

WaKeeney looks for balanced offense against Redmen

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SMITH CENTER — The run vs. the pass will be featured tonight when Mid-Continent League teams WaKeeney and Smith Center collide in The Salina Journal's Area Game of the Week.

Area game of the week

Weather permitting, WaKeeney head coach Roger Sommerlot expects his team to throw the ball at least 20 times. Golden Eagles' quarterback Scott Bleker, a 165-pound junior, has thrown for 250 yards, despite having to play in wet conditions the first two weeks of the season.

"Our secondary people know they will have to play well, but we are going to have to get pressure on the quarterback from our upfront people," said Smith Center head coach Roger Barta.

Sommerlot is confident in his passing game, but his concern is his team's running game.

STARTING LINEUPS		(3-0) SMITH CENTER	
OFFENSE		OFFENSE	
WaKeeney (2-1)	Riedel (175-5r)	(190-Jr) Orr	TE
	Weber (193-Jr)	(175-Jr) Schoen	T
	Fabrizius (175-5r)	(150-5r) Rothchild	G
	Holliger (175-5r)	(175-Jr) Mace	G
	Gosser (195-5r)	(230-5r) Hull	T
	Bollig (150-Jr)	(165-5r) Lambart	SE
	Bleker (165-Jr)	(190-5r) Rorabaugh	QB
	McIntosh (155-5r)	(165-5r) Borna	RB-FB
	Fisher (155-5r)	(170-5r) Kingsbury	RB
	Moi (155-Jr)	(180-5r) Simonsou	FL
DEFENSE		DEFENSE	
	Riedel (175-5r)	(190-Jr) Orr	T
	Gosser (195-5r)	(165-5r) Shively	T
	McGuire (175-5r)	(175-Jr) Schoen	NG-G
	Walters (195-5r)	(230-5r) Hull	T
	Fisher (155-5r)	(180-5r) Simonsou	E
	Fabrizius (175-5r)	(170-5r) Drury	LB-G
	Bollig (150-Jr)	(165-5r) Borna	LB
	Funk (140-Jr)	(150-5r) Rothchild	CB
	Windholz (150-Jr)	(165-5r) Lambart	CB
	Bleker (165-Jr)	(170-5r) Kingsbury	S
	Moi (155-Jr)	(190-5r) Rorabaugh	S
SEASON'S RESULTS		SEASON'S RESULTS	
Hill City (14-12)	W-W	(51-12) Stockton	T
Victoria (9-6)	W-W	(12-7) Osborne	T
Plainville (20-14)	L-W	(47-0) Phillipsburg	T
Kickoff: 7:30 p.m., Smith Center High School.			

"We need to be able to run on them, also," said Sommerlot, who led the Golden Eagles' to an 8-2 record and a state playoff berth last season. "I have been pleased with our play so far. We ran the ball better last week (a 20-14 overtime loss to Plainville). You have to remem-

ber that we are a young team. We start only four seniors." Barta is highly respectful of WaKeeney's running game, which is led by senior Kevin McIntosh, who has 250 yards in three games.

"The fact that they can throw and run the ball well creates some problems for us because they are so balanced," Barta said. Smith Center, 3-0, is capable of throwing, also. Senior quarterback Jon Rorabaugh has executed the Redmen offense well but hasn't had to throw much the first three weeks. Running back Tyler Kingsbury and fullback Brooks Barta are the reasons.

Kingsbury, a 170-pound senior, has rushed for 322 yards (two 100-yard games) in wins over Stockton, Osborne, and Phillipsburg.

Rorabaugh proved his throwing capabilities last week when he completed 6 of 10 passes for 131 yards in a 47-0 win over Phillipsburg.

In addition to stopping Smith Center's potent running game, Sommerlot sees two more keys for his

team's success. "The first quarter is critical when playing Smith Center," Sommerlot said. "If you hold them down in the first quarter, then you have a good ballgame with them. We also need to stop their specialty teams. Their specialty teams have come up with some big plays this season."

Smith Center, which handed WaKeeney its only MCL loss last season, will be looking to maintain momentum for next Friday's showdown with Norton. WaKeeney will be looking to regain momentum.



