

Homecoming spirit



Freshmen Adam Elliott and Brittany Hildreth helped decorate the "freshman hall" in Goodland High School on Wednesday as part of homecoming activities. The poster refers to the Oberlin Red Devils, the football team the Cowboys face at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Goodland's homecoming game.

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Junior high runners get medals

By Janet Craft

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Grant Junior High Mustang runners Tiffany Thomas and Craig Mason won medals at a cross country invitational on Friday afternoon at Gothenburg, Neb.

Thomas came in fourth in the girls race and Mason was 13th in the boys competition.

"Tiffany is just running really well," said Coach Rich Schwasinger.

"Craig has done really well," he added, "but he's probably not running as well as he could."

Schwasinger said he thought Mason may have felt pressure because Thomas finished ahead of him. Mason leads the team in practice, the coach said, and was putting too much pressure on himself to be the top runner.

Schwasinger said about 80 runners ran in the 1.2-mile race at Gothenburg and the team did a really nice job.

"Virtually all of them ran their best times," he said.

Running for Goodland in the boys race, Mason had a time of 7:06, Charles Lammers had 8:50, and David Sprecker had 8:59.

In the girls competition, Goodland's Thomas had a time of 7:05, Chelsea Ontiveroz had 7:51, Kelsi Ihrig had 8:18, Julie Leiker had 8:20, Jenna McGinley had 8:33, Kaitlin Lee had 8:44, Jennifer Enfield had 8:47 and Samantha Philbrick had 9:01. Alicia Felver was injured.

The team's last competition will be at 3:30 p.m. today in Hoisington, where Schwasinger said they will probably be the only junior high team.

"The kids have come a long way from the beginning of the season," Schwasinger said. "I'm really anxious to get to Hoisington and see where they're at."

He said the team's times are good

and the runners seem to enjoy competing, which is one of his biggest goals for them.

"They're a fun group to coach," he added.

Schwasinger said he will take the team to the Goodland high school track on Monday to run a test mile, so he can see where they're at. On Tuesday, which will be their last practice day, he said the girls will run two miles and the boys will run three miles.

This will be another test evaluation, he said, to see where they're at and if they are capable of running high school cross country.

After that, Schwasinger said, he will wait two to three weeks and then give them an off-season training program, so they can stay in shape for track and other sports.

"So they don't lose what they've got already," he said. "Running will help all of the sports."

Rockies general manager wants to 'shop'

DENVER (AP) — The sooner the playoffs are over, the better for Colorado Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd. The end of the World Series puts him one step close to his winter shopping.

O'Dowd has made no secret of his enthusiasm to pursue shortstop Alex Rodriguez and outfielder Manny Ramirez, arguably baseball's most coveted free agents. The free-agent filing period, however, doesn't start until two weeks after the last out of the

World Series.

O'Dowd joked Wednesday that the commissioner's office has called to remind him about tampering rules, but he just can't seem to help himself.

"I think in reality, obviously there's two premier position-player free agents this year," O'Dowd said. "You ask 29 other people in my job and everybody would say the same thing: 'You'd be crazy not to have interest in those two.'"

"I know Manny pretty well having

been with Manny for a lot of years (in Cleveland), but as far as what Manny's priorities are or what city he's looking at and what's important for him at this stage of his career, I'm not sure. A-Rod, I don't know at all what's important to him."

Both Rodriguez and Ramirez meet Colorado's need for a power-hitting right-hander to bat between left-handers Larry Walker and Todd Helton, but both promise to carry a price tag of about \$20 million per year.

Goaltenders go head to head; Avalanche and Stars tie 2-2

DALLAS (AP) — Ed Belfour and Patrick Roy were even on this night.

"Both goaltenders were good and they had to be. They were also lucky at times," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said after the Stars and Colorado Avalanche played to a 2-2 tie Wednesday night.

The penalty-filled season opener matched the league's best goalies and the teams that played in the last two Western Conference finals.

Belfour stopped 26 Colorado shots while Roy, who remains four wins shy of breaking the NHL record for career victories, had 19 saves. Dallas had four other shots hit the goalposts.

"Both made some great saves. You can't ask any more of those guys," said Mike Modano, who had a goal and an assist for the Stars.

While the goalies stood out, neither team was able to take advantage of numerous power-play opportunities.

Football game family affair

By Rachel Miscal

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When the Goodland Cowboys square off against the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday, it'll be more than just a football game, it'll be a family affair.

As the two teams meet at Cowboy Stadium for Goodland's homecoming game, Dennis Stone will take his usual role as Cowboys' assistant coach, while his son Luke, hits the field as the Cowboys' quarterback.

On the other side, Tige Stone, Dennis' son and Luke's older brother, will be doing his job as Devil's head coach, and Karen, mother to Luke and Tige and Dennis' wife, will be caught somewhere in the middle.

Dennis said there's bound to be some good-natured rivalry between 25-year-old Tige, who helped lead the Cowboys to the state championships in 1993, where the team lost to Sebetha, and his younger brother, a senior.

While he's trying not to think about it, he said, his wife has said she'll be cheering on the one family member who will be working the hardest.

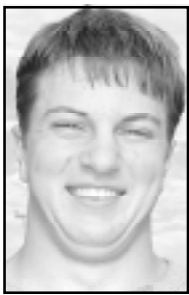
"She'll have two sons involved," Dennis said. "She said she'll be on the sidelines rooting for the one who's in the game."

