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THE 1985 ALL-CITY FOOTBALL TEAM — (sitting, left to right) David Sanderson, Central; Eric Zeeman, Central; (kneeling, left to right) Dave Christensen, South; Darrel Loder, Central; T.J. Bransfield, Sacred Heart; Kirk Venables, South; Charles Veal, Central; (standing, left to right) Fred Wolfe, Central; Barry Warner, South; Jeff Long, Central; Pat Meares, Sacred Heart.

## Countdown begins for OU-NU tilt

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The countdown has begun for Saturday's key football clash between Big Eight Conference rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma.

The game between second-ranked Nebraska and No. 5 Oklahoma has been billed by many as a test of how well Oklahoma's defense will be able to stop Nebraska's great rushing offense.

But Sooner linebacker Brian Bosworth, for one, does not see it that way.

"I look at it like they're facing the number one defensive team in the nation," Bosworth said. "Rolling over people like Kansas and Iowa State ... they're not showing me anything until they come into our pit and do it."

Whatever the point of view, the game could decide the Big Eight champion. Nebraska, 9-1 overall and 6-0 in the league, would win the title outright and go to the Orange Bowl with a victory. A loss reportedly would send the Cornhuskers to the Fiesta Bowl.

Oklahoma, 7-1 and 5-0, must win to set up a showdown with Oklahoma State next week for the conference title. If Oklahoma beats Nebraska but loses to Oklahoma State, the Sooners possibly would go to the Gator Bowl with Oklahoma State going to the Orange Bowl.

Bowl bids can officially be extended Saturday.

The Cornhuskers boast the nation's best ground game, averaging 395 yards per game, and the No. 2 team in total offense. Oklahoma counters with a defense ranked second nationally against the rush and ranked first in total defense. The Sooners have given up an average of 65 yards per game on the ground.

Both teams are outstanding on the other side of the ball as well. Nebraska ranks third in the country in rushing defense and third in total defense, while Oklahoma is third in rushing offense and seventh in total offense.

Bosworth, who had 19 tackles against Nebraska a year ago, said it is impractical to think about actually stopping the Cornhuskers.

"What you try to do is slow them down," he said. "We're just looking to keep them in the same situations as last year — second and long, third and long."

Both teams enter the game with great momentum. Oklahoma has run up big numbers in winning four straight since a loss to Miami, Fla., on Oct. 19, while Nebraska hasn't lost since its season opener against Florida State.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, 4-9 against the Sooners, said Oklahoma seems to have had two seasons on offense — one before quarterback Jamelle Holieway took over for injured Troy Aikman and one after.

"For the last four or five games, they have been very productive," Osborne said. "Right now they are playing as well offensively as anybody in the country."

"I'm sincere in saying this is as good a football team as Oklahoma has had."

Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer returned the compliment, saying Nebraska's offense appeared as potent as ever. He said the one ingredient keeping it from being an outstanding offensive unit is the passing ability of the quarterbacks.

"Through the years, their quarterbacks have always been 59, 56 or 57 percent passers, and this year they're 39 and I think 36 percent," Switzer said.

Switzer said he considers Nebraska tailback Doug DuBose the best in the conference along with Oklahoma State's Thurman Thomas. But he said the defensive coaches are concerned about stopping Husker fullback Tom Rathman, who has averaged 7.7 yards per carry.

"Nebraska has always been a great fullback trap team. Rathman is a definite threat and a big-play man at that position," Switzer said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. CST, with the game being televised nationally by ABC.

## Fresno State routs Shockers

FRESNO, Calif. — Bowl-bound Fresno State routed Wichita State, 47-6, Thursday night in the regular-season finale for both schools.

The loss concluded a 3-8 season for the Shockers.

Fresno State, which won the Pacific Coast Athletic Association championship, finished the regular season with a 10-0 record. The Bulldogs will face unbeaten Bowling Green in the California Bowl on Dec. 14.

# All-City team excels on, off the field

By STEPHEN WHITE  
Sports Writer

Size, speed and agility are the common components of any all-city football team. And the 1985 edition of The Salina Journal's All-City Top 11 is no different.

But an often overlooked commodity — intelligence — may be the asset that sets the 1985 team apart.

Seven of this year's all-city players sport grade point averages of 3.0 or better. And four are close to straight-A students, with GPA's approaching 4.0.

That Salina Central, which leads the way with six all-city selections, reached the Class 5A state playoffs in no small measure a tribute to the cumulative intelligence of the 1985 Mustangs. Four of Central's six all-city players maintain GPA's of 3.67 or better.

Additionally, both of Sacred Heart's all-city honorees are honor roll students.

"A lot of the success we've had this year is attributable to the adaptability of our team — the ability to adjust to different situations," said Central's Ted Stein, who guided the Mustangs to the second-best finish in the school's 16-year history before resigning as head coach this week.