The Top 10

Here are this week's picks of the top 10 games involving teams in the central and northwest Kansas area (home teams in caps):

1. SMITH CENTER (3-0) by 8 over WaKeeney (2-1): The outcome will depend on WaKeeney's ability to throw effectively and Smith Center's ability to run. The Golden Eagles will have to come up with several big plays to win this tough Mid-Continent League road contest. Weather permitting, they should get a couple of home runs, but not enough.
2. CLAY CENTER (3-0) by 14 over Beloit (3-0): Clay Center has shut out its first three opponents. Beloit — under second-year head coach Geary Labuary — already has matched last year's win total, but the Trojans haven't met a team the caliber of the fourth-ranked Tigers. Despite just 29 players and several

key personnel losses through graduation, coach Larry Wilmers has another state 4A contender. Beloit has rushed for 264 yards a game but has given up nearly 200 yards on the ground. That defensive stat is not good when playing a running team as good as the Tigers. The string of 12 consecutive shutout quarters will be tested, but Clay Center will win.

3. SHARON SPRINGS (3-0) by 2 over Brewster (2-1): This is one of four eight-man matchups in this week's Top 10. Brewster is the only team among the eight with a loss and that came to unbeaten and ranked Quinter. Sharon Springs is looking for state-wide respect and revenge for last year's six-point loss to Brewster. Sharon Springs has the size advantage. Brewster has the better capability to produce the big play. Sharon Springs hasn't been tested. Brewster has had a tough game. The game — for the Liberty League title — is a tossup, but Brewster must take to the road. The home team has the edge here.

4. TAMP-MARIAN (3-0) by 6 over HAYS (2-1): TAMP beat Hays by 14 last season and Hays nearly reached the 3A state championship game. TAMP, ranked fifth in 4A, has a better team this season. The contest will match two seasoned quarterbacks in Lee Dinkel (TAMP) and Todd Windholz. The battle for Hays will again go to TAMP.

5. JUNCTION CITY (3-0) by 12 over Salina Central (2-1): This is the first big 1-70 League contest. Ted Steit's Mustangs have won both their road games but face their stiffest test in JC. The Blue Jays have a major college-sized offensive line and an excellent quarterback in Wade Anderson. Ron Hill has his best team yet. That's saying a lot because JC has had several good teams under Hill but could never get by rival Manhattan in district play. This could be the year. The Mustangs are for real if they win this one.

6. NORTHERN VALLEY (3-0) by 16 over Lenora (3-0): Lenora has matched its 1984 win output under head coach Richard Einspahr. Last week, the Wildcats rallied to defeat Lo-

gan. This week will be twice as tough. Northern Valley may be the most potent eight-man team in Kansas. Several teams will dispute that, of course, but the Huskies have many weapons. They scored 82 points in beating Jennings last week. Lenora will have to score a lot of points to win this one.

7. Marysville (3-0) by 6 over CHAPMAN (1-2): After three road games, Chapman finally stays home this week. The Irish don't get a breather, however. Marysville also has matched last year's win total. Second-year head coach Tom Michael returned 20 lettermen from that team and the experience is really providing dividends. The Bulldogs opened some eyes last week when they routed Concordia, 55-6. Chapman is better than its 1-2 record indicates and is capable of an upset this week. The Irish will have to overcome their lack of size with some big plays through the air.

8. Wakefield (3-0) by 8 over WEST-MORELAND (3-0): This game is for the unofficial championship of the Eisenhower League, which has no league race. Wakefield, ranked third in Eight-Man II, has outscored its opponents, 146-10. Westy has yielded only 17 points. Westmoreland is a tough place to play, but Wakefield has the horses to come away with a victory.

9. Quinter (3-0) by 6 over Bazine (2-0): Quinter has been impressive in its first three starts. Bazine is an independent with victories over Utica and Healy. Tonight, the competition will be tougher.

10. PLAINVILLE (2-1) by 10 over Osborne (1-2): After edging WaKeeney in overtime last week, Plainville appears to be on track again. Osborne was buried by Norton last week, but the Blue Jays are in their own class in the Mid-Continent League. Keep in mind that Osborne is a 2A school. Bulldogs' coach Dave Johnson has a numbers problem when playing the bigger schools.

LAST WEEK: 6-4. SEASON RECORD: 21-9 (700).

Briefly

Playoff decides Mid-Amateur

LAWRENCE — Larry Maiorano of Lenexa and Tom Palace of Topeka combined Thursday to capture the first-ever Kansas Mid-Amateur Two-Man Golf Championship.

The twosome needed five playoff holes to defeat the team of Bob Bennett of Merriam and Jack Laurie of Atchison. Both teams had posted scores of 215 during the 54-hole tournament.

Placing third was the Wichita duo of Mike O'Donnell and Tom Hopper at 216.

