

11-MAN FIRST TEAM		11-MAN SECOND TEAM		11-MAN THIRD TEAM		6-MAN FIRST TEAM		6-MAN SECOND TEAM		6-MAN THIRD TEAM	
PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER, CLASS	SCHOOL
J.T. Berk, sr.	Goodland	Jerad Anderson, sr.	Palmyra	Dwan Birdsal, sr.	Atwood	Darrell Acheson, sr.	Morland	Nick Beckman, jr.	Kensington	Brandon Baumann, sr.	Kensington
Brad Johnson, jr.	Hays High	Brant Baumann, sr.	LeCrosier	Matt Dinkal, sr.	Palmyra	Brandon Buesen, jr.	Sharon Springs	Ross Cox, sr.	Sharon Springs	Justin Beatty, jr.	Kensington
Jim Keller, sr.	St. Francis	Kelli Dappertmann, sr.	Smith Center	Brett Downing, jr.	Victoria	Nick Cago, sr.	Channah	Matt Horman, jr.	Orinell	Brandon Böhm, jr.	Morland
Jason Ketter, sr.	Oberlin	Shane Eshwood, sr.	Oberlin	Mark Erb, sr.	Hays High	Zach DeChatti, jr.	Nansath	Dustin Latham, jr.	Triplains	Chad Boyle, sr.	Eastern Heights
Moger Philpot, sr.	Norton	Justin Finkbeiner, jr.	Atwood	Casey King, sr.	Ellis	Trevor Engelke, sr.	Kensington	Greg Meyer, sr.	Cheyen	Ben Cramer, sr.	Healy
Darren Schuster, sr.	Trego	Justin Jackson, jr.	Hill City	Brandon Lampe, sr.	Colby	Mike Helm, sr.	Healy	T.J. Palmer, jr.	Lewis-Lurey	Clint Gottschalk, sr.	Logan
Robert Spies, sr.	Trego	Joey Kellerman, sr.	Norton	Chris McRaynold, sr.	Stockton	Jason Speer, sr.	Northern Valley	Clay Rush, sr.	Brewster	Brent Hammsnd, jr.	Northern Valley
Jim Stockwell, sr.	Near City	Tare Mauk, sr.	Hays High	Geoff Riley, jr.	Hill City	Jason Voxall, jr.	Kensington	Trini Williams, sr.	Bazine	Cody Howard, jr.	Palco
Taylor Trostad, jr.	Trego	Dave Tharp, jr.	Smith Center	Aaron Rohr, sr.	Hays-TMP						
Matt Wilson, jr.	Oakley	Tony VanDegrift, sr.	Near City	Bryce Woodall, sr.	Trego						
Tucker Woolter, sr.	Hays High										

## Coach: Lambert has team go 10-2

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think we would be 10-2 in four years," Lambert said.

Lambert also remembers his love for the game as a kid. His dad was a football coach, and Lambert remembers fall and football.

"He was always talking about it," Lambert said of his father. "He talked about it all the time. I remember going to games with him."

"I was a big K-State fan, even when they were terrible. We would go to Manhattan to watch them."

Now 30, Lambert has turned a program around, much like what happened with Kansas State. But there is still unfinished business, Lambert said.

And that's playing for the state title. "We want to get there," he said of making the championship game. "You've got to get there to win it."



Lambert

## Jeff Boyle Norton

Boyle is one of the best seniors of a top-notch senior class for Coach Bruce Graber. The group helped Norton to a 15-3 record and "has been the backbone of our football team the last two years," Graber said.

A linebacker-offensive tackle who has drawn interest from the Air Force and Missouri, Boyle was a postseason first-team Mid-Continent League pick two seasons in a row. Graber says Boyle has "a defensive mentality."

Boyle (59 solo tackles, 52 assists, four tackles for losses) has the size and agility to be an outside rusher in college, Graber said. Fort Hays State University and Nebraska-Kearney are also recruiting him.

"He's a great athlete with great athletic ability," Graber said. "He is undoubtedly the most disciplined kid I've ever been associated with."



