

Girls try to stay undefeated

The Goodland Cowgirls will try to extend their winning season when Quinter comes to town Friday, while the Cowboys will be looking to improve on a 3-2 season record.

Goodland will face the Quinter Bulldogs starting at 3:45 p.m. on Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The varsity girls will play first and the varsity boys will play at 7:30 p.m.. This will be the teams' final game before the Christmas vacation, with the next game after vacation at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 5 against the Colby Eagles at Max Jones.

The Cowgirls swept through the Topside Tipoff over the weekend, winning the semifinal round against

McCook 59-53 and their first game against Holyoke Colo. 68-53. They took their first game of the season against Imperial Neb. 53-46 and are undefeated so far.

The Cowboys season got off to a slower start, with the boys having a disappointing loss to Imperial 66-64 in their first game. During the Topside Tipoff, the Cowboys took second place with a win in the first round against Morrill, Neb., 75-55 and a win against Yuma, Colo., 89-49.

"Hohe we can keep our momentum rolling through Friday and the (Christmas) break," girls coach Connie Livengood said after the game on Sat-

urday. "I'd like to finish December strong and have a good January."

Quinter has a good team, said boys coach Jon McLean, and they play well. "They have a lot of experience back this year," he said of the Bulldogs, which took fourth for the Class 2A state tournament last year.

He said Quinter has a good point guard and a lot of good athletes. "I'm really excited about the match," said McLean, "I think we match up well."

No matter what the end result is, the coach said, it should be a great, fast paced game for the fans to watch. "I'm optimistic about it," he added.

Goodland hosts Holiday Classic

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Coach Chris Guillot said Goodland wrestlers are facing a tough weekend, as three of the team's strongest competitors will travel here on Saturday for Goodland's annual Holiday Classic.

Guillot said the Cowboys will hit the mat with wrestlers from Scott City, Hoxie and Burlington in their third event of the season. Judging from results of other tournaments, the coach said, Goodland will have a hard time taking down the out-of-town wrestlers — especially those from Scott City and Hoxie.

Guillot said Scott City grabbed first place, leaving Goodland with second, at a nine-team tournament the first weekend of season, and has since out wrestled a tough Class 2A team that was ranked No. 2 in the state.

"Hoxie beat Colby," he said, "which was rated No. 1, and Scott City beat Hoxie, which was rated No. 2. So it's

going to be a tough weekend."

Scott City and Colby are in the same class as Goodland, 4A while Hoxie is in Class 2A and Burlington, a Colorado team, is in Class 3A. Classes are decided according to the number of students in a school.

While wrestlers from Scott City and Hoxie are some of the strongest in the area, Guillot said, the Cowboys have already shown that they can defeat the Burlington Cougars.

At the Cougar Classic last weekend, he said, Goodland took first with 215 points, leaving Burlington way behind with 179.

The Holiday Classic, a dual tournament, will start at 9 a.m. Mountain Standard Time at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, with Goodland taking on Hoxie and Burlington facing Scott City.

Goodland will wrestle Burlington at 10:30 a.m. while Scott City competes against Hoxie. After a short break,

Goodland will face Scott City at 12:30 p.m. and Burlington with wrestle Hoxie.

On a third mat, there will be round-robin junior varsity matches during the tournament.

Coach Guillot said Goodland wrestlers are doing "top-bottom" wrestling at practice this week.

"We're working to improve our mat skills," he said, "and working on pinning and escapes."

He said the Cowboys will be a good match for Hoxie wrestlers, but could run into trouble with Scott City. "I think we match up with Hoxie well," Guillot said. "We have the same strengths. Against Scott City, they're better down low (in weight classes) and we're better up high. It's going to come down to who gets pins."

He said Goodland is an underdog going into those matches. "On paper," the coach said, "they're the better team."

Cowboys fall to Atwood in close match

The Cowboys had a close game when the Goodland C-team traveled to Atwood on Monday, but stayed behind the entire game and finally lost 38-37.

The boys started out at the end of the first quarter, the Goodland freshmen were three points behind with the score 10-7.

In the second quarter, Goodland managed to gain six points but still

couldn't pull ahead, ending the first half behind 15-13.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys doubled their score to 26 points but still lagged behind Atwood's 28. Their eleven points they scored in the final quarter still couldn't quite bring them far enough ahead of the Buffaloes, even though Atwood only scored 10 in the final quarter.

