

Norton earns Class 4A title berth

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NORTON — It will be a Mid-Continent League showcase Saturday in the 1985 Kansas high school football championships.

Playing in championship form, Norton's Blue Jays followed the feats of MCL brothers Plainville and Victoria by whipping Mulvane, 33-8, Saturday night in a Class 4A sub-state game at Travis Field.

The victory improved Norton's record to 12-0 and earned it a championship game matchup with Shawnee Aquinas at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence.

Plainville will play Wellsville for the Class 3A title and Victoria will battle Centralia for the 2-1A crown at KSU Stadium in Manhattan. It's the first time in the history of the Kansas state playoffs that any league has had three teams in title games in the same year.

Norton — like it has done all season — made everything look easy in walking over Mulvane's Wildcats, who finished 11-1.

Behind the running of senior Eric Farber (146 yards on 25 carries) and the passing of quarterback J.D. Hand (7 of 9, 118 yards, 2 touchdowns), Norton built a 26-0 halftime lead and coasted the second half.

"After watching them on film, we

MULVANE VS. NORTON		
GAME IN STATS		
	Mul	Nor
First downs	7	21
Rushes-yards	21-37	53-245
Passing yards	77	118
Comp.-Att.-Int	5-17-0	7-9-0
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	1-15	6-50
Punts-avg	4-36.2	2-38.0

Individual Statistics
RUSHING — Mulvane: Below 9-32, Workman 3-9, Cusick 2-5, Withrow 1-3, Shook 1-0, Snow 5-(minus 12). Norton: Farber 25-146, Jimenez 8-40, Wendel 8-35, Hand 11-23, Kline 1-1, Collip 1-0.

PASSING — Mulvane: Snow 3-13-0-33, Hicks 1-1-0-23, Stump 1-1-0-21, Below 0-2-0-0. Norton: Hand 7-9-0-118.

RECEIVING — Mulvane: Cusick 3-33, Schmidt 1-23, Withrow 1-22. Norton: Kasson 5-57, Schrum 2-51.

KICKING — Mulvane: Hicks 4-36.2. Norton: Hand 2-38.0.

Scoring Summary
 Mulvane 0 0 6 0 — 6
 Norton 13 13 8 0 — 33
 N — Kasson 6 yd. pass from Hand (Runnion kick)
 N — Farber 1 yd. run (kick failed)
 N — Farber 1 yd. run (run failed)
 N — Wendel 5 yd. run (Runnion kick)
 M — Withrow 22 yd. pass from Stump (pass failed)
 M — Safety (Hand throws bad punt snap out of end zone)
 N — Kasson 11 yd. pass from Hand (Runnion kick)

felt like we could come out and get physical with them," said Norton head coach Neil Melillo. "I'm really proud of our kids. They really played well."

The only negative thing Melillo could point to was the first three minutes of the second half when Mulvane scored a touchdown and got

a safety to make the score 26-8.

Farber mishandled the second-half kickoff and Rob Whitmer recovered the ball at the Norton 22-yard line.

On the Wildcats' first play, end Mike Stump took the ball on a reverse, then hit Kris Withrow with a 22-yard TD pass.

The fired-up Wildcats then forced Hand to punt from his own 11. The snap bounced at Hand's feet, however, and the senior wisely tossed the ball out of the end zone for the safety.

"We had the letdown at the start of the second half," Melillo said. "They got the touchdown after the reverse, then the safety. At that point we needed a good drive to stop their momentum, and we got it."

After stopping Mulvane on downs after the safety, Hand directed a 13-play, 77-yard drive which consumed nearly six minutes. He hit Kirk Kasson with an 11-yard scoring pass to give Norton a 33-8 lead with 2:24 left in the third quarter.

"We got our crowd back in the game at that point," Melillo said. "We were at a point where we had to suck it up and move the ball. I thought we did a super job all night of using the clock."

Mulvane, which managed only 114 total yards, got the ball just two more times after the Kasson score and failed to regain any momentum.

Norton scored the first two times it had the ball to start the game.

Farber, running through huge holes produced by his offensive line, gained 45 yards in his first three carries. Hand hit Kasson with a 17-yard pass on third down in that first drive, then connected with the senior again on a 6-yard scoring pass to give Norton a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

After Mark Carter recovered a Mulvane fumble on the Wildcats' 43, Hand methodically drove the Blue Jays to another score with 20 seconds left in the first period.