Boyle

## Tony Kemper Logan

Logan coach J.B. Covington said Kemper's ability to return kickoffs for touchdowns (a state-record five last season) impressed him.

Kemper, who started a few games as a 135-pound freshman, is now up to 200 pounds. "He got beat around and he realized he needed help," Covington said.

This past season, Kemper beat up opponents from his safety position. He had 45 solo tackles, 43 assists and five interceptions and earned all-Cheyenne Conference honors on both sides of the ball. On offense at quarterback, he rushed for 1,024 yards and 23 TDs.

Described by Covington as "a good leader," Kemper will probably play basketball in college. He is being recruited heavily in both sports by NCAA Division II, NAIA and junior colleges.



Kemper

## Justin McAtee St. Francis

Coach Tim Lambert's wishbone offense was powerful this season and McAtee was its leader with 1,475 yards rushing. The Indians gained 4,000 yards of total offense and 3,600 of it was on the ground.

The Indians' ability to run the ball enabled the team to make the state playoffs for the first time in school history. St. Francis lost in the Class 2-1A semifinals to Garden Plain.

McAtee played a lot as a freshman and started as a sophomore. Lambert says he "works hard, runs hard. He was our first option, the one we went to most."

Lambert said his backs ran behind "a good offensive line. We had other good backs, teams couldn't key on him (McAtee)."

Although just a junior, McAtee has plans to play in college.



McAtee

## Clint Merritt Smith Center

The thing that Coach Roger Barta likes about Merritt is "he made himself into a great athlete. He has great work ethic and is very committed to his goals."

Also, Merritt was a big-game player. "In big games, he made great plays," Barta said. "That's the sign of a great football player."

Merritt was a standout on offense at fullback in Smith Center's wishbone, gaining 1,200 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns. And on defense, he was a hard-hitting linebacker, making 62 solo tackles, with 48 assists and two interceptions. He has drawn interest from Kansas' Division I schools and military academies.

Barta calls Merritt "a great student (3.95 GPA) and a great leader. He's an outstanding young man. When Clint speaks, everybody listens."



Merritt

## E.J. Ochs Trego

A lot of college coaches are interested in Ochs, but they have to wait another year — he's only a junior.

Trego coach Jeff Fuss said Ochs dominated at guard in the Golden Eagles' Wing-T offense. "He's the best offensive guard I've ever coached," Fuss said. With his 4.8 (40-yard dash) speed, Ochs can pull and block downfield with the best of them.

And at linebacker, Ochs is "aggressive and the best head-hunter we have had in years." He had 47 solo tackles and 54 assists, with four sacks and three fumble recoveries.

Ochs will have plenty of company next year — Fuss had 16 juniors this past season — as Trego attempts to make the playoffs again. The Golden Eagles lost a tough 30-21 decision to Smith Center in the 3A bi-district round.



Ochs

## Troy Schenk Smith Center

Starting three years as a lineman for Smith Center is unheard of, but Schenk did it. Schenk is "as good a lineman as we've had" Coach Roger Barta says.

Schenk is a hard worker, especially in practices and in the weight room, Barta said. "He's very competitive, real tough and a physical player. We've had few players with the intensity he has. He's quick, has good strength and he can run."

Schenk used his ability to open holes up front for Smith Center's wishbone. "Troy's a good leader with good work ethic and he's also a nice young man," Barta said.

Like his teammate on the Super 11, Clint Merritt, Schenk could play for a lot of college teams, Barta said. Schenk is being recruited by Division II in-state schools and numerous junior colleges.



Schenk

## Wes Simoneau Hays High

There's no doubt what is the secret to Simoneau's kicking success: his mental makeup, says his coach, Larry Mills.

"Wes is very calm by nature," Mills said.

Simoneau also is a standout in basketball and golf. As a junior, he was a member of the Indians' third-place Class 5A state tournament team and was on HHS' state championship golf team.

Simoneau made 28-of-42 field goals (eight over 40 yards) in his career.

