

Junior varsity beats Devils in tri match

By Rachel Miscal
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The Goodland Cowgirls junior varsity volleyball team beat Oberlin, but lost to Atwood at a tri match in Oberlin on Tuesday, while the freshman Cowgirls lost both of their games.

The junior varsity players took down the Oberlin Red Devils in three games, taking the first and third 15-7, 17-15, but giving up control in the second for a final score of 8-15.

Coach Mitch Hixson said the Cowgirls started strong, but progressively got worse, letting errors get the best of them in the match against Atwood. Atwood took Goodland in two games, 10-5, 7-15.

The coach said the Cowgirls gave the Buffaloes the match.
“We just didn’t pass, didn’t do the fundamental things right,” he said. “Our error ratio was just over the top.”
Hixson said there were some bright spots, and he credited the players for working hard to pull out a win against Oberlin.

The Cowgirls were down 4-14 in the third game, he said, but clawed their way back to the top.
“I’m proud of them for that,” he said.
The freshman Cowgirls fell to Oberlin in two games, 8-15, 12-15, and lost to Atwood, 12-15, 7-15.

Coach Dave Hardy said the girls had the same problems they’ve been having all along. The freshman have won two matches this season, which is two more wins than the team had last year.

“We just made too many errors,” he said. “We play really well in streaks, but then we don’t serve and make a bunch of unforced errors and give points away.”

The coach said the team’s play is improving, but the players are still having trouble keeping up.

“We’re getting better, but so is everyone else,” he said. “We’re chasing them.”

Despite that, Coach Hardy said the Cowgirls will continue making progress.

“We’re still working,” he said, “and we will keep working until we’re done.”

The junior varsity and freshman teams will travel to Hays on Saturday for a tournament at Hays High School that starts at 8 a.m. Mountain Time.

Teams from Hays, Garden City, Otis-Bison, Dodge City, Smith Center, Salina South, Ulysses and Thomas More Prep in Hays will participate.

The junior varsity will face Smith Center, Salina and Thomas More in its pool, while the freshman play Dodge City, Salina and Otis-Bison.



The junior varsity Cowgirls celebrated after scoring a point against the Oberlin Red Devils on Tuesday at a tri match in Oberlin. The junior varsity beat Oberlin but lost to Atwood.

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Mustang volleyball places first in tournament

The seventh grade Mustangs volleyball team placed first at a tournament in Cheyenne Wells, Colo., last Saturday, September 22, defeating teams from Weskan; Eads, Colo.; McClave, Colo., and Burlington.

The Grant Junior High team beat

Weskan in two games, 11-0, 11-2; Eads in two games, 11-1, 11-3; and McClave in two games, 11-2, 11-3.

The top two teams in each pool went to a single elimination tournament and Goodland faced Burlington in the tournament.

The Mustangs beat Burlington in two games, 15-3, 15-8, advancing to the championship match, where the Mustangs took Eads in two games, 15-8, 15-0.

Coach Andy Scheopner said the players did well and improved in each match.

“There were 10 teams in the tournament, so sometimes we had as much as three hours between matches. We seemed to play better as the day went on. We did an excellent job of running

our offense.”

Total statistics:

Shandel Simon, 4 points, 7 kills; Lindsay Schields, 12 points, 2 assists; Ashley Cebula, 5 points, 5 assists; Kaylee Billinger, 1 point, 1 kill, 1 assist; Nicolette Clancy, 12 points, 4 kills; Emily Murray, 2 points, 8 kills; Whitney Archer, 11 kills, 8 assists; Nicole David, 9 points, 2 kills; Dani Bedore, 50 points, 13 kills, 15 assists; Jena McCall, 24 points, 9 kills, 1 assist; and Vanessa Crotinger, 7 points, 2 kills.

21 year old leads Indians to victory over Royals, 4-1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Like everyone else, C. C. Sabathia is surprised that a 21-year-old player can be this successful his first year in the major leagues.

“Everything just kind of fell in for me,” the big left-hander said Wednesday night after pitching five shutout innings and leading Cleveland past Kansas City 4-1.

The first Cleveland rookie with 16 wins since 1955, Sabathia (16-5) gave up just two hits in five innings while beating the Royals for the fourth time in five starts. His ERA in 28 2-3 innings against Kansas City is 1.57.

“I just wanted to help the team win any way possible this year and the guys have scored a lot of runs for me,” he said. “I’ve been getting lucky.”

