

Lowery ties record as Chiefs kick Raiders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bill Kenney could have been speaking for every long-suffering fan, coach and player of the Kansas City Chiefs.



Lowery

"It's been a long time coming," he said. The Chiefs, shut out of the National Football League playoffs since 1971, felt they re-established themselves as a force to be reckoned with Thursday night with a convincing 36-20 conquest of the Los Angeles Raiders.

"We can play better, but that was a great defense going against us tonight," said Kenney, who threw for 273 yards and two touchdowns.

"We played this game for respect," said wide receiver Carlos Carson, who caught five passes for 118 yards and a score. "When people talk about teams with good receivers they usually talk about Miami or San Francisco. But we feel like we've got as good a set of receivers as anybody, and we wanted to show people that."

Nick Lowery tied a single-game team record with five field goals.

"This was without a doubt my most satisfying game ever," he said. "But the victory was a team effort, a total team effort."

Raider coach Tom Flores was making no excuses.

"They outplayed us. They're a good football team," he said. "But it's a long season and lots of things will happen on the way."

Lowery tied the record of five field goals by Jan Stenerud, who turned the trick on two occasions in 1969 and again in 1971. The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 2-0 while the Raiders, who had beaten Kansas City five straight times, dropped to 1-1.

Lowery's field goals measured 36, 22, 42, 58 and 21 yards. His 58-yard

GAME IN STATS	LA	KC
First downs	22	18
Rushes-yards	23-67	29-84
Passing	273	241
Return Yards	14	41
Camp-Aff-Int	34-48-2	18-38-0
Sacks by	2-18	3-30
Punts	5-47	5-38
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-49	6-36
Time of Possession	30:38	29:22

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Los Angeles: Allen 14-50, Hawkins 5-6, Plunkett 2-6, K.King 2-5, Kansas City: Heard 21-66, B.King 3-15, Lacey 2-2, Horton 2-2, Kenney 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Los Angeles: Plunkett 34-48-2-303, Kansas City: Kenney 18-38-0-259.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles: Christensen 11-116, Hawkins 7-33, Allen 6-27, Hester 5-69, D.Williams 4-52, K.King 1-6, Kansas City: Carson 5-118, W.Arnold 4-69, Paige 3-27, Heard 3-21, Marshall 1-13, B.King 1-7, Horton 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Scoring Summary	LA	KC
L.A. Raiders	7	0
Kansas City	3	9

