

Saintly coach makes all the right moves

Lambert selected all-area team's top coach for 2nd time

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Tim Lambert made all the right moves this season. Lambert, the eighth-year football coach at St. Francis High School, had to work in new starters, overcome a key injury and change his offensive philosophy in midseason this year. And, oh yeah, at the same time he

guided the Indians to an 11-1 record and the Class 2-1A sub-state championship game.

For his efforts, Lambert has been named coach of the year on the 17th annual Hays Daily News all-area football team. Lambert also won the award in 1996.

The Indians went into the 2000 season minus 17 seniors from the 1999 team. Lambert had two starters back on each side of the ball.

Despite all the new faces, Lambert thought his squad had a chance to be good, since the junior varsity team

went undefeated last year. "We knew we had good kids coming," Lambert said. "We thought we would be pretty tough. We knew we would be competitive."

And, some of the newcomers played above expectations. "We had some kids step up, do some things they didn't think they could do," Lambert said.

One of those new full-time starters was junior Dustin Dunn, the right half-back in the Indians' wishbone offense. Dunn, who started a couple of games last year when the starter went down



PLAYER	Ht.	Wt.	CLASS	POS.	SCHOOL
Dick Barnes	6-3	213	Sr.	OT-DE	TMP-Marian
Dustin Dunn	6-0	205	Jr.	HB-LB	St. Francis
Luke Gottschalk	6-0	187	Jr.	HB-LB	TMP-Marian
Blaine Jacobs	5-11	170	Sr.	TB-DB	Russell
Kevin Partch	5-10	160	Sr.	RB-DB	Cheylin
Jay Reid	6-3	212	Sr.	QB-LB	Brewster
Austin Thalheim	5-8	202	Sr.	RB-DT	Northern Valley
Andrew Ubben	6-3	270	Jr.	OT-DT	Phillipsburg
Cole Vap	6-4	290	Sr.	OT-DT	La Crosse
Marcus Watts	5-11	167	Jr.	QB-DB	Hays High
Tim Weltmer	6-1	230	Sr.	FB-LB	Smith Center

COACH OF THE YEAR — Tim Lambert, St. Francis

with an injury, wasn't counted on to be the go-to guy at the start of the season.

But when senior quarterback Mike Wolters was lost for the season with a broken arm in the third game, Dunn's role expanded.

"We didn't know going in how much we would use him," Lambert said of Dunn. "We've put a game-breaker in that position (in past years)."

"Dustin didn't fit that mold. He has

more power, is more physical."

Instead of trying to break long gainers once Wolters was hurt, the Indians changed their philosophy to more of a grind-it-out attack.

And, Dunn wore down opposing defenses when given the chance. He rushed for 1,559 and scored 18 touchdowns.

"The first two games, Mike (Wolters) carried the ball a lot in key

situations," Lambert said. "When Mike went down, we got on (Dunn's) back, pounded people, didn't worry about the big play."

Lambert said what mattered for St. Francis was ball control. The wishbone worked to perfection, as St. Francis had 175 first downs on the season, compared to 87 for its opponents.

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Old man Weinke wins the Heisman

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Weinke's age didn't matter — his sensational season did.

The 28-year-old Florida State quarterback capped a remarkable back-to-school story Saturday night, winning the Heisman Trophy in one of the closest votes in the history of the award.

In the final weeks leading up to the presentation of the award, age became such a huge issue that even Weinke was worried about it.

"If people wanted to leave me off the ballot because they didn't think I was the best player, that's OK," Weinke said after becoming the oldest player to win the Heisman in the 65-year history of the award. "But don't leave me off because I'm 28. It's too bad those things have to come up."

Weinke, who spent six years playing minor league baseball before returning to school in 1997, finished off a record-setting season by leading the Seminoles into an Orange Bowl matchup against No. 1 Oklahoma with a chance for a second straight national championship.

"With apologies to Lou Gehrig, I feel like I'm the luckiest man in the world," Weinke said, his voice catching with emotion at times during his acceptance speech. "I got to pursue two dreams. The first one, baseball, didn't work out the way I would have liked. But the second one, football, did."

