

# Goodland wins matches

By Dana Sulsberger  
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The Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team walked away winners of their first three varsity matches of the season on Tuesday.

The Cowgirls played a quad match against Burlington, Garden City and Thomas More Prep, and varsity won all it matches while the junior varsity and freshman each won two out of three.

"I am very pleased with the results," said Coach Jerry McKee. "It was a good outing for the first time." McKee said the team is making adjustments with their offense and defense.

"The teams in the quad were evenly matched," he said, "so that made the matches run a little long."

In the varsity competition, Garden City faced off with Burlington in the first match, Burlington won the match, taking the first game 15-6 and the second 15-11.

Goodland won the second match against Thomas More, 15-4 and 15-11. Thomas More went on to face Burlington, losing the first game 15-4, then coming back to win 15-11 and 15-13.

The Cowgirls went up against the Garden City Buffaloes, winning 15-3



and 15-13. Garden City faced Thomas More, winning the first game 15-3, losing the second game 16-19, and taking the final game 15-8 to win the match.

Goodland won its final varsity match against the Burlington Cougars in straight sets, 15-11 and 15-9.

In the junior varsity competition, Goodland captured two wins. The Cowgirls won their first match against Thomas More, 15-9 and 16-14.

Garden City won the next two matches, the first against Burlington, 15-9 and 15-12, and the second against Goodland 15-2 and 15-10.

Thomas More lost to Burlington, winning the first game 15-5, but losing the next two 15-10 and 15-4. Garden City beat Thomas More 15-5 and 15-9.

Goodland won its final junior varsity match against Burlington, 15-11 win in and 15-10.

The Cowgirls won two matches in the freshman competition, the first against Thomas More Prep 15-12 and 15-9. The team also won its final game against Burlington 15-3 and 15-6. They lost to Garden City 15-4 and 15-13.

The Garden City freshmen won against Burlington 15-8 and 15-9. Thomas More beat Burlington 15-5 and 15-10, and Garden City topped Thomas More 15-4 and 15-13.

The Cowgirl junior varsity will travel to play at Machebeuf High School in Denver at 8 a.m. on Saturday. The next varsity match will be in Scott City at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. The match will be a quad match against Lakin, Scott City and Leoti with both varsity and junior varsity playing. Their next home games will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

# Royals rally in ninth for 3-2 win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The New York Yankees gave Mariano Rivera the night off and it cost them.

Carlos Febles doubled home the tying run off Mike Stanton and scored on Johnny Damon's fourth single of the night as the Kansas City Royals rallied in the ninth inning to beat the Yankees 3-2 Wednesday night.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said "Yankees's wrong" with Rivera. "We just wanted to give him the extra day off," Torre said. "He's been working hard."

Rivera, who has converted 32 of 37 save chances, has been less effective than usual lately. Left-handed hitters, who frequently watch their bats break on his inside pitches, have been able to bloop balls over the infield.

Stanton (2-3) has been completely ineffective, incurring the wrath of New York owner George Steinbrenner. Stanton has blown his last four save chances, this time costing the Yankees a chance to increase their AL East lead to a season-high seven games over second-place Boston.

"It can't get a whole lot worse," Stanton said. "Joe shows confidence in putting me out in the ninth inning, and

I can't come through. I failed. There's no excuse. It just can't keep going like this."

With the Yankees leading 2-1 and one out in the ninth, pinch-hitter Dave McCarty singled. Pinch-runner Luis Ordaz scored on Febles' double, and Damon followed with the game-winning single to center.

Damon said the Royals didn't take Torre's decision to send out Stanton as a lack of respect for them.

"Rivera probably just needed the night off, and he deserves it," Damon said. "He's the best closer in baseball. They've got a comfortable enough lead over Boston. Stanton would be the 'A' guy on a lot of teams."

Brian Meadows (4-2) pitched his second complete game of the season for the Royals. He gave up nine hits, struck out three and walked one.

Chuck Knoblauch returned to the Yankees lineup and went 0-for-4 in his first game since going on the disabled list Aug. 3 with tendinitis in his right elbow.

The second baseman was mistake-free recording two assists in a solid performance.

New York's Orlando Hernandez

pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, helping himself by starting two double plays. The blown save by Stanton denied El Duque his fifth straight win.

Joe Randa hit into both of the double plays started by Hernandez, who also had two other assists on ground balls back to the mound.

