

Wiffle contest provides fun

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Where can you watch teachers compete against students? And cooks compete against plumbers? Try Goodland High School's annual Wiffle Ball Tournament at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

A hot competition is taking shape at the fieldhouse, and students are quick to say they are on the best team. This apparently is not the case with the faculty.

"We had the best team," said business teacher Dennis Stone. "We just forgot to bring them."

The tournament, which began Tuesday and will run through Friday, includes teams of high school students, faculty, cooks and even the plumbers who are doing construction at the school.

The games will run from 3:30-8 p.m. today, and the championship games will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday. The public is invited to enjoy the tournament at no cost.

The Family Career and Community Leaders of America are sponsoring the ball tournament, taking over from the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

After SADD chose not to hold the event this year, members of FCCLA decided to sponsor it as their "Power of One" project, club sponsor Sarah Short said. The group is required to plan and carry out a project that takes at least 10 hours, she said. The theme is "Take the Lead," she said.

Club President Donald Raymer and Vice President Alan Cebula planned the tournament. It will give the students

something fun to do during buffer week, Cebula said, when there are no sports activities or practices allowed at the school.

The organization is making money off of the \$40 per team entry fees, he said, which amounts to \$480 from 12 teams competing.

Scores from Tuesday

Cho' Balls over DVI 9-2
WABFIA over Pink Homies 15-0
Shizzle over Teachers 9-1
WABFIA over High Rollers 14-1
Congo Dongs over Teasers 11-0
BYE over Big Ballers 7-1
High Rollers over Fighting Rainbows 9-2
Congo Dongs over BYE 7-3
Big Ballers over Teachers 7-6
Shizzle over Teasers 10-3

Scores from Wednesday

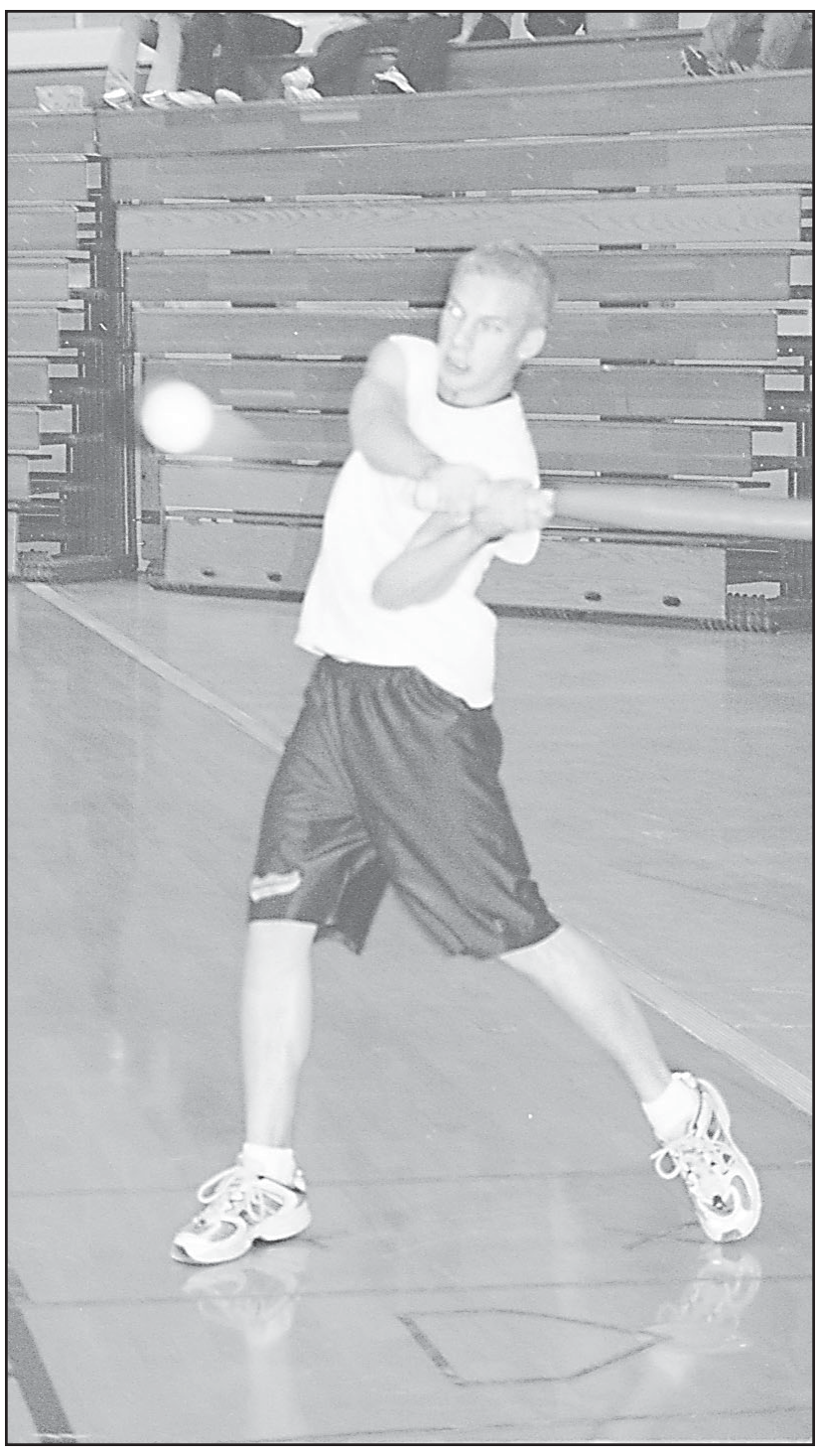
Cho' Balls over Pink Homies 7-2
Teasers over BYE 11-9
Teasers over Teachers 9-4
Pink Homies over DVI 5-4
High Rollers over DVI 23-5
WABFIA over Fighting Rainbows 11-1
Congo Dongs over Teachers 10-0
Shizzle over Big Ballers 9-0
Congo Dongs over Shizzle 6-3
WABFIA over Cho' Balls 14-7

