

Tennis team begins practice

Coach is optimistic about the girls' season

Coach Wallace Hansen begins the Goodland High School girls tennis season with a team of 16 girls and hopes of a good season.

The girls' fourth practice began at 8 a.m. today at the new tennis courts at Steever Park. The courts were just completed last week, with the finishing touches being put on Friday. As practice was going on, workmen were installing light fixtures to finish, putting up the twelve lights that will illuminate the courts. Hansen said his team probably wouldn't use them much, but they are nice to have.

This is the second year of girls tennis since the program was discontinued due to lack of interest in 1990. For 10 years, girls have been playing on the boys' team in the spring,

Hansen said. Two of the girls on this year's girls' team, Jessica Vignery, a senior, and Ashley Angle, a junior, were on the boys' team two years ago.

Hansen has been a coach for 13 years. In addition to girls' tennis, he also coaches eight-grade basketball in the winter and boys' tennis in the spring. He was the high school football coach for nine years. Hansen said that the girls' schedule is a tough one this year, beginning Aug. 30 with their opener against Larned, and following with Tribune on Sept. 4.

"I am looking at this season with guarded optimism," Hansen said. "We have five returning lettermen, so we have some experience going for us, but there is room for improvement overall."



Jessica Vignery, a senior on the Goodland High girls tennis team, practiced her backhand during morning practice at the new tennis courts at Steever Park.

Photo by Reaghan Smith/The Goodland Daily News

Golf tournament has top players

The Sugar Hills Country Club will be hosting the 12th annual KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Golf Classic Sunday, featuring 132 of the best golfers in Kansas and Nebraska.

The public is invited to follow their favorite players at the Classic at no charge beginning at 8 a.m.

The tournament is unique because the prize money is awarded to the country clubs they represent rather than the players.

Each of the 11 cities represented will send their 12 best golfers to compete as a team for over \$4,000 prize money and bragging rights for their club.

The Oberlin Country Club will return to the Classic after sitting out last year because of a date conflict.

Other clubs represented at the tournament are Goodland, Colby, Sharon Springs, Tribune, Atwood, Oakley, Norton, Hoxie, St. Francis and Benkelman, Neb.

The Atwood team has won five of the last 11 tournaments since 1990, but the Colby team has won the last three Classics and will field a strong team this year.

All of the top individuals from last year's tournament will play again this year, Director Kay Melia said, including last year's co-medalists, Lonnie Melvin of Colby and Jim Kanak of Atwood.

Other top finishers from last year are Bill Steiner of Oakley; Joe Kanak, Kevin Finley and Nick Bowles of Atwood; Dax Hayden and Chuck Osborn of Goodland; and Scott Focke, Kevan Taylor and Miles Lademberger of Colby. They will all return this year.

Goodland's team this year will consist of Dax Hayden, Osborn, Dev Mull, Jon McLean, J.D. Hooper, Travis Jones, Steve Richards, Ron Weber, Steve Raymer, Ken Yoke, Tyson Shelley and Mike Elliott.

Chiefs focus on special teams in Tuesday's practice

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs focused on special teams Tuesday in their first full workout since Sunday's preseason win over the Washington Redskins.

The Chiefs held a one-hour practice session devoted solely to special teams with extra emphasis on field goal protection after allowing a blocked field goal against the Redskins.

While Dante Hall provided one of the more exciting plays on special

teams Sunday night with his 92-yard punt return for a touchdown, veteran kicker Todd Peterson had a 24-yard field goal attempt blocked and rookie Lawrence Tynes missed a 30-yard effort.

Peterson made his only other attempt from 23 yards out while Tynes was good from 22 yards away in the first half. Tynes struggled during Tuesday morning's practice session, although part of the problem may have

stemmed from working with wide receiver Geroy Simon as his holder for the very first time.

Still, Vermeil was blunt in his assessment of the rookie.

"Like I told him today, I can't move the goal posts every time he kicks," Vermeil said. "You've got to kick it in the middle. It's a stationary target."

Vermeil said he hadn't given up on the rookie from Division 1-AA Troy State, but added kicking in the NFL is

much different from kicking in college.

"Those guys have to grow up," he said. "They're not on scholarship anymore. Now you're doing it for a living."

The head coach said watching kickers struggle in training camp is nothing new to him.

"There have been a number who drove me crazy," he said. "I've had them drop the ball on the one-yard line on a punt snap. I've had them onside

kick when they weren't supposed to. I had one guy whose grandparents died twice. I've heard all the stories from kickers, I really have."