The 6-foot-5, 229-pounder from St. Paul, Minn., led the nation with a school-record 4,167 yards passing, threw 33 touchdown passes and had only 11 interceptions. He recovered from a serious neck injury late in the '98 season to become the Atlantic Coast Conference's career passing leader with 9,839 yards.

Weinke edged Oklahoma quarterback



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Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke poses with the Heisman Trophy Saturday night at New York's Downtown Athletic Club.

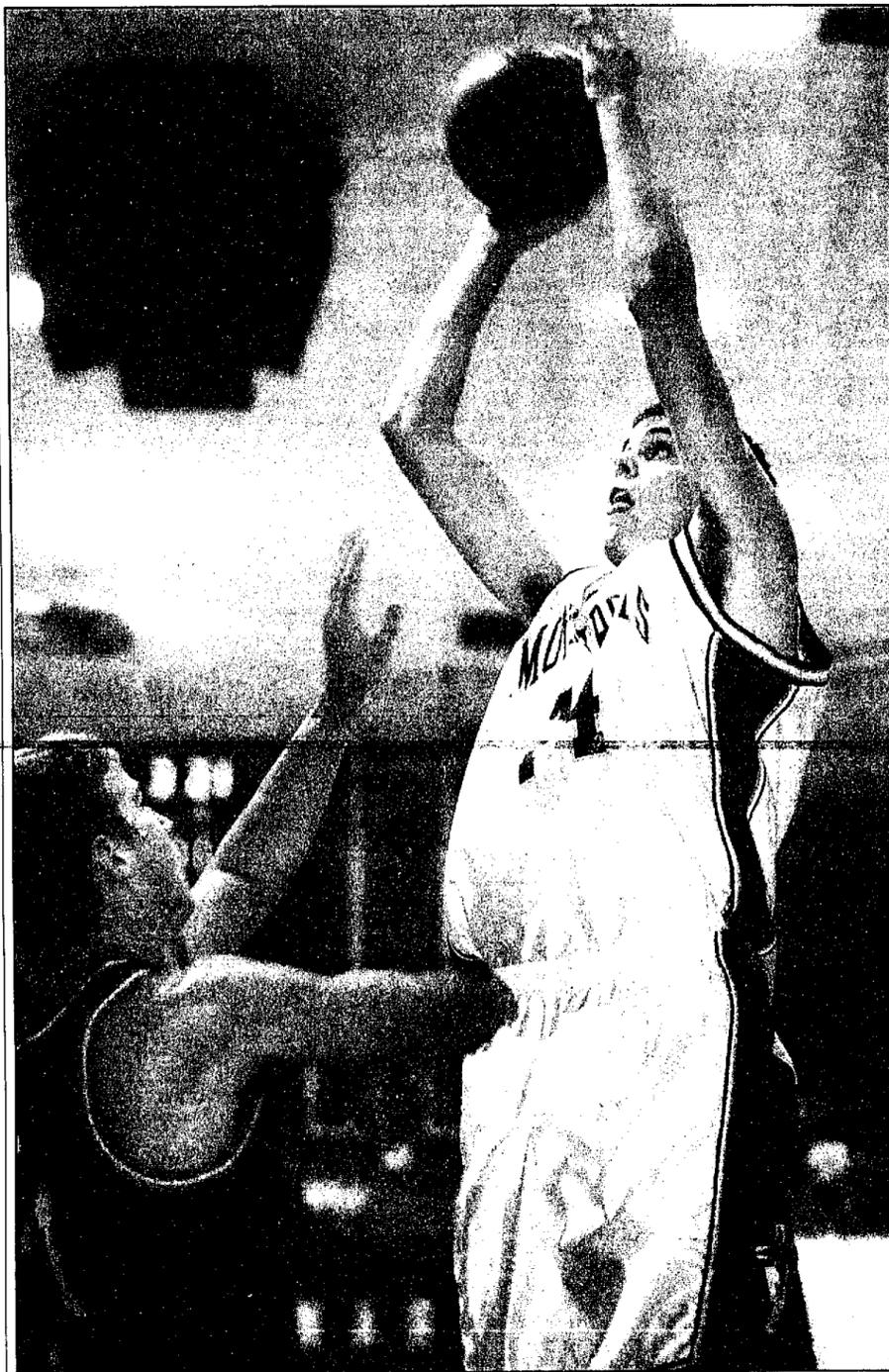
Josh Heupel for college football's most coveted individual prize by 76 points in the seventh tightest Heisman race. The closest Heisman vote was Bo Jackson's 45-point victory over Chuck Long in 1985.

