



The Grant Junior High Mustangs warmed up for the McCook Invitational Meet Thursday, Sept. 13.

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Cross-country team competes in Nebraska

The Grant Junior High Mustangs traveled to Nebraska last Thursday to run a one-mile race at the McCook Invitational.

The top finisher for the Mustangs was Tiffany Thomas, who finished the race 15th, with a time of 7:09. Close behind her was Steven Lang, who finished 16th in 7:16. Brian Boyce finished 21st in 7:40; Jory Nelaimischkies finished 23rd in 7:43; and Whitney Dautel finished 26th in 8:06.

Chelsea Ontiveroz ran the race in 8:26 and finished 30th. Other Mustang runners were: Sami Philbrick, 32nd; Julie Leiker, 33rd; Kaitlin Lee, 34th; Alicia Felver, 35th; Jillian Parker, 36th; Justine Skyler, 38th; Mandy Campbell, 40th; Arely Bacasegua, 41st; Ashley Sandoval, 42nd; Cody Engel, 43rd; Jessica Lu, 44th; and Michael Smith, 45th.

Runners finish third

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

The Cowboys cross country team finished third, while the Cowgirls finished fourth at the Oakley Invitational meet last week. The 3.1 mile race was won by a Cowboy.

Speedy Aguilar won the race last Thursday, with a time of 18:33. Next finisher for Goodland was Timothy Kafka in 15th, with a time of 20:04. Daniel Blake finished 19th in 20:44; Jordan Zwegygart 27th in 22:24; Josef Felver 30th in 23:37; Shawn Weber 31st in 23:57; and Craig Mason 37th in 24:48.

Colby had the top team score of 25, followed by Wheatland with 49, Goodland with 76 and Oakley with 87.

Five other schools sent individual runners, but did not have the five required to earn a team score. They are Hoxie, Ellis, Hill City, Jennings and Quinter.

Deanna Livengood finished 33rd for the Cowgirls, with a time of 15:53 in the two-mile race. She was followed by

Charlie Short, who finished 35th in 16:08; Wendy Keith 40th in 17:05; Rachael Hagerman 41st in 17:47; Chelsee Phillips 43rd in 17:52; and Jennifer Enfield 51st in 21:00.

Colby was the top team with a score of 33, followed by Greeley County with 52, Oakley with 65 and Goodland with 98. Other schools with individual participants were Ellis, Hill City, Hoxie, Jennings, Northern Valley, Quinter, Weskan and Wheatland.

Goodland faced tougher competition, including teams from Colorado and Oklahoma, at the Ulysses Invitational Tuesday. The Cowboys finished eighth and the Cowgirls ninth.

Aguilar finished seventh with a time of 17:52. Kafka was the next Cowboy and finished 23rd in 18:44. Weber finished 36th in 19:24; Blake 44th in 19:51; Felver 62nd in 21:26; and Zwegygart 63rd in 21:26.

Lamar, Colo. had the top team score of 83, followed by Ulysses with 88; Guymon, Okla. with 101; Dodge City with 111; Beaver, Okla. with 118;

Deerfield with 128; Scott City with 147; Goodland with 157; and Stanton County with 198.

Schools that did not have a team score were Pritchett, Colo., South Gray and Dighton.

Mason was the lone junior varsity runner for the Cowboys. He finished 31st in 22:48.

Livengood led the Cowgirls finishing 22nd in 14:33. Keith finished 31st in 15:14; Short 40th in 15:40; Hagerman 44th in 16:00; and Phillips 64th in 17:37.

Dodge City was the top team with a score of 51 followed by Ulysses with 89; Stanton County with 104; Beaver, Okla. with 106; Hugoton with 114; Guymon, Okla. with 135; Dighton with 152; Lamar, Colo. with 156; and Goodland with 168. Scott City and Kinsley sent runners, but did not have team scores.

Enfield and Kelsi Ihrig ran for the junior varsity Cowgirls. Enfield finished 10th in 17:55, and Ihrig finished 11th in 18:11.

