

New tennis courts christened

Cowgirls a young team, finish third at home

The Cowgirls' tennis team finished third in the Goodland Invitational Tournament hosted at Steever Park after a ribbon-cutting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The atmosphere of the event was relaxed with audience members bringing their own lawn chairs and the players keeping their own scores and serving as their own line judges. But the players did not have disputes and temper tantrums as so often seen in professional tennis matches.

"It is very much a self-officiated sport," Coach Wallace Hansen said, "but the girls have been pretty honest."

The program, only in its second year, is maintained with help coming from whoever is available. The players and coaches chased down stray balls, and Hansen served as coordinator of the event until Brenda Linin, a junior high teacher, was finished with classes.

The Cowgirls are a young team, lacking in experience, the coach said, because the program is only in its second year. It takes time to build a program, he said, but the new tennis courts are helping to boost interest in the sport.

The coach has enjoyed watching the team improve and mature.

"It's fun to see the players improve," Hansen said, "but then you wonder if it is enough because the other teams' players improve too."

Four schools participated in the round robin tournament which was the first event held on the new courts.

When the dust had settled, Tribune won the team title, Colby was second, Goodland was third and Garden City fourth.

Individual champions were: Erin Dixon of Tribune, #1 singles; Crystal Mannebach of Colby, #2 singles; Trista Moritz and Tricia Sloan of Tribune, #1 doubles and Candi Hoffman and Shenna Moritz of Tribune, #2 doubles.

Goodland placings were: Abby Schoepner, 3rd in #1 singles; Shannon Showalter, 3rd in #2 singles; Jessica Vignery and Jennifer Mentzer, 3rd in #1 doubles and Megan McCall and Leslie Knitig, 3rd in #2 doubles.

Shannon Showalter lost a heartbreaking match to Crystal Mannebach of Colby 6-5 (7-5). At one point in the match, Shannon had a 5-2 lead but just wasn't able to put it away. Her current record is 4-2.

Mentzer and Vignery also lost two close matches after leading in both. They had a nice victory over Barnett and Fisher of Garden City 6-4.

Schoepner's victory was over Keisha Kinney of Garden City 6-5 (7-5) and McCall and Knitig's victory came over Hurchka and Vu of Garden City 6-2.

The next action for the Goodland squad will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Hays at the junior varsity invitational. The varsity squad will compete at 8 a.m. Saturday in Colby.

Goodland will host a junior varsity tournament at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Steever Park with Tribune, Scott City and Garden City joining the Cowgirls.



Jennifer Mentzer smacked a mean serve in doubles, but she and Jessica Vignery placed third at the Goodland Invitational Tennis Tournament held at the new tennis courts at Steever Park Tuesday.

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KU players face charges of theft

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Charges were filed Tuesday against two Kansas football players in the theft of a student's purse.

According to a statement issued by Douglas County District Attorney Christine Kenney, quarterback Mario Kinsey was charged with theft of lost or mislaid property and two counts of criminal use of a financial card.

Running back Reggie Duncan was charged with theft of lost or mislaid property and one count of criminal use of a financial card. All of the charges are misdemeanors.

The victim of the theft, 22-year-old Lindsay Douglas, told the Lawrence Journal-World earlier that the purse disappeared June 12 from a bench in front of an academic building when she briefly went into the building. She said she had seen Kinsey and Duncan in the area at the time her purse was taken.

After the purse disappeared, Douglas called the credit card company to

report that the card was missing. She learned the card had been used to buy pizza. Before calling police, Douglas called the restaurant and obtained the phone number of the people who ordered the pizza and the address where it was delivered.

Douglas said she later learned from university police that the contents of her purse, including the credit card, were found in a Jayhawker Towers apartment where the suspects live.

Coach Terry Allen on Tuesday said that both Kinsey and Duncan would play in Saturday's home game against Wyoming. He said no further action would be taken to punish the players, who had been suspended from the team's home opener Sept. 1 for violating team rules.

"We did what we did," Allen said. "There's nothing to comment about."

Kinsey and Duncan were not available to comment. Both are scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 10.

Denver loses injured player for the season

DENVER (AP) — It was a scene the Denver Broncos and their fans had witnessed countless times before.

Without heed for personal safety or the inevitable consequences, Ed McCaffrey makes a spectacular catch and then gets flattened by a cornerback, linebacker or free safety.

The collisions are typically followed by a quick check of body parts and a brief trip to the sideline.

This time, McCaffrey remained on the ground, clutching his left leg in pain.

