

# Golfer journeys to state

## Cowgirl takes 25th in state

In the first year for the Cowgirls golf team, one player made the long journey to Pittsburg and placed 25th in the state tournament out of 86 participants in 22 flights.

Jessica Osborn, a freshman, was the only Goodland High School player to qualify for the state tournament in regional competition.

The tournament was delayed on Monday because of rain, so Osborn had to wait to play until Tuesday, when the weather once again delayed the start. Final results weren't in until early this morning.

Osborn shot a 51 in her first round and 52 in her second round.

Team scores were: Ulysses 377, Thomas More Prep 383, Girard 399, Lakin 408, Columbus 408, Council Grove 421, Fredonia 422, Kingman 429, Rossville 439, Nickerson 444, Osage City 462, Medicine Lodge 474 Medalists

Individual leaders were Beatriz De Olano, Girard, 81; Kaleigh



Jessica Osborn was sent off to the state girls golf competition in Pittsburg on Friday by Goodland Ambassadors (from left) Kim Schields, Jessica Osborn, Carol Tupper, Janice Phipps and Dale Stephens.

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Lundy, Pittsburg-Collegian, 81; Hailey Mireles 85; Jessica Ridgway, Lakin, 86; Joan Donovan 88; Jana

Simpson, Columbus, 89; Diana Handshy, Columbus, 91; Shannon McDonald, Thomas More Prep, 91;

Lindsey Wertemberger, Thomas More Prep, 93; and tenth Rebecca Reese, St. Marys.

# Chiefs face Rams' star player Sunday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—When St. Louis quarterback Trent Green got hurt and was sidelined for the entire 1999 season, then-Rams coach Dick Vermeil put in a call to an old friend.

"I told Dick my heart was out to him," said Kansas City Chiefs head coach Gunther Cunningham. "I said, 'I feel really bad. It looks like you've got a good team and now you've lost your quarterback.'

"He said, 'Gun, I've got this Arena League guy.'"

Arena League guy?

"I said, 'Dick, you have never been short on positives. You've always been a positive guy. But this time I think you're being ridiculous,'" Cunningham recalled.

"He said, 'I'm telling you this guy can do it.' I said, 'I want to see it.'"

And see it he did. Kurt Warner, in one of the greatest feel-good stories in NFL history, quarterbacked the Rams to victory in the Super Bowl, setting passing records and winning MVP honors both for the season and the Super Bowl.

And now Cunningham is about to see it again. His Chiefs (3-3) will play host Sunday to the unbeaten Rams (6-0) and their flashy quarterback, who

leads all NFL signal-callers with a 117.5 rating and rides an offense that's averaging more than 500 yards every week.

How could such a talent ever slip through a crack in every NFL team's sophisticated scouting department?

"That is an amazing story," said Cunningham. "I can't even begin to answer that correctly. It is a story that dreams are about. You just don't do that. I've never seen anything like that."

"You'll see guys come into the league and get 15 sacks. Then after two years you never hear anything about them."

Cunningham also admires Warner for his obvious staying power.

"He was able to enjoy the ride last year and he never blinked this year," he said. "He's the same guy he was a year ago. That's saying something really special about a football player. I have a lot of respect for this guy."

"The way he's handled himself is above and beyond the call of duty of what should be expected because this country right now is about instant gratification and he hasn't asked for any of it."

# Team has six-hour game

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Two Kansas City area high schools are in the record books for their softball teams' performance.

But it's not for most runs or hits — but for most innings played.

It took more than six hours, comprising 34 2/3 innings and 61 combined strikeouts over two days.

The Class 4A state quarterfinal softball game between Blue Springs and Truman high schools finally ended

Monday, when Tracie Tiensvold struck out the Wildcats' Lindsey Major on three straight pitches. That shut down a Blue Springs rally and sent the Patriots and their fans into a wild frenzy, celebrating a 1-0 victory and the school's first trip to the Missouri state Final Four this weekend in Columbia.

The 35 innings broke the state record for longest game, which was set Sept. 13, 1997, when St. Louis Lafayette defeated Winnetonka 1-0.

# Cardinals end postseason after difficult playoff games

ST. LOUIS (AP)—All those pitches banging off the backstop is one lasting image from the St. Louis Cardinals' postseason.

Mark McGwire, at the ready but seldom deployed, is the other.

It was a difficult playoffs for manager Tony La Russa, contending with a rookie pitcher who set records for wildness and a gimpy home run king available for only one at-bat per game. This is not to mention a pitching staff that was the surest thing in the NL most of the season but anything but in the postseason.

The spectacular flameout of rookie Rick Ankiel, 21, may echo into next spring.

The prize pitching prospect of the organization, if not the major leagues, had the best ERA on a veteran staff in the regular season.

In the postseason, his mechanics came completely unglued. He became the first pitcher in 110 years to throw five wild pitches in one inning in the division series, and his next start, Game 2 of the NLCS against the New York Mets, was more of the same.

La Russa and pitching coach Dave Duncan wanted Ankiel to leave with a good taste, so they sent him out to the mound again in the seventh inning of Game 5.

He hit the backstop again in warmups and threw two more wild pitches for a grand total of nine, to go with 11 walks, in only four innings.

"It was very important that he take the mound one more time before the winter," an optimistic La Russa said. "I think he had a positive outing."

What happens when he takes the mound next spring, nobody knows.

"He'll be all right," Duncan said. "He's a tough kid."

