

# Former Eagle earns national honor

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Riley Ross, son of Robb and Julie Ross of Colby and student-athlete at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, was named an All-American after finishing fifth at the NCAA Division II Championships at Kenosha, Wis.. Ross finished the meet with a 4-2 record and finished the year 29-10. Among his wins at the meet were a major decision victory over Jason Warthon of Indianapolis, 17-7, and a 9-3 romp over Zach Davis of Ashland, Ohio to take fifth place.

Other area wrestlers named to the All-American team at the NCAA Division II championships were Bryce Abbey of Goodland, who also wrestles for the University of Ne-



Photo courtesy of the Ross Family

Riley Ross in action against Zach Davis at the NCAA Division II Championships. Ross defeated Davis 9-3 to take the fifth-place medal.

braska-Kearney, and Peter Koster of who now wrestles at Fort Hays State University.



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## Life in the Fast Lane

# If you think it's tough now...

Well here we are ready to run the spring race at Darlington For regular race fans that one word, Darlington, says it all. For all the new race fans, Darlington Raceway is one tough track, if not the toughest on the schedule. Throughout the years Darlington has acquired several nicknames such as The Track Too Tough To Tame, Lady In Black, Darlington Stripe, and in the early years, Widow Maker.

In the early years the track didn't have the concrete walls that it has now, all that was there was a steel guardrail around the track even in the corners. So when a wreck happened (which was often) if it happened in the corners, most of the time the cars would hit the guardrails and fly over and down the embankment on the backside, which was very dangerous.

How to think about today is when you are coming off the Interstate or some exchange and you see that guardrail that's about 30" or taller, that's what the racers had to keep them on the track. Sure makes you think how far safety has come to all types of racing over the years. Darlington is an old track and the racing surface is worn out and rough, so tires are the main concern at this race, and especially the right front, if the car is out of balance and mishandling. Now in the earlier years, there was a time and I don't know exactly when, but racers would weld pipes or guard rails on the inside of their cars at the same height as the guard rail on the track and actually lean and rub the guard rail as they needed to get around the track faster. It's been said, that when this was happening, that the sparks would just fly everywhere, and some of the cars would rub through the cars sheet metal down the whole right side. Without fuel cells at that time and regular fuel tanks, it seems that with a little fuel vapor inside the car, it would be a bomb on

wheels. I wonder if those racers back then gave it any thought?

Steve Park returns to his Dale Earnhardt Inc. #1 Pennzoil Monte Carlo this weekend at Darlington. This is the same place Steve was injured at last year in the fall race, during the Busch race driving the #31 Wheelan car. Steve suffered a head injury in the wreck, in which only time and physical therapy might allow him to race again. This is the same type of injury that Ernie Irvin stills suffer from and Ricky Craven took over two years to recover from. Steve's injuries were not as severe as the others, but it still has been hard, as Steve still has some speech problems that his doctors say he'll recover from in time. Steve has tested on several tracks by himself, and tested with his DEI teammates on several tracks in mock races, and tested along side other competitors this past week. With all of this behind him and Ty Norris, GM for DEI Racing, and Steve's doctor's approval, Steve will return to racing in the Winston Cup on a regular basis. This will put Kenny Wallace out of the #1 Pennzoil Chevy, but he is still under a one-year contract with DEI, and it's been said that DEI will run some selected races this year with Kenny. Kenny does have his Busch #48 Stacker Chevy to fall back on, and I truly hope that Kenny finds his way back to Winston Cup with a good team, because I believe Kenny Wallace is a good driver, and certainly a personality that Winston Cup is in need for, in this day of cookie cutter race drivers.

As always, if you made it this far, thank you for your time. Be sure to pull your belts tight, get up on that wheel, and DRIVE safely.

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## Local Sports

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# Hawks survive first-round scare

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kansas looked nothing like a No. 1 seed in its NCAA tournament opener.

The Jayhawks barely avoided becoming the first top seed to make a first-round exit, holding off 16th-seeded Holy Cross 70-59 on Thursday night in the Midwest Regional.

"Everything looked bad," coach Roy Williams said. "But the kids didn't panic. Whether it's ugly or not, we're still playing."

Beside beating Holy Cross, the Jayhawks (30-3) also overcame their own history of failures — five early losses as a No. 1 seed since 1986.

"No one wanted to go home after this one," forward Nick Collison said.

Holy Cross almost sent the Jayhawks limping back to Lawrence.

"It feels like someone ripped out our hearts," guard Ryan Serravallo said. "We said in one of the huddles in the second half we thought we'd make history together. We're not satisfied with moral victories."

Kansas rallied without All-Big 12 guard Kirk Hinrich, who sprained his left ankle in the final minute of the first half. He returned on crutches with less than eight minutes to go wearing an air cast and a heavy wrap, his leg elevated on a chair at the end of the bench.

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The lowest came in the Big 12 final against Oklahoma, a 64-55 final.

Holy Cross befuddled Kansas with a matchup zone all night, and stayed in it until the end despite shooting just 33.3 percent. The Crusaders compensated by committing only nine turnovers and by patiently working the ball inside against Kansas' heralded big men.

"We did the things we had to do to win," coach Ralph Willard said. "But we wore down in the second half and that was what I was concerned with."

Still, Kansas didn't clinch it until Aaron Miles scored from the key with two seconds left on the shot clock to make it 64-57 with 51 seconds to go. Holy Cross had two consecutive takeaways but was stopped on the other end before Miles' shot.

Jeff Boschee added 11 points for Kansas, going 3-for-4 from 3-point range. Hinrich, who averages 15.6 points, had nine points, four rebounds and three assists in the first half. Nick Collison, who averages 15.6 points, was held to five points but had nine rebounds.

Wilson and Tim Szatko scored 13 points apiece for Holy Cross. Szatko, the Patriot League tournament MVP, shot only 4-for-18. Whearty added 12 points on 5-for-6 shooting.

Kansas trailed at the half for only the fifth time this season, 37-35. The Jayhawks lost three of those games, including the Big 12 conference tournament final when they trailed Oklahoma by 10 at the break.

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