Lance Tedford was the lead scorer for Goodland, sinking five shots — three in the third quarter — and two free throws bringing in a total of 10 points. Bill Linin sank four shots — one in each quarter — for eight points.

Other scorers in the game were Ian Scherling with two, Alan Cebula, and Jordan Zwaygardt, Jared Doke and Kenton Keith with one each.

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Happy Our League
Dec. 7, 2000
AR Supply over Blind Team 4-0
B.O.S.S. over Rasure's 4-0
Kantorado Coop over Hooker Seed 3-1
B&B Electric over Bowladium Lanes 4-0
Individual high game: Marshall Siruta-234
Individual high series: Phil Helzer-603
Team high game: Kanorado Coop-734
Team high series: Kanorado Coop-2052
League Standings: B&B Electric 11, 1; AR Supply 9, 3; B.O.S.S. 8, 4.
Thursday Night Mixed League
Dec. 7, 2000
Gutter Dusters over Poor Country Folks 3-1
Our Team split with McDonald's 2-2
Sunwest Investments split with Rain or Shine 2-2
Mex & Company over Bankwest of Kansas 3-1
Charlie's Angels over Bowladium Lanes 4-0
Rod & Suzie's Welding over Exit 17 3-1
Women's high game: Tina Gould-216
Women's high series: Diana Nichols-499
Men's high game: Chuck Viergets-213
Men's high series: Jarome Ontiveroz-571
Team high game: Sunwest Investments-843

Team high series: Gutter Dusters-2288
League Standings: No. 1 Charlie's Angels 7, 1; No. 2 McDonald's 6, 2; No. 3 Sunwest Investments 5, 3.
Wednesday Night Mixed League
Dec. 6, 2000
W-R Equipment over Pinbreakers 4-0
Shear Dimensions over Extras 3-1
Gamblers over D&G Clan 4-0
Phillips Brothers over Kickers 4-0
Mueller Grain over Team One 3-1
Mudslingers over Kanorado Coop 3-1

Men's high game: Jim Fritz-242
Men's high series: Jim Fritz-645
Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-226
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-601
Team high game: Extras-804
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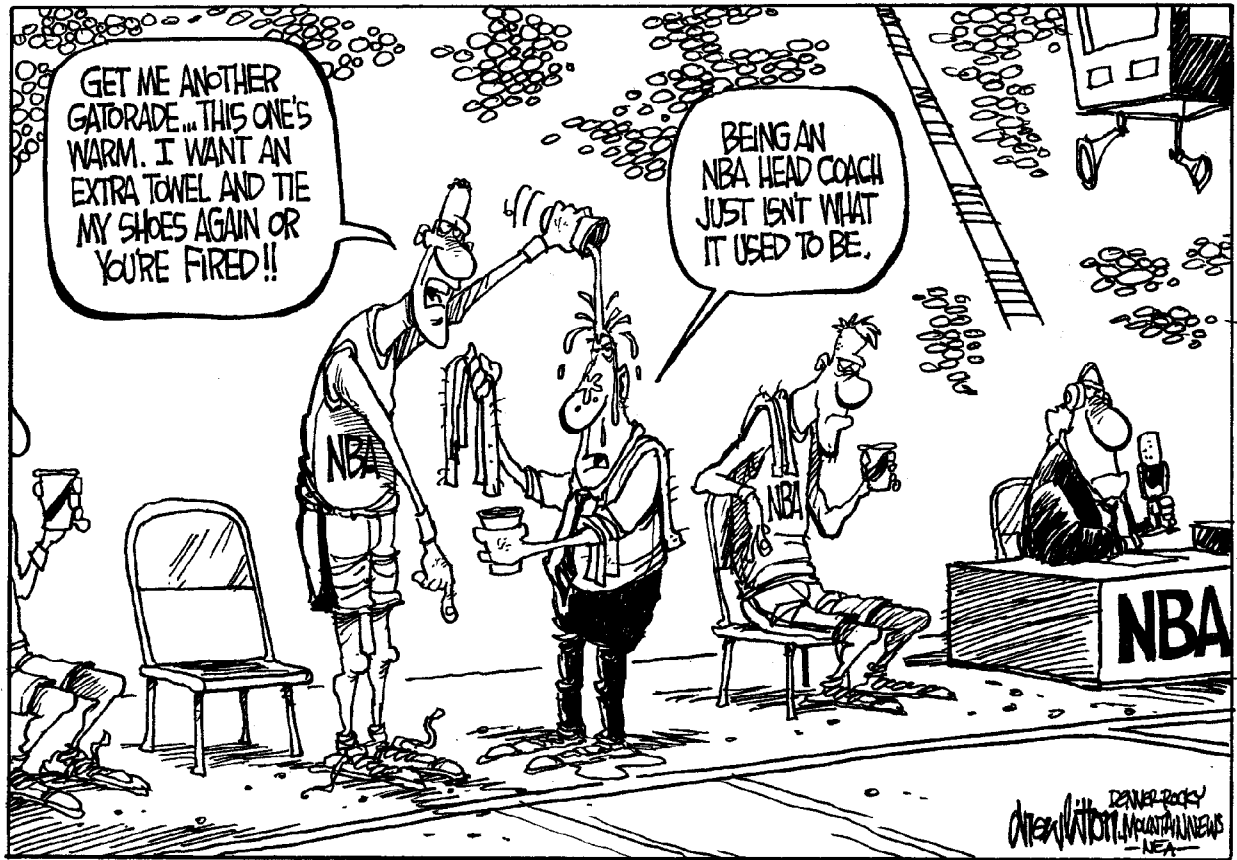
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Royals on verge of offer for star player