Thursday's Schedule

3:30 p.m. Homies vs. Fighting Rainbows
4 p.m. Cho' Balls vs. High Rollers
4:30 p.m. WABFIA vs. DVI
5 p.m. Pink Homies vs. High Rollers
5:30 p.m. Teachers vs. BYE
6 p.m. Cho' Balls vs. Fighting Rainbows
6:30 p.m. Teasers vs. Big Ballers
7 p.m. DVI vs. Fighting Rainbows
7:30 p.m. BYE vs. Shizzle
8 p.m. Big Ballers vs. Congo Dongs

Friday's Schedule

3:30 p.m. Pool A 1st place team vs. Pool B 2nd place team
4 p.m. Pool B 1st place team vs. Pool A 2nd place team
4:30 p.m. Championship Game



Alan Cebula pounded the ball for a double during the Goodland High School's annual wiffle ball tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Wednesday. The tournament continues through Friday.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

K-State, Nebraska have like offenses

MANHATTAN (AP) — This week's matchup between Nebraska and Kansas State won't look like past games between the two teams. And that has nothing do with Kansas State's four losses on the season.

For the first time in years, Kansas State's offense will be surprisingly similar to Nebraska's run-oriented game.

The Wildcats won two of their last three games against Nebraska, but they did it with a mixture of quick passes and runs. This year, Kansas State has relied on option plays and rushes from senior back Josh Scobey, and no changes are planned against the No. 2 Huskers.

"A year ago, if someone would have told me that our offenses would be almost identical I would have laughed at them," Kansas State wide receiver Aaron Lockett said. "But when you go through a four-game losing streak, you have to find out what works. And this is working."

Both teams go into the game with top statistics in rushing. Nebraska is first in both the nation and the Big 12, while Kansas State is fifth in the country and second in the conference.

With Heisman candidate Eric Crouch leading the offense, the Huskers have racked up 3,158 yards. Crouch, a senior quarterback, alone has rushed for 847.

Freshman helps KU with game-high points

LAWRENCE (AP) — Freshman Wayne Simien came off the bench to score a game-high 25 points as No. 7 Kansas beat the EA Sports Central All-Stars 98-77 in exhibition play Wednesday night.

Simien, who played high school basketball at nearby Leavenworth, played with his left hand wrapped after straining it in practice Tuesday. He scored 14 points in the first half and finished with 8-of-12 field goals, 9-of-9 free throws and eight rebounds.

Juniors Drew Gooden, Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich all finished in double figures. Gooden scored in 17 points, while Collison had 12 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Hinrich had 11 points and a game-high six assists.

Freshman Aaron Miles of Portland, Ore., the only underclassman to start, contributed 10 points and five assists.

Kansas jumped out to a 6-0 led in the first two minutes as the EA All-Stars missed their first six shots, including five 3-pointers.

The Jayhawks, who were the pre-season pick to win the Big 12 Conference, have won 11 straight exhibition games since a loss on Dec. 28, 1995, to Lisbonne Benfica in France.

Terry Allen, who was fired Sunday as the Kansas football coach, sat in a front row seat behind the Jayhawks bench.

Avalanche defenseman returns

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Avalanche activated defenseman Adam Foote from the injured list Wednesday.

Foote had offseason surgery to repair his right rotator cuff and has missed the first 16 games of the season. The 30-year-old veteran in his 11th

NHL season, accompanied the team on a five-game, nine-day trip that began last Friday in order to practice.

Foote had five goals and 13 assists in 59 games last season for the Stanley Cup-winning Avalanche. He added three goals and four assists in 23 playoff games. He could return to the ice as early as Thursday when Colorado plays at Ottawa.

To make room on the roster, the Avalanche sent defenseman Jaroslav Obsut to Hershey of the American Hockey League. Obsut had no points in just under 10 minutes over three games this season with the Avalanche.

Bronco says team in better shape this year

DENVER (AP) — Although saddled with a 4-4 record for the second straight year, Denver Broncos quarterback Brian Griese insists the team is in better position to make a playoff run.

"Last year, we had just lost to Cin-

cinnati and our team was pretty much demoralized, losing to a team like that," Griese said, referring to a 31-21 loss that dropped the Broncos to 4-4.

It was the Bengals' first win in seven games and featured Corey Dillon's NFL-record 278 yards rushing.

"There wasn't anything positive that we could take out of it," Griese added.

On Monday night, Denver fell to 4-4 with a 38-28 loss to archrival Oakland, which looks like the best team in the AFC.



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