Farber got this TD on a one-yard run. The drive was kept alive on a 16-yard pass play from Hand to Scott Schrum on third-and-eight from the Mulvane 30.

Farber, who now has more than 1,200 yards rushing, added another one-yard TD and Paul Wendel a 5-yarder with only a 1:40 left in the first half to put the 'Jays up 26-0.

Norton rolled up 245 yards on the ground to just 37 for Mulvane. Mulvane's 1,000-yard rusher, Mike Below, had just 32 yards on nine carries.

Norton will return to the state 4A title game after a one-year absence. The Blue Jays lost to Fredonia in the 1983 championship game.

Young talent gives Coyotes foundation for bright future

By BRAD CATT
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Two wins, eight losses. It isn't the kind of record which gives most football coaches or their fans reason to be optimistic for the future.

But Kansas Wesleyan's first-year coach, Jack Welch, is convinced the 1985 Coyotes have laid the foundation for what he expects to be a very glorious future.



Welch

On paper, KW's 2-8 record this season is only a couple of strides ahead of the '84 Coyotes, who went 0-10. But while only 27 players suited up for KW's final game a year ago, Wesleyan has 106 underclassmen in its program today.

"I know we have to crawl before we can walk and walk before we can run," Welch said. "But the attitude around here is unbelievably good... I feel our program is on solid ground."

Welch's optimism starts with his players but also includes the support he received this year from KW's administration. "I've never seen such unity as I've seen at Kansas Wesleyan," the Coyote coach said.

The foundation is a freshman class which is generally regarded as the best in the 10-team Kansas Conference.

"Every coach wants to win every game," Welch said. "But being realistic, I knew our chances of winning big this year were limited because of the freshmen."

"Our youth was a detriment to our won-loss record this year. But that class is my future. With that group, I feel we've got a solid foundation."

Welch said KW's record this past season hasn't dimmed his or his ballclub's enthusiasm for next season and beyond.

"This is the best attitude I've seen in any program," Welch said. "We're going to have a tremendous off-season program (in the weight room). But I told our kids after the (Nov. 16) Tabor game, 'You've worked hard, so let's take two weeks off.' But the weight room's been filled every night."

Welch, who coached at the high school, small college and major college level before taking over

KW's program a year ago, said he's "never seen anything like" the approach his Coyote squad has taken.

"I think it goes back to the freshmen," he said. "They really think they have a chance to build something good here. They believe we can win and win big. And they want to do it together."

Welch cited the support he's received from KW's administration — from President Marshall Stanton to athletic director Jerry Jones — as a key ingredient to KW's rebuilding program.

"People have tried to find ways to help us," Welch said. "The attitude around here is 'Hey, let's find a way to get it done.' That's the attitude I have and our administration has."

Welch said he prefers building a program with high school seniors. But he acknowledged the Coyotes will be bringing in "10 to 15" junior college transfers at the semester.

"We have to supplement our offensive and defensive lines," Welch said. "We've got good youngsters who are going to gain strength, but we need more depth."

Welch said once KW gets a successful program established, the Coyotes have "unlimited" opportunities.

"I think we have the best town in the KCAC," Welch said. "And if we get support from Salina, there's no limit what we can do. To do that (get Salina's support), I felt we needed to bring in high-character kids and stability."

"We weren't 100 percent perfect but this is the best-character kids I've ever been around."

After sharing the KCAC championship with Southwestern in '82, the Coyotes have spent most of the past three years in or near the basement of the conference standings.

The Coyotes already already set high goals for the '86 season, but Welch said it would be unrealistic to expect KW to be a contender for the KCAC title.

"That's our goal — to be a contender next year," Welch said. "But if you're being realistic, a break-even season would be tops on paper."

"This is one of the toughest small college conferences in the country — bar none. And we're going to be a sophomore-dominated team. So a .500 ballclub would be a realistic goal."

KW women complete tournament sweep

By GLENN KEARNS
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LINDSBORG — Tracy Rietzke, Kansas Wesleyan's women's basketball coach, was worried before Saturday's game with Baker.

"I was afraid we might come out flat," Rietzke said since his team had edged highly-regarded Benedictine, 59-55, the night before.

Rietzke didn't have to worry. His team was ready to play.

