



VICTORY HUG — Osborne coach Dave Johnson is congratulated by a pair of Bulldog fans after his squad's Class 3A state championship football victory over St. Marys last Saturday in Manhattan's KSU Stadium. For his efforts, Johnson

was named the Journal's 1983 All-Area Coach of the Year.

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zum had more than 500 yards in pass receptions. And then there was feisty Larry Storer, the Bulldogs' 5-7, 160-pound guard-linebacker. "That little guy was really the heart of our team," Johnson said. "He was our captain ... he was our vocal leader. And that enthusiasm and effort spread." Johnson, who had four unbeaten teams in the 1960s and two playoff teams in the '70s, said the 1983 Bulldogs were a special group. "I can't really explain it but there was a chemistry with this team that just fit together," the Osborne coach said. "They were all for one and one for all. They were an extremely compatible group and extremely unselfish. They didn't care who got the recognition as long as they won."

Rozier

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ning back Marcus Dupree was considered the strong favorite for the award. But he left the university and enrolled at Southern Mississippi, where he will not be eligible under NCAA rules until 1985.

Johnson said each and every Bulldog player accepted responsibility for the team's success. "They had a motto — 'If it is to be, it's up to me,'" Johnson said. "A lot of teams want to be successful but this group wanted to do what it took to be successful." Johnson said this year's Osborne team was comparable to the 1967 Bulldogs, which he considered his best team of the '60s. "They both had a quality about them ... they (the players) were determined to win ... every one of them," Johnson said. "It was like an indomitable spirit. They were going to pay whatever price it took to win. "But I guess that's a characteristic of all championship teams or they wouldn't be champions." Johnson's selection as Area Coach of the Year was the fourth straight year that a coach from the Mid-Continent League has won the honor.

Also, last year's winner, Walker, could have repeated but chose to turn pro when offered a multi-million-dollar contract by New Jersey of the U.S. Football League. "When Herschel did that, it was his business," Rozier said. "We go to school to get good jobs and make money; Herschel did it a little early."

Central downs Dodge City for third-place finish

By STEPHEN WHITE Sports Writer Salina Central notched its first victory of the young season Saturday, thrashing Dodge City 72-55. After a sluggish start, the Mustangs wedged a pair of 25-point leads late in the contest to earn third place in the Newton Invitational round robin. Buhler and Newton played for first place. The 17-point loss was Dodge City's closest contest of the tournament, and the Red Demons entertained thoughts of making this one even closer early. That was before Central, ahead 17-15, shifted into high gear a minute into the second quarter and reeled off eight un-

answered points. The Mustangs never looked back, expanding their lead to 20 points, 41-21, just before the half. The contest, marked by numerous fouls and turnovers on both sides, pushed Central's record to 1-2. "I think both teams were real tired," Central Coach Dennis Wahlgren said. "In an early season tournament like this, we're not in shape yet. There's bound to be a few more errors by the third game in three nights." Central and Dodge City combined for 44 fouls and 41 turnovers. "Our kids played hard, I felt," Wahlgren said. "I think both teams did have the intensity and desire to get their first win under them." Only Central, though, had the

winning form. Matching his 18-point effort Friday night against Newton, Central's Tom Jett (6-4 sophomore post) paced the Mustangs with 18 points. He also corralled eight rebounds. Todd Rhine added 15 points and Greg Brown 11. Odell Wilson (6-1 senior) asserted himself under the basket, pulling down a team-high 10 rebounds. Wilson was one of three Mustangs, along with Matt Ireton (6-0 senior) and Robert Caliva (6-1 senior), scoring eight points apiece. The Mustangs' greatest improvement Saturday was in their shooting. Having shot just 37 and 34 percent in their first two games, the Mustangs shot 47 percent from the

floor in the first half against Dodge City. Central outshot the Demons 44 percent to 38 percent for the game. "I felt the first two games we got a tremendous number of easy shots in the lane, we just weren't hitting them," Wahlgren said. "We did shoot the ball better." In particular, Rhine (5-9 senior guard) shot better. Rhine connected on five-of-eight second-half field goal attempts en route to 15 points. Wahlgren attributed Rhine's poorer shooting in the first two games to a hip pointer Rhine suffered in practice less than two weeks ago. "He wasn't getting the leg drive off the floor," Wahlgren explained. "I think as time goes on, it'll improve. He is a very capable shoot-

er." As a team, Wahlgren said Central's shooting improved because the Mustangs demonstrated patience Saturday. "Then again," he noted, "we weren't playing in a hole. Once you get a nice lead, it makes things easier." Before getting a nice lead, Central did some early-season experimenting. The Mustangs opened the contest in a 1-3-1 zone defense. "They're just not far enough along, yet," Wahlgren said. "Our zone defense was non-existent." Scrapping its failing zone for its scrappy man-to-man defense late in the opening quarter, Central began steadily pulling away from Dodge

City until the fading minutes of the contest. The Mustangs will open their I-70 League schedule Friday at Manhattan. SALINA CENTRAL 72 Rhine 6-10 3-5 15, Brown 4-7 3-4 11, Green 1-6 0-0 2, Caliva 3-7 2-2 5, Ireton 4-9 0-2 8, Jett 5-11 8-10 18, Wilson 3-6 2-2 8, Bradshaw 1-2 0-0 2, Lopez 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 27-61 18-25 72. DODGE CITY 55 Master 2-10 5-6 9, Esquirel 0-3 2-2 2, Kindsvoter 3-5 2-8 8, Howarth 3-6 4-7 10, Cheblutz 5-11 0-0 10, Bandy 3-5 0-0 6, Veedler 3-10 1-4 7, Gregg 1-3 1-2 3, Totals 20-53 15-29 55. Salina Central 11 12 12 20 — 72 Dodge City 11 12 12 20 — 55 TOTAL FOULS — Central 23, Dodge City 21. FOULED OUT — Bandy, Dodge City, TOTAL REBOUNDS — Central 43 (Wilson 10), Dodge City 43 (Veedler 11), Assists — Central 11 (Brown 3), Dodge City 11 (Master 5), STEALS — Central 9 (Brown 3), Dodge City 6 (Master 4), TURNOVERS — Central 18, Dodge City 23.

Scoreboard

Basketball

NBA standings

Table with columns for team names, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, Western Conference, and Midwest Division.

College scores

Table listing college basketball games with scores and locations. Includes teams like Georgetown, St. Francis, and various regional colleges.

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College scores

Table listing college basketball scores, including games like UCLM 51, Notre Dame 47, UCLM 51, and others.

Wrestling

Table listing wrestling matches and prep results, including Hoxie Invitational Team Scores and various individual matches.

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Table listing college basketball scores, including games like Auburn 23, Alabama 20, and others.

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Table listing NAIA II playoff results, including NW Iowa 30, William Jewell 12, and other matchups.

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Football

Table listing football games and Heisman winners, including New York (UPI) Heisman Trophy winners.

College scores

Table listing college basketball scores, including games like Division I-AA, Division I-A, and others.