

League names Colby native as top player

Tasha Wagoner of Colby has been named to the 2012-2013 Pre-season All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference basketball team. Wagoner, a 5-foot, 8-inch senior forward at Bethany College in Lindsborg, earned the 2011-12 All-Kansas honorable mention. All returning All-Kansas first team and honorable mention 2011-2012 performers were nominated for preseason honors. Head coaches also had the opportunity

to nominate other key members from their teams. The coaches' and reporters' pre-season conference polls were released on Oct. 9 following the annual conference Basketball Media Day in Wichita. The Bethany College Swedes compete in 18 intercollegiate sports in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Since 1902, Bethany has won 152 conference championships.

Bulldogs face No. 2 Wildcats

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs played host to the No. 2 state-ranked Wallace County Wildcats from Sharon Springs for their final home game last Friday.

The Bulldogs gave the Wildcats a challenge in the first half, but the Wildcats exploded in the third quarter to end the game early 50-0.

The Bulldogs elected to receive to start the game with enthusiasm. Unable to gain many yards, Tristan Schwarz punted back to the Wildcats. The Wildcats returned the ball to the 30 but were stopped by defenders Schwarz, Camron Spresser, Benny Martinez and Jose Bermudez. As they neared the goal line, the Wildcats attempted to pass into the end zone only to have the ball intercepted by Andrew Luna. Carries by Bermudez and Hoeting gained some yards but the 'Dogs were forced to punt again.

The Golden Plains defense again stopped multiple Wildcat carries, but Eli Kuhlman finally ran through for a touchdown. However, a holding penalty on Wallace County brought the ball back. Following stops from Jesus Garcia and Martinez, Kuhlman caught a pass and ran in a successful Wildcat touchdown. The Bulldogs did break up the two-point conversion and the Wildcats led 6-0.

Back on offense, the Bulldogs continued to gain short yardages

but couldn't get to the end zone. The Wildcats passed again to run in another touchdown and two-point conversion as the first quarter ended with the Wildcats leading 14-0.

Throughout the second quarter, the Bulldogs played strong defense and made repeated gains on offense only to be stopped by the Wildcats. The Bulldogs came to within a yard or so of a touchdown, but ran out of downs and turned the ball back over to the Wildcats.

Kuhlman took the snap and ran 79 yards for another Wallace County touchdown. With the successful conversion, the Wildcats extended their lead to 22-0. Although there would be no more scoring before the half, the Bulldogs didn't give up and held off the Wildcat offense and broke up many of their plays.

The Wildcat offense took control in the third quarter returning the opening kick for another 8-point play. They quickly added another 20 points to their touchdown scores throughout the third and finished the game 50-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the third.

"We were not intimidated by their state ranking," Tristan Schwarz said.

The Bulldogs are now 2-5 on the season. They have two more games this season to try and improve their record as they travel to Wheatland-Grinnell tonight and finish their season at Northern Valley on Thursday.

NASCAR to seek an evaluation in the infield care center even after driving back to the garage.

Hamlin was part of a full-field test on Kansas' new asphalt when he clipped the rear of his Toyota on the wall entering the first turn. The car shot toward the apron and Hamlin said he over-corrected, sending it hurtling into the wall.

Running down the field



A player on Colby's third- and fourth-grade football team ran with the ball Saturday morning during a game in Goodland. The Goodland team came away with the win, 13-0.

KEVIN BOTTRELL/Goodland Star News

Middle school boys play last home game

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The Golden Plains Middle School football team played its last game of the season at home against the combined team of Northern Valley-Western Plains.

The Bulldogs elected to receive and Bodie Sauvage returned the opening kick. Dawson Spresser then ran for a first down. Additional gains were made by Spresser, Jesus Aragon and Cole Bingham before Spresser pushed over the goal line for the first touchdown of the game. The extra-point pass attempt slipped through the receiver's hands and the Bulldogs were up 6-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Following Jeron Schutte's kick back to the Huskies, they ran in their first play to the 10-yard line, then finished the drive with a touchdown and a two-point conversion to gain the 8-6 lead as only 23 seconds were taken off the clock.

The Bulldogs made a couple of short gains but punted back to the Huskies as the quarter buzzer sounded.

The Huskies connected for another pass and ran in a touchdown for the first play of the second quarter. As they ran in the extra points,

they extended their lead to 16-6. The Bulldog drive ended in another punt, which the Huskies returned for yet another touchdown. A double-pass play for the conversion extended their lead to 24-6.

The 'Dogs, led by center Devin Davidson, continued to gain first downs. Spresser finally ran hard, shedding several Husky defenders to cross the goal line for a second touchdown. Unfortunately, it was called back due to a penalty and did not add to the score. With 37 seconds remaining in the half, Aragon made a short gain before Northern Valley called a timeout.

A Bulldog pass attempt was deflected by the Huskies and they regained possession. The Huskies ran in their first down for a touchdown, ran in a conversion and led 32-6 at the half.

The Bulldogs were determined to continue to play tough and not hand the game over to the Huskies despite two more Husky touchdowns and conversions in the third quarter. Starting the fourth down 48-6, the Bulldogs made several gains before Spresser broke multiple tackles on his way to the end zone early in the quarter, closing the gap to 48-12. A face mask penalty put the Huskies on the 35-yard line from which they ran in yet another touchdown for a 54-12 lead.

Bingham returned the ball for the Bulldogs. Spresser then evaded several blockers and ran over 55 yards straight to the end zone. The Huskies answered with a quick pass play run in to make the score Huskies 60, Bulldogs 18, with just over five minutes remaining in the game. The Bulldog team continued to make drives only to get set back by penalties. Aragon then took over the ball and ran along the sidelines to claim a touchdown. Spresser successfully ran in the two-point conversion and the Bulldogs achieved their final score of 26 points. The Huskies responded with one final touchdown to end the game and the season 66-26.

The Bulldog team finished its season with a final record of 1-5 with their only win coming from Cheylin and leading for most of the Healy-Heartland game. They scored in all but one game and showed vast improvement throughout the season.

"Coach Betz and I saw a lot of growth in the boys from the beginning to the end of the season," Assistant Coach Russ Aumiller said. "We improved a lot this season," eighth grader Dawson Spresser said. "I look forward to playing in high school next year."

Bingham and Nick Brown agreed with Dawson and look forward to high school football next fall.

Drivers crash during testing at speedway

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Speedway hasn't been kind to championship contenders.

Just weeks after Dale Earnhardt Jr. sustained a concussion during a tire test on the track's repaved surface, Denny Hamlin slammed into the wall at 202 mph during a day of testing Thursday. The hit was so hard that he was encouraged by

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