

Goodland boy in NFL contest

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A Goodland boy will compete in the National Punt, Pass, and Kick finals before the NFL playoff game in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Eighth grader Bobby Miller, son of Randy and Tammy Schoenthaler, is one of four finalists in the 12-13 year old boys division.

The competition will be held before the Ravens and Steelers game in the Steelers' indoor practice field. Miller will represent the Kansas City Chiefs and will wear a Chiefs jersey during the competition.

The NFL and Gatorade sponsor the event. They will fly Miller and his parents to the contest and put them up at a hotel for two days.

The Millers will be seated on the field during the game, and the competitors will have a throwing exhibition

during half-time. Winners of the competition will be introduced to the crowd between the third and fourth quarters.

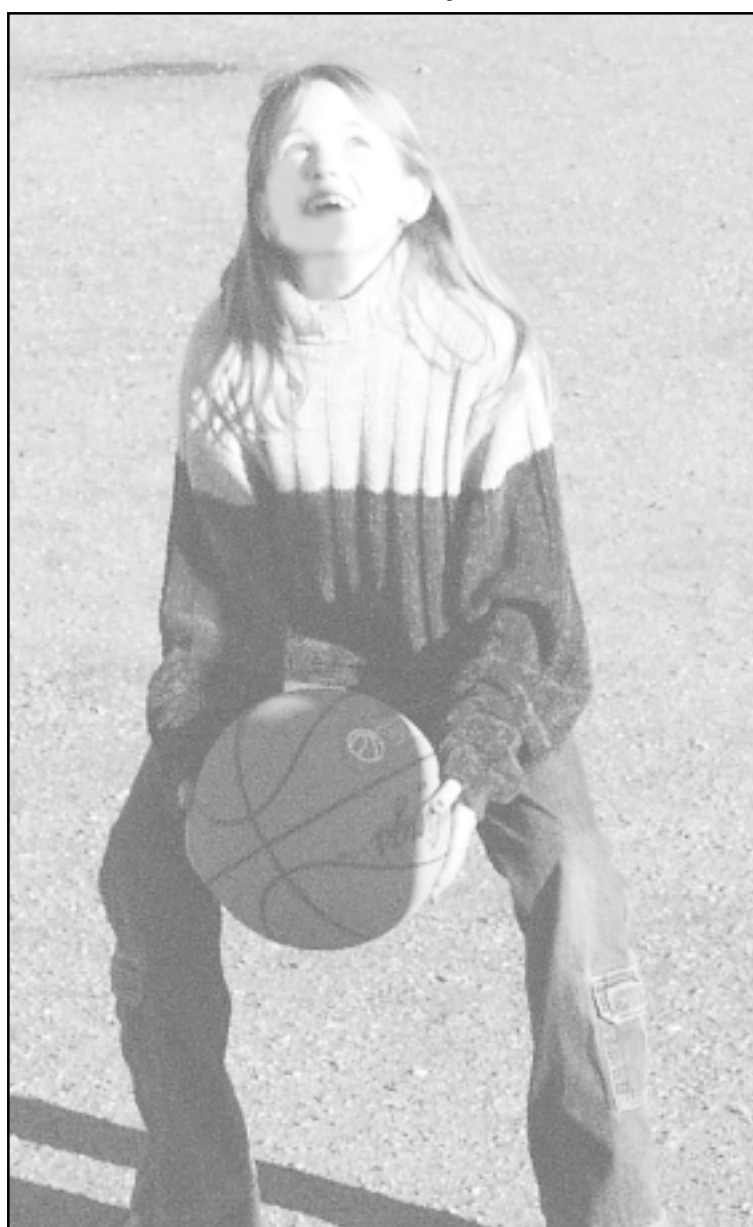
CBS Sports will televise the award ceremonies and may show highlights of the competition during the game, according to an NFL website.

"I'm proud of him," said Randy Schoenthaler. "I told him, 'Lets have some fun. Even NFL place-kickers sometimes hit it on the side of their foot.' He's done a good job, and you can't ask for more than that.