It's expected that McGwire will be fine next spring, also, fully recovered from patella tendinitis that put him on the disabled list in July and August and kept him from playing the field after he returned in early September.

It's McGwire's call whether to undergo surgery, a procedure that was a success for St. Louis Rams kicker Jeff Wilkins, or hope rehab and rest will do the trick.

McGwire, 37, said the knee has felt much better recently and is hoping to avoid an operation that would likely keep him out of the lineup until at least May, but hasn't made his final decision yet.

McGwire was supposed to be the ultimate hammer off the bench in the playoffs, and his use or non-use was perhaps the most compelling media angle of the series. La Russa regarded

Big Mac as such a precious commodity that he waited and waited and waited for the perfect occasion to use him, and sometimes the chance came and went.

McGwire batted only three times in the five-game NLCS. His lone homer of the postseason came in a blowout during the Cardinals' division-series sweep of the Braves.

Meanwhile, general manager Walt Jocketty's biggest decision in the offseason may be whether to keep Will Clark.

The trade deadline pickup resurrected his career as the stand-in first baseman for McGwire. But if Big Mac returns at full strength, Clark, 36, could become a pricey backup at the position. He hasn't played anywhere but first base since the 1984 Olympics, when he put in time in the outfield, and he made \$6 million last season.

"I think there's a desire to be back," Jocketty said. "We just didn't want to cause a distraction during the playoffs, but we all feel that if we had the opportunity to sign him, we would."

The Cardinals are likely to pick up a \$6 million option on Pat Hentgen (15-12), strong in the second half but a late-season disappointment and the Game 5 loser on 15 days' rest. Hentgen is the

fourth starter on a rotation that was the team's strength most of the year, but became a distinct weakness in the postseason.

No starter missed a turn until Andy Benes went on the disabled list Aug. 15 with a knee injury. In the playoffs, that sturdy group of five was a distant memory.

Garrett Stephenson (16-9), the No. 2 starter, went out for the year with an elbow strain in the first-round sweep over the Braves. Benes (12-9) returned for three late-season starts, but was enough of a question mark that La Russa gave Ankiel the ball again before calling on Benes in Game 3 of the NLCS.

Even Darryl Kile (20-9) struggled, putting the Cardinals in a first-inning hole in all three of his postseason starts. On three days' rest in Game 4 of the NLCS, he came unglued, allowing seven runs in three innings in the pivotal game of the series.

The rotation should be one of the NL's best again next season. Stephenson is expected to recover without surgery and Matt Morris, once one of the league's most promising young starters, is expected to rejoin the rotation after a year in the bullpen following elbow surgery.

# dart results

**Wednesday Nite Darts**  
Oct. 4, 2000

Refuse to Lose over Lounge Lizards 14-2

What-Ever over 69'ers 14-2  
Eight More over White Stallions 11-5  
Batteries Not Included over Silver Bullets 11-5

**4th Round Outs:** Mark Wear 4; Duane Hanke 4; Gary Schmidt 3; Paul Simon 2; Woody Woodard 1; Kenny Andrews 1; Kurt Engelman 1.

**9 Dart Out:** Duane Hanke 1; Gary Schmidt 1.

**8 Dart Out:** Larry Jackson 1.  
**White Night:** Jeanine Peters.

**Tons - 4 or more:** Paul Simon 7; Larry Jackson 7; Duane Hanke 7; Kurt Engelman 7; Mark Wear 6; Gary Schmidt 5; Kelsey Thomas 4; Woody Woodard 4; Kenny Andrews 4; Jackie Schmidt 4; Judy Thornburg 4.

**Hat Tricks:** Gary Schmidt 4; Mark Wear 2; Duane Hanke 2; Larry Jackson 2; Paul Simon 1; Kurt Engelman 1.

**Most Wins:** Woody Woodard 7; Duane Hanke 7; Mark Wear 6, Paul Simon 6.

**Standings:** Batteries Not Included 26; What-Ever 25; Refuse to Lose 23; Lounge Lizards 12; Silver Bullets 12; Eight More 12; White Stallions 10; 69'ers 8.

# Dawgs boxscores

Brewster 32, Grinnell 20  
Brewster (6-1) 0 24 8 0 ~ 32  
Grinnell 6 8 0 6 ~ 20

Scoring Summary  
First Quarter

Grinnell Matt Bixenman 28 run (Devan Weiser run failed), 1:24.

Second Quarter  
Brewster Clint Horinek 37 run (Horinek pass from Jay Reid), 11:52.

Brewster Brett Arnerberger 32 pass from Reid (Reid run), 4:54.

Grinnell Josh Beckman 23 pass from Bixenman (Kevin Lager run), 0:24.

Brewster Jacob Falcon 11 pass from Reid (Arnerberger pass from Reid), 6:41.

Fourth Quarter  
Brewster Lager 12 run (Weiser run failed), 10:46.

**Team Statistics**  
Brewster Grinnell

First Downs 15 16

Rushing 12 11

Passing 3 2

Penalty 0 3

Rushing Att/Yds, Avg. 36/146, 4.1 50/207, 4.1

Comp/Att/Int, % 8/16/1, 50.0 4/12/1, 33.3

Passing yds, Avg. 165, 20.655, 13.8  
Total Plays/Yds 52/179 54/262  
Turnover Ratio +2 -2  
Fumble/Lost 3/0 3/2  
Penalties/Yds 8/70 1/5



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