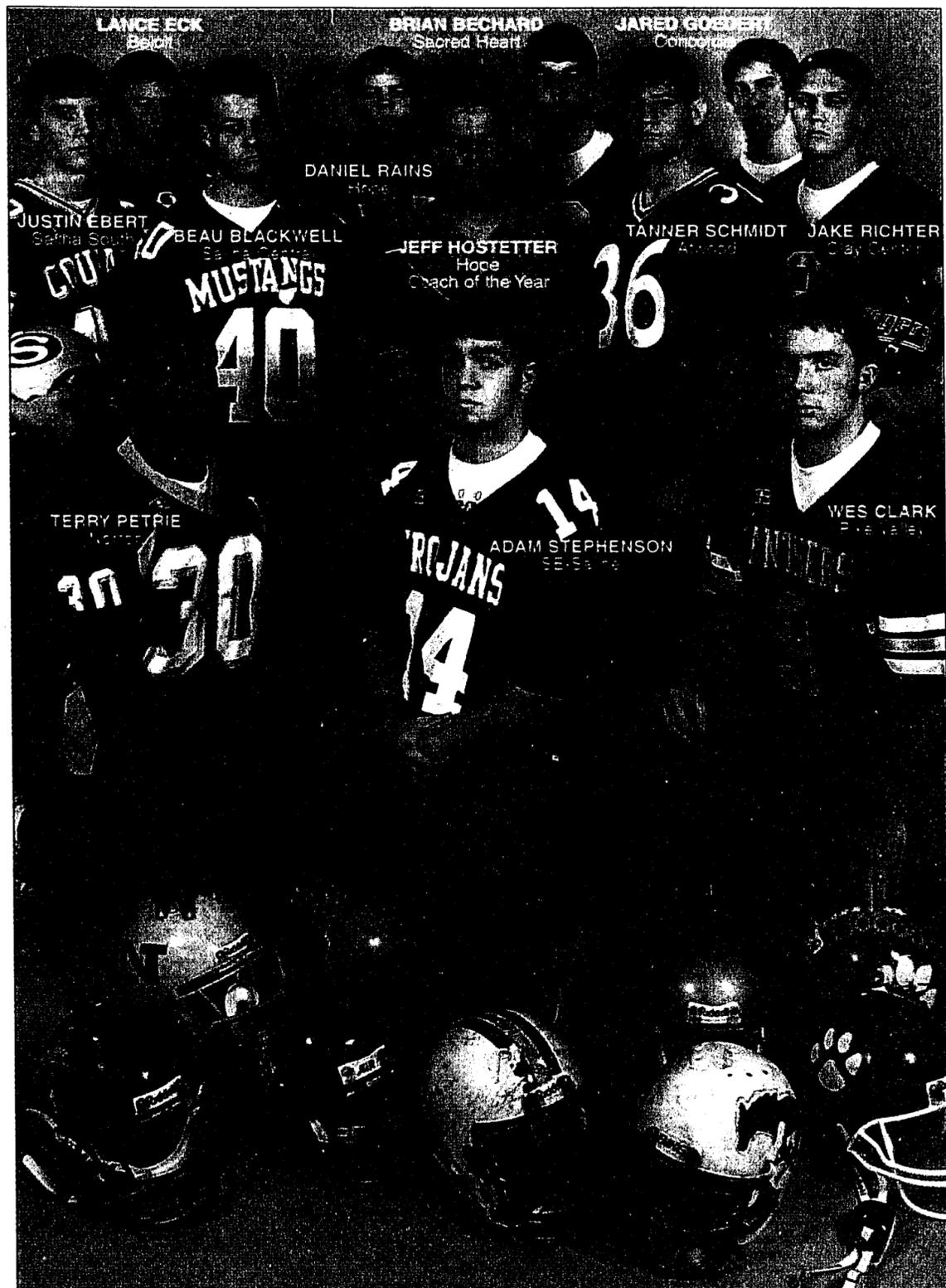


2002 ALL-AREA TOP 11 FOOTBALL



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ALL-AREA TOP 11 TEAM

PLAYER, SCHOOL	HT.	WGT.	YR.	POS.
Brian Bechard, Sacred Heart	6-2	185	Sr.	QB
Beau Blackwell, Salina Central	5-11	200	Sr.	LB
Wes Clark, Pike Valley	5-10	190	Sr.	RB
Justin Ebert, Salina South	5-10	150	Sr.	QB
Lance Eck, Beloit	6-0	215	Sr.	RB-LB
Jared Goedert, Concordia	6-2	190	Sr.	QB
Terry Petrie, Norton	5-10	175	Sr.	RB-DB
Daniel Rains, Hope	6-2	285	Sr.	OL-DL
Jake Richter, Clay Center	5-10	157	Sr.	RB-DB
Tanner Schmidt, Atwood	6-0	205	Sr.	RB
Adam Stephenson, Southeast of Saline	5-8	178	Sr.	RB

Coach of the Year: Jeff Hostetter, Hope

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas State's Jarrett Hart (foreground) calls for a timeout while scrambling for the ball with Wichita State's Randy Burns in the first half of Saturday's game at the Kansas Coliseum.



— AP

Wire-to-wire win for 'Cats

KSU ends 11-game road slide with solid performance at WSU

By ARNE GREEN
The Salina Journal

WICHITA — Maybe it was the fact that they didn't have to travel all the way south to Levitt Arena.

Or perhaps it was just the law of averages.

More likely, it was the way Gilson DeJesus started and Frank Richards finished that finally got the Kansas State Wildcats over the hump.

