

C team loses at home

Despite a good effort, the Goodland High freshman girls basketball team lost to St. Francis 36-26 at home Thursday.

“Overall, we did some good things and some bad things,” Coach Mitch Hixson said, “and we have some things to work on.”

He said the girls put forth a good effort and he thinks they will keep making progress. The girls worked really hard, Hixson said, but hard work is not the only factor in a game.

The young Cowgirls got into some foul trouble, the coach said, and one girl had a height disadvantage with one of the Sainty girls.

The Cowgirls are practicing over the Christmas break to stay in shape. They will face the Colby Eagles at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at home.

“Colby will be a good challenge for our freshman girls,” Hixson said.

Whitney Carmichael (No. 15) was pressed hard by the St. Francis freshman girls Thursday while Gamie Cloyd (No. 53) was open for a pass.

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Vermeil accuses opponents of cheating

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Opponents are using illegal tactics to stop All-Pro tight end Tony Gonzalez, Kansas City Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said Monday.

“I tell you this, he’s getting a lot of coverage. They’re cheating like mad on the poor guy,” said Vermeil. “If I were him, I’d be in a fist fight. It’s his own self-discipline that controls his temper.”

The frustrated Gonzalez, whose stats are down considerably from the past two seasons and who is in his contract year, has also revived talk of trying a secondary career in the NBA.

Uncharacteristically, he refused to speak with the media following Sunday’s 20-17 victory over San Diego. But his agent said he plans to investigate the possibility of Gonzalez’s joining a team following the NBA all-star break in February.

The NBA talk might also be a nego-

tiating ploy. Gonzalez is in the final year of his contract and does not want to be labeled as the Chiefs’ franchise player. Doing so would obligate the Chiefs to give him a one-year contract equal only to the average salary of the top five tight ends, one of the lowest-paid position groups in the NFL.

The talented 6-foot-4 athlete averaged 6.4 points and 4.3 rebounds in three seasons at the University of California. He does well every year while competing in summer leagues in California.

“He’s been seen by a lot of teams already and he’s pretty well made his intentions known that he’d be interested in at least getting an opportunity to try to do something,” agent Tom Condon said.

Through 14 games, Gonzalez has 63 catches for 830 yards and four touchdowns. While being named All-Pro the past two seasons, he averaged about 85

catches, 1,000 yards and 10 TDs.

Opponents are doing almost anything they can to control him, Vermeil said.

“What they do is they grab him, they tackle him.”

San Diego’s Rodney Harrison was called for defensive holding on Gonzalez in the end zone in the final minute on Sunday. But a similar play was not called two weeks ago against the Raiders when a defender appeared almost to tackle Gonzalez.

“When they called it in the end zone

(on Sunday) it was like the Raider game,” Vermeil said. “They wrapped both arms around him and spun him around.”

“They missed some penalties that could have been called on us, so I’m not complaining. When you reach the status of a Tony Gonzalez and you’re an inside player, you’re going to get worked over.”

It’s not as though the Chiefs are not trying to get the ball to Gonzalez. He has been open many times this year when Trent Green made poor throws.

Shanahan fights rumors of job at Notre Dame

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan is trying to stomp out rumors he might be heading to Notre Dame.

Shanahan, a two-time Super Bowl champion coach, who is from the Midwest and is Catholic, said Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White called him about the open coach position with the Fighting Irish, but never offered a contract.

“I said thanks for the call, but I was very happy where I was at,” Shanahan said.

Broncos backup quarterback Jarious Jackson, who played for Notre Dame,

said he fielded numerous questions from friends in South Bend, Ind.

“I tried to tell people back in South Bend that he wasn’t coming,” Jackson said. “I told them that unless the coach was giving people the old fake-aroo, he’s not coming.”

When Notre Dame fired Bob Davie at the end of the season, the university hired Georgia Tech coach George O’Leary. O’Leary quit Dec. 14 after officials discovered misrepresentations in his biography that said he was a letter-winning football player at the University of New Hampshire and the holder of a master’s degree.

Bufs seeking share of title

PHOENIX (AP) — Colorado players and fans are feeling better about their chances of winning a share of the national title.

The third-ranked Buffaloes arrived on a chartered flight late Tuesday for their New Year’s Day date with No. 2 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

The winner of that game has to wait to see who wins the Rose Bowl game between No. 1 Miami and No. 4 Nebraska, Colorado’s Big 12 rival. An upset by the Cornhuskers would put the Fiesta Bowl winner in position to be voted national champions in the Associated Press poll.

