



Newton's Christy Siemens (right) gets off a pass as Salina Central's Sandy Taggart applies defensive pressure.

Newton downs Central, 46-31, in season opener

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NEWTON — A 15-point loss to an inexperienced Newton squad was not how Salina Central coach Dennis Wahlgren had envisioned his Mustangs tipping off the 1985-86 basketball season.

But even more dismaying was the manner in which Central lost 46-31 Thursday night in the first round of the third annual Newton Classic Preseason Tournament.

"This game can be summed up in four words: too many mental mistakes," Wahlgren said. "We really have no excuse for those types of things. We have an experienced ballclub. (This is) not what we expected."

Bad passes, dropped passes and generally shoddy ball-handling handcuffed the Mustangs all night.

The Mustangs, whose strengths were supposed to be quickness and an experienced backcourt, turned the ball over 24 times.

And most of those turnovers came in sequences — sequences that allowed Newton to string together offensive surges with its transition game.

The first sequence started early in the second quarter. After clawing back from an early 8-2 deficit, Central was tied with the Railroaders at 12-12 before the Mustangs proceeded to turn the ball over five of their next seven times down the floor.

Newton parlayed the charity — some of which the Railroaders earned and some of which they didn't — into a 10-point thrust which gave the Railroaders a 22-12 lead halfway through the period.

Central inched back and trailed 22-17 before another lapse early in the third quarter led to another 10-point surge which left the Mustangs trailing 32-17 3½ minutes into the second half.

Again the Mustangs whittled their way back into the contest, and a 17-foot baseline jumper by James Veal left the Mustangs down just five points, 38-31, with 3:05 remaining.

But Newton's deadeye bomber, Brian Webb, responded with a 15-foot baseline jumper; Central failed to get any of its three shots to snap the nets its next trip down the floor; and Newton sewed up the verdict at the

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free throw line.

Webb, a 5-11 senior, sank 9 of 12 field goal attempts and his only free throw for a game-high 19 points.

Webb and 5-10 sophomore Roman Vega, who tallied 10 points, were chiefly responsible for Newton's success, with their perimeter marksmanship and transition tallies.

"Brian's capable of being a good shooter," said Newton coach Felix Grimmer. "He's going to have good nights, and he's going to have bad nights. But I think he's going to have a lot more good than bad. He's worked on his shooting a lot."

Central, apparently, needs to work on its shooting. The Mustangs shot just 35.7 percent from the floor (15 of 42), while Newton shot 54.3 percent, including 71.4 percent in the first half.

The drop in Newton's second-half shooting percentage was partly a reflection of increased defensive pressure from the Mustangs. But the pressure, like the ball-handling, was sporadic.

"We didn't maintain anything," Wahlgren said. "As quick as it would come on, it would turn off. We didn't maintain any kind of consistency, either offensively or defensively."

Veal led the Mustangs with 10 points and seven rebounds. Tim Deines added six points and 6-5 senior Mike Armster finished with five points, two blocked shots and four steals.

NEWTON (46)
Pouls 1-5 1-2-3, Salis 2-5 4-4-8, Penner 2-5 0-1 4, Vega 4-5 2-2 10, Webb 9-12 1-1 19, Johnson 1-3 0-2, Bacon 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Qamar 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 19-35 8-12 46.

SALINA CENTRAL (31)
Deines 3-8 0-6, Jones 1-2 0-2, Armster 2-7 1-2 5, Veal 5-11 0-0 10, David Brummett 1-4 0-0 2, Fink 2-5 0-0 4, Grammer 1-2 0-0 2, Darin Brummett 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 15-42 1-23 1.

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Cherry's 29 not enough for Central

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Sheila Cherry left little doubt Thursday night she's capable of producing some big numbers this basketball season.

The 5-11 Salina Central standout poured in a career-high 29 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in the Mustangs' season opener against Newton.

But it wasn't enough. Elyse Funk and Jolynn Hiebert combined for 37 points to propel the Railers to a 64-56 victory in opening-round action of the Salina Central Invitational.

In Thursday's other opening-round contest, Buhler walloped Dodge City, 51-28.

Cherry almost single-handedly carried Central past Newton. She canned 11 of 19 field goal attempts and made 7 of 11 free throws.

"She's a great player," said Newton coach Bob Graber. "I thought we did a pretty decent job on her. She could have scored 50 if we hadn't kept changing our defenses."

But while Cherry sizzled, most of the rest of the Mustangs fizzled. Only Teresa Brichacek was much of a factor as she scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Newton led by as many as nine points in the first half and the Railers were on top 44-38 after three quarters. But Central scored seven un-

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answered points during a 41-second stretch to get back within 46-45 at the 6:28 mark.