Weinke had 369 first-place votes and 1,628 points; Heupel, who passed for 3,392 yards and 20 touchdowns, had 286 first-place votes and 1,552 points.

"I don't think age should have been a factor to determine it — it's for the best college football player in the country," Heupel said.

Oklahoma running back Billy Sims was the previous oldest Heisman winner — he was 23 when he won in 1978.

Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was third, followed by TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson and Northwestern running back Damien Anderson.



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TMP junior Tyler Kippes shoots a jumper over Colby senior Tony Foltz in Friday night's game in Al Billinger Fieldhouse.

Monarch boys win at foul line

By NICK McQUEEN
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It was the home opener Friday night for the Thomas More Prep-Marian boys' basketball team.

And, good foul shooting kept the Monarchs from being in a foul mood after the final buzzer.

Making their free throws in the third and fourth quarters allowed TMP-Marian to take a 59-47 win in Al Billinger Fieldhouse.

"We battled hard, hung in there, and really defended our house," TMP-Marian coach Joe Hertel said.

TMP-Marian (2-2) was down 11-7 in the first quarter when the Monarchs went on a 7-0 run — capped by a 3-pointer at the buzzer by junior guard Jared Schippers — to take a 14-11 lead.

The Monarchs started fast in the second. Less than a minute into the period, senior Matt Leis hit a 3-pointer. But the Monarchs were scoreless after that basket until the last two minutes of the first half. They again scored seven points at the end of the period and had a 24-21 halftime lead.

TMP-Marian shot 3-of-3 from the free-throw line in the third quarter and started to pull away from the Eagles. Leis hit two free throws at the end of the period to put the Monarchs up 38-31.

• TMP 59, Colby 47 •

Colby (1-2) Corey Woolter 6-13 3-4 15, Parker McKee 4-14 7-7 18, Barnett 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Justin Schwanke 5-12 0-4 0, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Mariman 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Dinkel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals — 16-47 10-15 47.

TMP (2-2) Mike Diehl 4-10 4-4 14, Jared Schippers 4-8 3-4 13, Ryan Hammerschmidt 3-8 6-6 12, Schumacher 3-6 1-2 7, Allen 2-8 1-1 5, Leiker 1-4 0-0 3, Kippes 0-2 0-0 0, Leis 1-1 2-3 5. Totals — 18-47 17-20 60.

Colby 11 10 10 16 — 47
TMP 14 10 14 21 — 59

3-point goals — TMP 6-13 (Diehl 2-6, Schippers 2-3); Colby 3-13 (McKee 3-8). Total fouls — TMP 18; Colby 21. Fouled out — Colby — Brown, Woolter. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — TMP 35 (Allen 9, Schumacher 7, Leiker 7); Colby 31 (Woolter 10, McKee 6). Turnovers — TMP 15; Colby 19.

In the fourth quarter, TMP-Marian shot 17-of-18 from the line to put the game away.

TMP-Marian senior Ryan Hammerschmidt hit six straight free throws and junior Mike Diehl was 4-of-4 from the line.

The Monarchs shot 18-of-47 (38 percent) from the field. But that was better than Colby's 16-of-47 (34 percent).

"It's still early and as long as it's early, I expect us to make a few mistakes," Hertel said. "I think this game could have been a 25- or 30-point win for us, had we made some of our good open shots within the offense."

The difference was on the line. The Monarchs ended the game shooting 17-

of-20, compared to Colby's 10-of-15.

In his first game of the season after being sidelined with an ankle injury, 6-foot-4 junior Tyler Kippes didn't score but Hertel said it was a plus to have him on the court.

"Even though Tyler didn't score, I thought he gave us a real lift," Hertel said.

