

Volleyball team to defend record at league tourney

After a record-breaking performance Tuesday night, the No. 1 ranked Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team is ready to head to Colby for the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"I think that we are ready for it," said Coach Jerry McKee after their matches Tuesday night, where the Cowgirls set a school record by extending their winning streak to 29.

The girls swept through the quad meet without losing a single game, though some were a close match beating Oakley 15-6 and 15-11; Grinnell, 15-4 and 15-4; and Weskan, 15-2 and 15-4.

The league tournament marks the end of the regular season, as the girls

prepare for the state competition, where the Cowgirls took fourth place last year.

Goodland will start the tournament in Pool A, as the eight teams are divided into two pools for the beginning of the round-robin competition.

The Cowgirls' first match is against St. Francis at 9 a.m. they then go on to face Colby, and finally Oakley. At 9 a.m. Atwood, Quinter, Oberlin and Hoxie will be going up against each other in pool B.

If Goodland makes it through the pool round, they will go on to play either the first or second place winners in the B pool, with the first place winner in the A pool playing the second place winner in the B pool, and the first

from the B pool playing the second in the A pool.

From these two matches, the winners will go on to play one another and the winner of that tournament will be named as Northwest Kansas League Champions.

With Goodland's perfect record, even if they walk away from the tournament without many wins, they will still have a high standing in their class as they go on to face other Class 4A teams in sub-state competition. They are currently ranked No. 1 in their division.

The league semi-finals and finals will start in the Colby High School Gym 30 minutes after the final pool match is completed.

Getting the ball



Seventh-grade Mustang player Brandon Zelfer (No. 21) ran for a couple of yards in the final half of the game against the Wray Eagles on Thursday night. The Mustangs put out a lot of effort, but lost 34-6. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Sooners face off with K-State

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma gets another chance to make another huge impression.

The eighth-ranked Sooners (5-0, 2-0 Big 12), a week after humiliating Texas 63-14, are on the road Saturday to play second-ranked Kansas State (6-0, 2-0) in a game matching the nation's two highest-scoring teams.

In other Big 12 games Saturday, top-ranked Nebraska (5-0, 2-0) plays at Texas Tech (5-1, 1-1); No. 25 Texas (3-2, 1-1) goes to Colorado (1-4, 1-1); Iowa State (4-1, 1-1) is at Oklahoma State (2-3, 0-2); Baylor (2-3, 0-2) is home against Texas A&M (3-2, 1-1); and Kansas (2-3, 0-2) plays at Missouri (2-3, 1-1).

Kansas State leads the nation in scoring at 51.3 points per game; the Sooners are next at 47.8. And both are coming off big wins — Kansas State over Kansas 52-13 and Oklahoma over No. 25 Texas.

Oklahoma has dominated the overall series 63-16-4, but Kansas State has won the last five games. The two teams haven't played since 1997, when the

Wildcats won 26-7 during the first of their three straight 11-win seasons.

The Wildcats provide a stiff challenge, especially at home where they have won 25 straight games.

Before Kansas State won the last five games in the series, Oklahoma had won 22 straight games.

The Sooners also won 34 straight until K-State won consecutive games in 1969 and 1970.

Texas Tech, which has allowed just 59 points in six games this season — a Big 12 best — plays top-ranked Nebraska, which is averaging 42 points a game.

Nebraska has won all five previous meetings with Texas Tech, including a 29-0 victory when they last met in 1997. With a victory, the Cornhuskers become bowl eligible for an NCAA-record 32nd consecutive season.

A week after its embarrassing loss, Texas plays a team it hasn't beaten since 1975. The Longhorns have lost its last six games against Colorado, including 47-30 when the two teams last played in 1997.

While the Longhorns were losing to Oklahoma last week, Colorado was snapping its season-opening four-game losing streak with a 26-19 victory at Texas A&M.

Iowa State tries to rebound from its first loss of the season, 49-27 to Nebraska in a game the Cyclones trailed just 21-20 early in the fourth quarter. Oklahoma State has lost three straight games.

The ISU-OSU game features the league's top two rushers, Iowa State's Ennis Haywood (128.4 ypg) and Oklahoma State's Reggie White (117.6 ypg).

A week after having its 22-game home winning streak snapped by Colorado, Texas A&M hits the road for a chance to extend its 14-game unbeaten streak against Baylor. The Aggies are 13-0-1 since Baylor won 20-15 in the 1985 game.

The Bears, coming off a 28-0 loss to Texas Tech, are expected to use their third different starting quarterback.

New sod should improve home game

DENVER (AP) — With a new layer of sod having replaced the tattered surface at Mile High Stadium, the Denver Broncos hope to be on firmer footing Sunday on their home field, where they inexplicably have stumbled.

The Broncos won 24 straight regular-season home games from 1996-98, the third longest such streak in NFL history. The streak ended last season, and attempts to start a new one have languished.

They have dropped their last two games at Mile High. A 28-19 loss to New England on Oct. 1 marked the first time in 10 years the Broncos had lost home games on back-to-back Sundays, and no one was blaming the condition of the turf.

Denver's Mile High Mystique — an air of invincibility that flourished for most of 25 seasons — might be dead.

If the Broncos (3-3) lose to the Cleveland Browns (2-4) on Sunday, it will be buried for good.

"This is not the way we like to play football in our own backyard," quarterback Brian Griese said.

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Wednesday Nite Darts
Sept. 27, 2000
What-Ever over White Stallions 11-5
Batteries Not Included over Eight More 15-1
Refuse to Lose over Silver Bullets 9-7
Lounge Lizards over 69'ers 10-6

4th Round Outs: Duane Hanke 3; Gary Schmidt 2; Kurt Engleman 1; Larry Jackson 1; Teresa Dickey 1; Kevin Delano 1; Jody Linnell 1.

9 Dart Out: Gary Schmidt 2; Larry Jackson 2.

White Night: Sybrena Malsom and Betty Hay.

Tons -4 or more: Gary Schmidt 11; Larry Jackson 10; Kurt Engleman 7; Paul Simon 7; Duane Hanke 6; Jody Linnell 5; Kelsey Thomas 5; Gordon Parrish 4; Mark Wear 4.

Hat Tricks: Duane Hanke 2; Gordon Parrish 1; Jackie Schmidt 1; Gary Schmidt 1.

Most Wins: Duane Hanke 7; Gary Schmidt 7; Kurt Engleman 5; Larry Jackson 5; Kevin Delano 5.

Standings: Batteries Not Included 15; What-Ever 11; Lounge Lizards 10; Refuse to Lose 9; Silver Bullets 7; 69'ers 6; White Stallions 5; Eight More 1.



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