"I tried to help him up, and one of the New York guys tried to help him up,"

said Denver tight end Desmond Clark. "You just think he's laid up for a second and he's going to bounce up. He said, 'My leg is broken.' He was calm about it, and I looked down and saw it. It kind of freaked me out for a second."

McCaffrey will miss the rest of the season after breaking both bones in his left leg during Denver's 31-20 victory over the New York Giants on Monday night.

Doctors at Swedish Medical Center placed steel rods in McCaffrey's leg during a two-hour operation early Tuesday morning, and he is expected to be sidelined for six months.

Terrorist attacks prompt cancellations

By Ronald Blum

AP Sports Writer

Ballparks stood empty, race tracks fell dark and sports television networks replayed scenes of devastation instead of games.

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon brought professional and college sports to a standstill nationwide Tuesday and it was unclear when they would resume.

Major league baseball postponed a full schedule of regular-season games for the first time since D-Day in 1944, many college football games were called off and the NFL was deciding whether to play Sunday.

"Football doesn't seem too important right now," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said.

Baseball, with just 2 1/2 weeks remaining in its pennant races, perhaps was most affected. Teams are fighting for playoff berths and Barry Bonds hopes to hit eight more home runs to break Mark McGwire's record of 70.

Besides work stoppages, it was the first time since the Allied invasion of France that baseball wiped out a whole day of regular-season play. The New York Yankees also canceled Wednesday night's game against the Chicago White Sox at Yankee Stadium, which was evacuated within 90 minutes of the first attack.

Security was tightened outside the 78-year-old ballpark in the South Bronx, more than 10 miles from the World Trade Center but perhaps the building that most symbolizes American sports.

The White Sox planned to take a bus to Cleveland on Wednesday morning, an indication baseball would probably wipe out more games. They were scheduled to play the Yankees again Thursday.

Commissioner Bud Selig said he made the decision to postpone games "in the interest of security and out of a sense of deep mourning for the national tragedy."

The NFL, criticized for playing af-

ter President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, wasn't sure whether to play this weekend's schedule.

"We'll gather information and speak to several parties within the next 24 to 48 hours," league spokesman Joe Browne said.

Jacksonville Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin's son, Tim, was in the World Trade Center when the first plane crashed into it, but escaped uninjured.

College football commissioners considered postponing the weekend's entire schedule. Three games set for Thursday night and four on Saturday were postponed, including No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what has happened today," NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said.

Commissioners of the NCAA's Division I-A conferences held a conference call to discuss their options for staging this weekend's football games. There were 116 Division I games scheduled for Thursday through Saturday. The ACC postponed all sports through Thursday.

Three Thursday night games were called off: Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso was tentatively pushed back to Saturday; Ohio at North Carolina State was rescheduled for Nov. 24; and Penn State at Virginia was not immediately rescheduled.

Saturday's Washington-Miami game might be played Nov. 24. Other games wiped out that day include Arizona State-UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. (might be played Dec. 1); San Diego State at Ohio State (rescheduled for Oct. 20); and Brown at San Diego (canceled).

Also: — The PGA Tour canceled Thursday's starts of the World Golf Championship and two other tournaments. Commissioner Tim Finchem said the World Golf Championship in St. Louis will begin Friday with 36 holes.

The Tampa Bay Classic will open with 18 holes each on Friday and Saturday and a 36-hole conclusion. The same schedule has been applied to the Buy.com Tour event in Oregon. The Senior Tour will remain on schedule, with a 54-hole event that starts Friday in North Carolina.

"This is a sad, sad day in America," Tiger Woods said.

— Olympic officials said security for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics will be completely re-evaluated but vowed the games will go on as planned from Feb. 8-24. A \$200 million plan to protect athletes and spectators is no longer sufficient, said Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

"I look for the federal government to revisit the public safety plans for the

games," he said.

— NASCAR canceled Friday's qualifying for the New Hampshire 300 in Loudon but made no decision concerning the race itself. The Indy Racing League will decide Wednesday on the status of Sunday's Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

— Garnet "Ace" Bailey, 53, a former NHL player with Boston, Detroit and St. Louis, and director of pro scouting for the Los Angeles Kings, was aboard United Airlines Flight 175, one of two planes that hit the World Trade Center. Mark Bavis, an amateur scout for the Kings, also was aboard.

It was only the third time the major leagues postponed an entire day's schedule, besides when there has been labor strife, according to Scot Mondore of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

The others were Aug. 2, 1923, when President Harding died; and June 6, 1944, when Allied forces invaded France in World War II. Exhibition games were called off on April 14, 1945, two days after the death of President Roosevelt.

In Pittsburgh, the New York Mets left a hotel across the street from a federal building and moved to the suburbs as a security precaution.

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