



Jordan Riebel, No. 2 singles player for the Goodland boys tennis team, hit a ball Thursday afternoon at Gulick Park in Goodland during his match with a Garden City opponent. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Kansas players await the NFL draft results

By Lester Bolen
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The most successful senior class in Kansas State University history will face their moment of truth at this weekend's NFL draft in New York.

Four straight 11-win seasons, three bowl victories, and two Big XII North titles mean little as players like Quincey Morgan, Jarrod Cooper, Jamie Rheem, and David Allen hope to get drafted and secure a pro contract.

Ten players from Kansas State University are eligible for the draft, with chances ranging from possible second round (Morgan) to not likely to be drafted (quarterback Jonathan Beasley).

The best K-State prospect is the 6-foot, 211-pound play-making receiver, Morgan. He led the Wildcats last season with 71 catches for 1,311 yards and 16 touchdowns. Both his yardage and touchdowns were K-State records. Morgan improved his stock with a strong showing at the scouting combine and also at the Senior Bowl week. Morgan could go as high as the second round and could be one of the most productive rookie receivers from this year's deep class.

"Quincey could go in either the first or second round, Greg Petterson, K-State passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach, said. "Along with (North Carolina State receiver Koren) Robinson he is probably the best athlete in the draft."

Allen suffered through a disappointing season, as he was a pre-season All-American at running back and kick returner but suffered a severe ankle injury in the first game. That injury opened the door for Josh Scoobey to rush for 16 touchdowns and Aaron Lockett to establish himself as the team's top punt returner.

Allen is still viewed as the top kick and punt return prospect in a long time and is K-State's all-time leader in punt returns, yardage, average and touchdowns. He looks to be a mid-round pick.

Cooper raised his stock tremendously with his outstanding pre-draft

NFL combine. Cooper impressed scouts with his strength, speed and leaping ability, and is now viewed as the second best safety product in the draft. He could go as high as the second round.

"Jarrod had a great combine and is an exceptional athlete," Petterson said. "He weighs 220 pounds now and could be a second or third round pick."

The team's other prospects shouldn't go as high, but many players could provide NFL teams with solid depth. Mario Fatafehi and Monty Beisel, both key players on one of the nation's best defensive lines, will probably go in the sixth or seventh round, while kicker Rheem could be a fifth-round pick.

Other players who could be picked up as un-drafted free agents include tight end Shad Meier, cornerbacks Dyshod Carter and Jerametrious Butler, and quarterback Beasley. Beasley, despite a two-year record of 22-4 and being K-State's fourth all-time leading passer, didn't impress scouts when he ran a slow 40-yard dash and had a below-average arm.

This year's senior class was the Wildcats' most successful in school history. In their four years, the Cats went 44-7 — including a 3-1 record in bowl games — were part of two victories over arch rival Nebraska and helped achieve the school's only No. 1 ranking.

Not to be overlooked is a talented trio from the University of Kansas. Fullback Moran Norris is viewed as the third-best fullback in the draft and could go in the third round. Linebacker Chaz Murphey has the talent to go in the fifth round and make an immediate impact at a rush end position. Safety Carl Nesmith's athletic ability impressed scouts and he could be a steal in the second round.

ESPN and ESPN2 will provide coverage of this year's draft starting at noon Saturday on ESPN. ESPN2 will take over coverage at 7 p.m., and on Sunday ESPN starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 1 p.m., with ESPN2 broadcasting until 6 p.m.

The Extreme will be facing the Chicago Enforcers in the championship game, which can be seen on NBC.

Keck has been playing with the Extreme for several games this season and has an interception to his credit, as well as some kick returns.

Keck's mother Jane Keck, who lives in Brewster, will be going to watch her son play.

Stiles, the 5-foot-8-inch guard from Claflin, was selected 4th overall by the Portland Fire in today's draft and said she is excited about the chance to play professional basketball.

Stiles is ranked number one on the Kansas scoring list with 3,603 points for four years.

