

# Tennis team wraps up season

## Cowgirls tie at regionals

**By Janet Craft**  
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In the first year for girls tennis at Goodland High School — after 10 years without a program — the team tied for sixth place with Colby and Wellington at a regional competition in Pratt earlier this month.

Coach Wallace Hansen said during the season, as a team, the girls had a second place finish, two third place finishes and two fourth place finishes out of eight varsity matches.

He said 14 girls went out for tennis. He said he was happy with the numbers and is looking forward to working with 11 of these girls next year.

Hansen said out of the 14 girls who completed the season, there were eight letter winners, which included three seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and one freshman.

The seniors were Anna Hare, and the two foreign exchange students, Celina Hallas-Junker and Christina Bertelli.

Juniors were Abby Scheopner and Jessica Vignery. The sophomores were Ashley Engel and Leslie Knitig and the freshman was Jennifer Mentzer.

Scheopner was selected as the most improved player for the year.

Michelle Kibel, a sophomore, came close to lettering, said Hansen, and played in some of the varsity



In mid-August, before the girls tennis season began, Jessica Vignery served a ball, while her practice partner Anna Hare, prepared for the return at the tennis courts in Goodland's Steever Park.

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matches.

"This was the first year for competitive girls tennis for a long time," said Hansen. "We were pleased with how the girls improved and competed, which we hope will bode well for the future."

Hansen said they went to some challenging meets, but the girls learned a lot and got better because of those meets.

Basically, about every team they played against had established tennis programs, he said.

Four of the better teams they played were Great Bend, Larned, Pratt and Tribune.

Hansen said he felt like they competed evenly with Colby this year.

"We saw them at five of the eight meets we went to," he said.

Goodland's No. 1 varsity singles player was Hare and the No. 2 player was Scheopner. Varsity doubles players for this year were Vignery and Engel and Knitig and Mentzer.

# Broncos starting backfield healthy and intact

DENVER (AP) — For the first time since the season opener, the Denver Broncos head into a game with their starting backfield healthy and intact.

Quarterback Brian Griese, running back Terrell Davis and fullback Howard Griffith renewed acquaintances

Wednesday. They all practiced and expect to play Sunday when the Broncos (4-4) visit the New York Jets (6-2).

The Broncos had a bye last week, allowing Davis to finally recover from a sprained left ankle and foot that had hobbled him since the opener and

Griffith to recover from arthroscopic knee surgery that had sidelined him the last two games.

Davis, the league's MVP in 1998 when he rushed for 2,008 yards, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee against the Jets a year ago.

# bowling results

**Wednesday Morning Coffee League**  
 Oct. 25, 2000

Wendy's split with BEM's 2-2  
 McClung's Appliance over blind team 4-0

Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Mr. Jim's 3-1

**Individual high game:** Mary Keihl-215

Wendy's  
**Individual high series:** Nancy Kear-530

Lonny's

**Team high game:** Lonny's Quality Auto Body-497  
**Team high series:** Lonny's Quality Auto Body-1429

**League Standings:** McClung's Appliance 23, 9; Lonny's Quality Auto Body 20, 12; Wendy's 20, 12; BEM's 15, 17; Mr. Jim's 11, 21.

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**

Oct. 25, 2000

D & G Clan over Kickers 3-1  
 Mueller Grain over Gamblers 3-1  
 Shear Dimensions over Pinbreakers 3-1

Extras over W-R Equipment 3-1  
 Phillips Brothers over Mudslingers 4-1  
 Kanorado Coop over Team 1 3-1

**Men's high game:** Mike Luther-224  
**Men's high series:** Mike Luther-598

**Women's high game:** Alice Nemechek-233  
**Women's high series:** Marilyn Snethen-539

**Team high game:** Mueller Grain-905  
**Team high series:** Phillips Brothers-2463

**League Standings:** No. 1 Phillips Brothers 24, 8; No. 2 Shear Dimensions 23, 9;

20, 12.

**Thursday Night Mixed League**  
 Oct. 26, 2000

Bowladium Lanes over Poor Country Folks 4-0  
 Rain or Shine over Our Team 4-0  
 Charlie's Angels over Rod & Suzie's Welding 3-1  
 Bankwest of Kansas over McDonald's 4-0

Mex & Company split with Gutter Dusters 2-2  
 Sunwest Investments split with Exit 17-2-2

**Women's high game:** Diana Nichols-210  
**Women's high series:** Diana Nichols-556

**Men's high game:** Robert Moore-219  
**Men's high series:** Charles Viergets-582

# Chiefs tight end on verge of record

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — On the verge of doing something no other tight end in the NFL has ever done, Tony Gonzalez brings to mind an old coach's favorite definition of greatness: someone who makes everybody around him better.