Central was still within 56-54 with 2:05 remaining. But the Mustangs misfired on two shots and committed a turnover in a key 30-second span.

Cherry scored her final bucket — a 12-foot jumper in the lane — with 0:42 remaining to cut the Mustangs' deficit to 60-56. But Funk, who scored 10 of her team-high 20 points in the final quarter, hit a short jumper in the lane with 20 seconds remaining to seal the Railers' victory.

"I wasn't that disappointed ... Newton's going to be a good team and we had a chance to win," said Central coach Sam Siegrist.

Both coaches pointed to the lack of production and availability of Central guard Sandy Taggart as a key to the outcome. The 5-6 senior, who helped lead Central to its fourth-place finish in last year's Class 5A state tournament, scored only two points before fouling out with 5:07

remaining. "If we had had her the last couple of minutes, it might have made a difference," Siegrist said.

Graber said Newton's gameplan centered on stopping Taggart.

"We knew Cherry would get her points but we really wanted to keep Taggart from scoring," Graber said. "I thought that was a key to our win."

Central's guard-play was a bit shaky all night. The Mustangs committed five turnovers in the opening 2½ minutes and had 21 turnovers in all.

"Their pressure forced us into some turnovers," Siegrist said. "It seems we've always had trouble with small, quick teams."

In addition to Funk's superb play, the Railers received 17 points from Hiebert. The 5-7 forward also had 11 rebounds to help Newton gain a 45-41 advantage on the boards against the taller Mustangs.

"Our girls aren't very tall but they work hard for position and they have a lot of heart," Graber said.

In the opening contest, Buhler appeared quite deserving of its No. 2 ranking in Class 5A as the Crusaders cruised by Dodge City.

Dodge City scored only one field goal in the first half — a bucket by Sharon Boyle at the 5:21 mark of the second quarter — as Buhler rolled to a 25-5 lead at intermission.

BUHLER 51, DODGE CITY 28
Dodge City (28)
Lloyd 0-4 7-4, Stringfellow 0-0 1-0, Salmans 1-0-1-2, Lloyd 1-0-2-2, Munson 3-0-0-6, Keys 0-0-0-0, Cecil 0-0-0-0, Haberman 1-0-0-2, Flax 4-1-3-9, Boyle 1-1-1-3, Totals 11-6-15-28.
Buhler (51)
Baker 4-3-4-11, Quillen 4-2-2-10, Vanderhage 3-0-5, Miller 7-2-16, Barger 0-2-2-2, Sams 0-0-0-0, Welde 0-0-0-0, Goodposter 0-0-0-0, Bradley 1-0-2, Roberts 2-0-4, Totals 21-9-10-51.
Dodge City 1 4 10 13 — 28
Buhler 5 20 12 14 — 51
TOTAL FOULS — Dodge City 10, Buhler 18.
FOULED OUT — Roberts (Buhler).

NEWTON 46, SALINA CENTRAL 31
Newton (46)
Kaehn 2-6 0-4, Rucker 0-3 0-0, Funk 6-12-8-12, Porter 2-6 0-2 4, Hiebert 7-14 3-4 17, Clark 5-15 0-1 10, Siemens 0-1 0-0 0, Ferrell 2-3 4-8, Stuart 0-1 1-4 1, Totals 24-61 16-27 64.
Salina Central (31)
Harkin 1-4 2-2 4, Cherry 11-19 7-11 29, Taggart 0-7 2-5 2, Fears 2-5 0-2 4, Brichacek 5-10 0-10, May 3-8 0-2 6, Oard 0-0 1-2 1, Totals 22-53 12-24 56.
Newton 13 13 18 20 — 64
Salina Central 16 16 12 18 — 56
TOTAL FOULS — Newton 21, Salina Central 21.
FOULED OUT — Taggart (Salina Central).
REBOUNDS — Newton 45 (Hiebert 11); Salina Central 41 (Cherry 20).
TURNOVERS — Newton 16, Salina Central 21.

The Crusaders led 31-7 midway through the third quarter before Dodge City finally got untracked. But by then, the contest had long been decided.

Junior Diana Miller paced Buhler's attack with 16 points. Robin Baker and Chris Quillen added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Dodge City was paced by reserve Michelle Flax, who scored nine points.

Hartman pleased with performance of young Wildcats

By HAROLD BECHARD
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The Kansas State Wildcats are off to a 3-1 start in the 1985-86 basketball season, but head coach Jack Hartman thinks the record is even better than that.

"We've played four games and won 3½ of them," Hartman said.

Hartman is referring to the game against then No. 3 Michigan when the Wildcats led 34-32 at halftime before dropping an 80-58 decision to the Wolverines.