Volleyball team wins two

The Cowgirls junior varsity volleyball team won both of their matches at a triangular match in Holcomb on Thursday, while the freshman team lost both of their matches.

Coach Mitch Hixson said the junior varsity team beat Holcomb in three games, losing the first 16-18, before taking the second and third 15-10 and 15-7. He said the Cowgirls stepped up in their second match against Ulysses, beating the team in two games, 15-13 and 15-7.

Coach Hixson said the team, which usually has eight players, with six on the court at one time, had to operate with only six players, which means no one got a break during games. He said two of the team's leading players moved up to the varsity team, which had two injured girls.

"I was proud of the six we had," he said. "They stepped up and they looked like they were enjoying being on the court. Attitude is important."

While the Cowgirls had execution problems in the first match, Hixson said they worked it out against Ulysses.

"We cut our errors in that last match and we played better," he said.

The freshman team wasn't as successful, as Coach Dave Hardy said they had a tough time in both of their matches, losing to Holcomb in two games, 5-15 and 7-15 and falling to Ulysses in two games, 3-15 and 1-15.

The junior varsity team will take on players from Wheatland, Colby and Scott City on Saturday at a quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the freshman will travel to a tournament in Brewster on Saturday.

Activities distract players

By Rachel Miscal
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With homecoming activities on their mind and still recovering from a tournament in Denver, the Cowgirls varsity volleyball team had trouble focusing at a triangular match in Holcomb on Thursday, walking away with a win and loss.

"We just struggled in play," Coach Jerry McKee said. "We had streaks where we gave up points."

Despite snatching the first game 16-14, Goodland fell to Holcomb in the team's first match, losing the second and third games, 13-15 and 10-15.

The Cowgirls managed to pick up their play in the second match, defeating a team from Ulysses in three games. Goodland took the first and third games 15-5 and 15-13, letting Ulysses get a leg up in the second, 11-15.

Before the team left for the 150-mile drive to Holcomb on Thursday afternoon, Coach McKee said the annual match is usually a difficult one for Goodland because the players are tired and the competition is tough.

The Cowgirls spent the weekend in

Denver, the coach said, participating in a tournament at Overland High School that lasted about 12 hours. Two top players, Alisha McKee and Janae McKee, were injured at the tournament, but McKee said they were both able to play Thursday.

Along with the fatigue and injuries, the coach said, the girls are preoccupied with homecoming activities. While the Cowgirls were playing in Holcomb on Thursday, their classmates were preparing for the annual homecoming parade and pep rally that night. There is a homecoming dance and football game planned for tonight.

"We just got back from Denver," McKee said, "and there are all these extra activities for homecoming. It was hard to focus."

He said the team could have a tough time again on Saturday, when Goodland hosts a varsity and junior varsity quadrangular match starting at 9 a.m., playing teams from Scott City, Colby and Wheatland. The Cowgirls will go into the match with a 9-4 season record, already losing once to Scott City in Leoti.

"We'll see how we set up for tomorrow," he said. "All three of these teams will be competitive."

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Pitcher fields well, Royals win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Chris George figured the surest way to get on national TV was to do something special, so he made the best play of his life.

George made a sensational fielding play in the first inning and then held Cleveland to four hits over the next six, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 4-2 win over the Indians Thursday night.

In the first inning, George raced to the first-base line and scooped Kenny Lofton's slow roller with his glove. In one motion, George then flipped it 15-20 feet to first baseman Mike Sweeney to nip Lofton by a step.

"I think that was probably the best play I ever made," George said.

George said his goal this season was to make a play worthy of inclusion on ESPN's "Web Gems" highlight reel of great defensive plays. He was pretty sure he had.

"I hope my folks get to see it," he said.

The Indians turned four double plays behind rookie Ryan Drese (1-1) but couldn't figure out George.

"I thought he pitched great," said Royals manager Tony Muser, who called a pitchers-only meeting before the game after Kansas City walked 18 the previous two nights.

"The last two nights were disasters," Muser said.



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