

ALL-AREA

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best linebackers in the senior-dominated I-70 League.

The 5-11, 175-pounder was the Cougars' leading defender with 76 tackles and 72 assists, one fumble recovery and a pass interception. For his efforts, the hard-hitting Brummer was named to the all-league team, something very few underclassmen accomplish.

Brummer was the leader of a stingy defense that gave up an average of 10 points a game under first-year coach Mark Frase.

"Brad was all over the field making

tackles," Frase said. "He was the best linebacker I saw this year."

Stan Circle — Stockton

Mid-Continent League coaches will tell you that Circle was the best all-around lineman in the league. The muscular 210-pound senior earned all-league honors for his play on both offense and defense.

"Stan had a great career for us," Stockton coach Robert Becker said. "He was a leader for us on both offense and defense."

Circle was a four-year letterman and a three-year starter for the Tigers at center.

"In three years he never had a bad

snap on punts," Becker said.

On defense, Circle averaged 13 tackles and five assists. He also came up with an interception in every game but two.

Lee Copeland — Abilene

Coach Paul Dennis had never started a junior at linebacker until the 5-9, 175-pound Copeland came along. The Abilene linebacker was voted most valuable defensive player by his teammates last season and earned that honor again this year.

Copeland started 19 games in a row for Dennis, earning North Central Kansas All-League honors both as a full-back and linebacker this season.

On offense, Copeland carried the ball 86 times for 448 yards and scored four touchdowns. But defense was his specialty.

Copeland was in on 128 tackles this season and recorded seven sacks and two pass interceptions.

Pat Damman — Belleville

NCKL coaches will be happy to see Damman graduate. The Belleville senior was an all-league performer on both offense (running back) and defense (safety).

Damman, an outstanding athlete in track and basketball as well, was the league's third-leading rusher with 910 yards during the regular season.

Damman was the key to getting Belleville into the Class 3A playoffs, gaining 1,159 yards and scoring eight touchdowns.

But early in the season the Buffalo offense was stalled, so Tuley moved Damman from quarterback to running back.

"Pat could have had even more yardage except that he didn't get to carry the ball as much playing quarterback," Tuley said. "But he's a very unselfish player and did what we asked him to do."

Damman also handled the punting duties, averaging over 40 yards a kick this season.

Sam Holloway — Lincoln

This Lincoln junior led the Leopards to an undefeated regular season on the strength of his 1,736 yards of total offense.

"Sam was a very versatile player for us," said Lincoln coach Joe Ortiz. "He played anywhere we needed him and did an outstanding job."

His duties during the season included

quarterback, halfback, receiver, safety, linebacker and kicker.

As a running back, Holloway gained 904 yards and scored 17 touchdowns. He also completed 22-of-37 pass attempts while filling in for injured quarterback Chad Walter.

On defense, Holloway picked off five passes at his safety spot before being moved to linebacker during the last half of the season where he became the team's second-leading tackler.

Ralph Humphrey — Sacred Heart

Humphrey was Mr. Offense for the Knights. He had the potential to go all the way every time he touched the ball and often did just that. The city's leading rusher, Humphrey set single-game and season rushing records.

"Ralph was a tremendous runner for us," said Sacred Heart coach Joe Ross. "He has great speed to run outside and he also runs tough inside."

Seven times this season Humphrey rushed for over 100 yards and had 90 in two others. He was brilliant in a 241-yard performance against Clay Center in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Humphrey's season rushing total was 1,285 yards on 195 carries for a 6.6 yard-per-carry average. He also scored 15 touchdowns.

Jeff Miller — Victoria

Miller was the Mid-Continent League's most efficient passer, completing 75-of-158 passes for 1,275 yards. But more importantly, Miller gave the Knights leadership.

Miller guided the Knights to their first-ever state championship with a victory over Frontenac to win the Class 2A title.

"We had a lot of good players, but my quarterback is the one player who got us to the finals," said Teeter. "Without him we aren't the same team."

Miller also rushed for 404 yards on 129 carries and handled the place-kicking chores. And what's the best thing about him coach?

"He's just a junior," Teeter said.

David Penner — Hillsboro

Penner battled back from a heart condition to become a top-rate lineman. Penner did it all for the Trojans. He was the only Hillsboro player to earn Mid-Kansas all-league honors.

Penner was named to the all-league first-team offensive and defensive units. Besides playing guard and nose-guard, he also kicked, punted and passed the ball.

Hillsboro used a guard pass with Penner throwing the ball. This season he completed 8-of-18 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns.

Penner was a three-year letterman and one of three Hillsboro captains.

"David was our pulling guard and films show him throwing blocks all over the field," coach and father Don Penner said. "He also does most of our trapping which has resulted in a lot of long gainers."

