

Cowgirls win quad match

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After losing two of three matches at a home meet on Saturday, the Cowgirls volleyball team sprang back to life on Tuesday, soundly defeating teams from Weskan, Brewster and Tribune at a quad at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland, a Class 4A school, easily took all three of the Class 1A teams in two games each, limiting the opponents to less than 10 points in all but one game.

The Cowgirls faced Tribune first, stomping the Jackrabbits 15-6 in the first game and 15-3 in the second.

Goodland repeated the victory against Weskan, taking the Coyotes 15-6, 15-5.

The first game against Brewster was tougher for the Cowgirls, as they let the Bulldogs score 13 points, but Goodland dominated the second game, 15-3.

"We just had a better night," Coach Jerry McKee said, noting that the competition may not have been as tough as the Cowgirls have been facing.

The teams came from smaller schools, but that doesn't always mean much. Wheatland, a Class 1A team, beat Goodland on Saturday and handed Class 4A Scott City its first loss, too.

McKee said the Cowgirls had more

rest on Tuesday, were more focused and just played better.

"We were on attack more," the coach said, "controlled the ball better and made less errors."

When the players took the court on Saturday, he said, it was apparent they were tired from a tri match 150 miles away in Holcomb on Thursday and the homecoming dance Friday night.

"If we played again tomorrow," McKee said on Saturday, "it would go all different."

It was completely different Tuesday; the coach said all of the varsity players stepped up their performance.

"I think they all played pretty well," he said. "We didn't have as many breakdowns."

Tuesday was last time Goodland will play at home until the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Oct. 13. Sub-state competition will follow, and Coach McKee said the young team — which has only one senior player — has a good chance of making it to the state tournament.

"The chance is always good," he said. "We just have to play well on that day."

McKee said he should know today who the Cowgirls will face at sub-state competition and where it will be held.

Volleyball teams to play Saturday

The Cowgirl junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams will travel to Oakley on Saturday to face Grinnell, Colby, Oakley and Wheatland in a tournament.

Coach Jerry McKee said he expects the varsity to perform well at the tournament, which the Cowgirls have dominated for the past four to seven years. It could be different this year, though, as Goodland has a young team that is still building.

"Well, I think we're looking to go in there and do well," the coach said.

Goodland already faced Colby and Wheatland at a home match on Saturday, falling to Wheatland, but beating Colby. The junior varsity team beat Wheatland, but lost to Colby in the last match.

McKee said Grinnell has a young team, but could provide the Cowgirls with competition, as the players are tall and athletic. He said he hasn't heard much about Oakley this year.

The coach said the Cowgirls have a good chance of taking down

Wheatland, as Goodland narrowly missed a victory on Saturday. McKee said the Cowgirls probably would have beat Wheatland if they hadn't missed a serve in the first game, which Wheatland won 15-17.

"We'll see how we will do the second time," he said.

Mitch Hixson, junior varsity coach, said if all of the players are healthy, the Cowgirls have a good shot at sweeping the match.

"My real concern now is that we stay healthy," he said, noting that the team will play all day Saturday, attend a tri match in Oberlin on Tuesday and then travel to a tournament in Hays on Saturday.

With all of the traveling, Hixson said the players have to make sure they get enough rest.

"I just hope that we're not getting too run down," he said.

The tournament at Oakley High School will start at 8 a.m. Mountain Time, and admission prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Cowgirls junior varsity has easy wins at home

The Cowgirls junior varsity volleyball team easily defeated players from Tribune, Weskan and Brewster at a quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday.

None of Goodland's opponent were able to score more than six points in a game, and the Cowgirls

took some games without letting the other team score a single point.

The Cowgirls beat Tribune in two games, 15-0 and 15-3.

The team beat Weskan in two, 15-6, 15-5; and Brewster in two, 15-7, 15-0. The team's season record is now 13-4.



Cowgirl Colleen Koehler prepared to spike the volleyball during a match against the Brewster Bulldogs on Tuesday. Goodland beat all three of its opponents at the quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Golf team takes second in Colby

The Goodland High golf team took second place at a tournament in Colby on Sept. 17, with two Cowgirls earning medals in the top 10.

The team finished fourth in Ulysses with two medalists Tuesday and part of the team competed in Russell on Sept. 17 in a tournament cut short by rain.

StevieLee Raymer finished in fourth place with a score of 48 in Colby, and Jessica Osborn placed seventh with 49 points.

Christina Beeson had a score of 53; Kendra Billinger, 55; Hayley Jarmin, 58; and Kayla Rasure, 58.

Goodland was the second place team with 205 points, only five points away from first-place Syracuse with 200. Lakin was third with 206, and Garden City was fourth with 210.

Other teams participating were: Hays High, Colby, Scott City, Holcomb, Trego County and Ulysses.

Osborn finished in sixth place in

Ulysses with a 93, and Raymer finished seventh with 94. Amy Cebula finished in seventh place in the junior varsity competition with a 63.

The Goodland varsity finished in fourth place with a score of 411. Ulysses was first with 364, Garden City was second with 394, and Lakin was third with 408. Other schools that competed were Syracuse, Larned, Trego, Colby, Sublette, Dodge City and Holcomb.

The tournament in Russell was rained out after seven holes of play. Andrea Fenner finished 31st, Ashlyn Krall finished 32nd, Erica Mann 38th, Cebula 40th, Bailee Guyer 41st and Yvette Acosta 45th.

The Minneapolis team finished first, Larned second and WaKeeney third. Other schools competing were: Bennington, Hoisington, Lyons, Thomas Moore Prep-Marian, LaCrosse, Russell and Great Bend.

Chiefs-Redskins called 'toilet bowl'

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Tony Banks doesn't wear his Super Bowl ring. He has mixed feelings just looking at the thing.

"It's bittersweet," Banks said. "I don't wear it yet. And I don't imagine wearing it until I get my own."

"My own" means getting one as a starting quarterback, not as the benched backup he was last year in Baltimore. Banks lost the No. 1 job to Trent Dilfer eight games into the season and barely played the rest of the way as the Ravens won it all.

Banks is now a starter again, although a Super Bowl doesn't appear in his immediate future. With Jeff George released on Wednesday, Banks has taken over a Washington Redskins offense that has yet to score a touchdown.

His first Redskins start is Sunday, when Washington plays Kansas City in a matchup of 0-2 teams.

"It'll be a battle of the Toilet Bowl," Banks said Thursday, "an early season Toilet Bowl."

The Redskins have been outscored 67-3 in their two games.

"You need everybody on the same

page, especially in the passing game, in order for it to work," Banks said. "Right now guys are on different pages."

And there are lots of pages to memorize in coach Marty Schottenheimer's vocabulary-heavy offense. Banks joined the team just team six weeks ago. He had to get help from other players in the huddle when calling plays in a relief appearance in the season opener at San Diego.

He's better prepared now, but the offense will probably be simplified for the home opener against the Chiefs.

"We might not run the full gamut of some of the things we would do," Schottenheimer said.

Banks was recommended to Schottenheimer by Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil, who coached Banks in St. Louis. Vermeil cut Banks, but he said the quarterback was a victim of the surrounding personnel and system and that he needed a fresh start.

Banks got it in Baltimore, then again in Dallas this year. Neither worked out. The Cowboys cut Banks after two exhibition games this season.

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