Woman drafted fourth by Portland

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Jackie Stiles ended her career at Southwest Missouri State as college basketball's all-time leading scorer and fresh off of an improbable run to the Final Four.

Now it's time to start a new career.

Player takes first at home

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The Goodland tennis team hosted their annual Invitational meet Thursday and Matt Mentzer didn't disappoint the hometown faithful as he went 3-0 to take first place in the No. 1 singles.

Jordan Riebel finished fourth in No. 2 singles with a 0-3 record.

Goodland as a team finished fourth out of four teams with eleven total

points.

Garden City finished first with 21 points, Ulysses was second with 13, and Colby finished third with 15.

The No. 1 doubles team of Timothy Kafka and Brad Larson finished fourth with a 0-3 record. The No. 2 doubles team of Matt Hall and Kyle Schulte finished third at 1-2.

Next action for the varsity tennis team is at 2 p.m. Mountain Time on Tuesday at Larned.

Junior varsity takes third at WaKeeney

The Goodland junior varsity tennis team took third in a seven-team invitational Thursday at WaKeeney.

Goodland's 22 points were behind only Hays, who finished with 38 points, and Garden City, who ended the day with 32 points.

Colby's team took sixth, with six points.

In No. 1 doubles action, Dustin Klinge and Matthias Goodley finished

third with a 3-1 record.

The No. 2 doubles team of Jonathan Finley and Sam Kear brought home a fourth place medal with a 2-2 record.

Scott Randolph, the No. 1 singles player, also finished fourth with a 2-2 record and in No. 2 singles play. Josef Felver received fifth place with a 2-2 record.

The next junior varsity action is at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Russell.

Rockies punish San Diego Padres at sea level

SANDIEGO (AP)—The road isn't a bad place for the Colorado Rockies to be.

Sometimes ridiculed for the way they played away from their mile-high home, the Rockies punished the San Diego Padres at sea level.

Denny Neagle and three relievers combined on a six-hitter and the Rockies shut out the Padres for the second straight game, winning 4-0 Thursday.

It was the first time in their nine-year history the Rockies had consecutive shutouts. Mike Hampton threw eight innings of four-hit ball in Wednesday night's 8-0 win.

Colorado won its fifth straight and earned its first three-game sweep in San Diego.

Plus, Todd Hollandsworth and light-hitting catcher Ben Petrick homered, giving the Rockies six in three games.

"We wanted to come in here and prove that we can play on the road and get our act together and get going this year," Hollandsworth said.