From where the batters stand, luck doesn’t appear to have anything to do with his remarkable success.

“If it wasn’t for that right fielder with Seattle (Ichiro Suzuki), he’d be rookie of the year,” Royals first baseman Mike Sweeney said. “He’s had a great year. What is he, 21? He’s a great pitcher and he’s not a big klutz out there. You can’t bunt on him.”

Marty Cordova homered and tripled for the Indians, who on Sunday clinched their sixth AL Central title in seven years.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 35 chances.

Kenny Lofton reached leading off the game on a throwing error by shortstop Angel Berroa, moved up on two infield outs and scored on a wild pitch by rookie starter Mike MacDougal.

In his third major league start, MacDougal (1-1), went six innings, giving up three runs on six hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

MacDougal walked Ellis Burks with one out in the second and then Cordova tripled down the right-field line. Travis Fryman bounced a grounder to third

baseman Joe Randa, who threw home in time to get Cordova.

In the fourth, Cordova hit MacDougal’s 3-2 pitch over the wall in center for his 20th home run.

Royals center fielder Carlos Beltran left the game in the top of the seventh after throwing home to try to get Russell Branyan, who scored from second on a single by Tim Laker. The team said he had right elbow nerve irritation.

Mark Quinn doubled off Danys Baez in the seventh, went to third on Milton Bradley’s fielding error in center and scored an unearned run on Dave McCarty’s infield single.

In their last 18 innings, Cleveland starters have not allowed a run.

“I’m not sure we could expect much more,” acting manager Grady Little said. “We’re very proud of the way they’re doing.”

The Indians have set their first three starters for the AL playoffs next week — Bartolo Colon, Chuck Finley and Sabathia.

Sweeney has turned over his job of Royals player representative to Jason Grimsley.

Indians manager Charlie Manuel was released from a Cleveland hospital on Wednesday and hopes to rejoin the team Friday in Toronto. It is unclear when he’ll assume his duties.

Sabathia will not touch the Cleveland record for wins by a rookie lefty — 23 by Vean Gregg in 1911.

Coach not bitter

DENVER (AP) — Unceremoniously kicked to the curb in January, Greg Robinson refused to lash out at his former employer.

Instead, he quietly packed his belongings and vacated the office where he spent six seasons with the Denver Broncos. No need to jeopardize friendships or tarnish memories of two Super Bowl titles.

Varsity adds two wins to their season record

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The Goodland Cowgirls added two more wins to their season record on Tuesday, defeating volleyball teams from Oberlin and Atwood at a tri match in Oberlin.

The varsity team’s season record now stands at 19-6, as the Cowgirls are only two matches away from the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, which will be held in Goodland next weekend. Sub-state competition will follow.

While Oberlin and Atwood were both competitive teams, the Cowgirls were able to take both in two games.

Goodland faced the Oberlin Red Devils first, taking the first game 15-13 and the second 15-10.

Coach Jerry McKee said Oberlin went into the match with only three losses this season and having placed first in a tournament a few days earlier. He said the Devils were tough, but Goodland performed better.

“We’ve made several changes lately that have really helped us,” he said, noting the players are able to keep the ball in play for a longer period of time and run the attacks they want to run.

Atwood was next, and while the

Cowgirls struggled some in the first game, managing to win it 17-15, they dominated in the second, 15-4. The coach said the Buffaloes played a good match.

“They got a lot of balls back,” he said. “They were a good opponent.”

While the Cowgirls have made significant progress this season, the coach said, they are still working to improve.

“There are always areas we can get better in,” he said.

The varsity team is getting this weekend off, but will face teams from Oakley, Weskan and Grinnell at a quad match in Oakley on Tuesday. Goodland has defeated all of the teams this season, but Coach McKee said that doesn’t mean anything.


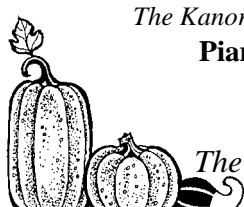
“Each day is a different day,” he said.

Superbowl delayed

NEW YORK (AP) — The Super Bowl will be pushed back a week and played Feb. 3 in New Orleans, allowing the NFL to complete its season without altering its playoff format.

The NFL switched its original date of Jan. 27 with the National Association of Automobile Dealers and paid the group \$7.5 million to cover the costs of rescheduling its convention.

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