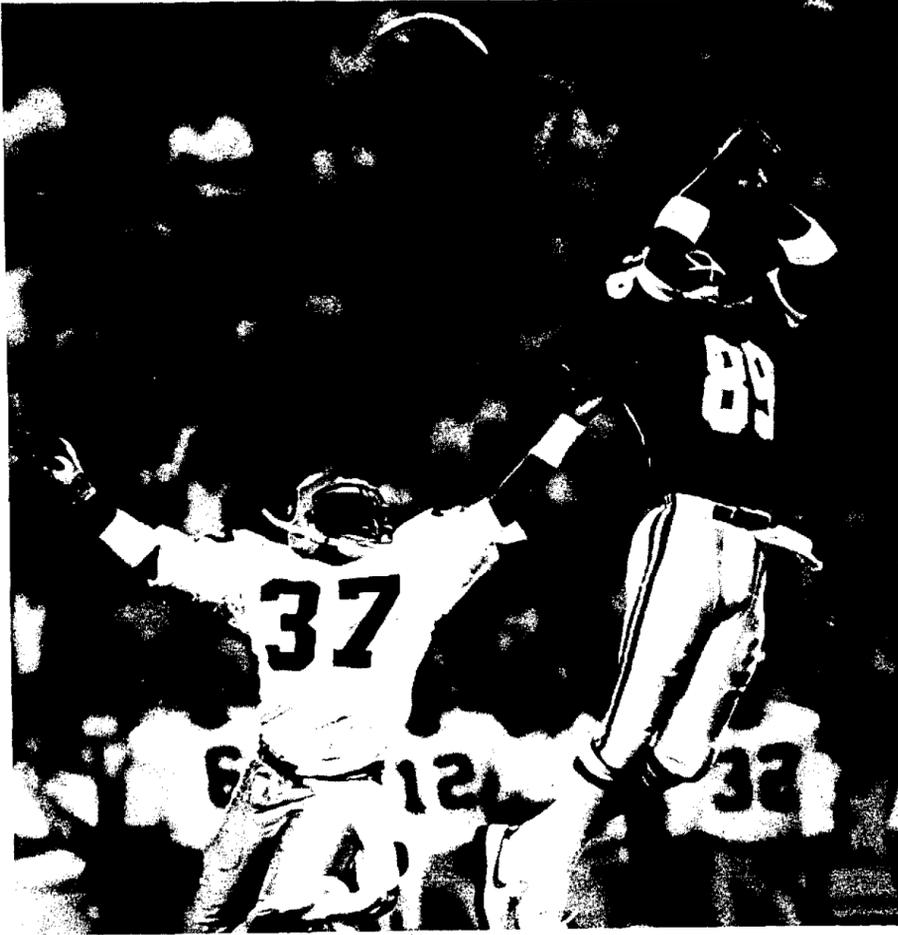
First Period
 LA—Hawkins 1 run (Bahr kick), 9:01
 KC—FG Lowery 39, 11:16
Second Period
 KC—FG Lowery 22, 4:51
 KC—FG Lowery 42, 8:08
 LA—LA Christensen 3 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick), 13:05
 KC—FG Lowery 58, 14:17
Third Period
 KC—Carson 25 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 10:05
 KC—Paige 5 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 11:12
Fourth Period
 KC—Lewis fumble recovery in end zone (Lowery kick), 5:12
 LA—Hester 2 pass from Plunkett (kick failed), 8:08
 A—72, 6:86

effort with 43 seconds remaining in the first half matched the longest of his career and pulled Kansas City within 14-12 at halftime. His 21-yarder 4:39 into the second half propelled the Chiefs into the lead for good at 15-14.

Kenney, who passed for 397 yards against New Orleans last Sunday, completed 18 of 38 passes for 259 yards against Los Angeles. He threw for two touchdowns in the third period as Kansas City pulled out to a 29-14 lead.

Cornerback Albert Lewis recovered a fumble by Raider quarterback Jim Plunkett in the end zone for the Chiefs' third touchdown and a 36-14 lead with 9:48 remaining.

The Raiders scored first on Frank



Henry Marshall can't get high enough to haul in this pass in front of Los Angeles' Lester Hayes.

Hawkin's one-yard plunge with 5:59 left in the first period.

Lowery's third field goal put the Chiefs in the lead at 9-7 with 6:52 left in the first half, but Vann McElroy recovered a Chiefs' fumble on the Kansas City 30 and,

moments later, Todd Christensen made a circus catch in the end zone of a three-yard pass from Plunkett for a 14-9 Raider lead.

With the outcome no longer in doubt, Jessie Hester caught a two-yard scoring pass from Plunkett

with 6:52 left.

Aided by 39 yards in pass interference penalties against Haynes and Lester Hayes, the Chiefs drove to the Raiders' 3-yard line to set up Lowery's go-ahead 21-yarder in the third period.



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Another crack at picking the prep winners

Prep football notes while wondering if I'm really ready to start the high school season tonight with a 3½-hour trip to Norton.

That long drive should be worth it, though, as Plainville and Norton are perennial powers in the always-tough Mid-Continent League. It's unfortunate the league co-favorites must meet in the first game of the season. I'll take Norton by six points at home.

Anyone who followed my state playoff predictions last season (I picked only one state champ correctly) will find it hard to take me seriously this season, but in attempt to regain some respectability, I'm going to make prognosticating a weekly ritual. I'll focus on the top games in the central and northwest Kansas area.

