

# Goodland beats Beavers

The Grant Junior High eighth grade won a road game Tuesday in Scott City, beating the Beavers 25-23.

Defensively, the Mustangs played well, Coach Wallace Hansen said, holding Scott City to 23 points. Offensively, they shot 31 percent, he said, making only 12 out of 39 field goal attempts. But the defense held Scott City to 28 percent shooting, making 10 out of 36 attempts.

Leading scorer for Goodland was Bobby Miller with 21 points. Miller, Jon Beeson and Derek Fenner led rebounding for the Mustangs. Miller had 11 rebounds, Beeson five and Fenner four.

Jase Herl led the team in steals with five and in assists with six. Brandon Zelfer made a key steal at the end of the game to ice the victory.

Next action for the Mustangs will be Thursday when the "A" team will play Oberlin at home in the new junior high gym. The "B" team will travel to McDonald to play the Cheylin eighth grade.

Hoxie comes to Goodland for "A" and "B" team games on Tuesday.

# Bennett wants to be head coach

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State defensive coordinator Phil Bennett isn't hiding his intentions of being a head coach, but he won't say if his decision has been made or where he would like to go.

Bennett, rumored to be a candidate for head coaching positions at Southern Methodist and Kansas, says he's been contacted by "more than a couple" schools. He wouldn't name the schools, but said interviews are pending.

"It's just that time of the year," he said. "I've been down this road before and you just have to keep your options open and your mouth shut."

Bennett, finishing his third year as Kansas State's defensive coordinator, said he's ready to pursue the next stage of his career. He didn't rule out staying at Kansas State, but said he's looking for the right situation for him.

Bennett, 45, has been planning to be a head coach since he played at Texas A&M in the late 70's.

"I used to tell my teammates that I was going to come back and be the head coach at Texas," he said. "I've tried to prepare myself to be a head coach. There are some situations I am interested in. If the right opportunity arises, I think I could be a great head coach. But I just don't know right now."

# Linebacker attacked outside club

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado linebacker Drew Wahlroos accused five Nebraska fans of attacking him outside a strip club after his team's big victory, breaking his nose and giving him a black eye.

Wahlroos was treated at Boulder Community Hospital on Saturday and a nurse told police about the assault.

"It was nothing, really," Wahlroos said. "I was at the wrong place at the wrong time."

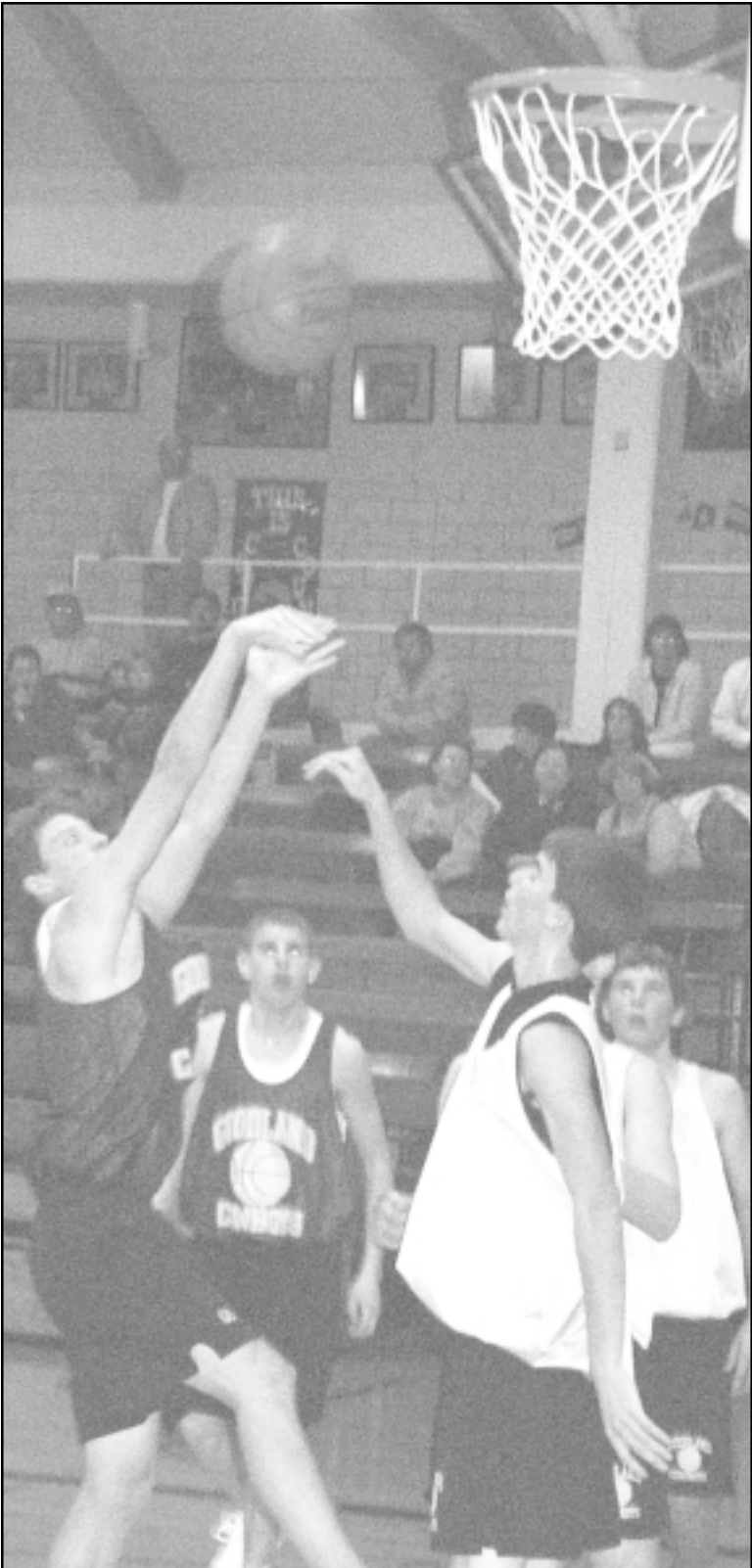
Wahlroos, a 21-year-old junior, will not press charges. The university said Tuesday it would not comment on the case, but said no disciplinary action was planned against Wahlroos.