"The first half against Michigan pleased me as much as anything we've done," Hartman said. "To lead them at halftime was significant."



Hartman

Hartman was in Salina Thursday at the Cavalier Club to speak at the Salina Wildcat Club meeting. The mood of the 16-year KSU coach was upbeat.

"I'm been pleased with the development and progress of the team," Hartman said. "We have better personnel this year than we've had for the last three years."

The last three seasons haven't been pleasant ones for Hartman and his program. The Wildcats have failed to post a winning season during that time and Hartman suffered a personal setback last January when he underwent bypass heart surgery.

But there's new enthusiasm in the Wildcat camp this season as a slew of new players have made K-State a more exciting product to watch. Eight of the 13 players on scholarship are in their first year at KSU.

"Right now, it's a matter of smiling

through gritted teeth with some of the mistakes we are making," Hartman said. "But that's part of growing up with an inexperienced basketball team."

And, because of all the new players in the system, Hartman is spending more time at the blackboard.

"I like to teach, it's part of coaching I like the most, so I'm really enjoying that part of it," he said.

Hartman says that, with the young team, he doesn't always know what to expect when his team steps on the court.

"We've really been shifting a lot of players in and out of the lineup," he said. "It's going to be exciting both ways. They're going to delight you and scare you at the same time."

Two players Hartman has been happy with so far are sophomore forward Norris Coleman and senior guard Joe Wright. Coleman is

averaging 19.8 points and 6.8 rebounds per game, while Wright is scoring 18.3 a contest.

"Norris has played real well, but there are a lot of areas in his game that have to develop yet," Hartman said. "Wright is playing well, especially shooting the ball."

On player Hartman hopes to get more out of in the near future is 6-9 senior Ben Mitchell.

Mitchell is averaging just 4.0 points and 3.0 rebounds a game and, with games against Texas Tech, Indiana and Mississippi State on the horizon, Hartman is concerned about the player he expected to show leadership.

"I'm disappointed in Ben. He's knows it and he's disappointed in himself, too," Hartman said. "Ben's got to play better in order for us to be a good basketball team. I'm sure he will."

Next up for the Wildcats will be a home game Saturday night against defending

Southwest Conference champion Texas Tech.

"SMU, Arkansas and Houston have gotten all the recent publicity in that conference, even last year," Hartman said. "But it was Texas Tech who won the conference."

Hartman said 5-11 freshman guard Rodney Heard of Detroit will be redshirted this season. Derrick Howse, a 6-8 senior who currently is academically ineligible, will be able to play at the beginning of the second semester. Hartman said he may play Howse in lead of redshirting him if Mitchell doesn't start playing better.

The Salina Wildcat Club elected new officers Thursday for the 1986-87 term. Mike Kelly was named the president; Dave Payne, vice-president, and Forrest Petty, secretary-treasurer.

Mid-Continent players dominate Class 3A All-Area team

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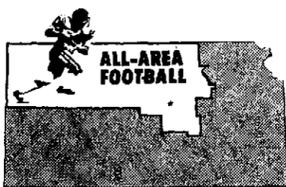
It was a great football season for the Mid-Continent League in 1985, and the Salina Journal's All-Area Class 3A team reflects that.

Nine of the 22 first-team positions are taken by MCL players. In fact, three-fourths of the offensive backfield is made up of MCL players.

Grady Gaschler of Plainville is this year's 3A first-team quarterback. Gaschler, a 175-pound senior, led the Cardinals to the state championship with a 12-1 record. Plainville's lone loss came in the season-opener against eventual 4A champ Norton.

Gaschler's forte is defensive back where he starred the last four years. He led Plainville in tackles (85) and had seven interceptions this season to earn first-team All-MCL honors.

Plainville head coach Larry Friend was more concerned with Gaschler's quarterbacking abilities entering this season because the Cards would probably have to throw more after the loss of several key players, including big running backs



Rod Chard and Mike Malin.

Friend was leery about Gaschler's passing ability. Gaschler had worked into the starting quarterback position three games into his sophomore year but didn't have to throw much because the Cardinals were a powerful running team.

It turned out that Plainville did develop an explosive running game this season with sophomore Gerald Kennedy and junior Tyler Hemphill. Doubly nice for Friend was that Gaschler did pass the ball well this season when he had to.

Gaschler's 510 yards passing was the most for a Plainville QB in 11 years. He also ran for 640 yards.

"It did turn out that we didn't have to throw as much," Friend said. "But

we were still a big-play team during the season. Kennedy had a good year (more than 1,000 yards rushing) and Grady did a super job of running and passing. He's an excellent leader and will be missed."

Kennedy, a 158-pounder, showed no intimidation in running against the bigger and older players.