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — While offering David Cone a job in their bullpen, the Kansas City Royals are on the verge of making a multi-year offer to first baseman Mike Sweeney, their 2000 player of the year.

Sweeney, who hit .333 with a team-record 144 RBIs, wants to stay in Kansas City, general manager Allard Baird said Wednesday.

Baird said he met with Sweeney and his representatives at the winter meetings. After failing to swing a trade of outfielder Johnny Damon, who will be in his last contract year next season, locking up the 27-year-old Sweeney has become the Royals' No. 1 priority.

"We're working on a multi-year deal to present to them by end of this week," Baird said. "I do know this — he wants to stay here. That's always a good start."

Baird also said Royals hall-of-famer and vice president George Brett called Cone on Tuesday and talked with him again about the possibility of coming back to Kansas City as a relief pitcher.

"It's a matter of him being a reliever," Baird said. "Right now he's in a situation where he's been a starter his whole life. He's been a very successful starter, to say the least. And he has clubs that have an interest in him as a starter."

Cone is a Kansas City native who has had two tours of duty with the Royals. Baird said the Royals have no interest in Cone other than as a reliever. The bullpen continues to be the biggest problem in Kansas City.

"Now it's in his court if he'd like to go in that direction," Baird said.

The Royals have no interest in giv-

ing Cone one last grand tour in his home town.

"The reason we're interested in signing David Cone is his ability to pitch first. And that is showing great respect for David," Baird said.

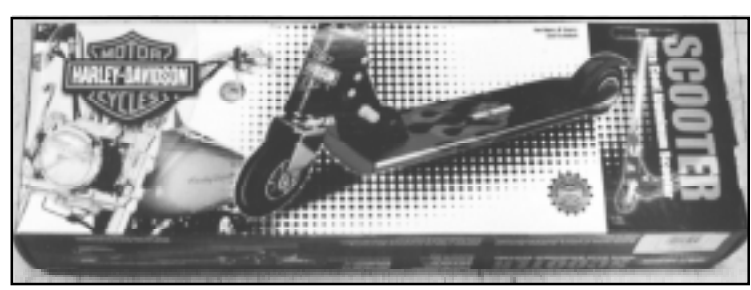
"If he wants to be a reliever, he can be a quality reliever."

Baird also said he was as shocked as anyone at the 10-year, \$252 million


contract that free agent shortstop Alex Rodriguez signed this week with the Texas Rangers.

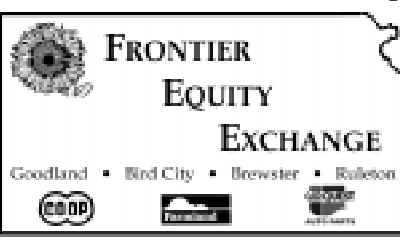
Where does that leave small-market clubs like the Royals, whose total payroll for last season was \$24 million?

David Glass, who paid \$96 million to buy the Royals last spring, is willing to increase the payroll but cannot compete for players who get \$252 million.



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