Penner received the most votes by Mid-Kansas League coaches for the second year in a row for his play at guard.

Dennis Whitmer — Dorrance

Whitmer's statistics could be told on the TV series, "That's Incredible."

The 6-3, 185-pound Whitmer is only the second eight-man player to be named to the All-Area team (Eastern Heights' Darren Gale the other). His numbers tell why he earned the honor.

Whitmer gained an amazing 4,880 yards and scored an unheard of 92 touchdowns in his high school career. His best season was his junior year when he gained 1,850 yards.

This year Whitmer picked up 1,024 yards and led the Cardinals to the state playoffs. But Whitmer, who triples as a standout in basketball and track, injured his knee in the last part of the season and did not play in any of the playoff games.

So when he was injured, coach and father Richard Whitmer had to find replacements at running back, linebacker, punter and kicker.

"That's tough to do in eight-man football," coach Whitmer said.

Kevin Ziegler — Hoxie

Like Miller, Ziegler led his team to the finals of the state playoffs. Although the Indians were defeated by Silver Lake in the finals, that loss could not tarnish the season Ziegler had.

The 6-1, 180-pound senior was a team player.

"Kevin didn't have as good a numbers as he could have had," said Hoxie coach Warren Sager. "He sacrificed his personal goals for the sake of the team."

Ziegler rushed 93 times for 547 yards for a 5.8 per carry average. Ziegler was a unanimous all-league performer on both offense and defense.

Even with Hoxie's ground oriented attack, Ziegler completed 35-of-94 passes for 605 yards.

Ziegler intercepted four passes from his safety position and also did the punting, averaging 37.1 yards a boot.

Teeter, Knights mesh together

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Undefeated football seasons are a rarity.

The last professional team to do it was the Miami Dolphins in 1973. Currently, top-ranked Clemson is the only major college team with an unbeaten, untied record. And when the 1981 high school football season began, 370 schools had hopes of an unblemished mark but only two, Baldwin and Kapau-Mt. Carmel, were able to pull it off.

But Victoria coach Robert Teeter isn't a great believer in undefeated seasons. He would just as soon get a loss early in the season and get it out of the way.

"When I was at Macksville in 1975 we were undefeated and then got knocked off at sub-state," Teeter said. "Everyone is always gunning extra hard for you to take away your perfect record. One loss can bring your team back down to earth."

"The pros and colleges don't have undefeated seasons, so why should you expect many high school teams to do it?"

Teeter's 1981 Victoria team lost in the third week of the season, but that was it. The Knights responded with 10 straight victories and climaxed their season by winning the Class 2A state championship over previously unbeaten Frontenac, 21-15.

As a result, Teeter has been selected as *The Salina Journal's* 1981 Area Coach of the Year.

Last season the Knights got off to a 2-0 start, but in the third game quarterback Jeff Miller broke his collarbone and was lost for the rest of the season. But a healthy Miller this season made the difference.

"The key for us is that we stayed injury free," Teeter said. "I've always thought this team had the potential to go a long way. The nicest thing about this team is that there was no jealousy among the 10 seniors and 15 juniors. It's been that way since they were freshmen."

Again this season, the Knights got off to a 2-0 start before losing to Plainville, 18-7.

"I think the loss to Plainville really helped us," Teeter said. "But that night after the game all of the coaches and players said that would be our last loss. During practice the next week I asked the players what they had learned against Plainville. I got several answers, but the most common one was that the kids realized they could play with anyone."

The state championship was the first-ever for a Victoria football team and for its veteran coach, who completed his third year with the Knights.

After graduating from Oakley High School in 1954, Teeter joined the Army for two years. After he was discharged, he went to college at Fort Hays State, but "never had any intentions of coaching. I only had four hours of physical education in college."

He graduated from FHS in 1961 with a degree in biology and got his first teaching position at Kanorado. He spent three years there as an assistant football coach and then moved on to Ford for one year and Otis for another.

After leaving Otis, Teeter spent seven years at Brewster. He was the head track coach each of his seven years there, and was also the head football coach for seven years and head basketball coach for three.

The next move was to Macksville, where he spent three years as head football coach before moving to Victoria.

Cavs pick Daly

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Chuck Daly, who gave up the post of assistant coach of the Philadelphia 76ers to become head coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, said Saturday his new job fulfills a long-time dream.

"Basically, it's the reason I came into the league," said Daly, who was head coach at the University of Pennsylvania before joining the Sixers early in the 1977-78 season.

Daly, 51, said he has not had an opportunity to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Cavs, 4-12 going into Saturday's night's game against Washington.

But he called the new post "a challenge."

Pokes win in OT

STILLWATER, Okla. (UPI) — Eddie Hannon hit a jump shot with nine seconds left in regulation to tie the game and then sank two free throws with six seconds left in overtime Saturday night to lift Oklahoma State to a 73-71 victory over Colorado State.