While Vermeil was critical of the kicking game in Sunday night's contest, he had nothing but good things to say about Hall, who hadn't practiced since injuring a hamstring in a post-practice 40-yard dash against rookie wide receiver Dave Klemic early in camp.

Hall was questionable for Sunday night's game, but showed no ill effects of his injury during his 92-yard punt return for a touchdown.

"We've got to keep him on the field healthy and see what he does," Vermeil said. "I'm not surprised. I bet him earlier in the week that before the preseason was over that both he and J.J. (Moses) would return a punt for a touchdown."

Moses did not play Sunday night.

Ripken's retirement brings back memories for Royals' hitting coach

BALTIMORE (AP) — Watching Cal Ripken these past few weeks has got George Brett thinking back to when he too put the finishing touches on a Hall of Fame career.

Brett announced his pending retirement with 10 games left in the 1993 season. If he had it to do over again, Brett would have taken a cue from Ripken and revealed the decision with several months to go.

Since announcing on June 19 that this would be his final season, Ripken has raised his batting average 63 points to .270.

"After I made the decision, things became a little clearer, my focus became better and I started to relax," Ripken said Tuesday night after hitting a three-run homer to lift the Baltimore Orioles past the Kansas City Royals 5-

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Ripken went 2-for-3 with a walk. His two hits gave him 3,155, lifting him past Brett into sole possession of 13th place on the career list.

"I think everybody seems to relax after making a decision like that. I relaxed more after I told them," Brett said. "I wish I'd have told them earlier; there were two weeks to go in the season when I said I wasn't coming back."

Over the past few weeks, Ripken has thrilled fans on the road with farewell home runs. He finally gave the home crowd a shot to savor Tuesday night, hitting his first home run of the season at Camden Yards.

Ripken had hit all 10 of his home runs on the road before connecting off Chad Durbin (7-11) in the third inning to give Baltimore a 3-2 lead.

Ripken had four homers at the All-Star break. Since then, he has homered in all five cities in which he was playing for the final time.

"The home runs started coming more in the second half, and coincidentally they started coming on the road," Ripken said. "But it certainly feels good to hit one at home, and have it be meaningful to the game."

The victory was the Orioles' sixth in August, matching their total for all of July.

"He's playing very good now," Brett said of Ripken, "but when he was hitting .201 the first three weeks of the season, there was concern that he was going to hit .207 for the rest of the year."

The June 19 announcement changed all that.

"Cal got the pressure off himself by announcing his retirement, and he finally got the at-bats he needed to shine," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said.

Ripken's 428th career homer backed a fine pitching performance by Calvin Maduro (2-3), who allowed two hits and two runs in 6 2/3 innings. In two games against Kansas City this season, Maduro has yielded only four hits in 12 2/3 innings.

"He's done a good job against us," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "He keeps the ball down and changes speeds. He's pitched very well."

Willis Roberts, the fourth Baltimore pitcher, worked the ninth for his third save.

Carlos Febles homered for the Royals, whose four-game winning streak

ended. Kansas City's last four losses have come against the Orioles, who have won five of seven.

"You get outpitched and you're going to get beat," Muser said. "That's about as simple as it gets."

After Febles first homer since May 26, 2000, put the Royals up 2-0 in the third, Chris Richard and Jeff Conine hit two-out singles before Ripken drove a 2-1 pitch over the left-field wall.

Ripken responded to a standing ovation from the crowd by emerging from the dugout and waving his batting helmet.

Run-scoring singles by Conine and

Tony Batista made it 5-2 in the fifth.

Notes: Brett will serve as the Royals' hitting coach during the series while Lamar Johnson tends to a death in the family.

Orioles SS Mike Bordick underwent season-ending shoulder surgery Tuesday in Alabama to have a torn labrum repaired.

Royals 1B Mike Sweeney, still troubled by a sore right wrist from a brawl versus Detroit on Friday, missed his third straight game. Kansas City's Carlos Beltran extended his career-high hitting streak to 14 games with a ninth-inning single.

Rockies win after President Bush leaves the ballpark

DENVER (AP) — For the Colorado Rockies, finding a "W" has been a difficult task this season. They got two on Tuesday night.

Within hours of touring a national park, President Bush was enjoying the national pastime, watching the last-place Rockies play the Atlanta Braves at Coors Field.