Even though it was obvious Kippes still wasn't at full strength, he still managed to grab three rebounds.

The Monarchs forced 19 turnovers, nine in the second half.

"The defensive effort in the second half was unbelievable," Hertel said.

Hammerschmidt, who has been the Monarchs' leading scorer, went through a drought in the first half. But several players stepped in to take the slack. Schippers hit two 3-pointers in the first half. He scored eight of his 13 points before the break and Diehl scored seven of his 14 Hammerschmidt scored 10 in the second half and finished with 12 points.

Senior Matt Allen led the Monarchs with nine rebounds.

Leading the way for the Eagles was senior Parker McKee, who scored 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Senior Corey Woolter added 15 points and senior Justin Schwanke scored 10.

The Monarchs will be at home again on Tuesday, hosting Great Bend.

FHSU men claim win

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Showing resiliency on the road in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference isn't always easy.

But the Fort Hays State University men's basketball team did just that Saturday night, holding off a rally late in the second half for an 88-78 win against CU-Colorado Springs in the Tigers' RMAC opener.

Fort Hays (5-1 overall, 1-0 RMAC) led 47-33 at halftime.

But Colorado Springs (2-5, 1-1) fought back to narrow the margin to five points, only to see the Tigers pull away with free throws and easy baskets at the end of the game to take the 10-point victory.

The Mountain Lions, who defeated University of Nebraska-Kearney in overtime Friday night, were led by Jesse Stanley with 24 points. Quincey Simpson and Jerome Brown added 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Fort Hays was led by junior Geoff Riley with 15 points. Senior Willie Davis finished with 14 and junior Issac Williamson scored 12.

Seniors Joel Butler and Tony Thomas scored 10 points each for the Tigers.

Fort Hays will play University of Southern Colorado today at 9 p.m. in another RMAC matchup.

Kansas State loses on road

Wichita State claims victory

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Heath Burris hit five of nine 3-pointers for a career high 15 points and Clifton Jones and Rasheed Wright each grabbed 10 rebounds as Old Dominion beat Kansas State 62-51 on Saturday night.

Old Dominion (2-7) trailed Kansas State (2-4) 30-27 at halftime. But the Monarchs rallied in the second half, shooting 42 percent while holding Kansas State to 29 percent from the field.

"We had some slips defensively and it cost us," said Kansas State head coach Jim Woolridge.

Midway through the second half, Wright hit a 3-pointer, then followed with a layup to lead an 11-point run by the Monarchs. Nine of 10 players for Old Dominion scored in the game, including Andre McCullum, who scored seven of his 11 points in the second half.

"I don't know if I've ever been in a locker room that has the sense of relief and jubilation that's in there right now," said Old Dominion head coach Jeff Capel after the game.

Travis Reynolds was perfect from the field and missed only one free throw to lead Kansas State with 13 points. Larry Reid added 12 points and four assists.

WICHITA — Terrell Benton scored 22 points Saturday night, leading Wichita State to a 72-65 win over Indiana-Purdue of Indianapolis.

Benton has scored 20 or more points in four of six games for the Shockers (5-1), who won despite going without a field goal in the final 2:06. He was 5-of-8 from 3-point range, 4-of-6 in the first half.

Wichita State led by as many as 14 points in the second half, the last time at 63-49. The Shockers were up 70-58 with just over two minutes left.

C.C. McFall added 12 points for Wichita State before fouling out, and Duke Tshomba finished with 10. O.J. Robinson grabbed 13 rebounds for the Shockers before fouling out.

Don Carlisle led Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis (3-4) with 15 points and 10 rebounds. He was 6-of-6 from the line, 4-of-4 as the Jaguars made their late 7-2 run. Sylvester Allen and Lance Williams scored 14 points each for the Jaguars.

Tigers drop RMAC opener

By THE HAYS DAILY NEWS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — It wasn't the start to Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference play that Fort Hays State University women's basketball coach Annette Wiles had envisioned.

The Tigers, after leading by as many as 12 points in the second half, succumbed to turnovers and fouls down the stretch as CU-Colorado Springs rallied to take a 77-71 win in both teams' conference opener Saturday night.