Wahlroos was celebrating his team's 62-36 win Friday over then-No. 2 Nebraska when he stepped outside the club and got into an argument with the five Cornhuskers fans, police officer Owen McKinney said.

"I heard someone say something to my left, and I got hit from my right," Wahlroos said.

Police spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said the police investigative report did not specify whether the Nebraska fans knew Wahlroos was a Colorado player or merely a fan. The attackers fled and were not questioned by police.

Up, up, and away!



Goodland Cowboy and Cowgirl fans got their first look at the talent of the teams this year at the annual Soap Scrimmage on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The two teams open season play Friday in Imperial, Neb. The Cowgirls will start at 5:30 p.m. with the Cowboys following about 7:30 p.m.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

# Wildcat point guard is catalyst in comeback

MANHATTAN (AP) — Comebacks are nice, but Larry Reid wouldn't mind the alternative. Still, Kansas State's habit of finding itself down in the first half and coming back in the second hasn't hurt Reid's statistics.

Once again, the senior point guard was the catalyst in a second-half surge — this time in the Wildcats' 79-73 win over Tennessee State on Tuesday night. Reid scored eight of Kansas State's last 10 points and finished with a team-high 18 points.

In each of its first four games, Kansas State (3-1) has been behind at half-time. Even in Saturday night's 67-65 loss to Mississippi — the Wildcats rallied from a first-half deficit and led late in the game.

"There is something good in there," said Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge. "It's a hard thing to figure out, but I am disappointed. I can tell you that points straight towards the offensive end. They shoot themselves in the foot on that end."

The Tigers' defense forced Kansas State to turn the ball over 12 times in the first half, seven in the first seven minutes, and shoot 37.8 percent from the field.

"They don't let you slow down," Wooldridge said. "Their defense forces you to make quick decisions and attack. You can't play keep-away. I'm not sure we ever did adjust."

Reid hit two baskets to cap a 14-0 run that Kansas State a four-point lead with 12:43 to go. Tennessee State kept close, though, until Reid started scoring again.

He made two shots and four free throws in the final 2 1/2 minutes to close out a 13-0 Wildcat run.

"He's a great player," said Tigers coach Nolan Richardson III. "He can break a player down easily and our guys knew that. Every time he got the ball, our plan was to double him."

Kansas State shot 54.2 percent in the second half and held the Tigers to just four field goals in the final seven minutes to get the 1,300th win in the program's 98-year history.

Travis Reynolds added a double-double for Kansas State with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Jenario Spurlock 11.

Josh Cooperwood had 17 points, Garrett Richardson scored 13 and Marc Williams and Olushula Ajanaku each finished with 10 for the Tigers.

# Baseball keeps leader

CHICAGO (AP) — Bud Selig will be baseball commissioner through 2006. The future of the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos remain uncertain.

While owners unanimously extended Selig's contract Tuesday, they didn't take any action of the sport's biggest issue — eliminating two teams before next season. The Twins and Expos are on hold as the issue winds its way through the courts.

"Baseball will contract," Selig said. "I can't give you a precise timetable today because in some parts, it's out of our hands."

Robert DuPuy, baseball's chief legal officer, told owners there was a chance contraction would not take place before the 2002 season, according to a person in the meeting who spoke on the condition he not be identified. Owners also were told by their lawyers that the players association might file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board.

Selig, speaking after the meeting, said 25 of the 30 teams lost money this year and said baseball will release specifics Dec. 6, the date tentatively set by the House Judiciary Committee for a hearing on the sport's 79-year antitrust exemption.