Tonight, in addition to taking Norton over Plainville, I'll take Clay Center by 3 over Concordia; Linn by 10 over Baileyville; Dodge City by 8 over Salina Central; Thomas More Prep-Marian by 7 over Chapman; Southeast of Saline by 1 over Ellsworth; Beloit by 5 over Minneapolis; Colby by 8 over Atwood; and Quivira Heights by 2 over Lucas-Luray.

NEW NAME: Those of you who are puzzled over where Smoky Valley High School came from, wonder no more. The school is Lindsborg High plus the Marquette school district, which closed this past summer. The school's nickname is Vikings.

John Gable is Smoky Valley's head football coach this season. Gable coached Marquette to a 7-2 record last season and brought some skilled players with him. Those players should make the Vikings stronger this fall.

RULE REVISIONS: There's a couple of notable changes. Beginning this season, the penalty for illegal use of the hands and holding will be 10 yards instead of 15. This is good because the reduction should help the offense keep drives going. The pros and colleges use the 10-yard penalty.

The National Federation Football Rules Committee also followed the pros and colleges in penalizing an untouched free kick which goes out of bounds on a sideline outside the end zone. The kicking team will now be penalized five yards and forced to re-kick, unless the receiving team wants the ball where it went out.

A rule change most fans may not notice, but players and coaches are glad to see, is that players may move in motion parallel with the line. Before, players in motion had to be clearly moving away from the line at the snap. Those players will now be able to see the rest of the players and what's happening in case of a delayed or premature snap.

Another good rule concerns ineligible receivers downfield. The infraction will still cost a team a down, but the yardage penalized will be 5 yards instead of 15. Most of the ineligible receivers are linemen who either forgot the play was a pass or thought the quarterback changed his mind in the backfield after a missed handoff. Catching a pass is the last thing on their minds.

LEAGUE HOPPING: If you are having a difficult time keeping track of which teams are in what leagues in the central and northwest Kansas area, join the club. Here's a quick review of this year's jumps:

Solomon from independent to the Post Rock League; Lyons from the Mid-State to the Mid-Kansas; Haven from the Chisholm Trail to the Mid-Kansas (split into two divisions this season); Glasco from the Post Rock to the Pike Trail; Herndon out of the Western Kansas League to play six-man football in Nebraska (more on that next week); Jennings from the Western Kansas to the Cheyenne; Otis-Bison from the Western Kansas Education Association (WKEA) to the Quivira; and Natoma from the Cheyenne to the Twin Lakes.

A REMINDER: Again, the Journal sports staff is asking coaches of the home teams (win or lose) to call us with the scoring summary of their game. Our toll free number is 1-800-432-7606.

Salina teams play role of underdog in openers

By STEPHEN WHITE
 Sports Writer

Salina teams will not be favored to win any of their season-openers tonight as the high school football season kicks off, but Salina South head coach Dave Butler, Salina Central head coach Ted Stein and Sacred Heart head coach Bob Warkentine are understandably optimistic.

It's that time of year when every coach is optimistic. Preseason optimism is fundamental to coaching.

"I don't know if we're ready for Dodge, but we're ready for an opener," said Stein, whose Mustangs meet Dodge City at Salina Stadium.

Sacred Heart will be host to Abilene at Martin Stadium while South takes on Wichita Southeast at the Wichita Heights field. Kickoff for each game is 7:30 p.m.

"There comes a point and time when you've got to see somebody besides yourself. We just emotionally need to play a ball game," Stein said.

"This is the toughest opponent we've had to open against in four years," said Stein, who is begins his fourth season at Central.

The last time Central played Dodge City was seven years ago, when the Demons whipped the Mustangs, 21-7.

