

Cowboys travel to Holcomb

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Cowboys face an exciting pigskin match against the Class 3A Holcomb Longhorns at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Holcomb.

The Cowboys beat the Longhorns last year 33-14 at home, but the Longhorns are a much-improved team, says Goodland Head Coach Chris Walters. Even so, the Class 4A Cowboys will have a smaller opponent than the 5A Hays Indians the team faced last week. "The Longhorns should be closer to our size than the Hays Indians," Walters said, "and we will do well on offense."

He said the Cowboys will be running a lot up the middle, and have worked on special teams to avoid the mistakes made last week. The team will need the defense to be strong, the coach said.

"We can't give them a lot of yardage and touchdowns," Walters said. "The defense will have to hold them."

The Holcomb squad had a lot of young players last year, but has 14 returning lettermen this year, including senior quarterback Trey Botts, who was an honorable mention all-conference pick after passing for more than 500 yards last year.

But Walters says the Cowboys have the goods to counter the Longhorns.

Cowboy Quarterback Jared Doe threw 13 completed passes for 185 yards and one touchdown against Hays and was not afraid to run to get out of a jam.

The Cowboys also benefited from defensive plays by Donald Raymer, who had 12 tackles, and Bryan Mai who had nine, and leading rushers Sean Greenlee, who got 80 yards and a touchdown in nine attempts, and Kris Rubio, who ran for 63 yards in 18 attempts.

The freshman team was to play at 4:30 p.m. today against Scott City at Cowboy Stadium.



A Goodland player carried the ball downfield in a junior varsity game in Colby Tuesday. The Cowboys beat the Eagles 14-7.
Photo by Jay Kelley/The Colby Free Press

Junior varsity volleyball team wins at quad

The Cowgirls junior varsity volleyball team started its season undefeated Tuesday night, taking down teams from Hays, Burlington and Garden City at a quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The girls will travel to Denver this weekend to compete in a varsity tournament at Machebeuf High School.

Coach Jerry McKee said he sends the junior varsity to the tournament each year to give them a higher level of competition, and Goodland usually

places.

Mitch Hixson, junior varsity coach, said despite some problems with execution, the Cowgirls performed well Tuesday night.

The team beat Thomas More Prep from Hays 15-12 in the first game and 17-15 in the second.

The girls beat Garden City 15-2 and 15-10. The Cowgirls had more problems with Burlington, losing the first game 13-15, but came back to win 15-9 and 15-12.

"The team performed well for the first time out," Hixson said. "We definitely have some things to work on, but overall I'd give us a thumbs up."

The junior varsity players will leave for Denver on Friday evening, competing in the varsity tournament all day Saturday and returning that night. Coach McKee said competing against varsity teams is good practice for the players, who may move up to varsity next season.

"It's really an excellent opportunity

for those young ladies to play top-level teams," he said, noting that it's also a good chance for him to size up their skills.

The Cowgirls freshman team also had a successful night Tuesday, winning one of their three matches — something the team hasn't done in at least a year.

"I was pleased," McKee said, "that the freshman had a win. They didn't win any matches last year."

The freshman Cowgirls lost their

first match against Thomas More in two games, with scores of 6-15 and 11-15, but beat their next opponent, Garden City, in three games.

Goodland fell in the first 3-15, but was victorious in the second and third, 15-11 and 15-9.

The Cowgirls gave Burlington a challenge, winning the second game, but lost the match in the end.

Goodland lost the first game 9-15, won the second 15-13 and lost the third 5-15.

Freshmen to compete in tourney

The Goodland Cowgirls freshman volleyball team will compete against three other teams at a freshman and "C" team tournament Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Teams from Atwood, Sharon Springs, St. Francis, Garden City and Benkelman, Neb., will attend the tournament, which starts at 9 a.m. and will end about 2 p.m.

There will be five "C" teams competing and four freshman teams. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

At 9 a.m., Benkelman's "C" team will face St. Francis on the north court, Goodland's and St. Francis' freshman will play on the south court and freshman from Benkelman and Sharon Springs will play in the junior high gym.

Following matches will be played on the first open court and teams will rally the third game.

