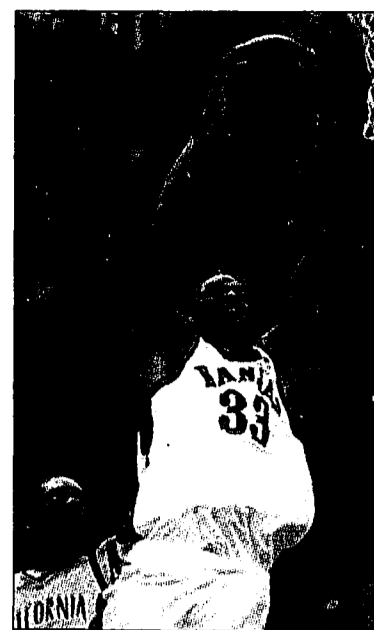


▼ COLLEGE BASKETBALL



The Associated Press
C.J. Giles drives past California forward Leon Powe during Saturday's second half. Giles shined on both ends of the floor in KU's win.

Second half key for KU

Jayhawks' 24-6 run to open half sparks win over surging Cal

By DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas had the crowd on its side and a desperate hunger to win. All California had was a six-game winning streak built entirely in its own friendly gym.

MEN
California 56
Kansas 69

It all added up to a 69-56 victory for the Jayhawks in Kemper Arena on Saturday, thanks to a 24-6 surge that opened the second half.

"We needed this one real bad," said Brandon Rush, who had eight points in the spree. "We were still confident. But we needed to get our swagger back."

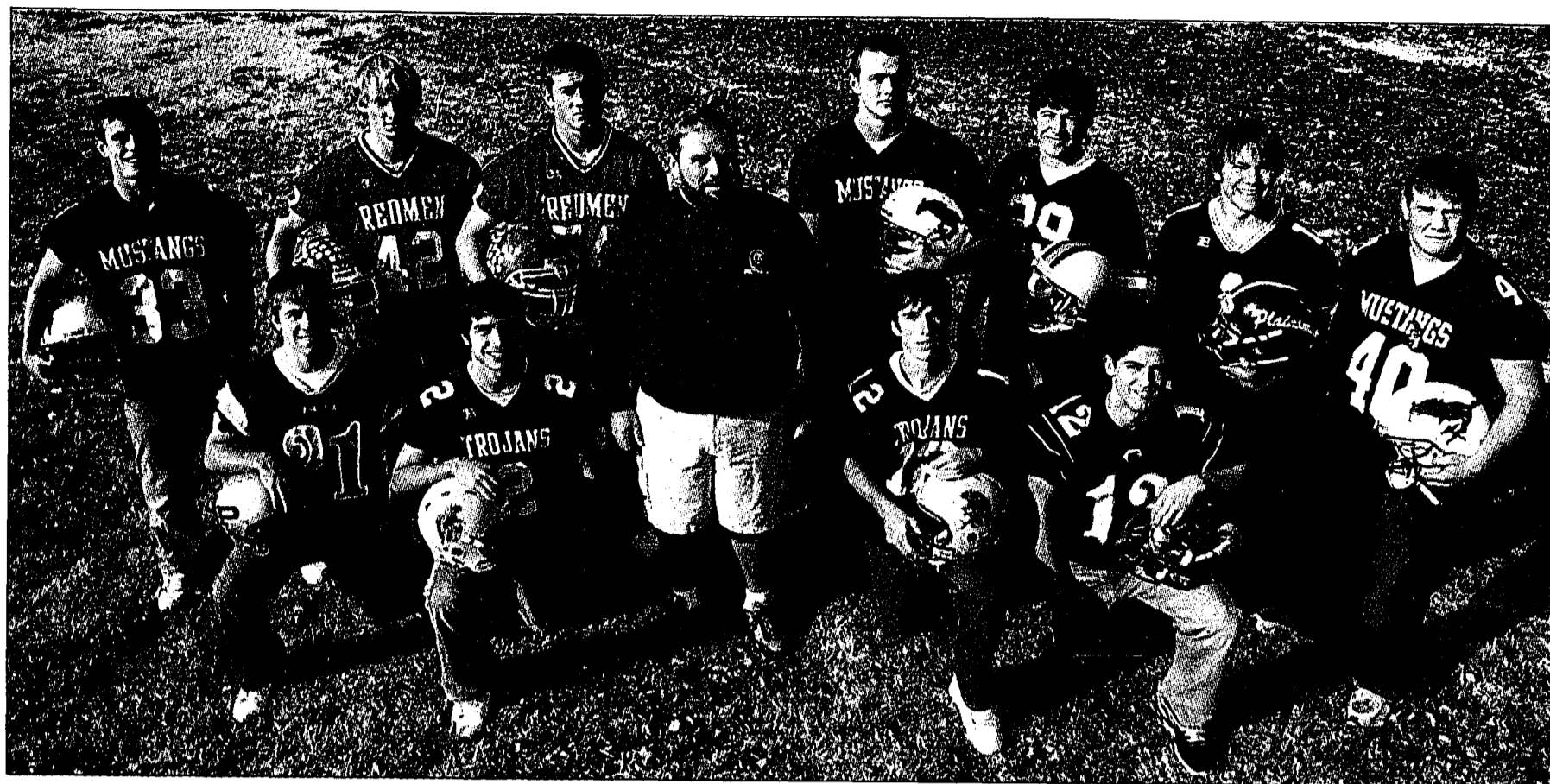
The victory squared the youthful Jayhawks' record at 4-4.

