

Individual runners successful

By Janet Craft
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While the Goodland High School cross country team didn't have a lot of overall success this year, the boys finished second as a team at the Northwest Kansas League meet in Oakley, with Matt Gattshall and Speedy Aguilar taking first and second in the boys varsity race.

Coach Don Smith said the biggest thing for this year's team was that they knew at the start of the year they wouldn't win many meets with a very young and inexperienced squad. Kids have to do a lot of difficult things in cross country, he said.

"When you don't have a great measure of success," he said, "it's hard to keep plugging away at it. They stayed with it. I am proud of them and I thank them for their efforts they have given to us."

Before the season, Smith said, they weren't sure if they would have enough kids to fill a varsity squad for both boys and girls. But, he said, they were able to increase their numbers as the season unfolded and had nearly a 100 percent retention of those kids who went out.

"Only one person didn't finish the season," Smith said, "and we're proud of that. It speaks highly of our young kids — their desire and what they want to do."

On the girls side, Smith said, the coaches and runners shared the disappointment that they weren't able to make more improvement in times and places.

"We had only sophomores and freshmen on the team," he said, "but if we can continue to get a commitment from them and work with them in the off season, then we can see some improvement next year."

In the boys situation, Smith said, they were able to see quite a significant



Goodland cross country runner Rebecca Gattshall (center) ran against girls from Oakley and Quinter in the two-mile race at the Northwest Kansas League meet Oct. 14 in Oakley. Gattshall placed 23rd with a time of 15:50. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

improvement in individual and team times and placings.

The highlight of the boys season was their second-place team finish at the league meet in Oakley.

Smith said they will graduate four senior boys from the squad, but should have eight boys return next year who have cross country experience.

He said the other thing that excites him is that some of the boys are already talking about what they can do to get ready for next season and what they can accomplish. Some of them have told him that they have talked to others who say they want to run next year.

Smith said he hopes to get the kids in the junior high program to continue their participation and have success at the high school level.

The team would like to return to the years when they were a dominant cross country squad in northwest Kansas, he said.

The keys to doing that, he added, were the individual desire of the athletes, encouraging others to be part of the team and being willing to do things in the off season to prepare.

Smith said the biggest downfall was that they started the season with a very poor base for summer miles.

Some kids didn't decide until Sept. 1 to go out for cross country, he said, and they hadn't been training in June, July and August.

"We're hoping that our kids who participated this year will make a commitment to off-season training," Smith said.

Cross country is no different than any other sport, he added. The kids need to train during the summer.

Boys letter winners were seniors Gattshall, Adam and Lee McCoy; sophomores Alan Cebula and Timothy Kafka; and freshmen Aguilar, Lance Tedford and Shawn Weber.

Letter winners for the girls were

sophomores Rebecca Gattshall, Wendy Keith, Deanna Livengood, Anny McCoy and Tiffany Schwasinger; freshmen Haylee Mannis and Chelsea Phillips; and team manager Alyssa Mason.

Kelsey Cooper, a cooperative student from St. Francis High School, will receive her letter from St. Francis.

For the boys, Gattshall was chosen as outstanding performer, Kafka as most improved runner and Aguilar as newcomer of the year.

Among the girls, Livengood was picked as both outstanding performer and most improved runner and McCoy as newcomer of the year.

In the final league standings, Goodland placed fifth out of six teams.

Smith has been head coach for 21 years, while Richard Schwasinger has assisted him for 16.

Head phones die at crucial moment

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Was it only a suspicious coincidence that Gunther Cunningham's head phones went dead at a crucial moment in Kansas City's loss Sunday to Oakland?

Or was it a conspiracy by Al Davis? A sneaky trick by those hated Raiders? Probably taking issue with many Chiefs' fans, Cunningham said with great assurance Tuesday that it was only a coincidence.

"I'm not going to lay that on anybody," he said with a laugh.

In the third quarter of Oakland's 49-31 victory Sunday, tight end Rickey Dudley clearly came down with one foot out of bounds on what officials ruled was a 20-yard touchdown pass, one of four thrown by former Chief Rich Gannon.

But instead of asking for a review, the Chiefs made no protest as the Raiders quickly kicked the extra point.

"I was on the offensive phone trying to get ready for the next series of offensive plays," Cunningham said Tuesday. "I was talking to (offensive coordinator) Jimmy Raye. He has a sepa-

rate line." Upstairs in the pressbox, tight ends coach Keith Rowan has responsibility to tell Cunningham when a play should be reviewed.

"Those phones were dead," Cunningham said. "So I never heard." Cunningham and other Chiefs' coaches and players thought Dudley had pushed off the defensive back in the end zone on the play. But they never knew, until it was too late, that he'd had one foot obviously out of bounds.

"I clicked on the defensive (coaches) phone as (Oakland) kicked the ball," Cunningham said. "Their phone was live. They said he was out of bounds. After that, you can't do much about it."

But Cunningham does not believe he was the victim of any conspiracy.