At the final buzzer, the Coyotes had tamed the Wildcats by a 74-49 score and were the only team to post a 3-0 record in Bethany's Tipoff Classic.

"We got good effort out of everybody tonight," Rietzke said. "We kept the pressure on and that helped us. The kids work hard and that's the key."

Wesleyan led from start to finish but the pressure defense broke the game open in the latter part of the second half when the Coyotes scored 16 straight points.

Outside shooting kept the Coyotes ahead while Baker's Marsha Hickman was dominating the inside.

Deena Vargocko, a 5-5 guard, made 8 of 14 first-half shots from the outside to lead the Wesleyan attack that slowly built a lead of four and six points during the first 15 minutes of play.

Hickman, a 6-3 sophomore center who was five inches taller than anyone Wesleyan could throw against her, still had Baker in the game at 28-22 before leaving the game late in the first half with three fouls.

With Hickman gone, the Wesleyan inside game became effective for the first time and the Coyotes increased the margin to 35-25 at halftime.

Renea Rensberger led the Coyotes' inside play during the surge and kept up the pressure in the second half with 10 additional points to finish with 16 for the game. Vargocko took game honors with 20 points.

In the second half Wesleyan's lead ranged from eight to 15 points until Baker narrowed the score to 58-47 with less than 10 minutes to play.

At that point, the Coyote pressure defense was too much for the tired Wildcats to handle. Baker ended up turning the ball over 13 times in the second half.

The Coyotes ran off 16 straight points, despite liberal substitution by Rietzke, as the game became a rout, although Baker scored the last two points for the final margin.

Rensberger, a Gypsum native, was also a leading rebounder. Saturday Rensberger collected 12 rebounds and had 30 for the three games, although forward Michele Marostica was the top rebounder in the game with 13.

Wesleyan dominated the game on

Tourney scoreboard

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Kan. Wesleyan 62, Bartlesville Wesleyan 57
 Benedictine 74, McPherson 65
 Baker 60, Bethany 59

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
 McPherson 72, Baker 61
 Kansas Wesleyan 59, Benedictine 55
 Bethany 60, Bartlesville Wesleyan 53

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
 Kansas Wesleyan 74, Baker 49
 Bartlesville Wesleyan 76, McPherson 74 (OT)
 Bethany 74, Benedictine 60

the boards, collecting 54 as a team to 32 for Baker.

Patti Phillips led the Baker offense with 15 points.

In the second game, Bartlesville (Okla.) Wesleyan's Jacki Carlson poured in 38 points, including the game-winner at the overtime buzzer, to guide the Eagles past McPherson, 77-74. McPherson's Vivian Benson had sent the game into overtime with a 12-foot jumper to knot the regulation score at 66-66.

Dawn Merrifield tallied 30 points in the losing effort.

In the nightcap, Bethany routed Benedictine, 74-60, as five Swedes scored in double-figures. Danen Brison led the way with 15 points while Benedictine got 14 points from Rosemary Mattas.

Carlson, with 91 points in three games, was named tournament MVP. Joining her on the all-tournament team were Baker's Hickman, Benedictine's Mattas, McPherson's Carol Zink and Bethany's Lori Dunker.

KANSAS WESLEYAN 74, BAKER 49
 Baker 49
 Phillips 6-12 3-5 15, Smith 3-9 2-8 16, Wallace 1-6 3-8 5, Davenport 3-6 1-2 7, Hickman 5-10 0-0 10, Oral 2-8 0-0 4, Common 0-3 0-0 0, Rouse 0-0 0-0 0, DeMarco 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 20-54 9-17 49.
 Kansas Wesleyan 74
 Brown 3-9 1-2 7, Vargocko 10-16 0-0 20, Rensberger 6-15 4-4 16, Marostica 3-7 0-0 6, Warren 2-4 1-2 5, Larson 5-15 0-0 10, Bieber 1-8 0-0 2, Walker 1-2 0-0 2, Dowell 2-5 0-0 4, Kosinski 1-1 0-0 2, Harmon 0-0 0-0 0, Gangler 0-0 0-0 0, Broadus 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 34-83 6-8 74.
 HALFTIME — Kansas Wesleyan 35, Baker 25. TOTAL FOULS — Baker 12, Kansas Wesleyan 19. FOULED OUT — None. REBOUNDS — Baker 32 (Hickman 6), Kansas Wesleyan 54 (Marostica 13). TURNOVERS — Baker 21, Kansas Wesleyan 10.