The guard's 15-footer tied the regulation score at 62. Colorado State guard Eddie Hughes hit a 20-foot jumper at the buzzer but the referee ruled it was too late.

Coach of the Year Winners

1977 — Ed Buller, Clyde, and Clayton Williams, Beloit
1978 — Paul Dennis, Abilene
1979 — Jon Bingsesser, Sacred Heart
1980 — Larry Friend, Plainville
1981 — Robert Teeter, Victoria

Plainville coach Larry Friend knows very well how it feels to be in Teeter's position. Rivals in the tough Mid-Continent League, Friend's team was the only one to defeat the Knights this season. Ironically, Victoria was the only team to defeat Plainville last year when the Cardinals won the Class 3A state championship and earned Friend *The Journal's* Area Coach of the Year honor.

"Robert has done a very good job," Friend said. "He took a team which was 2-7 last year to the state championship. Robert's been around a long time and really deserves this honor. It seems like every place he's been he's produced a winner."

Teeter has been around a long time and has given some slight indication that it may be time to move on to another challenge.

"There's always a possibility of going somewhere else," he told *The Journal* last week. "But after we beat Frontenac all of the juniors said I have to stay one more year with them. I've grown up with them and they've stuck behind what I've tried to do. It would be very hard to leave now."



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Fambrough: hard work imperative for success

By HAROLD BECHARD
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Don Fambrough is a persuasive person — the type who could sell refrigerators to Eskimos if it meant benefitting the University of Kansas.

Wednesday night at the Salina Country Club, the KU football coach was selling such merits as "desire, determination, character and hard work" to the audience at *The Salina Journal's* sixth annual Football Banquet.

Fambrough used those four values as examples to describe his 1981 Kansas team, which had its best season in 13 years (8-3) and finished in a tie for third in the rugged Big Eight Conference.

On hand at the banquet were the 11 members of the *The Journal's* All-Area Football Team and their respective coaches. Leading the coaching contingent was Victoria's Robert Teeter, who was named the Area Coach of the Year for guiding the Knights to the Class 2A state championship last week against Frontenac.

Also present for the first time at the banquet was the fourth-annual edition of *The Journal's* All-City Team.

And each and every one of the 48 persons were hanging onto every word Fambrough said.

Like a preacher at a Sunday morning sermon, the 59-year-old KU mentor urged the young athletes and coaches alike to continue the hard work which has boosted them to the top of their respective fields.

"You've shown what it takes to be a top-notch football player and you also know that it didn't come easy," Fambrough said to the prep standouts. "One thing that's wrong with a lot of people today is they want to attain a goal without working hard to reach it."

The Jayhawks has some goals of their own this season, but after star sophomore tailback Kerwin Bell went down with a knee injury in the third game, those goals looked unattainable.

"First, we wanted to win more games than we won last year (four victories)," Fambrough said. "But things didn't look too good after Kerwin got hurt and our linemen started falling like flies."

KU accomplished its first objective by defeating Kansas State on Oct. 24 for its fifth victory of the season.

"Next, we wanted to have a winning season — and that meant winning another ball game," Fambrough said.

The second KU goal was taken care of when the Jayhawks whipped Iowa State, 24-11, to improve their record to 6-3.

With two games left on the schedule against Colorado and Missouri, KU need both to end up in the win column to have a chance at its third goal — a bowl bid.

"I honestly didn't think we were good enough to be in a bowl game," Fambrough said. "I figured we were still two years away."

But KU proved its head coach wrong. After 27-0 and 19-11 victories, the Jayhawks were invited to the Hall of Fame Bowl to meet Mississippi State.



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FAMILIAR FACE — University of Kansas football coach Don Fambrough addressed the *Salina Journal's* sixth annual All-Area Football banquet Wednesday night at the Salina Country Club.

Fambrough was selected as the Big Eight's Coach of the Year by United Press International and the Associated Press and has been getting some consideration at the national level. But he gives all the credit to his players for the 8-3 season.

"You know, we didn't have the most talented players around," the seven-year KU coach said, "but as long as I'm coaching, I'll always use this team as an example. They accomplished more than they should have because of those corny things we coaches talk about — things like hard work and determination."

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Also present at the banquet were five KU backers — Howard Engleman, Dr. William Mowery, Pat Bolen, Bob Stinson and Gary Duff.

Engleman, a Salina lawyer, was a 1941 basketball All-American at KU; Mowery quarterbacked the Jayhawks during the early '40s; Bolen is one of KU's biggest supporters in Salina; Stinson is the brother of former KU football All-American Wade Stinson and Duff teamed up with Gale Sayers in the Kansas backfield in the early '60s.