

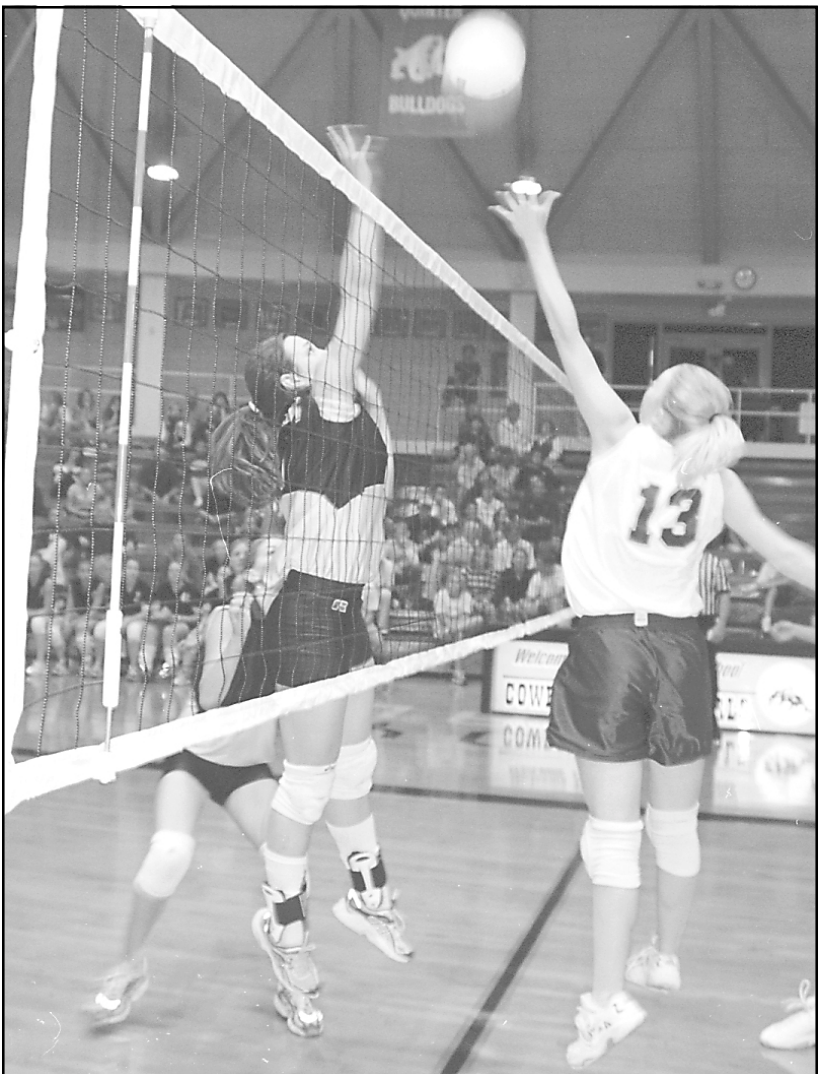
Quest for win goes on

By Sharon Corcoran
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Still on a quest for their first win of the season, the 0-6 Goodland Cowboys face off against the Class 4A Ulysses Tigers at home at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Ulysses could prove to be a tough opponent, with 11 returning starters from a 9-3 team that played in the sub-state championship last year. They had a great team last year, Coach Chris Walters said, and a good team this year also. Ulysses' offense runs a formation where they pull the guards, Walters said, which means that instead of blocking straight ahead, they go to the side and run down field. If our outside linebackers come up and meet the pull, he said, the Cowboys will have a chance of stopping them.

Goodland's offense will try to spread out, the coach said, to have one-on-one coverage since their guys are bigger. The Cowboys will try to run some misdirection, he said, and try to keep the Tigers off-balance. And the key to the Cowboy offense, Walters said, is to run the ball. He said the Cowboys shot themselves in the foot last week in Oberlin last week, with six turnovers becoming Red Devil touchdowns. The Cowboys have had a tough schedule this season, playing the Class 5A Hays Indians and two state-ranked Class 2A teams, Atwood and St. Francis. Goodland's offense has struggled and whenever the Cowboys were able to score touchdowns, their defense was unable to hold their opponents back. They have good players, Walters said, but have had several sidelined with injuries and have not jelled as a team.

