Cowboys play Hays Friday

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The Goodland Cowboys varsity football team will kick off the season against Hays at home Friday at 7 p.m.

It'll be tough first game because Hays is a 5A school, while Goodland is a 4A school.

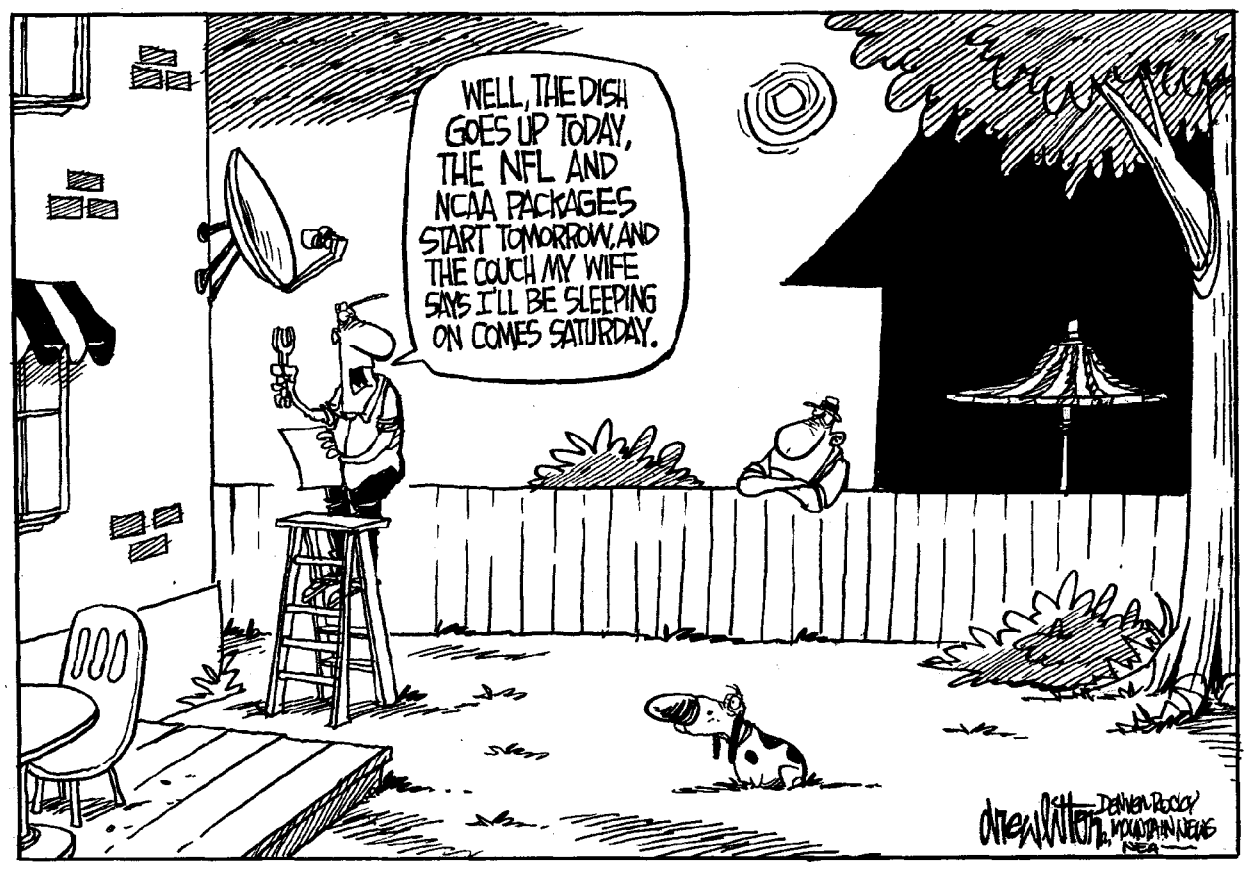
Coach Chris Walters said the Cowboys will be fine tuning some things in practice to prepare for the game, and are a stronger team defensively than last year.

Offensively, he said, the team throws the ball well, and gets the ball to a lot of different people. The team should be a lot of fun to watch, he added.

"So far," Walters said, "I have been pleased with the effort of the guys in practice."

The Hays High team has strong offensive and defensive lines, Walters said, and one of the best quarterbacks in the state. The Cowboys will have to contain him, the coach said, to have a chance. It will be a good game, Walters said, and will be a good chance to see what the team needs to work on.

The varsity team's next game will be in Holcomb at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. The freshman team is playing St. Francis at home today at 4:30 p.m., and the junior varsity Cowboys will play in Colby at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.



K-State back is back

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State has its 300-pound running back again, but that doesn't mean Joe Hall is back in the good graces of his coach and teammates.

Coach Bill Snyder said Tuesday the 6-foot-2 Hall is practicing with the team after sitting out last season for academic ineligibility. Snyder would not say what role Hall would play on the depth chart, but said the transfer from Palomar (Calif.) Junior College still has a way to go before he is back to his 1999 form.