At 10 a.m., Garden City's "C" team will face Atwood, Benkelman's "C" team will play Sharon Springs and the freshman Cowgirls will play Sharon Springs. At 11, Garden City's "C" team will play St. Francis, Benkelman freshman will face St. Francis and Garden City's "C" team will take on Sharon Springs.

At noon, Benkelman's "C" players will face Atwood, freshman from St. Francis and Sharon Springs will play and Atwood's "C" team will face St. Francis. During the last matches, Benkelman and Goodland freshman will play, Atwood and Sharon Springs "C" players will compete, Benkelman's "C" team will play Garden City and "C" teams from Sharon Springs and St. Francis will face off.

Mustangs stomp Eagles in matches

The seventh grade Mustangs volleyball team stomped Colby's A and B teams last Thursday during their first matches of the season, held in Colby.

The Grant Junior High A team beat Colby in two out of three games, winning the first game 15-13 before falling 15-17 in the second and coming back to win 15-10 in the third.

The B team dominated, taking the Eagles down 15-2 and 15-7. Coach Andy Scheopner said the players did a great job for their first time facing competition.

"The girls played very well for the

first match of the season," he said. "In the first game, we were behind 12-3 and came back and won 15-13."

Emily Murray, Dani Bedore and Whitney Archer were the leaders of the A team, racking up a total of 37 points for the team and making 18 kills.

In the A team match, Shandel Simon scored 2 points, had two kills and no assists; Lindsay Schields scored 4 points, had no kills and 1 assist; Ashley Cebula, Kaylee Billinger, and Nicolette Clancy each had 1 kill; Murray, 9 points, 1 kill, 1

assist; Archer, 13 points, 8 kills, 3 assists; Bedore, 15 points, 9 kills, 6 assists; and Jena McCall, 2 points, 7 kills, no assists.

Emily Linden, Kerri Bellamy and Nicole David led the B team to victory, scoring a total of 17 points.

In the B team match, Linden scored 5 points; Alicia Studer, 2 points, 2 kills, no assists; Alegra Ragels, 4 points, 1 kill; Stephanie Sheldon, 1 point; Tanae Garrett, 1 point, 2 kills; Amber Cowan, 1 kill; Candice Meisinger, 1 point, 2 kills, 1 assist; Bellamy, 5 points; David, 7 points, 2 kills; and Vanessa Crotinger, 2 kills.

Smoker looks death in the eye

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way he could receive food and medicine. When he regained his strength, he had another procedure where his stomach was stretched up and attached to the back of his throat to make a new esophagus.

He now uses the electronic device to talk and breathes through a tracheotomy — a hole in his throat that opens directly to his lungs. The new passage way to his stomach will not stay open on it's own, so every morning he has to insert a two-foot tube down his throat for five minutes to dilate the opening so he is able to eat and drink for that day and take the medications

he will be on for the rest of his life. He has to be careful while showering, and can not go swimming because of the possibility of drowning if water gets into the tracheotomy.

Young said his cancer has been an obstacle to overcome, yet with a few lifestyle changes he hasn't slowed down a bit. He and his wife live in St. Charles, Mo., and has, for the last five years, been speaking at high schools, middle schools, and grade schools on the average of three times a week.

Despite the horrors he has been through, Young says he considers himself one of the lucky ones. He's alive, and his cancer is in remission.

"The presentation was a very realistic account from a man who knows the battle for survival," said Jim Mull, principal of Grant Junior High and a former smoker. "The pictures impacted students, and I hope at least one or two decided never to start smoking,

because once you start, it is really hard to quit. I quit 25 years ago and I know it is hard."

The kids gasped in horror at some of the pictures. Comments were made about "not going to be able to eat lunch," "I didn't know smoking could do that," and "I am never going to smoke."

The Hispanic Advisory Board, the Regional Prevention Center and Kansas Smokless Kids Initiative sponsored the presentation.

Barb Fernandez from the Hispanic Advisory Board said that they wanted to find someone to come in and talk to the children about smoking. She said that she was impressed by the turnout of students and the attentive way they listened.

"My goal here is to save one person from dying prematurely due to tobacco use," Young said. "If I can do that, through my story, it has been worth it."



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