

Showdown set in Liberty League

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Friday's Kansas high school football schedule has several excellent eight-man matchups, but the best of the bunch should be played in the Mountain time zone.

The contest will take place in Wallace County and will match Liberty League powers Brewster and Sharon Springs (kickoff set for 8:30 p.m. CDT).

Brewster — ranked fourth in this week's Salina Journal Eight-Man Division II state rankings — has recovered from its season-opening defeat to Quinter with two solid wins over Tribune and Grinnell.

Sharon Springs — with two shut-outs in its 3-0 start — has lobbied strongly for a state ranking in Eight-Man I. Those three opponents — Cheylin, Weskan and Triplains — have just one win between them, however. A win over Brewster would make the Wildcats legitimate.

"It has been hard for us to tell how strong we are because our varsity hasn't played that much," said third-year Sharon Springs' head coach Bill Sheldon. "This week we will know if we should be ranked. Brewster is a dangerous team with a big-play quarterback."

Sheldon speaks of Brewster signal-caller Brian Beecher, who was an all-stater last season after throwing for 1,013 yards and running for another 660 in leading the Bulldogs to an 8-1 record.

"He (Beecher) scares me the most," Sheldon said. "We have to contain him and stop the big play to beat them."

The Salina Journal's prep football rankings

School	W-L
CLASS 6A	
1. Lawrence (1)	3-0
2. Shawnee Mission West (2)	2-1
3. Olathe South (3)	3-0
4. Emporia (4)	3-0
5. Junction City (NR)	3-0
CLASS 5A	
1. Wichita Kapaun (1)	3-0
2. Arkansas City (2)	3-0
3. Shawnee Aquinas (1)	2-1
4. KC-Ward (4)	3-0
5. Liberal (5)	3-0
CLASS 4A	
1. Mulvane (2)	3-0
2. Norton (3)	3-0
3. Clay Center (4)	3-0
5. TWP-Marian (5)	3-0
CLASS 3A	
1. Nemaha Valley (1)	3-0
2. Silver Lake (2)	3-0

Brewster head coach Phil Wilson agrees with Sheldon about Beecher's importance to the Bulldogs.

"Brian can do a lot of things well and because of that, teams have keyed on him, which has opened things up for some of our other players," Wilson said.

Brewster won last year's meeting between the two, 34-28, and later beat Grinnell to win the Liberty League championship. Friday's game should be for the league title. Grinnell is the nearest challenger and Brewster whipped the Warriors last Saturday.

"It's not a district game so the loser can still make the playoffs, but it should be for the league championship," Sheldon said. "Our kids have been waiting for this game ever since last season."

"Our kids have come back from that loss to Quinter," Wilson said. "It should be a good game. I'm concerned with their size and the good

number of kids they have."

With 34 players to work with this season, Sheldon has put together his most-balanced team.

The Wildcats boast two, 200-pound guards in Thad Vincent and Mike Rains, a reliable and consistent senior quarterback in Gary Jones and a solid punter and linebacker in senior Jeff Renner.

"This team has no superstars," Sheldon said. "Offensively, we are not a big-play team, just five and six yards at a time. We have five different running backs with over 100 yards ... no standout. Defensively, we are strong with six starters back. I think Brewster will have a hard time running on us. What I'm scared of is their passing."

When Beecher does pass, his main target is 6-1 junior Shawn Richards, who caught 26 passes for 604 yards last season.

There are very few changes in this week's Journal rankings.

While Brewster moved up to No. 4 in Eight-Man II, Rolla — after routing defending Eight-Man II champ Ingalls, 56-12 — moved into the top five for the first time this season.

Midway-Denton, Tipton and Wakefield remain the top three teams respectively in Eight-Man II. Wakefield has outscored its three Eisenhower League opponents, 146-10.

The top three teams in Eight-Man I — Northern Valley, Coldwater and Mankato — continue to roll. The three combined to beat their last Friday opponents, 191-34. Northern Valley scored 82 points in downing Jennings. One of the top eight-man games of the year should be Oct. 11 when Mankato plays Northern Valley at Alma in a district game.

The only other change in the 11-man classes is in 6A where Junction City bumped Manhattan out of the No. 5 spot. Manhattan dropped to 1-2 after falling to a tough Grandview, Mo., team, 28-0, last Friday.

Wichita Kapaun and Arkansas City — ranked first and second in 5A — continue on a Nov. 1 collision course when the two will meet at Ark City in a district game.

In 4A, Mulvane moved into the No. 1 spot after previously top-ranked Shawnee-Aquinas was defeated by unbeaten St. Pius, Mo., 10-0. Norton moved to No. 2 after whipping Osborne, 47-0. Clay Center, like Norton, has yet to allow a score after blanking Abilene last Friday. Thomas More Prep-Marian remains No. 5.

Briefly

Nevada prepster gets record kick

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Dirk Borgognone's first thought after booting a 68-yard field goal, the longest in prep school history, was self-preservation.

Moments after the kick cleared the uprights Friday night, Borgognone, 17, saw his Reno High School teammates rush onto the field shouting, "Record, record, record."

"I didn't run right at them," recalled a still stunned Borgognone. "I ran in a half circle so I wouldn't run straight into the mob and get killed."

The kick broke the high school record of 64 yards set in 1982 by Eric Affholter of Agoura, Calif. The longest field goal in college history, 69 yards, was made by Ove Johannson of Abilene Christian, an NAIA school, in 1976. Tom Dempsey of the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League holds the pro record with a 63-year boot that beat the Detroit Lions in 1970.