BART. WESLEYAN 76, MCPHERSON 74
 Bartlesville (Okla.) Wesleyan (76)
 Thompson 10-32 5-12 21, P. Smith 4 1-3 9, Carlson 18 2-2 38, Hockett 3-0-0 6, Reed 5-0-0 10. TOTALS 36 4-10 76.
 McPherson (74)
 Benson 6-0-0 12, Corbett 4-0-1 8, Merrifield 13 4-5 30, Kingry 3 2-7 8, Zink 7 2-4 16. TOTALS 33 8-17 74.
 HALFTIME — BW, 30-25. REGULATION — 66-60. FOULS — BW 17, McPherson 14. FOULED OUT — Corbett (M). TECHNICAL FOULS — none.

BETHANY 74, BENEDICTINE 60
 Benedictine (60)
 Doherty 5-0-2 10, Reimer 1 2-2 4, Bartels 4 2-2 10, Doherty 1 0-0 2, Heim 4 1-2 9, Wichman 1 0-0 2, Winkler 3 1-3 7, Mattas 6 2-4 14, Bishop 1 0-0 2. TOTALS 26-15 60.
 Bethany (74)
 Putarbaugh 4 2-6 10, Brison 3 9-15 15, Joseph 3 1-2 7, Shea 2 0-1 4, Dunker 4 5-7 13, Giggly 5 3-5 13, Wilson 5 2-4 12. TOTALS 26 22-40 74.
 HALFTIME — Bethany, 36-23. FOULS — Benedictine 35, Bethany 15. FOULED OUT — Day, Bartels, Winkler, Mattas (Ben). TECHNICAL FOULS — none.

LINCOLN (88)
 Warren 2-7 0-0 14, Walters 8-13 1-2 17, Gafford 7-12 0-0 14, Anderson 13-21 1-3 27, Green 5-11 3-4 13, Little 1-2 0-0 2, Harris 3-5 1-1 7, Williams 1-2 2-2 4, Aaron 0-2 0-0 0, Turner 0 0-0 0. TOTALS 40-75 8-12 88.
 HALFTIME — Lincoln 46, Bethany 36. TOTAL FOULS — Bethany 13, Lincoln 15. FOULED OUT — None. REBOUNDS — Bethany 37 (Washington 13), Lincoln 35 (Anderson 10). TURNOVERS — Bethany 23, Lincoln 13.

Swedes drop fifth straight game

HAYS — Bethany's men's basketball team lost its fifth straight outing Saturday night as the Swedes dropped an 88-68 decision to Lincoln (Mo.).

The defeat came in the consolation game of the Pepsi-Augustino Classic at Fort Hays State's Gross Memorial Coliseum.

In the championship game, Fort Hays State defeated Central State of Oklahoma, 79-48.

Bethany, now 2-5, trailed Lincoln, 46-36, at halftime. The Swedes were led in scoring by senior forward Bruce Washington, who scored 21 points. Jim Cole also finished in double figures with 10 points.

Bethany's next action will be Dec. 4 when the Swedes travel to Dodge City for their Kansas Conference opener with St. Mary of the Plains.



Kerry Grueber, Salina, performs on the balance beam during the USFG Class IV Sectional at Memorial Hall on Saturday.

Salinan ties for 2nd in gymnastics meet

Carli Robison of the Salina Family YMCA Gymnastics Team placed second in the All-Around competition in the 9-11 age group Saturday in the USGF Class IV State Championships held at Memorial Hall.

Robison finished her four events with a score of 33.25, just .60 behind individual champion Jamie O'Toole of McCracken's Gym Club. Robison won the vault (.85), tied for fourth place in the uneven bars (.70) and was seventh in the balance beam (.80). Colleen McCain of Salina placed sixth in the floor exercise (.85).

In the 12-over division, Kerry Grueber and Tina Tomanek of the Salina club were fourth and seventh, respectively, in the All-Around competition. Grueber tied for fifth in the bars (.710), was second in the beam (.770) and ties for third in the floor (.870). Tomanek was fifth in both the vault (.860) and bars (.710).

Meet results are listed in the Scoreboard on Page 26.