"This was a game we badly needed," said Kansas coach Bill Self. "That's a talented team we played today."

C.J. Giles had six points during the surge that turned California's 34-31 halftime lead into a 53-38 advantage for Kansas, which looked terrible while missing nine of its first 10 shots.

Giles, a 6-foot-11 sophomore, also spent much of the game guarding Cal's Leon Powe, a 6-foot-8 sophomore who had been averaging 25 points and nine rebounds since returning from injury. Powe sat out all last season and the first four games of this one, but finished Saturday with eight points in the first half and 16 points and 11 rebounds for the game.

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RODRICK REIDSMA / Salina Journal
The Salina Journal's 2005 All-Area Football team. Front row (left to right) Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg; Bryson Flax, Southeast of Saline; Coach of the Year Pat Haxton, Southeast of Saline; Justin Schropp, Southeast of Saline; and D.J. Fulhage, Beloit. Back row (left to right) Jake Sharp, Salina Central; Taylor Jones, Smith Center; Michael Hubbard, Smith Center; Casey Beggs, Salina Central; Zeb Elliott, Hope; Calder Keller, Oakley; and David Diener, Salina Central.

ALL-AREA TOP 11

Player, School	HT.	WT.	YR.	POS.
Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg	5-9	165	Jr.	RB-DB
Casey Beggs, Salina Central	6-4	195	Sr.	WR-DB
David Diener, Salina Central	5-10	194	Sr.	LB
Zeb Elliott, Hope	5-11	175	Sr.	REC-DB
Bryson Flax, Southeast of Saline	6-0	175	Jr.	WR-DB
D.J. Fulhage, Beloit	5-9	175	Sr.	ATH
Michael Hubbard, Smith Center	6-2	200	Sr.	OL-LB
Taylor Jones, Smith Center	6-2	200	Sr.	RB-DB
Calder Keller, Oakley	5-7	175	Sr.	RB-DB
Justin Schropp, Southeast of Saline	6-1	180	Sr.	QB-DB
Jake Sharp, Salina Central	5-10	185	Sr.	RB

COACH OF THE YEAR: Pat Haxton, Southeast of Saline

2005 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

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▼ HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sweet sweep for Knights

Sacred Heart girls follow boys lead, capture title



By LARRY MORITZ
Salina Journal

Undersized and shorthanded, the Sacred Heart girls continue to find a way to win.

The Knights, who start four players listed at 5-foot-5 or smaller and have two starters out or slowed by injuries, are now 4-0 after downing Minneapolis 66-52 in the championship game of the Blue & Gold Classic on Saturday at the Bicentennial Center.

Sacred Heart has now won back-to-back Blue and Gold tournaments, successfully defending its title by building a large lead in the second half, then holding off a final Minneapolis rally attempt in the fourth quarter.

It could be the first of four meetings between the two North Central Activities Association schools, who will meet twice in the regular season and could be paired in the Minneapolis mid-season tournament next month.

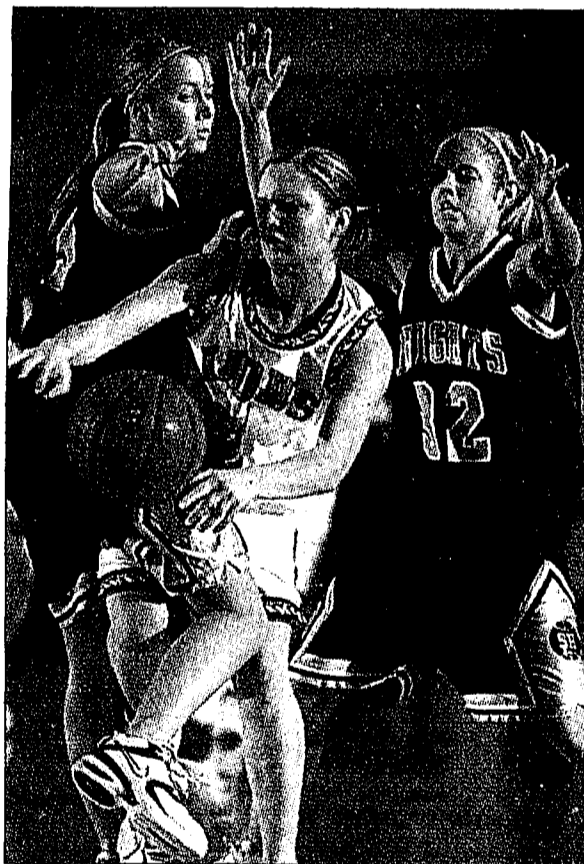
"It's a good matchup between us and Minneapolis," said Sacred Heart sophomore Katie Pratt, named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. "We might play them three more times, and they'll come at us hard every time."