If Stein and the Mustangs are leary of Dodge City, then Butler and the Cougars could be shaking in their boots. Southeast has been dubbed the best team in Wichita this year and, according to some sources, is ready to reconstruct the dynasty which accounted for four state championships in the late '70s and early '80s.

But the Cougars, 1-8 last year, and their coach aren't backing down from the challenge.

"There's a possibility we may be 0-6 going into district; we play six good teams. But we could be 6-0, too," Butler said.

"We went down and scouted them in their soap scrimmage and they didn't show us a phenomenal team. They're real solid and they're real big, but they're not real quick and they just put in that new wishbone

(offense). We hope we can catch 'em before they get it too refined.

"If we can get a couple of breaks and capitalize on them, I think we can play with Southeast and beat them."

Warkentine, in his first season as head coach at Sacred Heart, likes to think his Knights can beat Abilene. But, like Butler, Warkentine has a realistic approach.

"We're going to have to contain Abilene if we have any chance of winning," Warkentine said. "They've scored more than 50 points against us the last two years. They're going to score some points, but we've got to contain them."

Last year, the Cowboys beat SHHS, 55-28, after outscoring the Knights, 39-22, two years ago.

"Let's face it, Abilene is supposed to beat us," Warkentine said. "But we're going to go out and play ball."

"I think it's great, playing Abilene in our season-opener. We're really looking forward to the challenge. Abilene is one of the best-coached teams we play against. It'll be a really good test to see where we are."

"We don't feel any pressure because we're not supposed to win. We're going to go out and play to the best of our ability."

At Central, Stein's biggest concern is his team's inexperience.

"This is the most inexperienced team we've had since '82," he said. "And, actually, it's less experienced than that team, but in '82 they were learning a new system."

"There are some things we really feel good about for an opener, and there are some things we are really concerned about," Stein said.

"Surprisingly, we feel like our offensive line is molding into a real fine unit. And I feel we're going to be a little more adequate in the offensive backfield than I first thought."

"I think the big key on defense is how well we play together. I know we have some people who can play defense. We have some solid individual performers, but they haven't appeared to be a real solid unit."

MCL powers clash in first game

By TIM HOSTETTER
 Sports Writer

NORTON — It's a matchup that most involved would rather see at least a month down the schedule, but nothing can be done about that. Plainville and Norton — co-favorites to win the Mid-Continent League football title — open the season here tonight in The Salina Journal's Area Game of the Week.

Both head coaches, Norton's Neil Melillo and Plainville's Larry Friend, admitted they would rather see each other later in the season. The two successful mentors pointed out a couple of key factors that are usually magnified in a season-opening game.

"In just about every sport, when you start the season, you are going to be working in new people, and because of that, there is naturally going to be some mistakes," Melillo said. "I feel that the team which keeps its mistakes to a minimum will have the best chance to win."

"We're young and not as big in some areas as last year and I'm not sure if we are ready to play a team as good as them," Friend said. "We can't put all our marbles into the first game. I think it's going to take a few games for us to put things together."