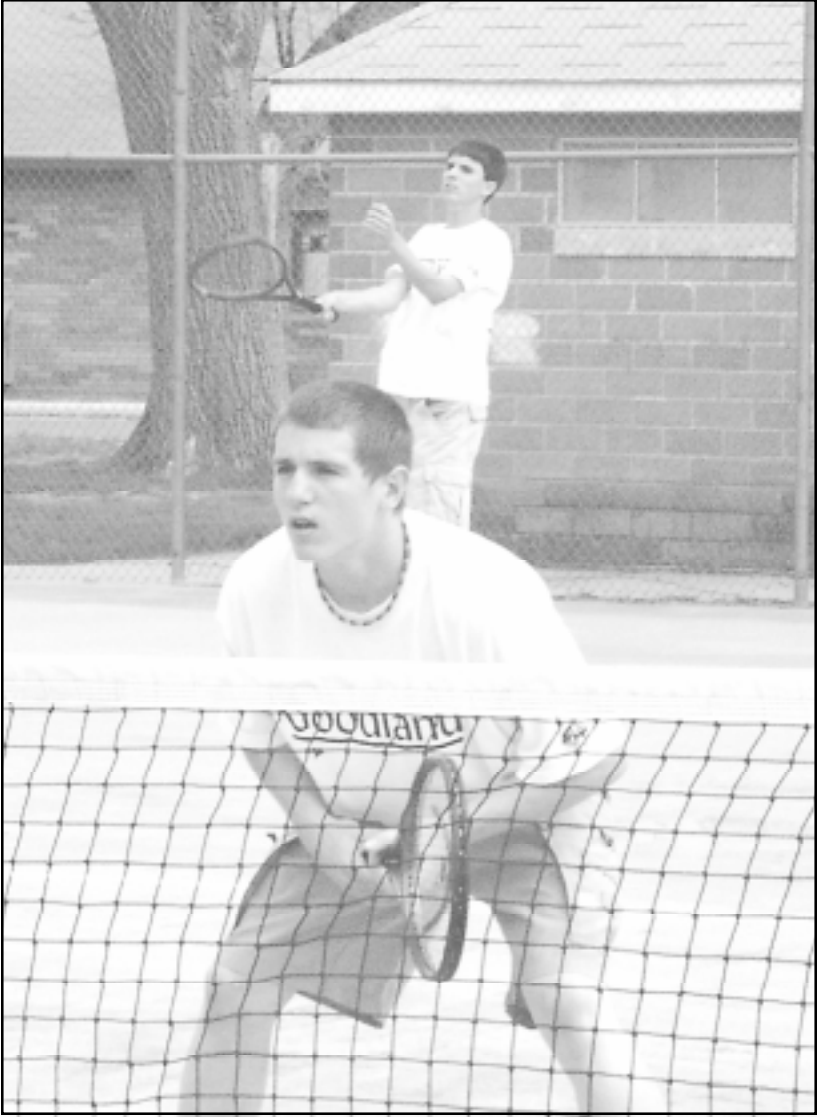
Two weekends ago it was the Padres who did the damage, sweeping a three-game series at Colorado and outscoring the Rockies 35-19.

"San Diego came into our place and really stuck it to us," Hollandsworth said. "We came in here and had the idea of getting payback, really. We just kept at it and we were able to get three wins."

The Rockies' pitching staff lowered its ERA by more than a run this series, from 6.21 to 5.02. The only earned run in 27 innings came in Tuesday night's 9-5 win. The Rockies have the best road ERA in the NL at 1.89.

The Padres failed to advance a runner past second both Wednesday and Thursday.

"Right now, I'm not going to get too



Goodland boys tennis player Kyle Schulte (front) waited to see what would happen after his partner Matt Hall served a ball in their No. 2 doubles match against a Colby team Thursday afternoon at Chambers Park in Goodland. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

carried away with it because it's so early," Neagle said.

"But, we're playing the type of baseball we need to play," he said. "If we keep playing like this, we're going to be tough to beat. We're getting solid starting pitching, we're getting hitting, we're getting great fielding, and the bullpen guys are coming in and doing their jobs."

Neagle (2-0) allowed three hits in six innings, struck out five and walked three for his 100th NL win. He has 107 overall.

Neagle also doubled and scored a run. Juan Pierre went 4-for-5, all singles. The Rockies, who outscored the Padres 21-5, won their fifth straight. The Padres have lost four in a row.

Hollandsworth hit his fourth homer in the fourth inning, his 10th RBI in his last four games.

Petrick snapped his 0-for-22 slump

with a double and homer off Woody Williams (1-2). Petrick hadn't gotten a hit since singling in his first at-bat of the season.

Jeff Cirillo singled in two runs in the fifth, both unearned because of second baseman Damian Jackson's fielding error on Juan Pierre's grounder. Neagle hit a leadoff double, advanced on the error and scored on Cirillo's hit.

Williams allowed four runs, two earned, on 11 hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked two.

"We're cold with the bats," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's going to happen, but we ran into some good pitching."

"We're going through as bad a rut as I've seen since I've been here," said Bochy, the manager since 1995 and a member of the staff since 1993.