Seahawks try to steal from script of Broncos

DENVER (AP) — It's an old story in Denver, where running backs are as interchangeable as light bulbs: Unproven player becomes an overnight star with 100-yard games week after week. The Seattle Seahawks have a chance to steal a page from the Broncos' script. With longtime starter Ricky Waters shelved by a shoulder injury, second-year running back Shaun Alexander has been promoted earlier than anticipated. Alexander, a first-round pick in 2000, responded with 176 yards last week against the Jacksonville Jaguars and immediately became a focal point for Denver's defense as it prepared for Sunday's game in Seattle. "We watched some of the game, and from what I saw he did a heck of a job," Broncos safety Kenoy Kennedy said. "They like to get the ball to him all kinds of ways, with screens and handing to him out of the backfield." Anyone who has paid attention to the Broncos over the last three seasons reserves the right to yawn at Seattle's predicament. When 1998 MVP Terrell Davis was lost for the season in 1999, rookie Olandis Gary ran for 1,159 yards in 12 starts. When Davis and Gary were sidelined with injuries last year, rookie Mike Anderson ran for 1,487 yards in 12 starts.



Cowgirl Colleen Koehler prepared to spike the volleyball at a home match earlier this season, while her opponent jumped to block.
Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Cowgirls to host league

By Rachel Miscal
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The Goodland Cowgirls will head into the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Saturday with a 21-7 season record, after beating two of their three opponents at a volleyball quad match in Oakley on Tuesday. Eight teams in the Northwest Kansas League will meet at 9 a.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse for the annual tournament, which the Cowgirls typically dominate. Goodland placed first last year, and Coach Jerry McKee said the girls have a good shot at snatching victory again. "We're right where we want to be," he said. "We're capable of getting it done if we play the type of ball I know we can play." He said the Cowgirls played up to their potential for most of the quad match on Tuesday, defeating teams from Oakley and Grinnell, but started getting sloppy as fatigue took over during the last match against Weskan. Goodland and Weskan didn't take the court until about 9 p.m. Mountain Time, with the Cowgirls not returning home until about midnight. "We looked tired," McKee said. "It was late." Weskan took Goodland in two

games, 12-15 and 11-15. They may have just gotten lucky, however, as the Cowgirls stomped Weskan at an earlier home meet, 15-6, 15-5. McKee said the girls played stronger in their first two matches against Oakley and Grinnell — both teams Goodland has defeated this season — but it still took three games to get the job done. The Cowgirls started on the wrong foot against Oakley, losing the first game 14-16, but regained their balance, taking the second and third games, 15-13, 15-5. Grinnell didn't present much more of a challenge, as Goodland dominated the first game 15-6. Grinnell pulled out a narrow win in the second game, 14-16, but the Cowgirls rose to the top in the third, 15-10. McKee said the Cowgirls — a young team trying to build around its one senior player — have grown stronger as individuals and as a unit this season. "We've made tremendous improvements in all areas," he said, adding that the freshman and junior varsity teams, which ended their seasons this week, have grown, too. In practice, the players are focusing on their overall game, McKee said, while some are recovering from inju-

ries this season. "We're trying to stay healthy," he said, adding that he expects everyone to be ready to play this weekend. Goodland's pool at the tournament will include teams from Quinter, Colby and St. Francis. Oberlin, Oakley, Hoxie and Atwood will make up the other pool. The top two teams from each pool will face each other in the semi-finals, with the winners of those matches advancing to the championship match. McKee said the Cowgirls have faced every team except Hoxie, Quinter and St. Francis this season, and he doesn't know what to expect from those teams. "We'll just have to see," he said. "We haven't see them. They haven't seen us." The coach said the Cowgirls need to focus on beating one opponent at a time and keeping their play consistent. But what they need most, he said, is support from the crowd. "Hopefully, the crowd will be there when we need them," he said. "That's what makes for the home advantage." The Cowgirls will have the home-court advantage again next week, when the sub-state tournament will be held at Max Jones on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Junior varsity and freshman teams end season

By Rachel Miscal
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The Cowgirl junior varsity and freshman volleyball teams both ended their seasons this week, with the coaches saying despite ups and downs, it was a successful year because the players and teams improved. "We beat good teams," said Mitch Hixson, junior varsity coach, "and got a lot of good experience. I think the individuals have improved from when we started and as a unit we have improved." The team ended its season with a 20-10 record, after beating two of its three opponents at a quad match in Oakley on Tuesday. Dave Hardy, freshman coach, said

the team and individual players grew much stronger during the season, but still have some work to do. "We made a lot of improvement," he said. "If they stay after it, they'll be a decent group in a year." The freshman Cowgirls' season ended on Thursday, when they lost all three of their matches at a quad meet in Hoxie. Coach Hardy said the team played well most of the day, but periodically fell into its old habit of making unforced errors. "It was the same song, different verse," he said. The junior varsity team had a relatively successful last meet, despite losing the first match against Grinnell in two games, 9-15, 12-15. Hixson said