"We're not the biggest team out here, but we're scoring a lot of points and playing with intensity," said junior Crystal Stegman, who joined Pratt on the all-tournament team. "That's the big key for us right now, pushing it up the floor and making defensive plays."

Defensive plays are what keyed the Knights' comeback after Minneapolis (2-1) took the lead at the outset and was up 16-10 after one quarter. The Lions turned the ball over 10 times in the second quarter, 14 in the third and were outscored 37-16 in those two periods.

"That was a big stretch," Sacred Heart coach Arnold Schmidtberger said. "After they hit some shots and opened with that flurry, we were able to slow them down."

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RODRICK REIDSMA / Salina Journal
Sacred Heart's Ashley O'Brien (left) and Elizabeth Walker pressure Minneapolis' Audra Atwell.

GIRLS

Seventh Place
Bennington 47,
Solomon 13

Fifth Place
Sterling 51, Ell-Saline 28

Third Place
SE-Saline 63,
Halstead 45

Championship
Sacred Heart 66,
Minneapolis 52

FIRST PLACE

Sacred Heart 66
Minneapolis 52

▼ JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Brown Mackie holds off Johnson County

Lions withstand late Cavaliers charge after building 18-point lead

By BOB DAVIDSON
Salina Journal

For the first three quarters of their game Saturday against Johnson County, the Brown Mackie Lions looked like a team capable of returning the NJCAA Division II national tournament, which they won in March.

Then came the final 10 minutes and with them the same questions and concerns that have hounded the Lions since the season started. Brown Mackie crafted a 50-32 lead early in the second half, but nearly collapsed down the stretch before hanging on

JUCO MEN
Johnson Co. 62
Brown Mackie 64

for a wild 64-62 victory at Muir Gymnasium.

"We let up," said Brown Mackie forward Darnell Kimble, who had 24 points and six rebounds, but also missed five free throws during the final 4:20 of the game — three the last 1:17.

"We've got to learn to keep playing hard for all 40 minutes," Kimble said. "Letdowns — we have a good spurt then we let down."

Johnson County used scoring runs of 12-1 and 6-0 to climb back in it. The Cavaliers got within two twice the final 1 1/2 minutes, and had a chance to tie or take the lead in the waning seconds.

Trailing 61-59, Corey Reimoning's shot under the basket was blocked. Kimble grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 3.6 seconds left.

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▼ COLLEGE FOOTBALL



HEISMAN VOTING

1. Reggie Bush
RB, USC 2,541
2. Vince Young
QB, Texas 1,608
3. Matt Leinart
QB, USC 797
4. Brady Quinn
QB, Notre Dame 191
5. Michael Robinson
QB, Penn State 49

USC's Reggie Bush smiles after winning the Heisman Trophy.

— The Associated Press

Bush runaway winner

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Reggie Bush left the competition far, far behind — as usual.

Southern California's incomparable junior tailback won the Heisman Trophy as college football's best player in a landslide Saturday

night over Texas quarterback Vince Young and USC quarterback Matt Leinart, last year's winner.

Flashing uncanny acceleration and ability to change direction, Bush has conjured up memories of

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▼ PRO FOOTBALL

Coaches win with contrasting styles

By JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

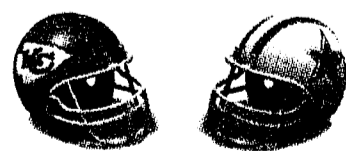
IRVING, Texas — After spending last season and this summer with the Kansas City Chiefs, safety Willie Pile and linebacker Scott Fujita joined the Dallas Cowboys a week before this season began.

When did they first notice the difference between playing for Dick Vermeil and Bill Parcells?

"The first practice," Pile said, laughing. "We got out there ... and it was like, 'This ain't Kansas.'"

Parcells and Vermeil are both Super Bowl-winning coaches known for getting the most out of their players — but with highly contrasting styles.

Parcells needles his guys with witty, sometimes cruel wisecracks, usually about what they can't do. That tough-



CHIEFS AT COWBOYS

Kickoff: Today, 3:15 p.m.
Where: Texas Stadium.
Records: Chiefs 8-4; Cowboys 7-5.

Television: CBS.
Announcers: Jim Nantz, Phil Simms, Bonnie Bernstein.
Radio: KILS, 92.7-FM.
Line: Cowboys by 3.
Chiefs Game Day: C3.

love approach challenges players to prove that they can do.

Vermeil is equally demanding, but uses an affectionate approach that makes players eager to please him. When they do, he's liable to start bawling.

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