

Cowgirls beat Colby in quad

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The Goodland Cowgirls lost their first two matches against teams from Wheatland and Scott City on Saturday at a volleyball quad meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse, but were able to defeat Colby in the last match.

Goodland, Class 4A, lost to Wheatland, a Class 1A school, in three games, falling in the first 15-17, before making a short-lived comeback in the second 17-15. The Cowgirls gave Wheatland the last game, 5-15.

Scott City, another Class 4A school which had already beaten the Cowgirls once this year, defeated Goodland in two games, 4-15 and 7-15, but the Cowgirls pulled it together in the end, taking Colby, also Class 4A, in the last match. Goodland started off weak, losing the first game 5-15, but took the match after beating Colby 15-9 in the second game and 15-9 again in the third.

Coach Jerry McKee said it was a tough day because Goodland was facing strong opponents. He said Scott City was undefeated coming into the quad, while Wheatland had only one loss and Colby had a season record of 6-3. The Cowgirls had a season record of 9-4 going into the match.

The teams played for over seven hours, with Scott City beating Colby, Colby beating Wheatland and Wheatland beating Scott City for the Beavers' first loss of the season.

Coach McKee said the matches were long because the teams were competitive and basically of equal caliber.

"There were long volleys," he said, "and it was tough to score on your opponent."

The coach said the Cowgirls switched their lineup for Colby and that helped. He said the girls stayed up late Friday night to attend the homecoming dance and that may have made players tired before the day started.

"If we played again tomorrow," he said, "it would go all different."

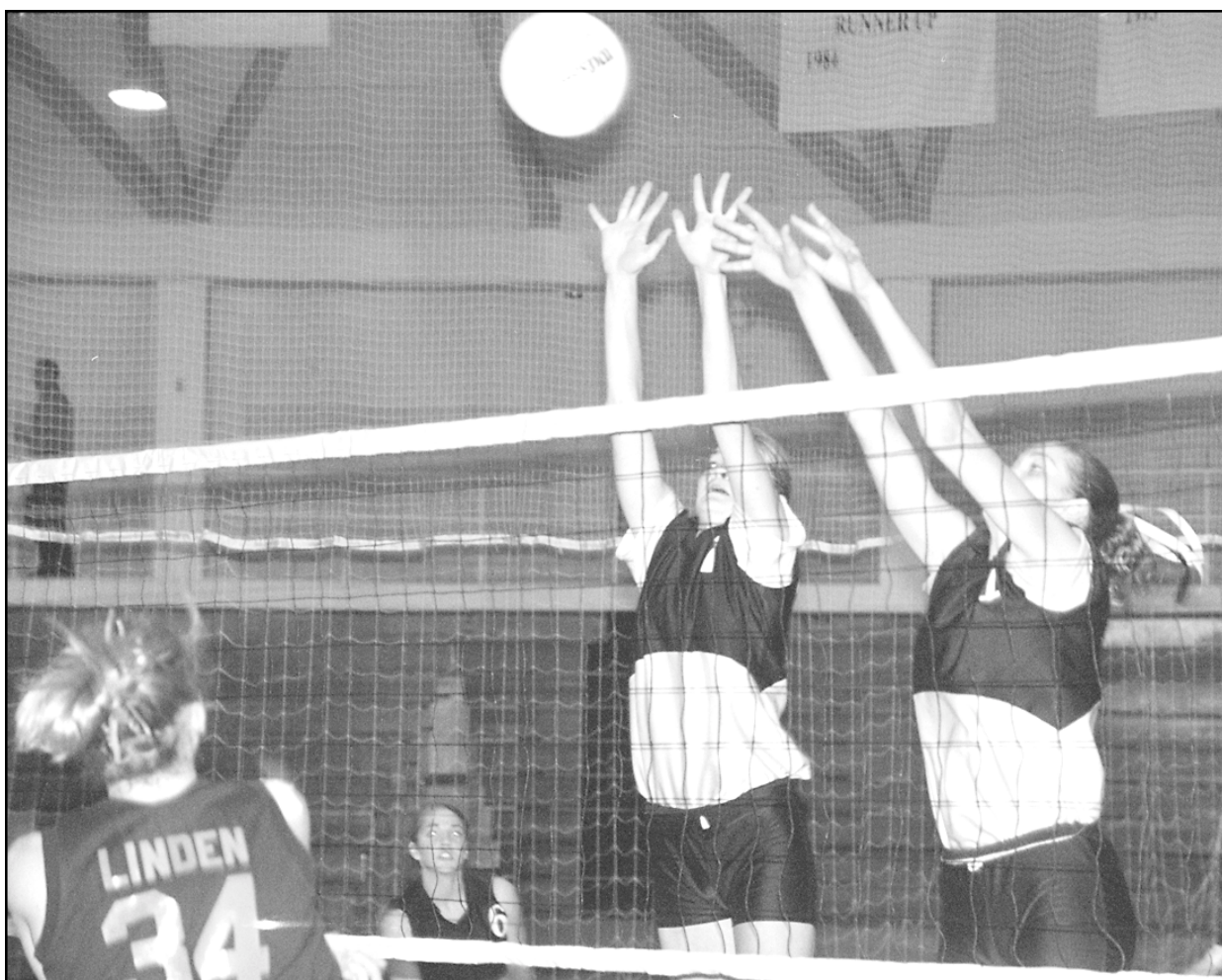
A bunch of seniors led the Cowgirls through an undefeated regular season last year, but the new team has only one senior and is younger and less experienced. Coach McKee said the team is improving and working out kinks, and the match on Saturday helped the players gain some experience.