Simoneau, who has made 66-of-76 extra points, was 12-of-18 in field goals this past season. Of his six misses, five were from over 50 yards. He made four field goals over 40 yards and boomed most of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchdowns.

Fort Hays State University has shown great interest in both football and basketball.



Simoneau

## Todd Slavik Kensington

When Kensington needed the tough yards, Slavik was the man to lead the way. "If there was a time we needed yards, Todd was the player we ran behind," Goldbug coach Mike Lecher said.

A three-year starter at guard, Slavik made all-Cheyenne Conference on offense and defense (linebacker). He had 36 solo tackles and 66 assists this past season, but it was his ability to make interceptions and return them for touchdowns that amazed Lecher.

Slavik had four interceptions for scores in the last two years.

Slavik was the key for an offense that gained 255 yards rushing a game. "Todd has real good lateral movement," Lecher said.

Fort Hays State University, Washburn University and Kansas Wesleyan University have shown interest, along with Nebraska-Kearney.



Slavik

## Thane VanEaton Stockton

VanEaton has impressed a lot of folks in his football career, including his coach, Matt Perry.

"I think what separates Thane from other players is he's been very consistent throughout his career," Perry said. "He makes plays."

And make plays he did this season as Stockton again made the Class 2-1A playoffs. The Tigers fell to Garden Plain in the regionals. VanEaton, a HDN Super 11 pick as a sophomore, led the defense with 121 tackles from his linebacker spot, with three tackles for losses and three fumble recoveries.

"This year, he was the focus for other teams," Perry said. "He took everything on his shoulders and produced."

VanEaton also ran for a team-high 1,464 yards and 22 touchdowns at running back.



VanEaton

## Jesse Williams Norton

Williams is one of the most unsung players in the state, according to his coach, Bruce Graber.

"He's a kid people aren't giving enough credit," Graber said. "I've been coaching for 16 years, and I haven't seen a running back with this guy's combination of quickness and speed (4.5 in the 40). That's not great speed, but it's good enough."

What Graber likes the best in Williams (1,329 yards, 7.6 per carry, 25 touchdowns) is his ability to cut back against the grain and the ability to run to daylight.

Even though he's not big, Graber says Williams, a first team all-MCL choice, should be able to run the football in college because of his durability. Fort Hays, Pittsburg, Kearney and Juco have shown interest.



Williams

## Derek Wright Triplains

Wright rushed for more than 6,000 yards and scored 105 touchdowns in his career at Triplains. Coach Travis Betz says Wright is a student of the game — he studies a lot of game tape. "He understands the game," Betz said.

Wright has Wright gained many of his yards up the middle. "A lot of people think his breakaway speed is what gains him yards," Betz said. "But he runs hard in between the tackles."

"His footwork has improved and he's so much quicker." Division I schools are recruiting Wright, as well as Division II schools such as Washburn University and Emporia State University.

Wright, a linebacker on defense (84 tackles), gained 2,136 yards and ran for 38 touchdowns this past season for Triplains (11-1).



Wright

# Northern Colorado wins first NCAA II title

By EDDIE PELLIS

**Associated Press**  
FLORENCE, Ala. — Two months ago, the bulk of Northern Colorado's offense was injured and the Bears were thinking survival, not championships.

But the team recovered in time to sneak into the playoffs and on Saturday, UNC won its first Division II title with a 23-14 victory over Carson-Newman.

"The injuries were devastating, but slowly and surely we got the guys back," said UNC coach Joe Glenn, who recalled a game in mid-October when the Bears had only one healthy backup offensive lineman, a redshirt freshman. "Now, the whole thing seems like a miracle, at least in my eyes."

Michael Schauer tied a title-game record with three field goals and Billy Holmes ran for 136 yards and a touchdown as UNC (12-3) added another successful chapter to a wild playoff trip.

The win over Carson-Newman (12-2) was the first UNC playoff game that wasn't decided in the last 15 seconds. The first three games — wins over Pittsburg State, Northwest Missouri State and Clarion — were decided by a total of five points.