Lady Cats fall

MANHATTAN — Louisiana Tech came back from a four-point halftime deficit to post a 73-63 victory over the Kansas State Lady Cats in the championship game of the Little Apple Classic Saturday night at Ahearn Fieldhouse.

Despite 20 points from tournament most valuable player Carlisa Thomas, Louisiana Tech ended the Lady Cats' reign in the event. In the previous five years the tourney had been played, K-State won the championship four times.

Stacey Davis led the way for the Lady Techsters with 19 points, while Tori Harrison added 14, Teresa Weatherspoon 10 and Angela Lawson 10.

In the third-place game, North Dakota State pulled out a 60-59 victory over Florida A&M.

Boxscores are in the Scoreboard, Page 26.

Strong second half carries MC women

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Twenty minutes. Fifty-one points. It was the kind of offensive explosion Marymount women's basketball coach Daryl Hoelting had been anxiously waiting to see.

And the productive second half turned a five-point deficit at intermission into an 84-70 victory over Doane (Neb.) College Saturday afternoon at Muir Gymnasium.

The victory was the third straight for the Spartans, who improved their record to 3-2.

"It was a good, overall effort, especially the last 30 minutes," Hoelting said. "That's the way we're capable of playing. When we execute our offense, we're going to be tough to beat."

The Spartans had spent most of the first half trying to keep up with Rhonda Becker, Doane's standout 6-1 senior center. With Becker leading the way, the Tigers led by as many as 10 points (34-24) before settling for a 38-33 advantage at intermission.

Becker was unstoppable the first 20 minutes when she scored 19 of her 23 points and grabbed 9 of her 13 rebounds. That eye-opening performance was the topic of conversation in Marymount's locker room at halftime.

"We had to do something to slow her down. So we told 'em if we had a chance to take the ball at her, we would," Hoelting said. "She's an aggressive player and aggressive players can get in foul trouble."

Hoelting should be a prophet. Becker drew her third foul in the opening minute of the half. Her fourth personal came with 18:17 remaining and Doane on top, 42-37.

With their star on the bench, the Tigers gamely maintained their lead until the 13-minute mark.

But at that point, the Spartans put their offense in high gear, scoring on 9 of 10 possessions to turn a 51-49

deficit into a 67-57 advantage.

Marymount scored inside with Andre Schmidt and Michelle Kobza doing most of the damage. At the same time, Angela Hyde and Ruth Stallbaumer began heating up from the perimeter.

"When they (Stallbaumer and Hyde) both get going, they make a tremendous amount of difference," Hoelting said.

Becker, who re-entered the contest in the middle of Marymount's big run, was barely a factor before fouling out with 4:07 remaining.

"I thought Andre Schmidt and Debbie Sanders did an excellent job defending her (Becker)," Hoelting said. "I thought that was the big difference in the game."

Doane, however, was still within 77-70 with 1:28 left before the Spartans scored the game's final seven points.

Marymount's balanced attack was paced by Stallbaumer, who finished with 18 points. Schmidt added 14 points and eight rebounds, while Hyde and Sanders finished with 12 points apiece.

Hoelting had special praise for his reserves, especially a trio of freshmen — Kobza, Kristy Bradley and Mona Singley.

"Those three girls stepped in and played a very big role for us today," Hoelting said. "That depth makes a lot of difference."

DOANE (70)
 Amen 1-4-0-2, Gebel 5-16 1-2 17, Becker 11-17 1-1 23, Quandt 2-3 2-2 6, Pastal 3-10 1-1 7, Waters 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Thurin 6-8 0-0 12, Menges 0-2 1-4 1, Barkmeier 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 32-66-10-70.

MARYMOUNT (84)
 Walthall 0-5 6-6 6, Schmidt 6-14 2-2 14, Stallbaumer 7-11 4-4 18, Sanders 5-7 2-2 12, Hyde 6-15 0-0 12, Bradley 2-10 1-2 5, Singley 2-3 2-2 6, Graham 1-3 1-2 3, Kobza 3-7 0-0 6, Felling 1-2 0-1 2, Rupp 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS 33-77 18-21 84.
 HALFTIME — Doane 38, Marymount 33. TOTAL FOULS — Doane 21, Marymount 11. FOULED OUT — Becker, Gosch (Doane). REBOUNDS — Doane 38 (Becker 13), Marymount 41 (Schmidt 8). TURNOVERS — Doane 25, Marymount 12.