# sports **Girls win all matches**

## By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News The Goodland Cowgirl volleyball team started its regular season undefeated Tuesday, taking down teams from Hays, Burlington and Garden City at a quad meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls met players from Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays first, winning the first game 15-12 and dominating the second 15-2.

The girls got off to a rocky start, with the Monarchs racking up 8 points early in the first game before Cowgirl Colleen Koehler spiked the ball into a hole, giving Goodland control.

With Koehler serving, Goodland quickly scored three points, but lost the ball when the Monarchs blocked Janae McKee's kill. The Cowgirls soon regained control with a short serve by a Thomas More player, but then lost it again after Jayci Stone went into the

The Cowgirls stopped the Monarchs from scoring and began tacking on points when the ball returned to their court. With help from Lacey Brenner and Stone serving, the game was soon tied at 10-10.

Thomas More managed to take the lead by two points, but the Cowgirls didn't let them have it for long, as Brenner and Tomi Windell helped bring in four points, making the score of 14-12.

hit, but quickly regained control and sloppy play, let the Buffaloes take the won the game when Monarch Jessie Shields held the ball.

taking the second game.

With Brenner serving, Goodland brought in 7 points early, then lost the final match against the Burlington ball when the Monarchs blocked Cougars, but managed to come out on Alisha McKee's spike. The Cowgirls top, winning the first game 17-15 and regained the ball, but then lost it again, the second 15-9. allowing the Monarchs to score one point.

Goodland was soon back on the path to victory, scoring another point for an advantage of 9-1. The Cowgirls let the Monarchs score once more before after the two teams exchanged the ball Stone and Alisha McKee drove them to a 15-2 win.

Goodland then faced Garden City in a tougher, longer match that the Cowgame 7-15.

Goodland was victorious in the first and third games, taking the Buffaloes, 15-7 and 15-5.

Though Garden City scored a point early in the first game, the Cowgirls responded by racking up a quick 8 points. Goodland let the Buffaloes close the gap, however, and soon Garden City was close, 8-7.

The Cowgirls were just teasing, and took the game 15-7.

The second game wasn't as good.

Goodland lost the ball with a long The Cowgirls started strong but with game. Goodland got its second wind in the third game, though, dominating the The Cowgirls didn't waste anytime court with superior blocking and spikes.

The Cowgirls struggled a bit in their

Alisha McKee helped secure the lead for Goodland early on, and Stone was good at regaining control for the Cowgirls, but the Cougars managed to climb their way to a 12-12 tie. That was several times, both racking up points slowly.

With 14-13 on the scoreboard, the Cowgirls got control of the ball with a girls won despite giving up the second long hit that looked like it was out, but it wasn't.

> With Alisha McKee serving, Goodland tacked on another point when Burlington hit a long ball. Janae McKee hit the ball out of bounds, losing the ball for the Cowgirls.

Burlington got a 15-14 lead, but Cougars' Jennifer Unruh hit a long serve, returning the ball to Goodland. The Cowgirls tied the game and took the lead with an ace from Stone. Dewith aces from Koehler and Alisha spite giving up control to Burlington McKee and kills by Stone, Goodland again, Goodland earned another point and won the game.



Cowgirl Aubrea Winter returned the ball to the Garden City freshman team Tuesday during a game at a guad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The freshman Cowgirls won one of their games, something they haven't done in about a year. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Both teams were tired by the second without scoring, making it a long scored the team's last five points.

with Cimarron. game, and there were long volleys. match. The Cowgirls came out on top, Trista Lalicker were 1 and 1/2-2 and 1/ They passed the ball back and forth however, thanks to Brenner, who 2 to tie for fifth place. They defeated a

The coach said the girls need to work

"Just hitting into someone isn't good

The junior varsity and varsity teams

enough," he said. "They have to hit

holes and gaps."

other quad match.

## **Cowgirls exceed coach's expectations in quad** Cimarron for their one and a half vic-

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The Goodland Daily News Before the Goodland Cowgirls' first match of the season Tuesday, Coach Jerry McKee was careful with his comments, saying he expected his young volleyball players to perform well, but to be a little rusty.

He said the Cowgirls — who played teams from Hays, Burlington and Garden City at the quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse — would be the only team that hadn't already played a match. The girls would have to be alert, learn quickly and make adjustments, he said.

"Well, I hope it goes well," the coach said. "It's our first time out and we've got some bugs to work out."

as the Cowgirls walked off the court team had a tougher time against Gar- 15-9 in the second.

lier, made winning look easy during most of its games and pulled together for a 15-5 victory. in the end, when heat and exhaustion were taking their toll.

and juniors with one senior, didn't let concentration, and they passed. their lack of experience show, maintaining strong defensive and good offensive play.

about 10 p.m. undefeated. The team, den City, a Class 6A team, winning the which looked shaky but promising at first game 15-7, but handing a 7-15 win team's only senior, played an excepthe annual Pop Scrimmage a week ear- to the Buffaloes in the second. The Cowgirls came back in the third game

Goodland looked to struggle the most when it met the Burlington Cou-Coach McKee used words like phe- gars, a Colorado Class 4A team, in the nomenal, exceptional, scrappy and final match, which started about 9 p.m., hard-working to describe the Cow- 51/2 hours after the quad began. Coach girls' performance. He said the young McKee said the long, hard-fought team, comprising mostly sophomores match was a good test of the players'

"There was a lot of heat, fatigue," he said. "Those were well-played points."