"We've had to help clubs, quite frankly, to stay afloat," he said. "We're

doing something now we should have done years and years ago. We're addressing our problems. We had an option to do something and we just didn't do it."

Gregory R.D. Nash of FleetBoston Financial Corp. and James Nash of Bank of America Corp. told owners during the meeting that the current recession will cause them to examine loans more closely in the future.

"We're at a crossroads here," he said. "We're just not doing this to be mean-spirited. We have reached a crossroads. When you have an industry that loses more than \$500 million, and 25 of your clubs are in the red, that is a business profile that is not only unacceptable, it's stunningly bad."

The public proclamation of losses points to yet another confrontation with the players association, which has resisted change since the current system of free agency and salary arbitration came into effect in 1976. In that time, the average salary has climbed from \$51,000 to about \$2.15 million. There have been eight work stoppages since 1972, and baseball's latest labor contract expired Nov. 7.

"There's nothing I can say now. We'll see what happens," union head Donald Fehr said.

Selig gave hope there would be a 2002 season, saying a potential lock-out of players was "not on the radar

screen."

The only concrete action taken was the decision to extend the term of Selig, who is thought to make about \$3 million annually. He became acting commissioner in September 1992, when he helped lead a revolt that forced Fay Vincent's resignation and was first elected to on July 8, 1998, with a term running through 2003.

New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, the owner who has clashed with Selig most often in public, approved of the extension.

"He's a leader and will take baseball where we have to go," Steinbrenner said.

When owners first approved contraction on Nov. 6, Selig was confident it could be accomplished before next season. But he was less definite Tuesday.

A Minnesota judge issued a temporary injunction Nov. 16, and it is unclear if an appeal will be heard this year. The Twins and baseball have asked the Minnesota Supreme Court for a speedy review of their request to lift the injunction, asking for a hearing by Dec. 7. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which operates the Metrodome, must file its response by Wednesday.

In addition, the players association filed a grievance, claiming the elimination of teams violated provisions of the expired labor contract.

# Bufs' coach tops in Big 12

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Gary Barnett, on the Colorado staff when the school won its lone national championship in 1990, came back to Colorado as head coach in 1999 with the slogan "Return to Dominance."

It took three seasons, but even Barnett couldn't have imagined this.

Coming off a 3-8 season, Barnett guided the Buffaloes to a 9-2 record, including a shocking 62-36 win over Nebraska on Friday, and into the Big 12 championship game this weekend against Texas.

For his accomplishments, he was named Big 12 Coach of the Year on Tuesday by The Associated Press.

In balloting by 20 beat writers from the league's seven states, Barnett received 19 votes. Nebraska's Frank Solich received the other.

"That's an honor," said Barnett, 55.

"Any time something like this happens, it happens because of what your players and your coaches do. As head coaches, we get way too much credit and probably too much blame in all this process. But it's very gratifying to hear that news. I thank the voters."

Skillfully pushing all the right buttons, Barnett rallied his team after a season-opening loss to Fresno State that had some fans and the media calling for his dismissal.

The next week, the Buffs dominated — there's that word again — in-state rival Colorado State 41-14 to start a five-game winning streak that included a 16-6 road win over Kansas State and a 31-21 decision over Texas A&M.

After stumbling badly at Texas — losing 41-7 thanks to four turnovers — the Buffs rebounded to win their next

three games, all in come-from-behind fashion and all with backup Bobby Pesavento at quarterback. Then came the Nebraska game, in which Chris Brown ran through huge holes in the vaunted Cornhusker defense for six touchdowns and the Buffs twice built 32-point leads.

"It's an amazing turnaround," Pesavento said after the Nebraska game.

They accomplished the turnaround with a solid defense and a balanced offense, in particular a relentless running attack with four tailbacks sharing time behind a talented offensive line.

And they did it by overcoming injuries to their starting quarterback (Craig Ochs), their best defensive player (linebacker Jashon Sykes) and their top receiver (John Minardi).

"Other guys have stepped up, and everybody else elevated their play," Barnett said, "We've just been a team that has found ways to do it. It hasn't been real pretty, but we've done it."

# New associate director hired at Kansas State

MANHATTAN (AP) — Casey Scott, who worked with Kansas State athletics director Tim Weiser at Colorado State and Wichita State, was hired Tuesday as Kansas State's associate athletics director for operations.

Scott, 46, is a 1977 graduate of Kansas State and a former sports-writer for The Wichita Eagle.

He has been Colorado State's associate athletics director for external operations for the past four years, overseeing marketing, fund raising, ticketing and special events.

He was at Wichita State for more than 12 years before that.

Scott is expected to start in January at Kansas State, where he will be in charge of facilities, event management, sports telecommunications, sports information and the athletic ticket office.

"Professionally, I look forward to continuing my association with Tim and joining his team at Kansas State," Scott said. "Personally, the opportunity to serve my alma mater and return home to Kansas with my family is especially appealing."

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