Goodland couldn't match Grinnell's momentum and energy. "We were passive," the coach said, noting that the Cowgirls were up 9-3 in the first game, but allowed Grinnell to rack up 12 points in one set. He said Goodland had toppled Grinnell in the past, 15-0, 15-1. The Cowgirls came back to life as they took the court against Oakley, snatching the match in two games, 15-12, 15-4. Goodland was down 6-1 in the first game, Coach Hixson said, but pulled out a win with aggressive play and superior passing. The coach said the Cowgirls kept getting stronger and Goodland went on to stomp Weskan in the final match, 15-0, 15-8.

"We played how we can play," he said, noting that the team played well in most of its matches this season, but sometimes the players weren't mentally prepared at times. "Some matches we didn't perform as we should," he said. "A lot of it is just mental. We tended to dwell on mistakes." Overall, the coach said, it was a successful season. "I'm proud of them and their effort," he said. Coach Hardy said the freshman's first match against Hoxie on Thursday was "ugly," as the Cowgirls fell hard in two games, 5-15, 0-15. The coach said the team pulled it together against Colby, but still

couldn't find a win, losing the match in three games, 16-14, 7-15, 9-15. "Played pretty well," he said, "but we made too many mistakes." That has been the coach's complaint all season, and again in Goodland's final match against Scott City, where the Cowgirls lost 6-15, 9-15. "We simply made too many unforced errors," he said. "That's how the whole season has gone and that's how our day went." Despite that, Hardy said, the day and season was a success for the Cowgirls, who won three matches this year. "We played really well most of the time," he said.

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League
Callahan's over Mann's Jewelry 3-1
Bowladium Lanes split with KLOE 2-2
Medical Arts Pharmacy was unopposed

Individual high game: Judy McClure-198
Individual high series: Judy McClure-529
Team high game: Callahan Transport-643
Team high series: Callahan Transport-1829
League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 12, 8; No. 2 and 3 KLOE and Callahan Transport 10, 10.

Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League
Oct. 1
Motor Doctor over Truck & Tractor 3-1
Western Insurance over Budweiser 3-1
Accounting & Tax Services over Kear's Quality Liquor 4-0
Pirate's Electric over Just 4 Bowlers 3-1
Fitzgibbon's split with Lonny's Quality Auto Body 2-2
Rasure's over Luci's 3-1

Men's high game: Darren Hickson-256
Men's high series: Darren Hickson-694
Women's high game: Dedra Smith-191
Women's high series: Kara Smith-498
Team high game: Motor Doctor-876
League Standings: No. 1 Accounting & Tax Services 18, 6; No. 2 Lonny's Quality Auto Body 16, 8; No. 3 and 4 Fitzgibbon's and Western Insurance 15, 9.

Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League
Oct. 8
Rasure's Lumber over Fitzgibbon's 3-1
Pirate's Electric over Motor Doctor 4-0
Luci's Aquarium over Western Insurance 3-1
Truck & Tractor over Accounting & Tax 4-0
Budweiser over Kear's Quality Liquor 3-1

Men's high game: John Fixsen-255
Men's high series: John Fixsen-633
Women's high game: Michelle Hickson-221
Women's high series: Nancy Kear-545
Team high game: Truck & Tractor-859
Team high series: Truck & Tractor-2495
League Standings: No. 1 Accounting & Tax Services 18, 10; No. 2, 3, and 4 Fitzgibbon's, Western

Insurance, and Truck & Tractor 16, 12.

Wednesday Morning Coffee League
Oct. 3
McClung's Appliance over Mr. Jim's 4-0
BEM's over WOF 4-0
Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Brady Bunch 3-1

Individual high game: Glenna Jarmin-222
McClung's Appliance
Individual high series: Nancy Kear-552
Lonny's Quality Auto Body
Team high game: McClung's Appliance-515
Team high series: BEM's-1371
League Standings: 1. and 2. Lonny's Quality Auto Body and McClung's Appliance 14 1/2, 5 1/2; 3. BEM's 13, 7; 4. WOF 7, 13; 5. Mr. Jim's 6, 14; 6. Brady Bunch 5, 15.