"We're trying to bring this team along," he said. "We got some excellent experience today. It's unusual to have teams of this caliber in one quad. All of the coaches walked out saying, 'Yeah, that was fun.'"

One problem the Cowgirls had on Saturday was holding onto their lead. At one point in the second game against Wheatland, Goodland had a 10 point lead, 14-4.

Though the Cowgirls won the game, the players let Wheatland close the gap, ending at 17-15. Coach McKee said part of that is just the flow of volleyball and part is the team's inability to play consistently.

"It's just the way the ball bounces," he said, noting that the girls are improving their offensive play, but can't generate the same level of effort throughout the game.



Two Cowgirls volleyball players blocked a hit from a Colby player during a quad match on Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Goodland beat Colby in the last match of the day, but lost to teams from Wheatland and Scott City.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Team wins two of three

The Goodland Cowgirl junior varsity won two of its three matches at a quad on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, while the freshman team lost four at a c-team tournament in Brewster.

The junior varsity team beat Wheatland and Scott City in two games each, taking Wheatland 15-10 and 15-1 and Scott 15-11 and 16-14. The Cowgirls lost to Colby in two, 8-15 and 6-15.

Coach Mitch Hixson said the Cowgirls didn't look like the same team in the third match.

"We played well during the first two matches," he said. "Our execution was

consistent, but then we had a complete brain freeze in the third match against Colby. I was disappointed."

The coach said the players have to learn that being mentally prepared is even more important than being physically prepared.

"Colby is a good team," he said, "but we didn't mentally show up to play. The mental side is to the physical side as 4 is to 1."

The freshman team lost all four of the matches it played in Brewster, falling to teams from Sharon Springs, Jennings and Rexford.

Coach Dave Hardy said the Cow-

girls lost to all of the teams in two games. Sharon Springs No. 2, 8-15 and 12-15; Jennings, 6-15, 2-15; Golden Plains (Rexford) 9-15, 12-15; and Sharon Springs No. 1, 7-15 and 8-15.

Coach Hardy said the players build momentum, but then lose it quickly and are prone to errors.

"The momentum just swings," he said, "from one serve to the next. We make a ton of errors; that's been our pattern all year. Unless we fix the pattern, we'll keep losing."

He said the girls are continuing to work and improve.

Sixth-place finish tops for cross-country team

A Goodland girl took sixth place as the Grant Junior High Mustangs competed at the Ogallala Invitational cross country meet Thursday.