Melillo has no sympathy for

STARTING LINEUPS	OFFENSE	DEFENSE
PLAINVILLE (0-0)	Pos. (0-0) NORTON	(180-Jr) Sonntag
Malin (165-Sr)	(190-Jr) Runnion	(190-Jr) Runnion
Johnson (170-Jr)	TE (205-Sr) Herman	(190-Jr) Mintzmeier
Wessel (172-Sr)	T (180-Jr) Sonntag	(205-Sr) Herman
McIntyre (160-Sr)	C (150-Jr) Browne	(165-Sr) Wendel
Hammerschmidt (166-Jr)	G (155-Sr) Posson	(185-Sr) Corlier
Westhusin (210-Sr)	T (200-Jr) Guthrie	(205-Sr) Jimenez
Gehring (160-Sr)	SE (170-Sr) Willfong	(145-Sr) Carlton
Gaschler (175-Sr)	QB (165-Sr) Hand	(140-Jr) Hawks
Kennedy (158-Sr)	FB (205-Sr) Jimenez	(175-Sr) Kesson
Hemphill (145-Jr)	TB (160-Sr) Farber	(160-Sr) Farber
Friend (155-Jr)	SB-FB (150-Jr) Griffey	
Friend (155-Jr)	E (180-Jr) Sonntag	
Westhusin (210-Sr)	T (190-Jr) Runnion	
Krebs (165-Jr)	TE (205-Sr) Herman	
Wright (220-Sr)	T (180-Jr) Sonntag	
Gehring (160-Sr)	C (150-Jr) Browne	
Kennedy (158-Sr)	G (155-Sr) Posson	
Malin (165-Sr)	T (200-Jr) Guthrie	
Hemphill (145-Jr)	SE (170-Sr) Willfong	
Greher (135-Sr)	QB (165-Sr) Hand	
Hutton (145-Jr)	FB (205-Sr) Jimenez	
Gaschler (175-Sr)	TB (160-Sr) Farber	
Kickoff: 7:30 p.m., Norton High School.		

Friend. The Cardinals, like Norton, always are competitive. Plainville rolled through the 1984 regular season unbeaten before losing to Medicine Lodge in sub-state play.

One of the Cardinals' 11 wins was against Norton (Oct. 5). The Blue Jays jumped out to a 13-0 first-quarter lead before Plainville rallied to win, 22-13. Although the thought has to be in the minds of his players, Melillo says revenge won't be a factor.

"I don't think it will be much of a factor because each year you're working with a different group of kids," Melillo said. "Plainville has a fine team with a good quarterback (Grady Gaschler) and good team speed. Last year when they

Rose searches for new challenge

CINCINNATI (AP) — Already the game's greatest hit-man, Pete Rose still is looking for new challenges as a player.

"I guess I can move up the ladder in some things," Rose says. "There's Tris Speaker's doubles record and, of course, Cobb's record for runs."

"You know, one record I must have," the Cincinnati Reds' player-manager says. "I've got to lead the game in breaking up no-hitters. I broke one up tonight, didn't I? I don't care if it was the first inning, it was still a no-hitter."

Rose was referring to what may well be baseball's most historic hit, a first-inning single Wednesday night against San Diego that broke Ty Cobb's record of 4,191 hits in a career.

He finished the night with two hits for "4,193 and counting," as Padres manager Dick Williams said.

Since Rose only can be expected to play one more season, at most, neither record appeared attainable.

Cobb scored 2,244 runs in his 24-year career. After Wednesday night's game, Rose had scored 2,142 runs, 52 this year, leaving him 102 shy of Cobb, although sec-

ond on the all-time list. Rose has not scored more than 100 runs in a season since he crossed the plate 103 times in the last year of his first stint with Cincinnati in 1978.

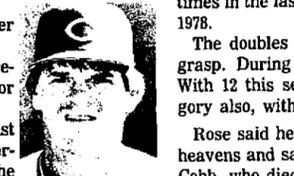
The doubles record appeared even further from his grasp. During his career, Speaker had 793 doubles. With 12 this season, Rose stands second in this category also, with 738, 55 away from the mark.

Rose said he broke down when he looked toward the heavens and saw both his father, who died in 1970, and Cobb, who died in '61, up there. Later, someone asked him if he thought his father, a semipro football player, could have held his own against Cobb, reputed to be one of the nastiest men in the game.

"Ty Cobb was a tough, tough man," Rose said, tears welling to his eyes again. "But my dad was a tough, tough, tougher man, as far as I'm concerned."

Rose said it was only the second time as an adult that he had cried, the first being when his father died. And, it was the first time in his career as a ballplayer that he was at a loss for what to do.

"I've always approached the game like a kid, but that was the first time in my baseball life that I didn't know what to do," Rose said. "There was no base to throw to. I was all alone out there."



Rose