Kennedy was superb in the playoffs, especially in Plainville's last two games. Against Clifton-Clyde in sub-state, Kennedy rushed for 151 yards on 17 carries and had a 68-yard TD run in the third quarter to put Clifton-Clyde out of the game.

Kennedy then capped a great season with 132 yards in the state championship win over Wellsville. It was his 44-yard TD scamper in the third quarter which finally put Wellsville away.

"He really came on for us," Friend said. "He's quick and can get outside fast. He made some big plays for us."

The development of its offensive line was a key for Plainville's successful ground game. One of the leaders was junior Jamie Hammerschmidt. The 165-pounder earned

first-team offensive line honors along with Smith Center's Bill Shively (190), WaKeeney's Eric Fabrizio (175), Belleville's Marty Tuley (206) and Oberlin's Jeff Unger (220).

Smith Center didn't make the playoffs because of Plainville. But coach Roger Barta had several standouts as three of his Redmen made the first team.

Running back Tyler Kingsbury has been a key player for Smith Center the last three years. Kingsbury packs 175 pounds into his 5-8 frame and runs like a run-away bowling ball. He averaged 7.6 yards a carry in rushing for 1,089 yards and 11 touchdowns.

He actually rushed for more as a junior — 1,234 yards and 13 touchdowns — but Barta gives a good reason for that.

"We switched from the wishbone to the 'I' this season so Tyler didn't get as many carries, but he averaged more yards per carry," Barta said. "He's a awful strong. He benchpresses 320 pounds. He's a hard-nosed kid who loves the game."

Kingsbury, who played offensive

Class 3A All-Area Team

Player, School	FIRST TEAM		Yr.	Position
	Offense	Defense		
Steve Fritz, SE-Salina	6-3	170	Sr.	End
Jim Anderson, Clifton-Clyde	6-2	165	Jr.	End
Jamie Hammerschmidt, Plainville	5-10	165	Jr.	Linebacker
Eric Fabrizio, WaKeeney	5-11	175	Sr.	Linebacker
Bill Shively, Smith Center	6-2	190	Sr.	Linebacker
Marty Tuley, Belleville	6-0	206	Sr.	Linebacker
Jeff Unger, Oberlin	6-1	220	Sr.	Linebacker
Grady Gaschler, Plainville	6-0	175	Sr.	Quarterback
Tyler Kingsbury, Smith Center	5-7	175	Sr.	Running back
Gerald Kennedy, Plainville	5-8	158	So.	Running back
Todd Arnold, Hillsboro	6-0	170	Sr.	Running back
Arlan Newell, Clifton-Clyde	5-11	180	Sr.	Linebacker
Kevin Wright, Plainville	6-2	220	Sr.	Linebacker
Mark Obermeyer, Herington	6-3	175	Sr.	Linebacker
Lyle Schoen, Smith Center	5-11	175	Jr.	Linebacker
Jeff Allison, Minneapolis	6-1	175	Sr.	Linebacker
Arlan Funk, Hillsboro	6-1	220	Sr.	Linebacker
David Hawk, Smoky Valley	6-0	220	Sr.	Linebacker
Grady Gaschler, Plainville	6-1	175	Sr.	Back
Jason Branford, Clifton-Clyde	5-8	145	Sr.	Back
Todd Brown, Herington	5-11	175	Sr.	Back
Don Stutterheim, SE-Salina	6-2	170	Sr.	Back

Honorable Mention
Offense
Quarterback — Pat Mearas, Sacred Heart; Mark Harris, Minneapolis; Dan Stutterheim, SE-Salina.
Running back — Jason Branford, Clifton-Clyde; T.J. Bransfield, Sacred Heart; Tim Graam, Smoky Valley; Brent Marquart, Belleville; Kevin McIntosh, WaKeeney; Ricky Tremblay, Clifton-Clyde.
End — Jason Vojnar, Hillsboro.
Linebacker — Kevin Gossar, WaKeeney; Dave McIntyre, Plainville; Corey Raulston, Oberlin; Jerold Skinner, SE-Salina.

Defense
Linebacker — Chad Foster, Hoxie; Darren Haselhorst, Sacred Heart; Kevin Weber, Ellis; Ty Lemon, Plainville; Jay Unruh, Hillsboro.
Linebacker — Brooks Barta, Smith Center; Tracey Brown, Hill City; Kyle Gunnerson, SE-Salina; Steve Lewis, Herington; E.G. Hurl, Oakley; Kevin Krawnowitter, Hoxie; Dave Malin, Plainville; Brian Stindt, Belleville.
Backs — Tyler Hemphill, Plainville; Aaron Riemer, Hoxie; Roger Swanson, Hill City; Jan Rozabough, Smith Center.