

# Van Zant earns state medal

By The Herald Staff

WAMEGO — Central Heights High School senior Ethan Van Zant closed his high school cross-country career with state medal.

Van Zant finished 12th Saturday in the 3A boys race in Wamego. Van Zant had a stellar finish to his season. He won the Pioneer League race and finished third at regionals to qualify as an individual for the second straight year.

The Wellsville boys finished 12th with 233 points.

"It was a great experience for this young team, though we would have liked to have finished a bit higher in the standings," Wellsville coach Tim Savage said.

Wellsville qualified the boys for the second straight year, despite

losing six runners from last year's squad.

"We knew we would be in somewhat of a rebuilding mode," Savage said. "We had to have some runners step up this season and hopefully that trend continues next fall."

The boys will have nearly all of their runners eligible to return next year.

Sophomore Derek Moore led the Eagles in 40th. Freshman Cole Meyer was 54th and sophomore Jordan Thompson was 58th.

Savage said the next several years look promising.

West Franklin sophomore Taylor Slavens finished 51st in the 3A girls race. It was her second straight state appearance.

"She competed really well," West Franklin coach Jerald Johnson said. "The level of competition was higher [than last year]. It is so competitive."

The Anderson County boys were 12th in the 4A boys race. Evan Bennett and Dustin Bonzo paced the Bulldogs in 44th and 45th.

**Central Heights boys**  
12, Van Zant, 17:41.

**West Franklin girls**  
51, Slavens, 18:06.

**Wellsville boys**  
40, Moore, 18:49; 54, C. Meyer, 19:09; 58, Thompson, 19:12; 90, T. Meyer, 20:24; 91, Silsby, 20:26; 104, Kunard, 21:29; 105, Smith, 22:33.

**Anderson County girls**  
44, Bennett, 18:11; 45, Bonzo, 18:12; 80, White, 19:18; 92, Bogle, 19:43; 94, Moody, 19:44; 102, Johnston, 24:03; 103, Katzer, 24:03.

# OU women complete perfect mark

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LEAVENWORTH — The Ottawa University women's soccer team completed an undefeated Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference season Saturday with a 3-0 win over the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth.

The Ottawa men won 4-1.

It was the Lady Braves' 10th straight victory and

the first time since the 2005 season that the Lady Braves finished the KCAC season undefeated.

The Lady Braves received goals from Jo-ann Glynn, Amanda Just and Tiffany Gardenhire. Ottawa received a team shut-out with both goalkeepers splitting time in goal.

Just was named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District second

team in District 7. She is the OU's first women's soccer player and the third Ottawa University student athlete to receive the honor. District Seven is made up of NCAA Division II and NAIA schools located in the midwest.

Just, a forward from Andover is a biology major. She was named KCAC freshman of the year, first team All-KCAC and

earned honorable mention All-American last season.

Philip Nguyen scored his first career hat trick with three goals for the Braves. Colin Wylie scored the fourth for the Braves.

The Lady Braves (14-4, 9-0) is the top seed in the KCAC Tournament.

The Braves (8-10, 6-3) takes a three-match winning streak into the tourney.

# Kansas State leads muddy Big 12 North

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — No. 2 Texas clarified the Big 12 South title picture by thumping No. 18 Oklahoma State 41-14 in Stillwater on Saturday night.

The race for the North division crown, though, is more muddled than ever.

The top five teams in the North are either 5-3 or

5-4 and have at least two losses in conference play. Kansas State (5-4, 3-2) remains the surprise leader of the division, followed by Nebraska (5-3, 2-2) and Iowa State (5-4, 2-3).

Preseason North favorites Missouri (5-3, 1-3) and Kansas (5-3, 1-3) got off to slow starts in the Big 12.

Only Colorado (2-6, 1-3)

looks like it won't be a factor after losing four of its last five.

Missouri snapped a three-game losing streak by beating the Buffaloes, 36-17, though the Tigers could only muster a field goal in the second half.

"At times on offense, we look like we did a year ago. And there's times on

offense when we look like we can't get a first down," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. His team faces Baylor this week.

Kansas, which has dropped three straight after a 5-0 start, can make a big statement this week-end against the rival Wildcats in Manhattan.

# BRAVES: Big pass plays carry Ottawa's offense

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"It was awesome. The coaches got us in the right spots. They never knew where the extra guys were coming from."

Ottawa coach Kent Kessinger could not have been happier for the defense.

"Our defense was outstanding," he said. "The coaches put together a tremendous game plan. They executed it. They came out with a focus and determined to improve."

The offense turned to big plays in the passing game.

Corey Schultz caught a 75-yard touchdown pass, a 49-yard touchdown strike and had a 52-yard catch that led to another score. He finished with 221 yards on eight receptions.

Schultz was the con-

ference's offensive player of the week.

Taylor Burnett caught a 51-yard touchdown pass.

Kessinger said Ottawa took advantage of what the Coyote defense gave them.

"They tried to take Clarence [Anderson] away," Kessinger said.

That left the other guys open. Five Braves caught three or more passes.

"It is nice to have that many weapons and spread it out," Kessinger said.

"Our offensive line was outstanding. They gave Ethan [Haller] time to move around."

Haller finished 23-of-41 for 391 yards and five touchdown passes.

"Haller is a good quarterback," Dallas said.

The Coyotes stayed close early. Scotty McKeon's 36-yard field goal cut

Ottawa's lead to 7-3 with 11:41 left in the first half.