And the ability to adjust, Stein continued, is an indication of quick mental reactions.

With that in mind, it is of little wonder that the most celebrated member of The Journal's All-City

## Salina's Top 11

| Player           | School       | Hgt  | Wgt | Yr | Position |
|------------------|--------------|------|-----|----|----------|
| T.J. Bransfield  | Sacred Heart | 5-10 | 155 | Jr | TB-CB    |
| Dave Christensen | South        | 5-11 | 155 | Jr | FS       |
| Darrel Loder     | Central      | 5-11 | 185 | Sr | C-MLB    |
| Jeff Long        | Central      | 6-2  | 200 | Sr | OT-DT    |
| Pat Meares       | Sacred Heart | 5-10 | 155 | Jr | QB-ILB   |
| David Sanderson  | Central      | 6-0  | 175 | Jr | OG-SS    |
| Charles Veal     | Central      | 5-9  | 145 | Jr | HB-CB    |
| Kirk Venables    | South        | 6-0  | 180 | Sr | ILB      |
| Barry Warner     | South        | 5-11 | 170 | Sr | WR       |
| Fred Wolfe       | Central      | 6-1  | 238 | Sr | OT-DT    |
| Eric Zeeman      | Central      | 5-10 | 165 | Sr | QB-CB    |

Honorable Mention  
St. John's Military — Darrin Graham, Chuckie Riley, Chris Wallace, Tom Wells.  
Sacred Heart — Darren Haselhorst, Brad Martin, John Nelson.  
South — Rod Graf, Bill Kennedy, Bryan Maring.  
Central — David Baker, Tim Deines, Dave Harp, Nathan Stanton, Mike Wilson, Shayne Wilson.

Top 11 — Central's two-time I-70 all-league center and middle linebacker, Darrel Loder — also is the most celebrated student of the group, with a cumulative GPA of 3.97. Loder's lone B was in, of all things, a physical education class.

Joining Loder on the 1985 all-city team are Mustang teammates Eric Zeeman, Fred Wolfe, Charles Veal, David Sanderson and Jeff Long; Sacred Heart's junior tandem of T.J. Bransfield and Pat Meares; and Salina South's Dave Christensen, Kirk Venables and record-setting receiver Barry Warner.

The five juniors (Bransfield, Christensen, Meares, Sanderson and Veal) represent the greatest number of non-seniors to grace The Journal's all-city roster since 1978 when the

team included 22 players.

**DARREL LODER, 5-11, 185, C-MLB**  
The same intensity that has made Loder a teacher's favorite has made him a classic coach's favorite.

Stein looked back to Loder's junior year to offer an example of his character.

"We asked him to make a transition not everybody can make," Stein said, "when we asked him to move from running back to center. He was a good running back, and a lot of kids wouldn't be able to give that up. But he responded with such intense pride in what he's doing, he immediately became the all-league center."

And though he is not fast afoot nor large, Loder led his team with 190 defensive points, including a stellar

42-point effort in Central's 12-7 victory this season over Manhattan.

Loder's strong, quiet example was easy for teammates to follow.

"He's so intense," Stein said. "He's worked hard, and he has an excellent instinct for the game. There is no replacement for intelligence."

"His principal asset is his intensity, and he still plays within his role. He's an intense, disciplined football player."

**ERIC ZEEMAN, 5-10, 165, QB-CB**

Central's wishbone attack in 1985 was the most explosive in Stein's four years at Central, averaging 260 yards per game. Zeeman was a vital triggerman, rushing for 691 yards (6.1 yards per carry), 347 of which came during district play.

"He has been the horse. He makes all three options work," Stein said. "He's certainly the best at running the option game since I've been here. He's not blessed with a lot of size, speed or quickness. But he has enough skill in each of those areas to make him an excellent high school option quarterback."

He's also an excellent defensive back.

"Eric has been a defensive starter since his sophomore season," Stein noted. "He plays a position which puts a lot of pressure on a young man; and he is seldom the one to make the mistake that can cost you a ballgame, while his run support has been excellent."

And Zeeman's leadership was invaluable.

"He's a quiet guy," Stein said, "but players look to Eric and have confidence. The team's inner confidence comes from Eric Zeeman."

**BARRY WARNER, 5-11, 170, WR**

To say Warner's assault on the South High record book was the lone bright spot for the 1-8 Cougars would be a misjustice, but the half-dozen records Warner re-wrote this season left only three receiving marks untouched.

Game No. 7, the Cougars' district opener against Hays, was a record-setting bonanza for Warner. In a losing cause against the Indians, Warner pulled in 10 passes for 142 yards, both single-game records. The Hays game also left Warner in possession of South's season- and career-records in those categories.

Warner's 1985 figures of 29 receptions for 474 yards left his career marks at 35 receptions for 550 yards.

"Barry just has a knack for getting to the ball," said South coach Dave Butler. "He's not fast, he doesn't have great hands and he doesn't necessarily run great patterns. But he runs under the ball."