"He's still so young, but he's got the potential to do just that," said Kansas City running back Kimble Anders.

"You want to step up and try to play at his level. He escalates everybody else's game."

After making All-Pro last year in his third season, the hardworking, 6-foot-4, 250-pounder has made himself even better, even more dominant in an increasingly pass-oriented Kansas City offense. If he gets 100 yards in receptions Sunday at Oakland, he will be the first tight end ever to do it in four consecutive games.

"He can run. He can catch. He can jump," said Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon, who was a Kansas City backup when the Chiefs drafted Gonzalez. "I think the Chiefs knew he would turn out to be a great one."

In a second straight banner year, Gonzalez is tied for first among NFL tight ends with 41 catches and leads his

position with 572 yards and four touchdowns.

The last tight end to go over 100 yards in three straight games was New England's Ben Coats in the first three games of the 1994 season.

While insisting he would gladly go without a single catch as long as the Chiefs win their AFC West showdown against the Raiders, Gonzalez admits the record would be special.

"Yeah, it's a part of history," he said. "All the tight ends who have played the position — Shannon Sharpe, John Mackey — all the great ones. It would definitely mean something. I'll be concentrating on trying to win the game first. But if it happens, I'll be happy for sure."

The Chiefs have been quick to use his unique talents, often splitting him out wide almost like another wide receiver.

"I don't look at Gonzalez as a tight end," Oakland coach Jon Gruden said. "I don't know what he is. He's more of a wide receiver. To me, a tight end is a guy who plays on the line. But now he's flexed out there on a two-point stance running patterns. He's the most unique guy I've seen. He can play as a

wideout in space and function like a small guy. He's got a lot of niftiness and quickness."

Chiefs safety Jerome Woods enjoys watching Gonzalez in practice.

"He plays just like a big wide receiver out there," Woods said. "It's hard for the linebackers to hold him and it's hard for the safeties to stop him. Even if a safety has good coverage, the guy's so big, he can get in front of you. Since he was such a great basketball player, that carries over to the football field. He boxes them out with that big body."

Fate probably picked a good game for Gonzalez to go for the record.

In seven games against Oakland, he has punished the Raiders with 26 catches for 392 yards (a 15.1-yard average) and four touchdowns, including a career-long 73-yard scoring play last year in Oakland.

"He's beaten us in man coverage and beaten us in zone concepts," said Gruden. "I don't know what matchups people want to give. I've seen him beat corners, linebackers and safeties. He's a guy we've got to know where he is at all times and get help on him as much as we can."

# Kansas State coping with losing streak

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — For the first time in their collegiate careers, Kansas State football players are coping with something they haven't had much experience with: losing.

Kansas State's 26-10 loss to Texas A&M marks the first time since 1996 that the Wildcats have lost two regular-season games.

"You do lose," wide receiver Aaron Lockett said. "It happens. It's something you don't like, but you just have to deal with it. That's what we'll do."

Three games ago, the Wildcats were on pace for a possible national championship appearance. Then they lost to Oklahoma, and now Kansas State is attempting to mend mistakes, repair confidence and win its remaining games.

"We are all aware that this group of

players has basically not been in this position before, and how we deal with it is critical," coach Bill Snyder said. "This week is not different, but it is centered around how we respond to whatever you want to call it: the loss, the adversity. We focus on being able to manage our emotions and all the things that are entwined in having lost."

Kansas State's problems include penalties. The Wildcats have committed 69 penalties for 617 yards — an averaging of 68 yards lost on penalties

each game.

"We're just not executing," quarterback Jonathan Beasley said.

The Wildcats are also ranked 10th in the Big 12 conference on third-down conversions. They've completed just 38 percent of 112 third-down opportunities.

"Our approach has always been not to put ourselves in that position, and the best way to do that is to be good on first down," Snyder said. "Some of it is caused by the first rattle out of the box. You get a 5-yard penalty, and now you're at first-and-15."

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**Note:** This is just a partial listing. It was impossible to list it all, for it was still in boxes. Everything is in very good and clean condition. Plan to attend this one. Thanks, Mike, T.J. and crew. Plan to spend the day.

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