"I think a couple of times things didn't go our way, and the team got the idea that we were out of it and couldn't win," Wiles said. "And we just didn't have the players stepping up at the times we needed them to. I'm extremely disappointed that we didn't win the game. There was no reason that we shouldn't have."

Fort Hays (4-5 overall, 0-1 RMAC) broke open a 20-20 tie in the first half by going on a 6-0 run, with all six points coming on free throws.

Colorado Springs (2-3, 1-0) pulled within 26-22 with a basket, but junior Heather Wendell nailed a putback to boost the lead to 28-22. Four more points would increase the lead to 32-22.

But three straight 3-pointers by Michelle Mathiesen would pull the Mountain Lions within 36-35 late in the half.

Senior Shauna Porter scored the final four points of the half for the Tigers to give Fort Hays a 40-35 advantage at the break.

The Tigers increased the lead to 47-35 with a 7-0 run to start the second half.

But with Fort Hays leading 60-50, the Mountain Lions would go on a 9-0 run to pull within 60-59. Colorado Springs would eventually tie the game at 63-63 with just over three minutes remaining.

The teams traded baskets until the game was tied at 67-67 with just under

• Colorado Springs 77, Fort Hays 71 •
Fort Hays (4-5, 0-1)

Kelly Priest 9-17 1-2 19, Heiman 2-8 5-6 9, Wendell 1-2 0-0 2, Shauna Porter 4-7 9-10 17, Terry 0-4 1-2 1, Prewitt 0-2 0-3 0, Schrader 3-4 3-4 8, Ma. Eck 0-1 0-0 0, M.B. Eck 0-0 2-2 2, Pakorny 0-2 2-2 2, Baldwin 1-3 0-0 3, Barrett 3-5 1-2 7. Totals — 23-55 24-33 71.

CU-COLORADO SPRINGS
Koskovich 2-9 1-2 5, Rice 1-7 2-2 5, Corriisa Johnson 4-18 6-8 14, Crystal Yazzie 4-13 12-17 20, Theresa Dinn 5-5 0-0 10, McNeally 3-8 1-3 8, Lynn 0-3 0-0 0, Nichole Mathiesen 4-7 4-4 15. Totals — 23-55 24-33 71.

Fort Hays 40 31 — 71
Colorado Springs 35 42 — 77

3-point goals — Fort Hays 1-7 (Priest 0-2, Terry 0-1, Prewitt 0-1, Baldwin 1-3); Colorado Springs 5-18 (Koskovich 1-2, Rice 2-2, Johnson 0-3, Yazzie 0-1, NeNeally 1-2, Mathiesen 3-5). Total fouls — Fort Hays 29; Colorado Springs 21. Fouled out — Baldwin, Fort Hays; Koskovich, Colorado Springs. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Fort Hays 51 (Heiman 11); Colorado Springs 43 (Johnson 9). Assists — Fort Hays 15 (Porter 5); Colorado Springs 13 (Koskovich 4, McNeally 4). Steals — Fort Hays 10 (Porter 3); Colorado Springs 17 (McNeally 7). Blocked shots — Fort Hays 1 (Heiman); Colorado Springs 7 (Johnson 6). Turnovers — Fort Hays 29; Colorado Springs 14.

two minutes remaining.

A 5-0 run would give the Mountain Lions a 72-67 lead. Fort Hays pulled within 72-71 after two late free throws, but the Mountain Lions were able to outscore the Tigers 6-0 the rest of the way.

Senior Kelly Priest led the Tigers with 19 points, and Porter added 17 points and five assists.

Sophomore Jamie Heiman finished with nine points and 11 rebounds. Colorado Springs was led by Crystal Yazzie with 20 points. Mathiesen added 15, Corriisa Johnson scored 14 and Theresa Dinn added 10.

The Tigers committed 29 turnovers. Fort Hays will travel to Pueblo, Colo., today for a 7 p.m. game against another RMAC opponent, University of Southern Colorado.

"We just have to regroup and try to get back on track," said Wiles, whose team has lost two in a row. "One of the great things about this conference is there is no time to sit back and feel sorry for yourself. Now we just have to regroup and get ready for Southern."