Salina's Bill Knox teamed with Bob Lind of Hutchinson to tie for third place in the first flight with a 229 total. Salina's other participants — Sam Froggatte and Kevin Hougham — helped their teams to seventh and eighth place, respectively, in the first flight. Froggatte combined with Jim Krsnich of Wichita to shoot a 231, while Hougham and Pat Brooks of Mission Hills fired a 233.

Tournament results are in the Scoreboard, Page 14.

Central runs at Junction City meet

JUNCTION CITY — Salina Central's boys placed fourth and the girls third at the Junction City Invitational cross country meet Thursday.

Topeka West won the boys' 2.6-mile race with 39 points and Junction City was second with 50. Central totaled 98 points.

Central competed without No. 1 runner David Brummett, who was held out with a foot injury. Robbie Seiler led the Mustangs, placing 11th in 14:41.

Manhattan ran away with the girls' race, scoring 19 points. Topeka West was second with 71 and Central third with 89.

Lynn Cruce ran a personal-best 14:31 to place eighth for the Mustangs.

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MC's Brake medalist in triangular

HAYS — Marymount's J.D. Brake was the individual medalist in a triangular golf tournament Thursday at Smoky Valley Country Club. Brake, a junior, fired a 2-over-par 73 to take honors. Scott Nelson of Fort Hays State was runner-up, three strokes behind Brake.

Kansas State won the three-team meet with a 313 total. Fort Hays was two shots back at 315 and Marymount had a 339 total.

Other Spartan scores were: Mike Yost, 86; Matt Wilson, 88; John Paulsen, 92; and Kevin O'Brien, 96.

Daran Neuschaefer, a K-State freshman from Salina Central, shot a 79.

Central wins 2 volleyball matches

CHAPMAN — Salina Central's volleyball team inched closer to the 500 mark Thursday with victories against Chapman and Junction City.

The Mustangs, 8-9 after winning seven of their last 11 matches, defeated Chapman, 15-5, 15-13, and Junction City, 15-5, 15-5.

Teresa Brichacek, Sheila Cherry and Kerry Bernhardt scored six kills each against Chapman while Cherry added another six against Junction City. Melissa Cooper paced the Mustang serving with 8 winners against Chapman and 12 against Junction City.

Central's junior varsity also won twice — 15-2, 15-13 against Chapman and 15-7, 15-9 against Junction City.

The Mustangs will play Saturday in the Newton Invitational.

KW spikers split KCAC matches

WICHITA — Kansas Wesleyan split a pair of Kansas Conference volleyball matches Thursday at Friends, defeating Ottawa, 15-6, 15-1, and losing to Friends, 15-10, 15-6. Friends is undefeated in KCAC action.

Cecelia Belber scored 11 kills for Wesleyan, which is 17-4 overall and 5-2 in the KCAC.

The Coyotes' next action will be Tuesday at Muir Gymnasium against Marymount and St. John's.

Builder runners to defend title

LINDSBORG — Southwestern returns to defend its Swede Invitational cross country title today at the Lindsborg Municipal Golf Course.

The Moundbuilders, Park and Rockhurst are expected to battle for the team title in the 5-mile race, which begins at 5:10 p.m.

The men's event will be preceded by the women's 3-mile race at 4 p.m. and the junior college-junior varsity race at 4:30 p.m.

Marymount, Kansas Wesleyan, Bethany, Fort Hays State and Cloud County Community College also will be among the 20 schools expected to compete in the 11th annual event.

Ten teams in BC volleyball meet

LINDSBORG — Ten teams will be competing this weekend in the Swede Invitational volleyball tournament.

Action begins today at 4 p.m. in Hahn Gymnasium and concludes Saturday with the championship match at 4 p.m.

The field will be divided into two pools for preliminary play. Pool No. 1 consists of Marymount, Bethany Nazarene, Dana, Nebraska Wesleyan and Colby Community College.

Defending champion Bethany will be joined in pool 2 by Doane, Kansas Newman, Oklahoma Baptist and the University of South Dakota.

Dodgers in familiar spot: NL West champs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the 1985 Los Angeles Dodgers, it's mission accomplished.

"This year, we were on a mission," said Dodger outfielder Mike Marshall. "We had goals and we really wanted something. I didn't enjoy last winter after finishing fourth.

"It's a feeling of knowing you belong on top, and we wanted to prove people wrong. There was never a doubt in my mind."

The Dodgers, a disappointing 79-83 in 1984, came back with a fury this year to take their third National League West title in five years. The Dodgers became the first team to clinch a division championship in 1985 as the other three races continued.

They did it after they had trailed the defending NL champion San Diego Padres by six games in late June, and some already had written them off for this season.