Both teams lost and regained control Goodland, which is in Class 4A, of the ball several times, losing it again took down Thomas More Prep, a Class before scoring, but the Cowgirls fought 4A team from Hays, in two short their way to the top, taking down His comments were more confident games, scoring 15-12 and 15-2. The Burlington 17-15 in the first game and

McKee said Lacey Brenner, the minimal time on the court last year. tional match, rising to her duties as McKee said. team leader.

'She had seven kills out of nine however. swings in one game," he said, noting on their passing and improve the placethat she pulled the Cowgirls through their last match against Burlington. ment of their spikes.

"She's the only senior," he said. "That's what she's supposed to do, step up and lead the team."

Coach McKee said other players with less experience, including junior will travel to Leoti on Tuesday for an-Jayci Stone and sophomore Tomi Windell, also rose to the occasion, blocking well and keeping the ball in play.

"We looked very scrappy," he said. "We ran a lot of stuff down."

Many of the players, he said, haven't competed on a varsity team or spent

#### tories. Jenna McGinley of Goodland also entered in a mixed double team with

Emily Howard of Tribune. "Even though not winning any "I was pleased with everyone," matches, they got valuable court experience," Coach Wallace Hansen siad. The Cowgirls' game wasn't perfect,

Team

finishes

second

The Goodland High School junior

varsity girls finished second in a seven-

team tennis match at Tribune on Tues-

The No. 1 doubles team of Ashley

Engel and Michelle Kibel went 4-0 and

won the gold medal, defeating Tribune

No. 1 singles player Megan McCall

went 1 and 1/2-1 and 1/2 and won fifth

place. She defeated Garden City in the

meet's best match by a score of 6-5 (7-

2) with the tie breaker rule in effect.

In No. 2 doubles, Lauren Gray and

Shannon Johnson won third place with

a 3-1 record. They defeated a doubles

team from Scott City 6-4 in the play-

In No. 2 singles, Jenna Roane was 1-

The Goodland 'B' team entered four

girls. In No. 1 doubles, Amber Ridder

and Cortney Palmer had a record of 1

and 1/2- 2 and 1/2 to win fifth. They

defeated a team from Ulysses and tied

In No. 2 doubles, Kristi Boyce and

team from Ulysses and tied with

2 to win fourth place. Her victory came

in a match with Cimarron.

in the playoff finals.

offs to win third.

Next action for Goodland will be a varsity invitational Saturday at Norton. Tuesday, Goodland High will host a varsity invitational. Five teams are entered with a starting time of 2 p.m.

The team has one schedule change on Tuesday, Goodland will host a junior varsity meet, starting at 2 p.m., instead of going to a junior varsity meet at Liberal.



**Royals' pitcher keeps Angels stumped, wins 4-1** 

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The came on Troy Glaus' homer with two Anaheim Angels couldn't figure out outs in the ninth. Jeff Suppan.

Suppan took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and finished with a threehitter to give the Kansas City Royals a 4-1 win over the Angels on Tuesday night.

"Guys were coming back to the bench shaking their heads and saying they got good pitches to hit but popping them up," Anaheim right fielder Tim Salmon said. "Guys were getting themselves out, but I guess that's how pitchers get on a roll."

Suppan (9-11) didn't allow a hit until two outs in the seventh when Scott Spiezio's ground-ball single got past a diving Joe Randa at third base. Salmon followed with a solid single to center field.

Suppan matched his low-hit complete game, and the only run he allowed seven hits in 62-3 innings.

"He threw a very efficient game," Kansas City manager Tony Muser said. "His pitch count was low and he threw strikes to get ahead in the count."

Muser stuck with Suppan, who struck out four and walked one in his ninth career complete game.

"After Glaus hit the homer, we got Roberto Hernandez up in a hurry,' Muser said. "As a manager, you have to make common sense decisions, and sometimes you burn yourself by trying to give the benefit of the doubt to the athlete."

Carlos Beltran hit his 17th homer, a solo shot in the third inning off Jarrod Washburn (11-7), and Gregg Zaun hit a two-run homer in the seventh for the Royals.

Washburn gave up four runs and



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Dee Brown's RBI infield single gave Anderson reached into the left-field Kansas City a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

Angels left fielder Garret Anderson made two solid defensive plays in the first two innings. In the first inning,

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stands to steal a home run from shortstop Neifi Perez. In the second inning, he recorded his fifth assist of the season, throwing out Mike Sweeney trying to stretch a single into a double.

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