"We have that happen several times. In the league we have wireless phones," he said. "Sometimes lines go dead for various reasons."

But as for sabotaging an opponent's phone at an opportune time ...

"That's a good idea ... I might do that," Cunningham said with a grin.

Jayhawks recruit player

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jefferson High School point guard Aaron Miles, of Portland, Ore., announced Monday he will play for Kansas next season, choosing the Jayhawks over Arizona and Oregon.

The 6-foot-1 senior helped lead the Democrats to the Class 4A state championship and a 28-0 record.

Monday night, Keith Langford of Crowley, Texas, told the Lawrence Journal-World he would commit to Kansas as well.

The 6-foot-4 Langford, who attended the Kansas-Emporia State game on Saturday, picked Kansas over Cincinnati and Oklahoma. He aver-

aged 19 points and nine rebounds a game last season at North Crowley High.

"The deciding factor is I wanted to stay close to home so my mom and the rest of my family could see me play and be part of my college career," Langford said.

The decision came on the first day of the weeklong early signing period for high school players. Miles' choice apparently was made after Will Bynum, a star point guard from Chicago, verbally committed to Arizona.

The other guard in Jefferson's backcourt, Michael Lee, also intends to play for Kansas and coach Roy Williams.

Awards spotlight Latin players

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The awarding of Gold Gloves to three Puerto Ricans, a Dominican and a Venezuelan proves the United States is giving more credit to Latino players, the father of Roberto and Sandy Alomar said Tuesday.

In the National League, an award went to Dominican shortstop Neifi Perez of the Colorado Rockies.

American baseball is widely popular in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries, and at least one-quarter of Major League players now come from those nations.

"They are putting a lot of value in Latin American players, something that didn't happen before," Santos Alomar Conde told The Associated Press from his home in Salinas, Puerto

Rico. "This shows that the Puerto Rican and Latino fellows are doing good work up there in the United States," he said.

Alomar, a former shortstop for the New York Yankees and California Angels, is a trainer for the Chicago Cubs and coaches the Caguas Criollos in Puerto Rico.

Alomar's son Roberto won his ninth American League second-base award for his play with the Cleveland Indians.

The other Puerto Rican winners of the American League awards were Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez — also winning for the ninth time — and New York Yankees outfielder Bernabe "Bernie" Williams. Venezuelan shortstop Omar Vizquel of Cleveland also picked up his ninth award.

nfl results

By The Associated Press

National Football League American Conference

East

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	2	0	.778	200 119
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	256 198
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	208 193
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	179 186
New England	2	7	0	.222	156 187

Central

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	1	0	.889	181 125
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	167 105
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	137 93
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	165 207
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	87194
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	101 233

West

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	1	0	.889	256 172
Denver	5	4	0	.556	268 201
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	243 215
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	157 239
San Diego	0	9	0	.000	145 236

National Conference

East

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	2	0	.778	168 115

Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	204 147
Washington	6	4	0	.600	185 158
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	147 246
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	204 213

Central

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	217 204
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	169 187
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	232 152
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	194 187
Chicago	2	7	0	.222	137 226

West

	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	7	2	0	.778	354 279
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	183 142
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	183 153
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	176 277
San Francisco	2	8	0	.200	253 323

Sunday's Games

Miami 23, Detroit 8
Buffalo 16, New England 13, OT
Chicago 27, Indianapolis 24
Tampa Bay 27, Atlanta 14
Philadelphia 16, Dallas 13, OT
Baltimore 27, Cincinnati 7
Tennessee 9, Pittsburgh 7
N.Y. Giants 24, Cleveland 3
New Orleans 31, San Francisco 15

Arizona 16, Washington 15
Denver 30, N.Y. Jets 23
Seattle 17, San Diego 15
Oakland 49, Kansas City 31
Carolina 27, St. Louis 24
Open: Jacksonville

Monday's Game

Green Bay 26, Minnesota 20, OT
Sunday, Nov. 12

Atlanta at Detroit, 11 a.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 11 a.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
New England at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Miami at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 2:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 6:20 p.m.
Open: Washington

Monday, Nov. 13

Oakland at Denver, 7 p.m.

bowling

Wednesday Night Mixed League Nov. 1, 2000

D & G Clan over Kanorado Coop 4-0
Extras over Team 1 4-0

Shear Dimensions over Mueller Grain 3-1
Kickers over W-R Equipment 4-0

Mudslingers over Pinbreakers 3-1
Gamblers over Phillips Brothers 3-1

Men's high game: Jim Fritz-255
Men's high series: Melvin Rall-593

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-201
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-563

Team high game: Pinbreakers-875
Team high series: Mudslingers-2422

League Standings:
Shear Dimensions 26, 10

Phillips Brothers 25, 11
Gamblers 23, 13

Mueller Grain 21, 15
D & G Clan 20, 16

Extras 19, 17
Mudslingers 19, 17

Pinbreakers 17, 19
Kickers 17, 19

Kanorado Coop 14, 22
W-R Equipment 9, 27

Team 1 6, 30

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