The Goodland Ambassadors will send him off in a ceremony 8 a.m. Thursday at Grant Junior High.

Miller scored 345, feet 2 inches at the Chiefs' competition on Dec. 16, third in his division nationally. He was only 21 inches behind the first place winner, and 6 inches out of second place. Scores are based on one each punt, pass and kick, adjusted for accuracy.

Basketball can be fun



Jennifer Pennington, 10, played basketball with her brother Dustin and friend Nick Smith on Monday afternoon at Central Elementary School.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Oklahoma's big men face Kansas' big scorers

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—Oklahoma State's big men face a big test when No. 4 Kansas visits Tuesday night.

In Nick Collison and Drew Gooden, Kansas has two of the premier frontcourt players in the Big 12. When you add freshman Wayne Simien to the mix, says OSU associate head coach Sean Sutton, "they have maybe the best front line in college basketball."

All three can score. Gooden leads the Jayhawks (13-2, 2-0 Big 12) with an average of 20.7 points and 12.3 rebounds per game.

Collison averages 15 points and 8 rebounds; Simien has scored 10 per game.

"They put so much pressure on your post defense," Sutton said Monday. "Our guys are going to have to come to play at the defensive end—not only trying to limit the number of good touches those guys get, but also rebounding the basketball."

No. 6 Oklahoma State (15-1, 2-1) has not gotten consistent scoring from its bigger players.

Fredrik Jonzen is averaging just 11.9 points per game and has been hot and cold. Ivan McFarlin (10.6 points, 7.6 rebounds) also hasn't shown much of a scoring touch, although he did have 16 points at Iowa State on Saturday. Andre Williams has a tough time scoring from more than five feet away.

The biggest mystery has been Jonzen, who averaged 15 points and 6.5 rebounds per game last season.

"We've got to get Fred going," Sutton said. "Fred is too good a player to be playing as inconsistent as he is right now."

"We felt like Saturday he played

better in the second half, but he missed a lot of opportunities at the basket and you just can't afford to miss easy baskets against teams like we're going to play this week."

The Cowboys travel to Texas Tech on Saturday after playing host to the Jayhawks, who are in the midst of a tough stretch of their own. They lost at UCLA on Saturday, play Oklahoma State on Tuesday and then return home to play No. 5 Oklahoma.

Coach Roy Williams said his team stands to improve if his players learn lessons from the UCLA game. He wasn't pleased with the Jayhawks' shot selection, felt they turned it over too often, and was critical of their defense inside and outside.

"There are some things there we've got to correct," he said. "If we get them corrected, there will be some long-term positives coming out of that game."

The Jayhawks, who had won 13 straight before losing to UCLA, lead the nation with a 91.6 scoring average. Oklahoma State prefers a fast pace, but leads the conference in scoring defense (60.2).

Sutton said the Cowboys must rebound well against Kansas, which has outbounded opponents by a league-leading 10.7 per game, and must stop the Jayhawks' transition game. He said Kansas is easily the most complete team the Cowboys have faced.

"They've got weapons all across the board," he said. "They're a complete team and always one of the best teams in college basketball."

Oklahoma State cannot afford another home loss—the Cowboys opened conference play by losing at home to Texas on Jan. 5.

Seventh graders beat Oberlin

The Grant Junior High seventh grade girls basketball team crushed the Oberlin girls there Thursday, 37-13.

The Mustangs were led in scoring by Jenna McCall with 8 points. She also had seven rebounds, two steals, one block, and no assists. Dani Bedore had 7 points, six rebounds, two steals, no blocks, and no assists.

Lindsay Schields was 6, 3, 1, 2, 0; Whitney Archer 6, 1, 1, 0, 0; Nicolette Clancy 4, 1, 3, 0, 1; Emily Murray 2, 3, 3, 0, 0; Kaylee Billinger 2, 2, 3, 0, 0; Amber Cowan 2, 1, 0, 0, 1; Nicole David 0, 1, 0, 0, 0; Vanessa Crotonger 0,

1, 1, 0, 0; Alicia Studor 0, 0, 1, 0, 0; Stephanie Sheldon 0, 0, 1, 0, 0; Candice Meissinger, Shandel Simon, Ashley Cebula, and Tanae Garnett.