“We would lay claim to it,” Buffs coach Gary Barnett said after skirting a mariachi band and well-wishers to reach the media tent. “To me, it would be pretty hard to put Nebraska in front of us, but however the BCS worked, it happened last time. But from everything I’ve heard as far as the AP and the press, whichever team wins this game — and should Nebraska win — I think is going to at least get half of it.

“I would think if it was us, having beat Nebraska the way we did, we might get a little more than half, but that’s somebody else’s bailiwick.”

Barnett called for more integrity in the system after the Bowl Championship Series picked Nebraska to meet the Hurricanes in the designated championship game.

He said that feeling lasted less than an hour before he began to see the possibilities for the Fiesta winner. But he still wasn’t able to say he would pull for the Cornhuskers.

“I don’t think I can do that,” Barnett said. “It’s just going to have to play out. I don’t think my rooting is going to make a darn bit of difference in that game anyway, so I’d just as soon hold back and not do that.”

The Buffaloes (10-2) had to climb from obscurity after both losses — a 24-22 upset by Fresno State on Aug. 26 and a 41-7 rout by Texas on Oct. 20. The next week, they started their second five-game winning streak of the season at Oklahoma State, and finished by routing Nebraska 62-36 on Nov. 23 and beating Texas 39-37 in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 1.

The Buffs had their last practice in Colorado on Saturday, and Roman Hollowell, who led the nation in punt returns, said he couldn’t wait to begin practice in the Arizona sunshine.

Huskers prepare for championship

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Nebraska Cornhuskers worked hard Christmas Day, preparing for the national championship game next week against Miami.

The Huskers worked out for two hours in full pads on the University of Southern California campus.

There have been no injuries that would prevent any player from competing in the Jan. 3 game, coach Frank Solich said.

The team was scheduled to practice in sweat clothes on Wednesday.

Tuesday night, it was set to celebrate Christmas with a dinner featuring Nebraska prime rib, shrimp, teriyaki chicken, twice-baked potatoes, vegetables and homemade pies.

Co-captain and senior offensive tackle Dave Volk prepared to dress as Santa Claus for the team and about 30 children of coaches and staff.

“Volk will make a great Santa,” Solich said. “He has a lot of experience at it and he has been eating pretty well to try to get ready for the role.”

Issel expected to announce resignation after meeting

DENVER (AP) — Denver Nuggets coach and president Dan Issel is scheduled to meet general manager Kiki Vandeweghe today about his future with the team.

The Rocky Mountain News, citing unnamed NBA sources, reported today that Issel would announce his resignation after the meeting. But Vandeweghe, who talked to players before Tuesday’s practice, said nothing has been decided yet.

“There has been a lot of specula-

tion,” he said. “But I’ll wait to hear from Dan.”

Center Raef LaFrentz told the Denver Post Vandeweghe indicated interim coach Mike Evans would be the head coach when the Nuggets play the Minnesota Timberwolves Wednesday night.

“We don’t know for how long. We don’t know anything about Dan’s situation,” LaFrentz said. “You’d think they’d want to tell the players what’s going on.”

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None Scheduled for January		
Audiology		
L. Young, MA, CCC-A	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00
Cardiology		
Dr. Godfrey	Jan. 2	8:30 - 4:30
	Jan. 17	2:00 - 4:30
Dermatology		
Dr. Kornfeld	Jan. 25	11:00 - 6:00
Ear/Nose/Throat		
Dr. Barron	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00
Gastroenterology		
Dr. Jones	Jan. 17	8:45 - 4:00
Dr. Roller	Jan. 3	8:30 - 4:00
General Surgery		
Dr. Robinson	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00
Neurology		
Dr. Mazowiecki	Jan. 16	9:00 - 3:00
OB/GYN		
Dr. Womack	Jan. 23	8:30 - 3:00
Oncology		
Dr. Rubinowitz	Jan. 8	1:30 - 9:00
Orthopedic		
Bob Allen PA-C	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00
Dr. Leo	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00
Dr. Reiss	Jan. 17	1:00 - 4:30
Dr. Friermood	Jan. 23	8:30 - 2:00
Pathologist		
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Podiatry		
Dr. Ouderkirk	Jan. 24	8:30 - 2:00
Pulmonary Medicine		
Dr. Weisiger	Jan. 10	8:30 - 4:00
	Jan. 23	8:30 - 2:00
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weekly		
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Dr. Abernathy	Jan. 9	8:30 - 12:00

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