Bush, the former managing partner of the Texas Rangers, left with the Braves leading 4-2 in the seventh. He missed a classic Coors Field finish as Colorado tied the game in the ninth and won 5-4 in 10 innings.

"He was beating the crowd, I guess," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said.

When Bush arrived between the second and third innings, cameras flashed

and heads poked from dugouts as everyone tried to get a glimpse of the president sitting in a luxury suite with Rockies owner Jerry McMorris.

At the end of the fourth, Bush received a standing ovation and waved to the crowd when he was introduced.

"I just wish he'd come earlier and go through the clubhouses," said Braves manager Bobby Cox, who has met three presidents — George Bush, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon. "I think all the troops would like to meet the president."

Bush's schedule was booked. Earlier Tuesday, he became the first president in 71 years to visit Rocky Mountain National Park about 90 minutes northwest of Denver. He then attended a

Republican fund-raiser for Colorado Gov. Bill Owens and Sen. Wayne Allard.

To accommodate America's fan-in-chief, security was tight at Coors Field. Snipers lurked atop the left-field scoreboard; fans had their bags searched as they shuffled through metal detectors; and dogs sniffed through dumpsters under the supervision of uniformed officers.

By the first inning, the wait for people entering the stadium's main gate was about 45 minutes.

Covering all Secret Service bases, large white banners hung above a center-field concourse, blocking the line of sight from a bridge outside the stadium to the suite housing the president.

Rockies pitcher Brian Bohanon, who played for the Rangers during Bush's Texas tenure, said security guards searched his black Hummer when he drove into the players parking lot behind the stadium.

"Guys are on edge. They know people are around," Bohanon said. "There'll be Secret Service people in the stands, snipers on buildings."

The visit marks Bush's second to a major league ballpark this season. He threw out the first pitch when the Milwaukee Brewers opened Miller Park on April 6.

"It's always a neat opportunity when the president is around," Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine said. "It's not something you get to do every day."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	49	.588	—
Boston	65	52	.556	4
Toronto	56	63	.471	14
Baltimore	50	69	.420	20
Tampa Bay	42	78	.350	28 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	66	52	.559	—
Minnesota	64	55	.538	2 1/2
Chicago	58	59	.496	7 1/2
Detroit	48	69	.410	17 1/2
Kansas City	48	71	.403	18 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	86	33	.723	—
Oakland	68	51	.571	18
Anaheim	63	56	.529	23
Texas	52	67	.437	34
Tuesday's Games				
Seattle 6, Boston 3, 11 innings				
Toronto 6, Oakland 3				
Anaheim 7, Detroit 1				
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 7, 11 innings				
Baltimore 5, Kansas City 2				
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3				
Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 4				
Today's Games				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	66	52	.559	—
Atlanta	64	54	.542	2
Florida	59	59	.500	7
New York	54	65	.454	12 1/2
Montreal	50	69	.420	16 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	67	51	.568	—
Houston	67	52	.563	1/2
St. Louis	63	55	.534	4
Milwaukee	49	67	.422	17
Cincinnati	48	70	.407	19
Pittsburgh	45	73	.381	22
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	68	51	.571	—
San Francisco	67	52	.563	1
Los Angeles	65	54	.546	3
San Diego	58	60	.491	9 1/2
Colorado	50	68	.424	17 1/2
Tuesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 1				
Philadelphia 10, Milwaukee 4				
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 1				
Colorado 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings				
San Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 0				
Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings				
Montreal 4, Los Angeles 1				
San Francisco 13, Florida 7				
Today's Games				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 15-5) at Houston (Astacio 7-13), 5:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Daal 10-4) at Milwaukee (Wright 8-7), 6:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Reitsma 5-11) at St. Louis (W.Williams 9-8), 6:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Burkett 9-8) at Colorado (Hampton 12-8), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 7-9) at San Diego (Jarvis 9-9), 8:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-4) at Arizona (Schilling 17-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Pavano 0-0) at Los Angeles (Carrara 2-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Florida (Penny 7-6) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-6), 8:15 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-2) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-1), 12:05 p.m.				
Florida (Burnett 8-8) at San Francisco (Estes 8-7), 1:35 p.m.				
Montreal (Ohka 0-2) at Los Angeles (Gagne 4-5), 2:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Appier 6-10) at San Diego (Tollberg 6-3), 3:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Beimel 5-8) at Houston (Miller 12-6), 6:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Acevedo 3-3) at St. Louis (Hermanson 10-9), 6:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Millwood 2-5) at Colorado (Chacon 6-6), 7:05 p.m.				

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