"It's an ongoing process for him," Snyder said. "That has to continue. He hasn't done anything to make me think that he's the starter. But he's in a position to have a chance."

Snyder said Hall would work exclusively at fullback rather than at both running positions as he did in his junior season in 1999. Snyder wouldn't say when Hall would play and became agitated during questioning.

"We will take 70 guys to USC," he said. "I'm not sure he will be with us or not. "

Kansas State faces the University of Southern California in Los Angeles Sept. 8.

In his first season, Hall started in six games in 1999. He had 613 yards on 121 carries, including a 195-yard game against Utah State.

correction

In the photo and story credit in the fall sports section in today's *Goodland Daily News* Bill Wagoner's name was omitted. He took the tennis team photo.

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Royals develop pattern in beating Anaheim

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A pattern has emerged in Kansas City's last two victories over Anaheim.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday, the Royals scored four runs in the first and one in the second. Each time, Mike Sweeney got the scoring started with an RBI in the first.

And each time, the Royals made the lead hold up. Behind home runs by Joe Randa and Carlos Febles, Kansas City beat the Angels 6-3 Wednesday night.

"It's tough," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said. "We felt confident we did put together some brief spurts to get back. But their bullpen came in and did a good job to close us out."

For a few frightening moments in the fifth, the Angels thought they might lose more than a game. Starter Pat Rapp was hit by a solid line drive off the bat of Sweeney and was taken immediately for X-rays. But he had only a deep bruise on his right forearm and was listed as day-to-day.

"That was scary," Scioscia said. "Pat's had some hard-hit balls up the middle this year off him. That one he couldn't react to. The ball just hit him right in the forearm. We were thankful nothing was broken."

Rapp (5-11) left after giving up six runs on seven hits in 4 2/3 innings. Jeff Suppan (8-11) gave up three runs and six hits in five innings for the win, and Cory Bailey pitched three innings of one-hit relief. Roberto Her-nandez pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

"Bailey did great. That was the key," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "He's been the unsung hero out of the bullpen."

Randa, back after missing three games with a pulled hamstring, hit a three-run homer in the first.

"I didn't have to sprint, so it was a bonus," Randa said. "It was nice to contribute. You sit and watch and you can only cheer so hard. But it feels good to get out and help your team."

Like Sweeney, who came back Tuesday night after being out 15 games, Randa hardly lost any timing.

"This time of the season, you can probably miss two weeks and still come back and feel like you have a chance," he said. "When you've got 500 at-bats under your belt, you can miss some games and not lose your timing."

Randa appeared to have a second homer in the ninth. But left fielder Orlando Palmeiro leaped at the wall to make the catch, then fired the ball back to the infield to get Sweeney at first for a double play.

"He made a good play," Randa said. "I've played against him for years and he's pretty solid out there."

The light-hitting Febles hit his third home run in two games for the Royals, who snapped a six-game losing streak Tuesday.

Febles' 430-foot drive in the fourth was aided by winds estimated by the National Weather Service at 45 mph as thunderstorms began rolling toward Kauffman Stadium.

"I think that one was going out regardless. He hit it," Scioscia said.

Rain halted the game in the top of the sixth for 1 hour, 15 minutes, sending most of the paltry crowd of 11,190 home early. It was the smallest crowd in Kansas City since 11,009 saw the Indians on Sept. 28, 1999.

Notes: Mark Quinn's inability to draw a walk is a continuing amusement for Royals fans. Without an unintentional pass in 232 consecutive plate appearances, he came to bat in the first inning and quickly had a 3-0 count. As the crowd cheered, he took two called strikes, then flied out. The Royals lead the majors with 169 double plays.

Pitcher helps Rockies defeat Dodgers in his second start

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It would have been difficult for Jason Jennings to top his major league debut in his second start.

Jennings, who homered and shut out the New York Mets in his first start, pitched out of trouble several times as the Colorado Rockies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-3 Wednesday night.

Jennings didn't give up a hit in his first three innings and held Los Angeles scoreless until Dave Hansen's pinch-hit, RBI double in the fifth.

That ended Jennings' string of 13 shutout innings, but he gave up just two runs on eight hits in six-plus innings and left with a 5-2 lead.

"He didn't have the same kind of stuff he had the first time, but we didn't expect that," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "He made pitches when he really, really had to."

Jennings became the first player in modern big league history to throw a shutout and hit a homer in his debut, beating the Mets 10-0 last Thursday.

Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy liked what he saw in Jennings (2-0).

"He did a nice job, he did what he had to do keep them in the game," Tracy said. "If I'm over there in the other clubhouse, I'd be very encouraged by what I've seen of Jennings."

Against the Dodgers, Jennings struck out his only two times up and had to yield to a reliever in the seventh. But that didn't spoil his evening.

"It's definitely satisfying," Jennings said. "Six innings is the minimum I want to throw, but we were able to get the win."

Colorado got 13 hits — all singles — in five innings against James Baldwin (2-2).

"It was kind of unusual," Bell said. "We had 13 hits and we hit only two or three of them hard. Baldwin made good pitches and got burned with them."