"We had a lot of adversity, and look at us now," said Holmes, whose team tied for second in the North Central Conference and had the second-worst record of the 16 teams that made the postseason. "We barely made the playoffs and now we're the best. To be called a champion is a dream every kid grows up hoping for."

Holmes, who hurt ligaments in his ankle midway through the season, surpassed the 100-yard mark for the sixth straight game. He carried the ball 33 times, one short of the title-game

## Harlon Hill winner

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Truman State (Mo.) tailback Jarrett Anderson, who set the Division II rushing record with 2,140 yards this season, won the Harlon Hill Trophy Friday, awarded to the top player in Division II.

Anderson received 42 first-place votes and 207 points. Second-place finisher Lance Funderburk, a quarterback from Valdosta State (Ga.), had 161 points, the highest total by a second-place finisher in the 11-year history of the award.

record.

Meanwhile, the UNC defense came up big, sacking quarterback Zac Allen four times and ending all five of Carson-Newman's second-half possessions with turnovers.

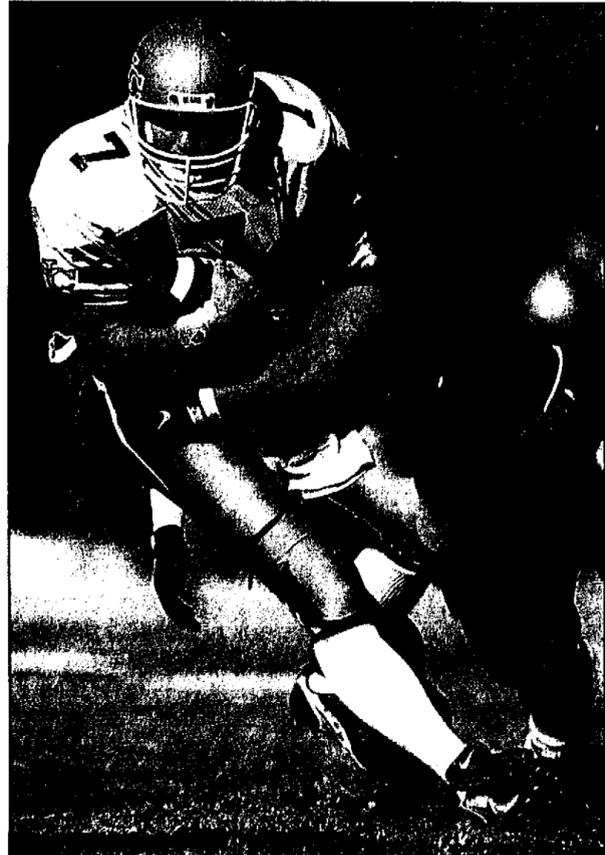
Jim Porter led the Bears defense with seven tackles, two sacks, a caused fumble and one fumble recovery. His recovery midway through the third quarter halted Carson-Newman's best drive of the second half, a 13-play, 60-yard effort that ended at the Bears 9-yard line.

Northern Colorado punted after that possession, but after a Jesse Tann interception, Schauer made his second field goal — a 45-yarder — to give the Bears a 20-14 lead.

Schauer hit a 23-yarder with 11:20 to go in the game for the final margin, but missed a 28-yarder with two minutes left that would have set the championship game record.

But the miss came at the end of a 13-play, 54-yard drive that ate up 6:41 and ended Carson-Newman's hopes.

The Eagles, who won five NAIA titles in the 1980s, were denied their first title since moving to Division II in 1993.



Northern Colorado quarterback Tom Beck, left, is tackled by Carson-Newman linebacker Stan Luttrell in Saturday's NCAA II title game in Florence, Ala.

# Lyne lifts FHSU women to win

By STEVE BELL

**Hays Daily News**  
There were some glitches in a 21-point victory, the Fort Hays State University women's basketball team found out.

Nonetheless, the Tigers whipped winless New Mexico Highlands University 84-63 Saturday night at Gross Memorial Coliseum, and there were many positives in the win.

Fort Hays coach Tom Mahon said for the most part, his team played good defense.