Ottawa answered with two touchdowns — one each to Taylor and Schultz — to take a 21-3 halftime lead.

The Braves scored its third unanswered score, a 49-yard pass to Schultz, to take a 28-3 lead with 5:14 left in the third.

Kansas Wesleyan's only touchdown drive started early in the fourth quarter.

The Coyotes marched 71 yards in 13 plays, picking up a key fourth down and two of their three third down conversions.

Corey Ham caught an 11-yard touchdown pass to close the Coyotes within 28-10 with 9:23 left.

Ottawa struck quickly with a three-play drive and scored on its next possession on Taylor's 51-yard touchdown.

The seventh-ranked

Braves (8-0) plays their final regular-season home game 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Bethany.

**Scoring**  
O — Anderson 12 pass from Haller (Haller kick).

K — McKeon 36 FG.

O — Burnett 25 pass from Haller (Haller kick).

O — C. Schultz 75 pass from Haller (Haller kick).

O — C. Schultz 49 pass from Haller (Haller kick).

K — Ham 11 pass from Webster (McKeon kick).

O — Burnett 51 pass from Haller (Haller kick).

O — Baer 6 run (Cebold kick).

**Individuals (leaders)**

Rushing: Ottawa (28-39) — Otto 19-57; Baer 3-20; Haller 5-(-37); KW — Cooper 5-7; Winship 10-6; Webster 17-(-23).

Passing: Ottawa — Haller 23-41-1 391; KW — Webster 22-42-0 212.

Receiving: Ottawa — C. Schultz 8-221; Anderson 5-42; Otto 4-27; Burnett 3-81; Z. Schultz 3-20.

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# Smith ready to replace Johnson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kolby Smith's timing may turn out to have been perfect.

The Kansas City Chiefs will be without suspended running back Larry Johnson when they travel to Jacksonville this week, and Smith, a year after knee surgery, is eligible and eager to come off the physically unable to perform list.

"This is what I'm here for: to play," Smith said. "I'm over my injury and I feel confident in my knee."

Johnson, a former Pro Bowler who is struggling this season, is serving a suspension for making gay slurs and belittling head coach Todd Haley. Presumably, that will shift the running duties to Jamaal Charles and Dantrell Savage.

But another possibility may be Smith, who says he's fully healed from his knee surgery. Activating

him will be a decision the Chiefs must make no later than Friday.

Haley, who held Kansas City's first practice Monday after a three-day weekend following their bye, said he's encouraged by the way Smith has been looking in practice.

"He made it through the first two weeks and it looked like he was moving around pretty good today, so I'm optimistic about seeing him play," Haley said.

Johnson, like the rest of the Chiefs' offense, has been largely ineffective all year.

Kansas City has averaged a shade more than 100 yards rushing, putting the team in the bottom third of the league.

"Our running game is something we know we have to have to have a chance to win," said Haley. "We're not going to beat people throwing it 50-60 times a game right now."

## Sports briefs

### OU volleyball splits matches

WICHITA — The Ottawa University volleyball team went 1-1 Saturday in Wichita. Ottawa fell to Friends (25-18, 25-12, 25-19) and beat Central Christian (22-25, 25-17, 25-15, 26-24).

Senior Toni Reynolds led Ottawa in kills against Friends with five. Kristen Hendrickson and Erin Scott both had four kills apiece. Katie Jensen led Ottawa in digs with 19 and Chrissie Jeannin had 19 assists.

Reynolds finished with 13 kills against Central Christian. Hendrickson had 10 kills. Jeannin had 46 assists and Jensen tallied 20 digs.

The Lady Braves (13-19, 7-9) play 7 p.m. Tuesday at Tabor College.

### Crawford records ace

Rick Crawford aced the the seventh hole Saturday at Hickory Hollow. He used a seven-iron on the 138-yard hole. It was witnessed by Dick Potter, John Lovgren, Les Michael and Karon Crosby.

### May leads team to scramble win

The foursome of Duane McIntyre, Danny Drum, Bruce May and Karon Crosby shot a minus-2 to win the Monday senior scramble at Hickory Hollow. May (No. 3) and Les Michael (No. 7) were closest to the pin winners.

## Scoreboard

Osage City at Central Heights, 7 p.m.

AC at Louisburg, 7 p.m.

**College volleyball**  
Ottawa at Tabor, 7 p.m.

**Thursday**  
**College volleyball**  
Ottawa at Bethany, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
**College soccer**  
TBA at Ottawa (W)

## Schedules

**Tuesday**  
**College basketball**  
William Jewell at Ottawa, 5:30/7 p.m.

**High school football**

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**Darion, Ty, Heaven & Keanu**  
**Ages 14, 12, 10 & 6**



This fantastic foursome is looking for a family that will keep them together! Darion enjoys hanging out with his friends and participating in sports. He works hard at school, but needs encouragement to stick to good study habits. Ty enjoys watching TV and playing video games. He is a bright child and has the ability to do well in school if he applies himself. The lone girl in the group, Heaven, is responsible and enjoys cleaning. One of her favorite pastimes is to sit back and relax with a good book. Youngest brother Keanu is described as a happy, outgoing child with a contagious smile. Unlike most children his age, Keanu likes his vegetables and often he will choose an apple over a bowl of ice cream. All four children need a forever family that will continue to help them learn to trust and be committed to them no matter what the future holds. **The children's case numbers are CH-5071, CH-5072, CH-5073, and CH-5074.**

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