The Mustangs tied Oberlin in the fifth quarter.

Stephanie Sheldon had two points, two rebounds, two steals, no blocks, and no assists. Nicole David had two points, two rebounds, no steals, no blocks, and no assists. Hannah Burkett was 0, 1, 0, 0, 0; Alicia Studor 0, 0, 1, 0, 0; Ashley Cebula 0, 1, 0, 0, 0. Sandy Johnson, Candice Meissinger, Venessa Crotonger, and Tanae Garret played.

Volatile Knight drawing boisterous, curious crowds to Texas Tech games

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The days when Texas Tech could slip quietly in and out of town are over.

Now the Big 12 has the Bob Knight Traveling Road Show, a sort of basketball circus with you-know-who taking center stage. Boisterous, curious crowds have replaced half-empty arenas when the once-lowly Red Raiders come calling.

Opponents are no longer bored with the lads from Lubbock. They and their fans are psyched-up to beat and if possible to pique the notorious new Tech coach who has won championships

and tossed chairs.

"They're used to going out on the road and playing in front of 2,000 people," Pat Knight, Bob Knight's son and assistant coach said of the Red Raiders.

"This year, just about every game is sold out."

Texas A&M's biggest crowd of the year showed up Wednesday to see Knight's team gain their unexpected 13th victory, 72-70. Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson figures it's going to be that way everywhere the Red Raiders go in Knight's first season at Tech.

"There's bound to be a lot of curiosity. He's a living legend," Sampson said. "Everybody's heard so much about coach Knight."

Sampson's Sooners have been drawing well regardless of the opponent, thanks to a 13-1 mark and a long record of success.

But the crowd was perhaps pumped up more than usual Saturday when the Red Raiders came to town and helped the Sooners give Texas Tech only their second loss of the year.

"In the Big Ten, he was there for so many years, he wasn't a novelty,"

Sampson said. "But his reputation precedes him in this conference."

Knight sat out a year after being fired for violations of a zero-tolerance behavior policy at Indiana, where he won three NCAA championships. He is resuming his career at a place that's never experienced the kind of attention it's getting now.

The players have even been taken aback. "Sometimes when we go into these new arenas it's like a deer looking in the headlights. At Oklahoma, we only had two guys who looked like they wanted to be there," Pat Knight

said.

"We're hoping if they get used to it they can feed off it. Our kids just have to learn." It wasn't such a problem with Knight's Indiana teams.

"But you always had guys in the program who could tell the new guys how to feed off the excitement, where we have 13 new guys," said Pat Knight.

Andy Ellis, the Red Raiders' leading scorer with a 17.9 average, had just eight points on 2-of-7 shooting against Oklahoma. As a team, Tech was 22-of-62.

It was this intimidation that bothered

Ellis, Pat Knight said.

"He's just got to give a better effort. With coach Knight being head coach, everybody is going to give you their best shot. I think it was kind of a shock to them. Last year when they played Oklahoma, probably only half the crowd was there."

Sampson says there's nothing Knight can do to deflect attention away from himself.

"There's always going to be a very, very small segment for your fans who will come and get on coach Knight, for lack of a better term."

Kansas wary of new tax proposals

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said his constituents oppose tax increases because they represent "big bucks they can't afford right now."

Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson, has helped draft an alternative that relies on spending cuts and dipping into rainy day funds to avoid a tax increase.

He said Graves presented a worst-case scenario in the budget he submitted last week.

"What took up a major part of the speech was restoration of cuts the Legislature wasn't going to make anyway," Kerr said.

Rep. Doug Mays of Topeka said: "We're not in the mood to raise taxes. The people of this state are not in the mood to raise taxes."

Democratic leaders criticized Graves and the GOP for what they claimed is mismanagement of the state's finances during Graves' seven years in office.

House Minority Leader Jim Garner, Coffeyville, and Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, Topeka, said the state should review tax cuts made in previous years. Democrats have not drafted an alternative to Graves' plan for this session.