The first double play came in the fourth inning, and the second came in the eighth with runners on first and third and the Royals trailing 2-1.

Meadows retired nine of his first 10 batters. But Derek Jeter led off the Yankees fourth with a homer to left-center field, and Paul O'Neill bounced a ball off the top of the left-field bullpen gate for a 2-0 lead with one out in the sixth.

"I avoided the big inning, and I kept the team in the game," said Meadows, acquired from San Diego on July 31. "That's all I wanted to do."

Jermaine Dye went 2-for-4 and started Kansas City's rally with an RBI single in the eighth, cutting New York's lead to 2-1.

Notes: Damon is batting .545 (12-for-22) against Hernandez.

The Royals are 34-34 at home after a 14-4 start.



# K-state kicker eager for season

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas place-kicker Joe Garcia has returned from the misery of the 1999 season eager to face his final year in college.

"Last year I felt like I wasn't there, but I don't like to think about that," Garcia said of a season when he made just 39 percent of his field goals. "The one thing I learned from that is that you've got to move on."

Garcia appeared to be back on track Saturday in a Kansas loss at Southern Methodist.

Garcia connected on a field goal and two extra-point attempts.

"He made them. I mean, that's all you could ask," Kansas coach Terry Allen said. "He has been very successful so far, recently and in practice."

But Garcia saw his good friend, punter Joey Pelfanio, fall victim to several errors, including a dropped snap and a high snap that sailed over his head.

"All we could do was look at each other and shrug," Garcia said. "I mean, last year I didn't do so well and he was

awesome.

"But it wasn't all his fault, or the punt team's fault. Everybody's got to take the blame for it."

Garcia was questioning himself last year, when he connected on only 7-of-18 field goals.

"Everything that could go wrong did go wrong last year," he said.

Determined to do better in 2000, Garcia lifted weights and kicked daily in Lawrence, then returned home to Olathe and kicked into the twilight with his father, Jose.

"I was kicking twice a day, sometimes three times a day and lifting weights," Garcia said. "I should have worked out that hard every year. I'm kind of mad at myself because I can look at myself and see how much better I would have been. But I can't look back."

Not looking back has become a motto of sorts for Garcia. His father made it a point during their summer practices.

"When my dad worked out with me this summer, if I missed one, he'd say, 'What does that prove? What does that do for your next kick? It doesn't do anything,'" Garcia said.

"And that's what I have to realize. If I have a bad kick, it's not going to affect the next one."

Garcia's goal is to reach the post-season.

"I just want to go to a bowl game. I'm a senior and I don't know what it's like. We've got 10 games left and you only have to win six to get to a bowl game."

Now, however, Garcia's attention is focused on Kansas' home-opener Sept. 16 against Alabama-Birmingham.

"I missed three kicks against them (as a sophomore)," he said.

"But I can't look back. I'm playing this season and we're 0-1. We need to start winning some games and get on a roll and go into the Big 12 season with some wins, some confidence.

"Like dogs dream of running, I dream of kicking."

# Chicago Cubs beat the Rockies in the 11th

DENVER (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 46th home run and Mark Grace hit a tiebreaking triple in the 11th inning as the Chicago Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 8-5 Wednesday to stop a six-game losing streak.

Sosa, 3-for-5 with three RBIs, singled off Gabe White (9-2) leading off the 11th and scored on Grace's triple past Juan Pierre in center. Julio Zuleta, called up Tuesday from Triple-A Iowa, followed with a two-run homer.

Todd Van Poppel (3-4) allowed one run and three hits in three innings, and Rick Aguilera got three outs for his

29th save in 37 chances.

Rockies' Todd Helton was 0-for-5, dropping his league-leading batting average to .384. Neifi Perez was 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs.

Cubs starter Kerry Wood allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, struck out four and walked one.

Rockies starter Pedro Astacio left with a bruised right hand after being struck by a liner off the bat of Eric Young on the first pitch of the game. Young had three hits and stole two bases.

John Wasdin relieved and allowed four runs and seven hits in three in-

nings.

Chicago, limited to a total of eight runs in its previous four games, took a 2-0 lead in the first on a wild pitch by Wasdin with Young on third and Grace's sacrifice fly.

Perez homered leading off the bottom half and Perez hit an RBI single later in the inning.

Sosa put the Cubs ahead 5-2 with a three-run homer in the third following singles by Wood and Young.