Wednesday Morning Coffee League
Oct. 10
BEM's split with Brady Bunch 2-2
Lonny's Quality Auto Body over McClung's Appliance 3-1
Mr. Jim's over WOF 3-1

Individual high game: Nancy Kear-203
Lonny's Quality Auto Body
Individual high series: Georgia Pancake-511
Lonny's Quality Auto Body
Team high game: BEM's-510
Team high series: BEM's-1392
League Standings: 1. Lonny's Quality Auto Body 17 1/2, 6 1/2; 2. McClung's Appliance 15 1/2, 8 1/2; 3. BEM's 15, 9; 4. Mr. Jim's 9, 15; 5. WOF 8, 16; 6. Brady Bunch 7, 17.

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Oct. 3
Weber Kennels over Team #7 14 1/2-5 1/2
Bowladium Lanes over Sigco 16-4
ProLine Inc. over Basgall Construction 19-1
Fitzgibbon's over Team #8 34-46
Individual high game: Phil Helzer-246
Individual high series: Phil Helzer-887

Team high game: Pro Line-657
Team high series: Pro Line-2374
League Standings: 1. Pro Line 73.5, 26.5; 2. Bowladium Lanes 63.5, 36.5; 3. Fitzgibbon's 60.5, 39.5; 4. Sigco 40, 60; 5. Basgall Construction 39.5, 60.5; 6. Weber Kennels 38.5, 61.5; 7. Team #8 34, 46; 8. Team #7 30, 50.

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Oct. 10
Bowladium Lanes tied Fitzgibbon's 10-10
Sigco over Team #8 13-7
ProLine Inc. over Weber Kennels 18-2
Basgall Construction over Team #7 14-6
Individual high game: Darren Hickson-266
Individual high series: Darren Hickson-871
Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-635
Team high series: Pro Line-2272

League Standings: 1. Pro Line 91.5, 28.5; 2. Bowladium Lanes 73.5, 46.5; 3. Fitzgibbon's 70.5, 49.5; 4. and 5. Basgall Construction and Sigco 53.5, 66.5; 6. Team #8 41, 59; 7. Weber Kennels 40.5, 79.5; 8. Team #7 36, 64.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Oct. 3
Gamblers over Phillips Brothers 3-1
Goodland Sheet Metal over Kanorado Coop 3-1
Mudslingers tie with Blossom Shoppe 2-2
Mueller Grain over Phantoms 4-0
Shear Dimensions over Guzzlin' Socializers 3-1
D&G Clan tie with Kickers 2-2

Men's high game: Phil Helzer-235
Men's high series: Phil Helzer-672
Women's high game: Tammy Blake-202
Women's high series: Tammy Blake-524

Team high game: Mudslingers-880
Team high series: Mueller Grain-2550

League Standings: 1. Shear Dimensions 17, 7; 2. and 3. Mueller Grain and Guzzlin' Socializers 16, 8; 4. and 5. Kanorado Coop and D&G Clan 14, 10.

Thursday Night Mixed League
Sept. 27
Sunwest Investments split with Half Fast Four 2-2
Mex & Company over Weis Oil 3-1
Goodland Development Corporation split with The Grannies & The Gramps 2-2
Charlie's Angels over Our Team 3-1

Women's high game: Shelly Thompson-197
Women's high series: Shelly Thompson-530
Men's high game: George Phillips-242
Men's high series: George Phillips-557

Team high game: Goodland Development Corporation-866
Team high series: Goodland Development Corporation-2423

League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 13-3; No. 2 The Grannies & The Gramps 10-6; No. 3 Our Team 10-6

Thursday Night Mixed League
Oct. 4
Our Team over Weis Oil 3-1
Charlie's Angels over The Grannies & The Gramps 4-0
Half Fast Four over Goodland Development Corporation 3-1
Mex & Company over McDonald's 3-1
Sunwest Investments over Team #9 4-0

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-203
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-495

Men's high game: Dave Hovis-217
Men's high series: Dave Hovis-596

Team high game: Sunwest Investments-835
Team high series: Sunwest Investments-2408

League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 16-4; No. 2 Our Team 13-7; No. 3 Charlie's Angels 12-8.

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