"I do not think this is what Kansans envisioned when they were promised fiscal responsibility," Garner said.

In his address, Graves anticipated the criticism.

"The critic without an alternative solution brings little value to this debate," he said.

"Debating the past will do little to find a solution to what should be our future."

Graves would use \$139 million of the revenues raised by his proposed tax increases to prevent cuts in education, social services and the Department of Corrections.

He would then spend \$52.6 million on new spending, including extra aid for public schools, a pay raise for state employees, his economic stimulus package and security.

Another \$22 million, raised by the increases in motor fuels taxes and vehicle registration fees, would go to highway projects.

The state would salt away the rest of the money, about \$14 million, as "rainy

day" funds.

State aid for public schools would increase \$20 per pupil, to a base of \$3,890 during the next school year. In the budget he made public last week, Graves proposed a cut of \$158 per pupil.

The 2 percent pay raise would not apply to state universities. The Board of Regents would get an extra \$7 million to distribute, but that would not be enough for a 2 percent increase for all employees.

Also on Monday:
• State Board of Education members promised to keep pushing their plan to increase spending on schools by \$1.16 billion over three years.

• Three new House members were seated.

• Disabled Kansans rallied outside the Statehouse to protest possible cuts in services. Organizers put the crowd at about 600.

Nuggets lose to hapless Utah Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Things aren't as bad as they seemed earlier this season for the Utah Jazz.

Karl Malone scored 17 of his 26

points in the second half and Bryon Russell added 17 in a reserve role as Utah beat Denver 106-97 Monday night.

sports briefs

NEW YORK (AP)—For once, Shaquille O'Neal can be thankful for his poor aim.

The Los Angeles Lakers star drew a three-game suspension and \$15,000 fine from the NBA for throwing a punch and fighting with Chicago center Brad Miller last Saturday.

Miller was fouled hard by Miller and threw two round-house punches while his back was turned. Fortunately, the first punch missed.

The suspension will cost O'Neal about \$800,000 in lost salary.

He will be eligible to return Jan. 22 against Denver.

The NBA also suspended Miller for one game for committing the flagrant foul that led to the fight.

Bulls forward Charles Oakley was suspended for two games—one for accumulating too many flagrant foul points; the other for his simultaneous flagrant foul against O'Neal.

Oakley was fined \$10,000, and Miller was fined \$7,500.

Area kids did well at Hoop Shoot

The Elks District Hoop Shoot took place in Russell on Jan. 5. The contest was divided into age and sex groups, and winners were judged on how many baskets they made from 25 free throws.

Goodland participants were:

Brock Wilkens, 8-9 boys, second place, 17 baskets; Samantha Raymer,

10-11 girls, second place, 10 baskets; Mikey Doll, 12-13 boys, 16 baskets; and Ashley Christians, 12-13 girls, fifth place, 10 baskets.

Other area participants were Lakaya Steele, Weskan, 8-9 girls, third place, 13 baskets; and Jeff Reid, Brewster, 10-11 boys, second place, 18 baskets.

student of the week



is English. I'll remember friends and good times after I graduate.

Activities involved in at school: Cheerleading, FCCLA, Math Relays

My choice of movies, books, and games: That Thing You Do (Movie). I like all kinds of music. Mancala (Game).

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: go to a university and graduate.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll ...: have a successful career, be married, and be very happy.

Favorite Quote: "In leadership, in standing for principle there is loneliness. But men and women of integrity, must live with their convictions. Unless they do so, they are miserable." Gordon B. Hinkley



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Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Tuesday, Jan. 15 - HS BB at Tribune, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 16 - WKLL Scholars Bowl at Greenley City, 12 p.m.; WKLL Meeting at Greeley City, 1 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 17 - JH BB at Tribune, 3 p.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18 - No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:30 - Noon; HS BB with Jennings, 5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 21 - B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.; NWKESC Gifted Seminar "Interviews"
Tuesday, Jan. 22 - HS BB at Quinter (two gyms), 6:30 p.m.

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