surprisingly, Los Angeles manager Tommy Lasorda said his biggest task now will be to rally his stunned team.

"I'll tell them the Cardinals have to win four games to win this thing (and) right now they only have three," Lasorda said. "All I can say is our club has reacted well to adversity in the past, and I'm sure you'll see us pull together again."

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training, nobody gave us a chance to do anything," Smith said. "It's just been a real joy. It's been a total team effort."

Cards manager Whitey Herzog said Smith's shot, while producing a triumph, was equally important for another reason.

"I didn't want the ballgame to go 11 innings. We might have been in a little bit of trouble if it did," said Herzog, who got 5 1/2 scoreless innings from three St. Louis relievers connected. "I really think that today's game was important. If we hadn't won in today's game, I really don't think we would have had a chance."

Joaquin Andujar, the Cards' loser in Game 2, has been tabbed to pitch Wednesday's Game 6 for the Cards, facing Hershiser, who is unbeaten at home.

Namath's No. 12 retired

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Joe Namath had his No. 12 jersey retired by the New York Jets at halftime of the team's National Football League game with the Miami Dolphins Monday night as a capacity crowd at Giants Stadium gave him a long, boisterous standing ovation.

Namath, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer, also received his Hall of Fame ring during the ceremony.

Dr. James Nicholas, the Jets' orthopedic surgeon who performed several operations on Namath's knees, gave the quarterback a sculptured crystal with the number 12 and the dates 1965-76 etched on it.



Namath

It was the first time the Jets had retired a uniform number.

Following that presentation, Weeb Ewbank, who coached the Jets when Namath led them to the Super Bowl championship in 1969, then presented Namath with his jersey.

"I promise you this is not an individual honor," said a teary-eyed Namath. "A lot of hard work by my teammates, Boozer, Snell, Mathis ... They're the reason I'm here tonight."

"Remember No. 12, I'll always be in spirit with the New York Jets." The number 12 took on greater meaning for Namath, currently a football analyst for ABC, over the weekend when his wife Deborah gave birth on Saturday, Oct. 12, to Jessica Grace.

During his career Namath, a standout at Alabama, threw for 27,663 yards

Chiefs waive Dawson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs on Monday waived 10-year veteran nose tackle Mike Dawson, a former No. 1 draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dawson was waived off the Chiefs' injured reserve list. The Arizona product had been acquired by Kansas City as a free agent before the eighth game of 1984.

Dawson, the first No. 1 draft choice from Arizona, had missed only 13 games going into the current season. He started 84 of the 88 games he played in St. Louis before he was traded to the Detroit Lions in 1983.

In another move, Kansas City put linebacker Louis Cooper on the injured reserve list.

Mustangs win Newton XC meet

NEWTON — Salina Central's boys' cross country team defended its team title at the Newton Invitational Monday by placing six runners in the top 20 and scoring 51 points.

The eight-team meet was originally rained out last Thursday.

Newton was second with 66 points. Haysville-Campus was third with 98.

Salina Central's girls were third out of five teams. Valley Center was first with 40 points. Newton followed with 78 and Central had 109.

David Brummett led the Mustang boys with a sixth-place time of 16:31 for the 5,000-meter course. Robbie Seiler was ninth for Central in 17:25. The other four top 20 finishers for the Mustangs were: Marc

Henry, 11th, 17:34; William Sunderlin, 12th, 17:39; Mark Luce, 13th, 17:40, and Joe Ireton, 17th, 17:48.

Central head coach Doug Smith continues to be impressed with the progress with his sophomores, Luce and Henry in particular.

"Henry had his best race of the season, while Luce continues to be consistent," Smith said.

Hesston's Dave Warders won the boys' race in 15:56.

Lynn Cruce paced the Mustang girls with a 12th-place finish in a time of 13:25 (two miles). Charlene Anderson was 15th in 13:43 and Daphne Wickham was 19th in 13:53.

Central's B-team boys edged out Newton, 44-46. Brooks Hilyard was first for the Mustangs in 18:16. Arthur Keys was second in 18:20.

Martin may be ousted again

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Martin, who nearly guided the New York Yankees to the American League's East Division title in his fourth stint as manager of the club, may be on the verge of being ousted again.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner issued a statement Sunday stating that he was assigning the decision on next season's manager to general manager Clyde King and team vice president Woody Woodward.

"I feel this decision should be made, as with other clubs, by the general manager and his staff," the statement read. "They have been given the opportunity and responsibility to make the decision. They will receive neither stipulation nor input from me. I have told both men in a meeting I do not even

want to know their decision until it's ready to be announced publicly."

King, reached Sunday by the New York Daily News at his home in North Carolina, refused to comment on Steinbrenner's statement, saying only that he would sit down with Woodward in New York on Tuesday to discuss the managerial situation.

In the statement released by the Yankees public relations department, Steinbrenner criticized Martin for his actions in two barroom altercations at the Cross Keys Motel in Baltimore Sept. 21-22.

"The Yankees can't be proud of incidents like this," Steinbrenner said. "They reflect poorly on the team and on all the individuals concerned. But I plan no action of any sort and the matter is closed as far as I'm concerned."