"He judges the ball well and he's a good jumper. He can get up to the ball and time his jump well."

"He's above average in all categories, probably, but it's the knack

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# Plainville set to tackle Eagles' single-wing

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The road to the Kansas state high school football championship game has one more obstacle for 28 schools in the seven classes.

Beginning tonight at 7:30, twenty-six of those teams will battle across the state for berths in the Nov. 30 championship games. Class 4A's sub-state game between top-ranked Norton and second-ranked Mulvane will be played Saturday at 6 p.m. at Norton. The Norton-Mulvane game preview will be in Saturday's edition.

Here's a look at tonight's games involving schools in the central and northwest Kansas area.

## PLAINVILLE AT CLIFTON-CLYDE

Larry Friend's first game as a coach was against a single-wing offense, and he lost. That was 28 years ago and the Plainville head coach hasn't seen that offensive formation since.

Tonight, at Clyde, Friend will see the single-wing again as his third-ranked Cardinals battle the top-ranked Clifton-Clyde Eagles in a Class 3A sub-state game.

"They do have an advantage with the single-wing because no one else sees it during the season," Friend said. "Teams may adjust to it during the game, but by the time they do, they're out of the game. The obvious problem with defending it is trying to get your kids to defend their area instead of pursuing the ball

## Sub-state pairings

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| <b>CLASS 6A</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>SM-West (9-1) at Lawrence (10-0)<br>Manhattan (6-4) at Dodge City (10-0)                     |
| <b>CLASS 5A</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Washburn Rural (8-2) at Pittsburg (7-3)<br>Wichita-Corroll (8-2) at Wichita-Kapoun (10-0)    |
| <b>CLASS 4A</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Shawnee-Aquinas (10-1) at Fredonia (9-2)<br>Mulvane (11-0) at Norton (11-0), Saturday-6 p.m. |
| <b>CLASS 3A</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Sedan (8-3) at Wellsville (9-2)<br>Plainville (10-1) at Clifton-Clyde (10-0)                 |
| <b>CLASS 2-1A</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Pittsburg-Colgan (11-0) at Centralia (10-0)<br>Caldwell (11-0) at Centuria (7-4)           |
| <b>8-MAN DIVISION I</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Ottis-Bison (9-1) at Axtell (7-2)<br>Jelmore (8-2) at Coldwater (10-0)               |
| <b>8-MAN DIVISION II</b><br>Sub-State pairings<br>Tescott (10-0) at Denton-Midway (10-0)<br>Lenora (9-1) at Rolla (10-0)              |

like they did all season because they (Clifton-Clyde) are very deceptive with it."

Plainville, 10-1, gave Norton its toughest game of the season (14-0) before losing in the season-opener. Since then, the Cards have gotten better each week.

"Their young backs are good and they have a super line," said Clifton-Clyde head coach

Bernard Debes. "We have just saw a little bit of them on film, but they obviously have a good team."

While Plainville was whipping WaKeeney (29-7) and Lyons (35-7) in the playoffs, Clifton-Clyde was disposing of Southeast of Saline (28-14) and Hillsboro (20-14 in triple overtime).

Debes sees his team's win over Hillsboro last Saturday as the biggest confidence-builder yet.

"The kids are really eager to play now," Debes said. "Before the Hillsboro game, they didn't seem that excited. Now, they know they can take a good team down to the wire and win."

Debes wasn't totally satisfied with the Eagles' play against Hillsboro. The single-wing generated just 148 yards and seven first downs. Consequently, Clifton-Clyde had to punt a season-high eight times.

"The main problem was inconsistency," Debes said. "We have to maintain possession of the ball to be effective. We have to scratch and claw every play and not make mistakes that put us in a long situation where the defense can key on a certain play."

The winner of tonight's game will play the

winner of the Sedan-Wellsville game for the 3A title.

## CALDWELL AT VICTORIA

It's hard to tell if Doug Moeckel's Victoria Knights are on a late-season roll or just playing the same kind of football they have all season.

Victoria is 7-4 but those losses were to Norton, Plainville, Smith Center and WaKeeney — teams with a combined record of 35-6. Smith Center was kept out of the playoffs by Plainville and the Cardinals defeated WaKeeney in bi-district play.

But the tough competition has apparently helped the Knights once they've gotten into the 2-1A playoffs.

"I think playing the tough competition in our league is the main reason why we have done so well against our own level of play in district and the playoffs," said Moeckel, whose team won only one game last season. "The kids talked about making the playoffs at the beginning of the season because we have a good senior class (10 were returning starters), but I think the town got a little concerned when Norton, Plainville and Smith Center taught us good lessons in consecutive weeks. The kids stayed confident, though, and played well in district and so far in the playoffs."

Victoria has had little trouble in its two playoff wins over Dighton (35-14) and Johnson

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