Perez hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth, and Colorado tied it in the eighth on Butch Huskey's sacrifice fly off Van Poppel and Jeff Cirillo's RBI double.

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	82	57	.590	—
New York	80	59	.575	2
Florida	67	71	.486	14 1/2
Montreal	57	79	.419	23 1/2
Philadelphia	56	82	.406	25 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	80	59	.576	—
Cincinnati	71	68	.511	9
Milwaukee	60	79	.432	20
Pittsburgh	59	79	.428	20 1/2
Chicago	59	80	.424	21
Houston	59	80	.424	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	82	56	.594	—
Arizona	74	63	.540	7 1/2
Los Angeles	73	67	.521	10
Colorado	71	68	.511	11 1/2
San Diego	68	72	.486	15

D'Amico 11-5), 6:05 p.m.				
<b>Los Angeles (Brown 12-5) at Colorado (Bohanon 8-9), 7:05 p.m.</b>				
San Diego (Cunnane 1-1) at San Francisco (Hernandez 14-10), 8:35 p.m.				
American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	78	58	.574	—
Boston	72	64	.529	6
Toronto	72	67	.518	7 1/2
Baltimore	63	76	.453	16 1/2
Tampa Bay	59	80	.424	20 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	83	56	.597	—
Cleveland	75	61	.551	6 1/2
Detroit	70	68	.507	12 1/2
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>.475</b>	<b>17</b>
Minnesota	61	78	.439	22
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	75	64	.540	—
Oakland	73	65	.529	1 1/2
Anaheim	69	70	.496	6
Texas	62	77	.446	13

Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1				
Anaheim 1, Detroit 0				
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 2				
Toronto 7, Seattle 3				
Oakland 6, Boston 4				
<b>Kansas City 3, N.Y. Yankees 2</b>				
Chicago White Sox 13, Texas 1				
Thursday's Games				
Minnesota (Milton 12-8) at Boston (RMartinez 8-6), 11:05 a.m.				
Anaheim (Belcher 2-2) at Detroit (Micki 4-10), 5:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Rekar 5-9) at Cleveland (Colon 12-8), 5:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Garcia 5-4) at Toronto (Trachsel 7-12), 5:05 p.m.				
<b>N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 5-4) at Kansas City (Reichert 8-6), 6:05 p.m.</b>				
Texas (Rogers 11-13) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 11-6), 6:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 14-5) at Cleveland (Woodard 2-9), 5:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Weaver 9-12) at Toronto (Loaiza 8-10), 5:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 11-6) at Boston (Ohka 3-3), 5:05 p.m.				
<b>Texas (Glynn 4-3) at Kansas City (Stein 6-3), 6:05 p.m.</b>				
Minnesota (Kinney 0-1) at Seattle (Abbott 9-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Eiland 2-3) at Oakland (Heredia 14-9), 8:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Rapp 7-10) at Anaheim (Ortiz 4-5), 8:05 p.m.				

Tuesday's Games				
Detroit 7, Anaheim 5				
Cleveland 7, Tampa Bay 4				
Seattle 4, Toronto 3				
Boston 10, Oakland 3				
<b>N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 5</b>				
Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1				
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 4				
Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati 11, N.Y. Mets 8				
<b>Chicago Cubs 8, Colorado 5, 11 innings</b>				
Atlanta 7, Arizona 1				
Houston 13, Florida 5				
Montreal 7, St. Louis 2				
Pittsburgh 8, Los Angeles 3				
San Diego 7, Milwaukee 6				
San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4				
Thursday's Games				
Montreal (Armas 4-7) at St. Louis (Kile 16-9), 11:10 a.m.				
Florida (Dempster 12-9) at Houston (Elarton 15-5), 2:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Schilling 10-10) at Atlanta (Maddux 15-8), 5:40 p.m.				
San Diego (Clement 12-13) at San Francisco (Estes 13-4), 8:15 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Houston (Miller 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-11), 1:20 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Williamson 5-7 and Villone 9-8) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 7-7 and Arroyo 2-5), 2, 3:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Anderson 2-5) at Florida (Penny 5-7), 5:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Chen 6-2) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 13-8), 5:10 p.m.				
Montreal (Moore 1-4) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-12), 5:40 p.m.				
St. Louis (Ankiel 8-7) at Milwaukee				

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