Tiffany Thomas finished the one-mile race in 6:39 to finish sixth. The next Goodland girl to finish was Whitney Dautel who completed the race in 7:08 to finish 14th.

Julie Leiker finished 18th in 7:27. Alicia Felver finished 20th in 7:29. Jory Nelaimeschies finished 21st in 7:30 with Chelsea Ontiveroz

right behind her at 22nd in 7:31.

Kaitlin Lee finished 25th in 7:50 with Sami Philbrick right behind her at 26th in 7:52. Jillian Parker finished 30th in 8:24. Mandy Campbell finished 32nd in 8:54. Jessica Lu finished 33rd in 9:01.

For the Goodland boys, Steven Lang had the best time at 6:33, but finished 27th. Brian Boyce finished 35th in 7:17. Cody Engel finished 40th in 10:42. Michael Smith finished 41st in 12:38.

Tigers beat Royals 4-2; losing streak in K.C. ends

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Because the game didn't mean much, Steve Sparks didn't feel the need to complete it.

Sparks stopped Kansas City for eight innings and the Detroit Tigers beat the Royals 4-2 Monday night to stop a nine-game losing streak at Kauffman Stadium.

Sparks is tied for the major league lead with six complete games, but decided after 119 pitches that was enough. He told manager Phil Garner he was spent after stranding two runners in the eighth.

"It's one of the games late in the season that literally means nothing," Sparks said. "You get to a certain point and under it (pitches) and dragging a little in a close game. I went as hard as I could as long as I could."

Sparks (12-9) set a career high for victories. The knuckleballer gave up eight hits, walked three and struck out five over eight innings.

Sparks turned over the lead to Matt Anderson, who worked a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

The Tigers won in Kansas City for the first time since July 2, 2000.

"Have we not won a game here (this year)?" Garner said. "Who is counting. Darn right, I'm celebrating."

Mike Sweeney hit his AL-leading 45th double to drive in two Royals' runs in the first. He hit only .174 with one RBI on Kansas City's recent six-game road trip.

Sweeney has 93 RBIs, and needs seven more to become the first player in team history to record three consecutive 100-RBI seasons.

Licensing issues to be cleared up before Jordan can make comeback

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan has said he's not coming back for the money, yet it's big finance that's holding up his official announcement.

A licensing issue involving the league and one of Jordan's sponsors kept the sports world waiting at least another day for confirmation that Jordan will end his three-year retirement and play for the Washington Wizards this season.

A statement from Jordan outlining the reasons for his comeback was getting some final polish Monday, but it never made it to the copy machines.

One major stack of paperwork is complete. Because owners can't play, Jordan had to sell his share in Lincoln Holdings, which owns a portion of the Wizards, the NHL's Washington Capitals and the MCI Center. Jordan's stake, about 10 percent, goes to Lincoln Holdings majority owner Ted Leonsis.

"My understanding is that the ownership documents are finished," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "It just requires Michael's decision as to whether he's going to play."


The question of "whether" Jordan will return has essentially been replaced by "when," but this latest dispute over licensing could delay the announcement until the last possible moment. Jordan needs to make his intentions known by next Monday's media day, when the team departs for training camp in Wilmington, N.C.

Rather than be included in the group licensing agreement between the players' union and the league, Jordan reached his own licensing agreement with the NBA in 1992 — a side deal that would remain in effect for the upcoming season and beyond when Jordan returns. The quarrel that led to Monday's holdup apparently involved amending that agreement.