As for the one in the game, he said, he'll be playing his heart out.

"I think Luke will rise to the occasion," he said. "You know, if you're the little brother, you want to show your big brother that you're special."

And in the end, Dennis said, there will be some harassment.

"There's always been some good-



Luke Stone



Tige Stone

natured rivalry between Tige and his brother," he said, "but it's been mostly in fun."

Tige said someone is going to be on the losing side, and whoever it is will have to endure some teasing.

"Whoever won will get some jabs in I'm sure," he said, "and the loser will have to take it for a while."

But, Tige said, it won't be a big deal. "By the time I go home Saturday," he said, "it'll probably all be forgotten."

Dennis said he's trying to go into the game as if it were any other, but admitted that it's not easy.

"It's been weird at practice when we are discussing the game," he said. "I know more about the Oberlin team than I should, and I don't know how much to share."

He said he and Tige often discuss their teams' football strategies.

"We ask each other questions," the assistant coach said. "For his age, it's amazing the knowledge he's gotten."

Chris Walters, Cowboys' head coach, said he expects the Class 3A

Red Devils to play a good defensive game and throw the ball more than other teams they've faced.

"We just have to get after them," he said, "get a lead and take the game."

Oberlin has a 1-4 season record, while the Cowboys have a 2-3 season record, after losing to Hays High, St. Francis and Atwood, all of which were undefeated when they played the Class 4A Goodland.

The Cowboys overcame the previously undefeated Phillipsburg Plainsmen last week in a 19-16 victory, and Walters said the team has a good chance at winning again.

Dennis said, of course, he wants to win and hates to lose, but if it happens, it won't be the end of the world.

"If we don't win, I won't disinherit him," joked Stone, who said he's a little apprehensive about the Cowboys' sixth game. "It's kind of a strange situation. I'll be glad when it's over."

When it is over, no matter the outcome, Dennis said he will shake his son's hand and congratulate him. After all, Dennis, who has coached in Goodland for 24 of his 29-year coaching career, said he wins either way.

"I am excited he's doing what I am doing," he said. "It's exciting when your son follows in your footsteps."

Tige moved to Oberlin this summer, after graduating from Kansas State University, to take the job as high school history teacher and head coach of the Red Devils. Dennis teaches computer applications and accounting at Goodland High School, while Karen is a kindergarten teacher.

College brothers face off in game

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — The 98-year-old rivalry between Kansas and Kansas State has in some way or another divided the state, and even some families, every fall.

One football family, though, will take the "house divided" adage to a new level when the Wildcats head to Memorial Stadium in Lawrence on Saturday.

Cliff Holloman is a defensive tackle for Kansas State, his brother Ervin a defensive end for Kansas.

The brothers are from Wichita, where they played for Wichita Northwest before moving on to play together at Garden City Community College. But when it came time to take the next step, the brothers went their separate ways, ending up at the two rival schools in their home state.

"It's going to be great to see him and watch him play," Cliff Holloman said of his brother.

"We always talked about playing at the same school together. It just didn't happen. I'm excited to get the chance to see how he's playing at the Big 12 level."

Other members of the Holloman family, all 10 of them, will be at the game wearing T-shirts with both Jayhawks and Wildcats on them, and "E-C Holloman" on the back.

"Our family will be rooting for both of us," Cliff Holloman said. "They just

want to see us play well."

Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder said the sibling rivalry between the two will make the reunion a positive one.

"I think they will be competitive for the right reasons," he said. "Also there will be another competitive side to it that just relates to being brothers."

The brothers, who look much alike, have similar playing styles and are about the same size — Cliff, 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, Ervin, 6-foot-3 and 285 pounds.

"When I went on my recruiting trip to Kansas State, there was this girl who thought I was Cliff," Ervin Holloman said. "I had to go find Cliff to prove to her I wasn't him."

But, appearance and stature are where the similarities stop. Off the field, the Hollomans are as different as Jayhawks and Wildcats.

"He's very calm and quiet," Cliff

Holloman said. "I'm more of a party-goer and he likes to cook. We're very close. We're like a glove. You can't pull us apart."

Kansas State linebacker Ben Leber wouldn't have minded having both brothers line up for the Wildcats on Saturday.

"It'd be great to have both of them here," he said.

"I could only imagine what it would be like to have two guys as charismatic as Cliff in the locker room. He's kind of a jokester."

Ervin Holloman didn't play in the Jayhawks' 34-16 loss to Oklahoma due to an injury, but he wouldn't miss the chance to take on his brothers' Wildcats.

"Oh, I'll be there, guaranteed," he said. "I'll get a brace or something to put on it to make sure I don't get hit. But I'll be there."

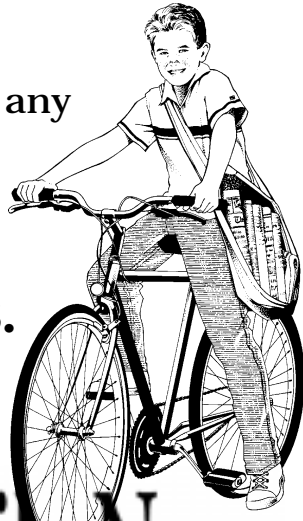
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