"Despite what others may have said and thought, we knew we could do it, and we did it," said Pedro Guerrero, a major force in Los Angeles' drive to the title.

Manager Tommy Lasorda was hardly at a loss for words after the Dodgers clinched the division title



Pedro Guerrero waves a bottle of champagne, celebrating the Dodgers' NL West Division title.

"This is the sweetest one," said Lasorda, who's guided the Dodgers to five division titles in the past nine years.

Wednesday night when San Diego beat the second-place Cincinnati Reds to assure Los Angeles the crown.

"I can't find enough words to describe what a job these players have done ... They're the greatest," Lasorda said in the Dodgers' champagne-drenched clubhouse after they'd iced the cake with a 9-3 victory over Atlanta.

"It's fantastic," said Orel Hershisser, who won his 11th consecutive game with Wednesday night's victory over the Braves to go to 19-3.

"We wanted to win this game regardless of what happened in San Diego," said Hershisser, who limited the Braves to four hits and one run and struck out seven in six innings.

"I was standing on first base (with the Dodgers leading 6-1 in the fifth inning) when they flashed up the Padres had won. I was very intense; I even went three-for-three.

"We just have to keep going," said Hershisser, "and we think we can."

The Dodgers will begin the National League Championship Series at home on Oct. 9, against either St. Louis or the New York Mets.

After playing Atlanta again Thursday night, the Dodgers will host the Reds over the weekend in the regular-season finale, a series in which Los Angeles figures to rest most of its regulars.

Umps may strike playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league umpires could strike post-season play for the second consecutive year in a dispute over the expanded format for league playoffs.

The Associated Press learned Thursday.

Richie Phillips, head of the umpires' union, confirmed that the umpires have discussed the matter with presidents of both the National and American Leagues. But he said little progress had been made toward a settlement and held out the chance that both the playoffs and the World Series would be struck.

The umpires struck seven of the eight playoff games last year and were replaced by college and sandlot officials.

A source who asked to remain unidentified told the AP that two of the umpires who filled in for the strikers in last year's playoffs have been notified to stand by for possible postseason assignments again.

Last year's walkout ended before the deciding fifth game of the National League playoffs between Chicago and San Diego when the umpires agreed to work while new Commissioner Peter Ueberroth mediated their dispute.

Their new contract, signed after the World Series, provided for coverage of best-of-five playoffs, the format which baseball has used since divisional play was introduced in 1969. When the leagues expanded

those playoffs to best-of-seven as part of their labor agreement with the players during the summer, no extension was negotiated with the umpires.

"Our contract calls for working best-of-five series," said Phillips, attorney for the Major League Umpires Association. "They have not negotiated a deal for a best-of-seven series with us."

Bobby Brown, president of the American League, and National League President Chub Feeney have been talking with Phillips. Feeney said, "It's not a serious problem. We hope to get it resolved over the weekend."

Brown was traveling Thursday and unavailable for comment on the situation.

"I talked with them this morning but there has been no progress," Phillips said. "They've made a minuscule offer that is simply not adequate."

As part of last year's settlement, the 12 umpires assigned to the two league playoffs receive \$10,000 per man for the playoffs and baseball contributes an additional \$160,000 into a pool that is distributed among the other umpires.

Phillips said the umpires' demands were modest because they had received substantial postseason increases last year and will be negotiating a new overall agreement next year.

No lights at Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois Supreme Court upheld a ban on night baseball at Wrigley Field Thursday and prompted renewed threats by the Chicago Cubs that they would play elsewhere.

"We're working to stay in Wrigley and play in Wrigley Field. That's our priority and our first thought," Cubs general manager Dallas Green said after the high court's ruling. "But we're getting banged around by the courts and have to look at the alternatives, other stadiums, other ideas."

The court rejected a challenge from the Cubs' owners of state and local laws barring night baseball at Wrigley, the only major league ballpark without lights.

Labeling the decision "another nail in the coffin" of the Cubs' hopes of staying at Wrigley,

Green said the club has three options: trying for a legislative solution, reaching a compromise with the city and neighborhood groups or finding another place to play ball.

The high court's decision, issued without dissent, said state and city lawmakers acted properly in enacting legislation to ensure a continued ban on lights at the 70-year-old National League stadium.

Attorneys for the Tribune Co., which owns the Cubs, argued that the laws unfairly single out Wrigley Field, noting night events are allowed at Chicago's two other major outdoor sports stadiums.

But the high court rejected that argument, saying the state Legislature and Chicago City Council have "broad discretion" to make laws protecting public safety and welfare.

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