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League Sept. 24 Goodland Medical Arts Pharmacy over Bowladium Lanes 3-1 Callahan's Trucking over Clawson's 3-1 KLOE and Mann's Jewelry tied 2-2 Individual high game: Jeannie Pyles-202 Individual high series: Diana Nichols-560 Team high game: Medical Arts Pharmacy-620 Team high series: Medical Arts Pharmacy-1764 League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 10, 6; No. 2, 3 and 4 (tie) Medical Arts Pharmacy, KLOE and Mann's Jewelry 8, 8. Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League Week of Sept. 24 Accounting and Tax Services over Budweiser 3-1 Fitzgibbon's over Luci's Aquarium 3-1 Western Insurance over Rasure Lumber 3-1 Truck & Tractor over Kear Quality Liquor 4-0 Just 4 Bowlers over Motor Doctor 4-0 Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Tara Farms 4-0 Men's high game: Darren Hickson-245 Men's high series: Darren Hickson-650 Women's high game: Regina Mastin-218 Women's high series: Margaret Russell-549 Team high game: Just 4 Bowlers-939	Team high series: Just 4 Bowlers-2515 League Standings: 1 and 2 (tie) Accounting & Tax Services and Lonny's Quality Auto Body 14, 6 and 3. Fitzgibbon's 13, 7. Thursday Night Mixed League Sept. 20 Mex & Company over Sunwest Investments 4-0 Goodland Development Corp. over Rain or Shine 3-1 Our Team over McDonald's 3-1 Charlie's Angels over Half Fast Four 3-1 The Grannies & The Gramps over Weis Oil 4-0 Women's high game: Shelly Thompson-202 Women's high series: Diana Nichols-503 Men's high game: Pat Thompson-181 Men's high series: Pat Thompson-532 Team high game: The Grannies & The Gramps-850 Team high series: The Grannies & The Gramps-2343 League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 10, 2; No. 2 Our Team 9, 3; No. 3 The Grannies & The Gramps 8, 4.
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flag football

Goodland Activities Center Flag Football Scores for week 3 & 4 Week 3 1st & 2nd Grade League Team # 3 over - Team # 1 12-6 Team # 2 over Team # 4 25-6 3rd & 4th Grade Team # 3 over Team # 1 12-6 Team # 2 over Team # 4 18-0 5th & 6th Grade Team # 3 over Team # 2 26-6 Team # 5 over Team # 4 14-8 Team # 6 and Team # 1 tie 0-0 Week 4 1st & 2nd Grade Team # 1 over Team # 2 12 - 0 Team # 4 and Team # 3 tie 6-6 3rd & 4th Grade Team # 2 over Team # 1 26-6 Team # 3 over Team # 4 14- 6 5th & 6th Grade All games were canceled due to rain and will be played on October 8th.	USD 314 Wishes the best to ALL Brewster Students! Go Bulldogs! 
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Cowgirls to host quad match

The Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team will host a varsity and junior varsity quad match tonight at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, facing teams from Weskan, Tribune and Brewster.

The quad will start at 3:30 p.m., with the last match scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m. Match times are approximate and will run ahead of schedule when possible. The junior varsity matches will rally score third games.

Goodland varsity players will play on the north court, facing Tribune at 4:30 p.m., Weskan about 5:30 and Brewster about 8:30.

The junior varsity will play on the south court, facing Tribune at 3:30 p.m., Weskan about 5:30 and Brewster about 7:30.

Rockies beat Padres 15-11 at Coors Field

DENVER (AP) — On a big night of hitting at Coors Field, Rickey Henderson's feats might have been most notable.

Henderson closed in on two major milestones, but Larry Walker went 4-for-4 with two homers and five runs scored to lead the Colorado Rockies to a 15-11 victory over the San Diego Padres on Monday night.

Henderson was 4-for-5 with three runs scored, leaving him three runs short of tying Ty Cobb's major league record of 2,245 and seven hits shy of 3,000. Henderson also hit his 500th career double.

"I never stop marveling at him," San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "He is a warrior and he is a walking baseball record."

Even his opponents were impressed by Henderson.

"Every time he got a hit tonight, I'd come over to first base and ask him how many more he needed (for 3,000)," Rockies first baseman Todd Helton said. "I told him I'd like to see him do it, but I didn't want him to do it tonight."

Henderson has 12 games left this season to reach the marks. He already broke Babe Ruth's career walks record earlier this season and holds the major league mark for most steals.

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Wednesday, Sept. 26 – Hearing Screening, 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27 – JH VB, 3 p.m.; JH FB with Sharon Springs, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28 – HS FB at Triplains, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 1 – HS JV FB with Cheylin, 5:30 p.m.

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