

New football coach molds players

By Rachel Miscall
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Chris Walters was at the practice field behind Max Jones Field House early Wednesday morning molding 79 teen-agers into football players.

“I want them to work so hard during practice,” said Goodland High School’s new head football coach, “that the game is easy.”
The Cowboys varsity football team will take the playing field on Friday, Sept. 1 in Hays, going up against Hays High’s Indians. The team’s first pre-season game could be tough.
Hays High is a 5A school, while Goodland has a 4A classification. That means Hays has more students.
The Cowboys haven’t played against Hays High in past seasons and won’t be playing another high school football team in Hays this fall.
Thomas Moore Prep, a private school, dropped to a 2A classification this season.
Walters said his main goal for the upcoming football season is to teach his players what it is to work hard.
“I guarantee our guys will never give up on a game,” said Walters, a Ness City native who graduated from Fort

Hays State University with a degree in physical science. “They will give 100 percent for all four quarters.”
The coach, who doubles as a physics and chemistry teacher, said the secret to that is making sure the players give 100 percent at practice.
The players spend a good portion of the practice running up and down the practice field, over and over. Coach Walters said he is pushing them to reach a certain running time.
While some of the faster players were able to retreat to the locker room at the field house at 8 a.m., others stayed on the practice field taking turns running back and forth.
The coach said the drill is helping the high school students become better football players.
“A lot of the players are really making an improvement,” said Walters, walking away from the field.
He said the team will practice twice a day this week, switch to morning practices next week and then start after-school practices when school be-



Chris Walters

gins.
Walters started his new job in June, replacing Mike Johnson who left at the end of the school year for a job in Nebraska, which is closer to his hometown and parents.
Though they played a few strong games, the Cowboys ended last year’s season with a 5-4 record, and didn’t make it to the playoffs.
The new coach said he can’t pinpoint how the team will differ this year — except the players will strive to be better.
He said the team will have a more-aggressive style of play, blitzing a lot and employing a 4-4-3 defensive formation, which means there is a four man defensive line with four linebackers staggered behind them and three secondary players.
“I want our team to be one of the best defensive teams in the state,” said the 27-year-old.
But, he added, they will be strong on both sides of the ball.
“Offensively we will mix it up between the run and pass,” Walters said, noting that the team will be running out

of an I-formation, which means the fullback, halfback and tailback will be positioned directly behind the quarterback.
The Cowboys approach to the game will be more aggressive, he said, and the players will be stronger.
“The weight room work this summer is paying off,” Walters said, explaining that the players lifted weights four times a week over the summer. Once they start school, he said, most will be in a weight lifting class.
“We’ve had increases in speed and strength that hopefully will transfer over to the football field,” the coach said.
Walters, who has taught and coached at high schools in Meade and Dighton, says he wants the older players to lead the team.
“I’m really counting on the seniors for leadership,” he said.
The coach said he likes his new home.
“People have been real friendly, very supportive,” he said.
And he likes the 79 players on the football team.
“I am very happy with the enthusiasm of the players,” Walters said.

Royals win 9-3; break losing streak

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dave McCarty broke a 13 at-bat hitless streak by going 3-for-4 with three RBIs as the Kansas City Royals snapped a seven-game losing streak at the Metrodome with an 9-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday night.

Key Sanchez and Hector Ortiz added three hits apiece, and Mark Quinn homered as the Royals got 16 hits to back Brian Meadows (2-0).
Meadows made his third appearance on the feild since coming over from San Diego in a trade last month.
The new comer allowed three runs and six hits in eight innings.
Kansas City took a 1-0 lead on McCarty’s 10th homer, before scor-



ing four runs off J.C. Romero (2-2) in the third inning.
Johnny Damon led off with a single, stole second and went to third on Sanchez’s bunt single.
Mike Sweeney reached on first baseman Ron Coomer’s error, allowing Damon to score.
After a walk to Jermaine Dye loaded the bases, Joe Randa had an RBI groundout and McCarty had a two-run single.
Ortiz, who had his sixth multihit game in 11 starts since coming up from Triple-A Omaha, had a two-run single in the fifth to give Minnesota an 8-0 lead.
Cristian Guzman hit his major league-leading 18th triple in the fifth, scoring Jacque Jones.