Marymount begins ticket drive

Marymount College begins its season ticket drive for the 1985-86 men's basketball campaign today.

The Spartans, who compiled a 21-11 record last season, open their season Nov. 9 when they entertain University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma at Smoot Gymnasium.

Marymount's 10-game home schedule includes four single dates at the Bicentennial Center — two-time NAIA champion Fort Hays State on Dec. 2, Kansas Newman on Dec. 9, cross-town rival Kansas Wesleyan on Feb. 6, and Washburn on Feb. 24. In addition, the Spartans will host the McDonald's-Marymount Booster Club Tournament Dec. 27-28.

Ticket prices are \$35 for reserved seats and \$30 for general admission.

For more information, contact Marymount head coach Dan Pratt at 825-2101.

McPherson wins tennis tourney

McPherson outscored Salina Central and Washburn Rural to win a tight battle for the Salina South Invitational tennis tournament title.

The Bullpups scored 26 points, while Central and Washburn Rural finished with 25 and 24 points, respectively. Salina South placed fourth with 19 points.

McPherson was led by its No. 1 doubles team of Beth Weinhold and Paul Gordley, who defeated Central's Mari Stevenson and Kappy Johnson in the finals.

Washburn Rural captured the two singles titles as Lisa Schmolter placed first in the No. 1 event, while Paige Evans topped the No. 2 field.

Central's duo of Stacy Marshall and Jennifer Timmel placed first in No. 2 doubles.

Tournament results are in today's scoreboard section.

Southeast spikers win two matches

GYPSUM — Southeast of Saline's volleyball team improved its record to 9-2 with victories over Salina South and Chapman Monday night.

The Trojans won a three-game match over Chapman, 15-6, 9-15, 15-5 as Shannon Cox had 12 service points and Cheryl Lancaster had 10 points.

In Southeast's 15-4, 15-7 win over South, Dana Tanner and Casey Hubele had 10 service points apiece for the winners.

South had posted a 13-15, 16-14, 15-11 victory over Chapman in the night's opening match. Diane Turner had 13 service points and Tricia Nicolau had 12 points for the Cougars.

Hawks sign Koncak

ATLANTA (AP) — Jon Koncak, the Atlanta Hawks' first-round draft pick, signed a contract with the National Basketball Association team late Sunday.

The agreement, for a reported \$2.5 million over four years, was reached after three days of negotiations. Koncak was expected to be at the Hawks' training camp in Charleston, S.C., Monday.

The 7-foot, 265-pound center was the fifth pick in this year's NBA draft. He averaged 17.2 points and 10.7 rebounds last year at Southern Methodist and played on the U.S. Olympic team in 1984.



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Sacred Heart's Terry Cook (left) and Beloit's Jennifer Terry battle at the net for a point during Monday's volleyball match.

Mahaffey captures Texas Open title

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — John Mahaffey called on 15 years of PGA Tour experience to defeat young Jodie Mudd in a sudden death playoff Monday in the Texas Open Golf Tournament.

"That's the second time this year I've played one of the younger fellows in a playoff," the 37-year-old Mahaffey said after the day-late finish to this storm-disrupted event.

"The first time, Mark Wiebe beat me at the Anheuser-Busch. I figured, well, I've got a semi-rookie here and I'll try to put him away on the first hole." That was dumb," Mahaffey said.

"This time, I just wanted to play good, solid, smart golf," Mahaffey said.

And he did. He made a couple of routine, 2-putt pars on the playoff holes and let the 25-year-old Mudd make the mistake.

That came on the second hole, a par-3, at the Oak Hills Country

Club course.

With Mahaffey safely on the green, Mudd hit into a bunker. He failed to get it out with his first sand shot, blew the next 15-feet beyond the pin and missed his first putt.

That enabled Mahaffey to 2-putt for the par that provided him with his eighth Tour triumph, his first of the season and his first in Texas.

"It means a lot to me," Mahaffey said. "I grew up just 60 miles up the road, and I played a lot of junior golf here in San Antonio."

It also meant \$63,000 from the total purse of \$350,000 and pushed Mahaffey's earnings for the season to \$303,360, a personal best.

The victory was set up by Mahaffey's brilliant finish. He played the back nine in 31, birdied three of the last four holes and came from four shots back with four holes left.

"Unbelievable," said Mudd, who was seeking his first Tour title but had to settle for his third runner-up finish of the year and a \$37,800 check.

Sacred Heart, Beloit split pair of NCAA volleyball matches

Sacred Heart's volleyball team moved its season record to 7-5 Monday night after splitting two matches with North Central Activities Association foe Beloit.

In the first match, Beloit swept the Knights, 15-12, 15-11. Junior Vicki Cain served seven points for Sacred Heart. Chris Foote served 12 winners for the Trojans. Terry Cook, a 5-11 junior, had nine spike kills for Sacred Heart.

The Knights rebounded to sweep Beloit in the second match, 15-5, 15-6. Junior Tammy Jadow served 11 winning points and Sara Budke, also a junior, had nine kills to lead Sacred Heart to victory.

Sacred Heart won the junior varsity match in three games. The Knights lost the first game, 15-9, but rallied to win the last two, 15-5, 15-5. Kim Glassman served 18 winning points for Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart is back in action next Monday at Ellsworth — a perennial league and state power. The Knights, along with Salina South, will play at Salina Central on Oct. 10.

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