After jumping out to an early lead, the Wildcats held off a Wichita State run in each half Saturday night for a wire-to-wire 79-66 victory over the Shockers in front of 10,363 at the Kansas Coliseum.

The Wildcats, 4-4, made WSU's one-season home-away-from home their own with big

offensive games from Richards and DeJesus, plus pounded the Shockers on the boards to break an 11-game road losing streak that dated back to March 3, 2001.

"We didn't win on the road for two years," said a smiling DeJesus, who in addition to scoring 15 of his 18 points in the first half, limited WSU's Jamar Howard to five points — 13 below his average.

"Everything was clicking. Everybody played hard," added Richards, who had 16 of his 20 points after the break and added seven assists.

With the victory, K-State won back-to-back games and reached the .500 mark for the first time this season. And the Wildcats did it with balanced scoring, a big rebounding effort and some clutch plays down the stretch.

"It's a big win for us in a lot of ways," K-State coach Jim Woodriddle said. "We got over

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Hinrich leads Jayhawks' rout

Senior guard converts five 3-pointers as KU tops NCAA II Hornets

By STEVE BRISENDINE
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE — Kirk Hinrich drained a 3-pointer and sprinted back down the court, his usual intense look replaced by a wide grin.

And why shouldn't he? His back felt good, his shot was falling and basketball was fun again.

"I haven't been having enough fun lately," said Hinrich, who matched his career high with five 3-pointers and scored 23 points as No. 20 Kansas beat Emporia State 113-61 on Saturday night.

"I've been playing with a lot of intensity but not enough enthusiasm. I just decided to kick back, play my butt off and have some fun."

Wayne Simien also had 23 points — a career high — for Kansas (5-3), which reached the

100-point mark before the midpoint of the second half of its annual matchup against an in-state NCAA Division II team.

Nick Collison added 19 points, Keith Langford finished with 13 points and Aaron Miles had 13 assists for the Jayhawks, who led the Hornets (4-4) 34-10 after 8½ minutes and 64-23 at the half.

That 41-point halftime lead was Kansas' largest since Jan. 14, 1993, when the Jayhawks led Oral Roberts by 46 points (75-29) at intermission.

"We were just happy to be in Allen Fieldhouse instead of trying to win," Emporia State Coach David Moe said. "That's why they just whipped us."

Emporia State didn't reach double figures until Shawn Herrman's tip-in with just over 12 minutes left in the half. By that time, Collison already had 10 points — including 2-for-2 shooting from long range — and the Jayhawks led 30-10.

"That's a shot I'm going to take when the time's right," said the 6-foot-10 Collison, who

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Palmer's the pick

By ANDREA SZULSZTEYN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carson Palmer can forget those first three seasons at USC, when he lost as much as he won and failed to fulfill the high expectations.

The Heisman Trophy does that for a player.

Palmer capped his rise from mediocrity to stardom by winning college football's most prestigious award Saturday night, taking the bronze statue back to the West Coast for the first time since USC's Marcus Allen did it 21 years ago.

The quarterback kissed his fiancée, then stepped up to the podium and accepted the trophy.

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HEISMAN VOTING

Carson Palmer, USC, QB	1,328
Brod Banks, Iowa, QB	1,095
Larry Johnson, Penn State, RB	726
Willie McGahee, Miami, RB	680
Ken Dorsey, Miami, QB	643



PALMER

PRO FOOTBALL

Must-win game for Chiefs, Broncos

Surging KC, slumping Denver battle for their playoff survival today

By JOHN MARSHALL
The Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs are 7-6, tied for last in the AFC West. Both are clinging to hope, knowing a loss will leave them home for the playoffs.

When the teams meet today, it'll be with different outlooks and headed in opposite directions.

The Chiefs are happy just to have a shot at the playoffs after struggling early in the season. The Broncos are wondering what happened to their best start in four years.

"We can't look up at the

scoreboard while we're in the middle of a game, hoping that team loses or whatever," Broncos free safety Izell Reese said. "We have to do what it takes for us. This is the first test. It's three strikes and you're out, and we have to have all of them."

But averting eyes from the other scores might be harder than it sounds.

Of the 11 teams still in the AFC playoff picture, nine play in early games today. That means the Broncos and Chiefs will know where every team except Tennessee and New England, which play Monday night, stands before they even kick off.

Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said he hasn't looked closely at the playoff scenarios, but Denver's Mike Shanahan took time to explain where the Broncos

stand before practice on Wednesday.

"It's kind of surprising. A lot of guys who were asleep kind of woke up after that," Broncos strong safety Kenoy Kennedy said. "It's interesting. You're never out of it until you're out of it. We have to come out with new life. We have a new breath in us."

Kansas City has climbed back into playoff contention by getting its defense to catch up to its high-scoring offense. The Chiefs have had success offensively all season, averaging 381 yards per game. But it wasn't until after a blowout loss to the Broncos on Oct. 20 that Kansas City's defense snapped out of its funk.

The Chiefs allowed 507 yards to Denver in the 37-34 overtime

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CHIEFS AT BRONCOS

Kickoff: Today, 3:05 p.m.
Where: Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium (grass).
Television: CBS (Salina cable channels 12, 13).
Records: Chiefs 7-6; Broncos 7-6.

Announcers: Dick Enberg, Dan Dierdorf, Bonnie Bernstein (field reporter).
Line: Broncos by 4.

Notes: Priest Holmes has TD rushing in 11 consecutive games, tied for third-longest streak in NFL history. ... Broncos RB Clinton Portis leads all rookie rushers with 1,098 yards on 216 attempts and nine TDs rushing.
Radio: KSKG, 99.9-FM; KINA, 910-AM.