Rockies pitcher shuts down his former team 7-5

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian Bohanon tried not to boast. He let his pitches do that for him.
“Right out of the bullpen, my control was impeccable,” he said. “When I’m that way, I’m able to control their bats.”
Bohanon shut down his former team until the eighth inning and Todd Helton took part in two late bursts Wednesday

night that sent the Colorado Rockies over the New York Mets 7-5.
Bohanon, who pitched for the Mets from 1997-98, beat them for the first time in four career decisions.
He held New York to one unearned run and four singles through seven innings, striking out six and walking two.
Bohanon did fine at the plate, too, hitting an RBI single.

“He had us swinging at a lot of pitches that were not strikes,” Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.
“Brian Bohanon knows how to pitch. He doesn’t throw as hard as a lot of guys in this league, but he moves the ball around.”
Helton went 1-for-4, dropping his major league-leading average one point to .395.

He was hit by a pitch in the sixth, setting up a three-run inning, and doubled during a three-run eighth.
Jeffrey Hammonds drove in three runs and Neifi Perez homered as Colorado bounced back a day after being swept in a doubleheader by the Mets.
“We needed this game in a big way after the outcome last night,” Rockies manager Buddy Bell said.
It was 1-all in the sixth when Perez singled with one out. Helton, who already struck out and flied out, batted with two outs.
Left-handed Glendon Rusch dropped down on the lefty-hitting Helton and hit him in the right elbow.
“I was happy I got hit,” Helton said. “I wasn’t feeling particularly good at the plate.”
Said Rusch: “I tried to come sidearm on him and it got away. That got it started.”
Hammonds followed with an RBI single for a 2-1 lead and Larry Walker hit a two-run single.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	74	46	61.7	—
New York	71	49	59.2	3
Florida	60	60	50.0	14
Montreal	51	65	44.0	21
Philadelphia	50	69	42.0	23 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	66	54	55.0	—
Cincinnati	59	60	49.6	6 1/2
Chicago	54	65	45.4	11 1/2
Milwaukee	51	69	42.5	15
Pittsburgh	49	70	41.2	16 1/2
Houston	48	73	39.7	18 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	67	51	56.8	—
Arizona	67	53	55.8	1
Los Angeles	61	58	51.3	6 1/2
Colorado	60	60	50.0	8
San Diego	57	64	47.1	11 1/2

Wednesday’s Games
Arizona 5, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 4, San Diego 1
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 4, Montreal 1
Los Angeles 10, Florida 4
Colorado 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1
Houston 11, Pittsburgh 10
Thursday’s Games
Colorado (Yoshii 5-12) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 12-7), 11:10 a.m.
San Francisco (Estes 11-3) at Montreal (Moore 1-2), 11:35 a.m.
Only games scheduled

American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	65	51	56.0	—
Boston	61	55	52.6	4
Toronto	62	60	50.8	6
Baltimore	52	67	43.7	14 1/2
Tampa Bay	52	67	43.7	14 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	72	48	60.0	—
Cleveland	61	56	52.1	9 1/2
Detroit	58	61	48.7	13 1/2
Kansas City	55	64	46.2	16 1/2

Minnesota	55	67	45.1	18
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	69	52	57.0	—
Oakland	65	54	54.6	3
Anaheim	62	58	51.7	6 1/2
Texas	55	63	46.6	12 1/2
Wednesday’s Games				
Toronto 8, Anaheim 6				
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3				
Texas 5, N.Y. Yankees 0				
Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore 3				

Kansas City 9, Minnesota 3
Detroit 12, Seattle 8
Oakland 7, Cleveland 6
Thursday’s Games
Kansas City (Reichert 6-6) at Minnesota (Redman 11-5), 11:05 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 13-4) at Baltimore (Parrish 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Mercker 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 2-3), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 14-8) at Boston (Wakefield 6-7), 5:05 p.m.

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