"At times we did Lyne a very good job defensively," Mahon said. "We'd play good defense for 22 seconds (of the 30-second shot clock), then let them shoot a 3 (-pointer). Sometimes, two-thirds of a possession goes for naught."

"We need to learn how to play 30 seconds of defensive basketball."

Senior Mindy Lyne scored a career-high 25 points to lead the Tigers in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference matchup. She added six rebounds and three assists. Lyne came close to eclipsing her personal record last week at Colorado's Mesa State College, tying her then-career high with 24 points.

The Tigers (5-2 overall, 2-1 RMAC) let the Cowgirls to stay with them for seven minutes before pulling away. Junior guard Marly Robinson had consecutive steals and layups and senior center Melissa Nully scored from underneath as Fort Hays grabbed a 24-14 lead.

The Fort Hays lead reached 27 points late in the game.

The Tigers beat the Cowgirls down the court for numerous breakaway layups. Highlands used a full-court

Fort Hays 84, Mesa St. 63

New Mexico Highlands (0-5, 0-3)  
Brooke McCoy 1-4 0-0 2, Gallagher 1-4 0-0 2, Allman 5-10 1-3 11, Barela 8-14 0-0 16, Sandoval 1-5 1-2 4, Thompson 2-5 0-0 5, Fulkerson 0-2 0-0 0, Yazzie 3-5 0-0 8, Calabaza 0-0 0-0 0, Henry 2-4 0-0 4, Valardo 1-4 1-2 3, Bracke McCoy 3-6 1-2 8. Totals — 26-64 4-9 63.

Fort Hays (6-2, 2-1)  
Lyne 9-20 5-8 25, Nully 5-10 3-6 13, Farr 1-1 2-2 4, Hayden 2-8 2-2 8, Robinson 3-6 4-4 10, Farmer 1-3 2-3 4, Ryan 2-2 1-2 5, Kennedy 3-5 2-2 9, Watton 0-1 0-0 0, Beckley 2-5 0-1 5, Frazier 0-2 0-0 0, Adams 0-0 1-3 1, Vahling 0-0 0-0 0, Shandy 1-1 0-0 2. Totals — 29-64 23-33 84.

Highlands ..... 32 31 — 63  
Fort Hays ..... 43 41 — 84  
3-point goals — Highlands 9-26 (Gallagher 0-1, Barela 4-12, Sandoval 1-2, Thompson 1-4, Yazzie 2-3, Valardo 0-2, Bra. McCoy 1-2); Fort Hays 3-11 (Lyne 1-7, Robinson 0-2, Kennedy 1-1, Beckley 1-1). Total fouls — Highlands 24; Fort Hays 14. Fouled out — Allman, Highlands. Technical fouls — None.

Rebounds — Highlands 39 (Allman 11); Fort Hays 47 (Nully 8, Lyne 6). Assists — Highlands 12 (Sandoval 4); Fort Hays 14 (Robinson 5). Steals — Highlands 9 (Allman 3); Fort Hays 14 (Kennedy 3). Blocked shots — Highlands 3 (Henry 2); Fort Hays 0. Turnovers — Highlands 31; Fort Hays 24. Officials — Gail Cyr, Richard Steker. A — 258.

press, but it backfired. The Fort Hays defense forced 31 turnovers.

Highlands (0-5, 0-3) fought back gamely considering the Cowgirls were beaten by a whopping 69 points Friday night at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The Cowgirls were within 8 points (40-32) late in the half but that deficit quickly became 11 when Tiger sophomore Brooke Beckley nailed a long 3-pointer at the buzzer.

That basket gave Fort Hays a 43-32 lead at halftime.

The Tigers seemed to be in better shape than the Cowgirls. Mahon said the difference was probably that Highlands played a game Friday night, losing 114-45 at Kearney, and his team did not play.

"Our kids ran the floor hard," Mahon said.

Nully had eight rebounds to go along with her 13 points.

Sophomore Amy Barela led Highlands with 16 points and junior Nicole Allman added 11 points and 11 rebounds.



Lyne

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