Todd Helton went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs for the Rockies. Terry Shumpert, Larry Walker and Juan Uribe all had a pair of hits.

The Rockies scored once in the first inning, three times in the second and built the lead to 5-0 in the fourth before the Dodgers began to narrow the gap.

Although Jennings, a first-round pick out of Baylor in the 1999 amateur draft, appeared to tire in the seventh, he said that wasn't the case.

After Paul Lo Duca hit his 20th homer to lead off the inning, Eric Karros doubled and Marquis Grissom walked to chase Jennings.

"For some reason, I got the ball up in the zone to Lo Duca," Jennings said. "I wasn't getting tired."

Gabe White relieved, then Justin Speier came on with one out and the bases loaded. He ended the inning by getting Adrian Beltre to line into a double play.

Jennings made a rookie mistake that helped end his scoreless streak — he was late covering first on a potential double play that would have ended the fifth inning.

Hansen then doubled in the Dodgers' first run.

In the sixth, Jennings again had trouble at first base, dropping a relay throw from Uribe on another potential double-play grounder. Shawn Green, however, was thrown out trying to steal.

Notes: Colorado LF Mario Encarnacion reached on a slow dribbler down the third-base line in the second inning for his first career hit. Los Angeles 2B Mark Grudzielanek, who chipped a bone on the middle finger of his right hand Sunday, will see a hand specialist Thursday. Tracy said RHP Kevin Brown, who came off the disabled list Tuesday to pitch five scoreless innings, felt fine Wednesday and is scheduled to start Sunday against St. Louis.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	56	.579	—
Boston	71	60	.542	5
Toronto	65	68	.489	12
Baltimore	54	78	.409	22 1/2
Tampa Bay	48	85	.361	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	75	57	.568	—
Minnesota	70	63	.526	5 1/2
Chicago	67	64	.512	7 1/2
Detroit	53	78	.405	21 1/2
Kansas City	**53**	**80**	**.398**	**22 1/2**

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	95	38	.714	—
Oakland	77	56	.579	18
Anaheim	69	64	.519	26
Texas	59	74	.444	36

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 2, Boston 1
Oakland 4, Baltimore 1
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 3
Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 10, Texas 8
Kansas City 6, Anaheim 3

Today's Games

Seattle (Garcia 14-5) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-10), 10:15 a.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 8-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-8), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Nomo 11-5) at Cleveland (Colon 10-10), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 10-8) at Baltimore (Johnson 10-9), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-6) at Detroit (Cornejo 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Myette 2-2) at Minnesota (Mays 13-12), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 11-6) at Kansas City (Durbin 7-13), 6:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit (Sparks 9-8) at Toronto (Escobar 6-5), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 13-4) at Baltimore (Maduro 2-4), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 17-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 8-7), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 8-6) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-11), 5:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 8-8) at Minnesota (Radke 11-8), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 9-9) at Kansas City (K.Wilson 6-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Woodard 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 2-2), 6:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	72	60	.545	—
Philadelphia	71	61	.538	1
Florida	62	70	.470	10
New York	62	71	.466	10 1/2
Montreal	56	76	.424	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	77	55	.583	—
Chicago	73	59	.553	4
St. Louis	71	61	.538	6
Milwaukee	59	73	.447	18
Cincinnati	53	79	.401	24
Pittsburgh	49	83	.371	28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	77	55	.583	—
San Francisco	73	60	.549	4 1/2
Los Angeles	72	61	.541	5 1/2
San Diego	66	66	.500	11
Colorado	**58**	**73**	**.443**	**18 1/2**

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 5, Montreal 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 5
Chicago Cubs 5, Florida 1
Houston 6, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 8
St. Louis 16, San Diego 14
Arizona 2, San Francisco 0
Colorado 5, Los Angeles 3

Today's Games

San Diego (Herndon 1-2) at St. Louis (Morris 17-7), 11:40 a.m.
Florida (Sanchez 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 17-5), 12:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reyes 1-4) at Houston (Oswalt 11-2), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Coggin 4-3) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 7-11), 5:10 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 0-2) at Atlanta (Marquis 3-5), 5:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 9-7) at Arizona (Batista 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 8-6) at Los Angeles (Park 12-9), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Montreal (Thurman 6-10) at Philadelphia (Figueroa 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 10-11) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 6-13), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 7-7) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 9-10), 5:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Cruz 1-1) at Atlanta (Burkett 11-8), 5:35 p.m.
Houston (Mlicki 4-1) at Milwaukee (Wright 9-8), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 18-6) at San Diego (Jarvis 11-9), 6:05 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (B.Anderson 3-9) at San Diego (Tollberg 7-4), DH, 2nd game
St. Louis (W.Williams 10-9) at Los Angeles (Gagne 4-6), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 1-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 14-7), 8:35 p.m

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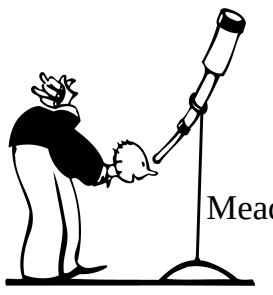
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