

First year girls golf team has unexpected success

By Dana Sulsberger

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As the first year unfolded for the Goodland High School girls golf team, the coach admits having his doubts, but as the season progressed it became apparent that these girls were doing very well.

"I was worried when we first came out here," said Coach Ben Williams after the first week of practices in August, "but they have made amazing progress."

He said at the start of the season that some girls had never even swung a golf club before.

Williams said he was pleasantly surprised at their performance during the first competition in September, where the girls took second as a team with three girls medaling.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather," he said.

At the regional tournament in Wa-Keeney, the Cowgirls took fifth and Jessica Osborn placed fifth out of 56 golfers, which qualified her for state.

Osborn was 25th at the state competition out of the 86 girls who participated in 22 flights.

Coach Williams said he was proud of Osborn, who missed a medal at the state competition by only a few positions.

The coach said his philosophy with the girls was always that they should have fun. No matter how they per-



formed, he said, they always had a lot of fun during practice and at the competition.

He said he thought too much pressure was put on high school athletes sometimes when they should just be having fun.

"I told the girls at the first practice," Williams said, "if they weren't out here to have fun then they should just go back to school."

The game shouldn't be life or death, he told the girls when they first came out.

A lot of the teams Goodland competed with this year have had a girls golf team for several years. That meant most of the competition had several years to get their team together and in good shape, said Williams. Some schools have had a girls golf team for more than 10 years.

As the program grows, he said, the girls should continue to improve.

"I think we did great for the first year," said Williams. "I was really happy with how the season has gone."

He said the pressure might have gotten to the girls during regional competition, but now that the season is over, they can go on to bigger and better things.

The coach said he hopes the school will decide to continue the girls golf team.

"I think they should continue the program," he said, "especially when you consider how well the team did this year."

Richard Liess, athletic director at the high school, said the school was planning on having the team again next year, but it will depend on the number of girls interested, as it does with any other team.

"This was the first year," he said, "and I was pleased with having eight girls."

The numbers should continue to increase each year, he said, but there is no way to tell for sure.

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Texas destroys Wildcats' defense

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M has developed a strong passing game this season. The Aggies can run, too. Ja'Mar Toombs made certain of it.

The 275-pound fullback plowed through Kansas State's defense for three touchdowns as the Aggies beat the No. 10 Wildcats 26-10 on Saturday.

"I talked to Ja'Mar walking off the field before the game and he told me he would get the job done," offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe said. "So I saddled him up and rode him off into the sunset."

Toombs had his biggest rushing day of the season, gaining 84 yards on 24 carries.

"I knew I'd have to step up this game," Toombs said. "After Jason Glenn intercepted the ball, I had a call against me the next play. That made me realize I had lost my concentration for a second. That forced me to be focused the rest of the ball game."

In the last game between the teams, the Aggies rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Kansas State 36-33 in overtime and knock the Wildcats out of a chance to play for the national championship.

The loss knocked the Wildcats out of Top 10 and also ended a string of 60 straight regular-season victories over unranked opponents.

"This is a big loss for us," said Wildcats defensive end Monty Beisel. "We need to bounce back and finish the season. We did a decent job on defense. We

played well, but Toombs is a great running back. He ran over us today."

The Wildcats didn't make it interesting until the second half. Texas A&M

(6-2, 4-1 Big 12) jumped to a 19-0 lead, marking the first time in four years the Wildcats (7-2, 3-2) had been held scoreless in the first half.

Wildcats fall on AP poll

By The Associated Press

Kansas State, after losing to Texas A&M, plummeted to the 19th on the Associated Press's Top Twenty Five teams in college football.

Nebraska plunged to fifth on the poll after losing to Oklahoma, the new No. 1 team and one of only two undefeated teams left.

First-place votes are in parentheses, records listed are through Oct. :

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Oklahoma (69)	7-0	1,749	3
2. Virginia Tech	8-0	1,633	2
3. Miami	6-1	1,602	4
4. Florida St. (1)	8-1	1,539	6
5. Nebraska	7-1	1,425	1
6. Florida	7-1	1,395	8
7. Oregon	7-1	1,378	7
8. Washington	7-1	1,262	9
9. TCU	7-0	1,150	11
10. Clemson	8-1	1,071	5
11. Purdue	7-2	1,017	16
12. Michigan	6-2	925	15
13. Southern Miss.	6-1	897	14
14. Oregon St. 7-1	893	18	
15. Notre Dame	6-2	674	19
16. Ohio St. 6-2	563	12	
17. Georgia	6-2	544	13
18. Mississippi St.	5-2	515	20
19. Kansas St.	7-2	443	10
20. Texas	6-2	399	22
21. Northwestern	6-2	391	23
22. South Carolina	7-2	283	17

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League
Bowladium Lanes over Callahan Transport 4-0
Workman/Sheldon over Mann's Jewelry 3-1
KLOE over Clawson's 3-1

Individual high game: Lori Amthor-212
Individual high series: Connie Livengood-554

Team high game: KLOE-675
Team high series: KLOE-1840

League Standings: No. 1 Mann's Jewelry 22, 10; **No. 2** Workman/Sheldon 18 1/2, 13 1/2; **No. 3** Clawson's 17, 15.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Oct. 18, 2000
Shear Dimensions over Gamblers 4-0
W-R Equipment over D & G Clan 4-0
Extras tied with Kanorado Coop 2-2
Mueller Grain over Mudslingers 3-1
Kickers over Team 1 3-1
Phillips Brothers tied with Pinbreakers 2-2

Men's high game: Mike Luther-247
Men's high series: Mike Luther-565

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-187
Women's high series: Betty Wright 510
Team high game: Shear Dimensions-869
Team high series: Shear Dimensions-2389

League Standings:
Shear Dimensions 20, 8
Phillips Brothers 20, 8
Gamblers 19, 9
Mueller Grain 17, 11
Mudslingers 16, 12

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