Notes: LF Rickey Henderson made his first start since the Padres purchased his contract.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	4	.750	—
Toronto	11	5	.688	1
New York	9	7	.563	3
Baltimore	6	10	.375	6
Tampa Bay	4	12	.250	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	3	.786	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	3
Chicago	6	8	.429	5
Detroit	5	9	.357	6
Kansas City	4	11	.267	7 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	12	4	.750	—
Texas	8	9	.471	4 1/2
Anaheim	7	9	.438	5
Oakland	5	11	.313	7
Wednesday's Games				
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 3				
Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 1				
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4				
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 1				
Texas 8, Seattle 6				
Anaheim 3, Oakland 2				
Thursday's Games				
Cleveland 11, Baltimore 5				
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 1				
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 3				
Oakland 9, Texas 5				
Seattle 3, Anaheim 2				
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 5, 17 innings				
Today's Games				
Toronto (Carpenter 1-1) at Kansas City (Suzuki 1-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Radke 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 0-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Anaheim (Rapp 0-2) at Seattle (Halama 1-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Boston (Castillo 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 1-1), 9:05 a.m.				
Minnesota (Milton 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-0), 10:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Johnson 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-2), 2:15 p.m.				
Oakland (Mulder 1-1) at Texas (Glynn 0-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Parris 0-2) at Kansas City (Stein 1-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m.				
Detroit at Cleveland, 11:05 a.m.				
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 11:15 a.m.				
Toronto at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 12:05 p.m.				
Oakland at Texas, 1:05 p.m.				
Anaheim at Seattle, 2:35 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	6	.571	—
Atlanta	8	8	.500	1
Montreal	8	8	.500	1
Florida	6	9	.400	2 1/2
New York	6	9	.400	2 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	5	.667	—
Houston	8	6	.571	1 1/2
Cincinnati	8	7	.533	2
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	3
St. Louis	7	8	.467	3
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	3 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	9	6	.600	—
San Francisco	9	6	.600	—
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	1 1/2
Arizona	6	9	.400	3
San Diego	6	9	.400	3
Wednesday's Games				
Atlanta 1, Florida 0				
Montreal 7, N.Y. Mets 1				
Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia 3, 1st game				
Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 3, 2nd game				
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 4				
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 4				
St. Louis 3, Arizona 1				
Colorado 8, San Diego 0				
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 4				
Thursday's Games				
Colorado 4, San Diego 0				
Florida 5, Montreal 2				
Los Angeles 10, San Francisco 1				
Today's Games				
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 0-2) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Martinez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Ankiel 1-1) at Houston (Elarton 2-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Bohanon 0-2) at Arizona (Schilling 2-0), 10:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Tollberg 1-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-1), 10:10 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Mets (Appier 1-1) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0), 1:15 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Wood 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 0-2), 1:35 p.m.				
St. Louis (Morris 1-2) at Houston (Lima 1-0), 2:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Rigdon 1-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Thurman 1-2) at Florida (Penny 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Maddux 2-0) at Philadelphia (Person 1-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Villone 0-0) at Arizona (Anderson 0-2), 10:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Jarvis 0-1) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 1-0), 10:10 p.m.				
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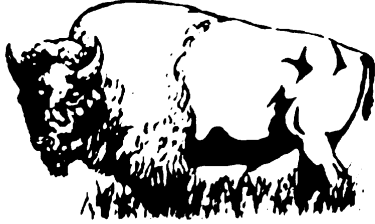
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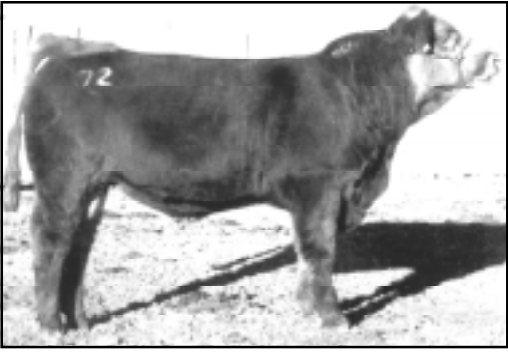


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