

Big roster to help tennis team

By Rachel Miscal

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Coach Jerry McKee says the Goodland Cowboys tennis team will find strength in numbers this season. “We’ll be able to cover some spots other teams may not be able to cover,” he said. “And we’ll be able to put quality players there.”

The Cowboys started practice on Monday and McKee said 16 students came out, including seven returning players and nine new faces. He said the team has three returning seniors — Jonathan Finley, Sam Kear and Jordan Riebel — and six freshman.

Wallace Hansen, assistant coach, said it will be a rebuilding year for the team, which is relatively young and is missing Matt Mentzer, a strong player who graduated last year.

Mentzer took eighth in singles competition at the state tournament last year, while the team placed 11th at state and finished fourth in sub-state competition.

Though this year’s team has some growing to do, McKee said it will help that a bunch of students decided to participate.

“The numbers are good this year,” he said. “Much better than last year.”

McKee partially attributed the increase to improved practice facilities.

Last spring, the city and school board split the cost of building a new tennis court at Steever Park and renovating three already there. The courts are reserved for tennis practice and



Jordan Riebel, a senior, reached for the ball during the Goodland High School tennis team's practice Tuesday at Steever Park.

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games, but are otherwise open to the public.

McKee said it’s a better surface and the additional court allows the team to practice in one spot. He said players have had to split up in the past, making it harder for the younger players to learn from the upperclassmen.

“This is the first year they can all practice at one site,” he said. “It will

help build the team.”

The coach noted that the new facility could attract other teams to Goodland for meets or tournaments.

“Hopefully it will help build our home schedule,” he said.

The varsity team will host only one home meet this season and the junior varsity doesn’t have a match scheduled here. The varsity meet will start at 2

p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

The varsity’s first meet of the season will start at noon on Saturday, April 9 in Larned. The junior varsity will travel to Garden City on Sunday, March 31, for their first meet, which starts at 8 a.m. on April 1.

Coach McKee said part of the team’s success this year will depend on how quickly the players improve and the strength of their opponents.

“You could have the best tennis team you’ve ever had,” he said, “but if so does everyone else, it balances out.”

McKee said he thinks Ulysses will have a strong team this year, as a Tiger who went to state last year is returning. Garden City will be a worthy opponent as well, he said, adding that the strength of the other teams will depend on returning players.

The Cowboys will be working on ball control, shot selection and consistency. He said a good tennis player is someone who is mentally tough, physically talented and can withstand pressure.

“The biggest thing is to win the pressure situations,” he said, noting it’s also important to learn how to read your opponent.

“You have to adjust your game to deal with their game,” he said.

McKee said he sees potential in the returning and new players.

“Several returners are better than they were last year,” he said. “We’re hoping we can find some quality in our new people.”

New board will help grow economy

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Canada in local economic development.

He developed the idea of enterprise facilitation in 1985 in Western Australia. His concept was passed on, promoting local business growth by capturing the energy, passion and imagination of local individuals and helping to transform those good ideas in viable and rewarding new businesses.

What Sirolli believes is the basis for the new development is in his book “Ripples from the Zambezi,” which was published in 1999.

During the day-long session, Ferreira gave those present a background in what Sirolli has developed and the key tools that will make the program successful. One of the main keys is to have a large board with members who are willing to dedicate time and effort into making the project work. A board has not been officially formed, but at least 59 people are currently willing to join.

The board’s first task, he said, will be to hire a facilitator and introduce the facilitator to at least 10 people in the community. Based on the number of

board members, he said, that should be nearly 600 introductions.

Ferreira said the facilitator will spend a bit of time on the road as there will be offices in each of the counties.

A sub-committee has been established to advertise for the facilitator and to review applications and resumes received. The plan is to receive applications through April and to do the interviews in May.

Once the facilitator is hired, he and 12 members of the board will attend a week-long training session with staff from the Sirolli Institute. After the training session, the facilitator will be available to assist people with their

business ideas.

The next meeting of the board will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 16 in Scott City.

Attending from Sherman County included Commissioners Chuck Frankenfeld, Mitch Tiede and Kevin Rasure; County Clerk Janet Rumpel; Merlin Stasser of Western State Bank; Ken Clouse of Northwest Kansas Technical College; Don McKenzie of KBSL; Schyler Goodwin of Bankwest; Walt Linthacum of L and W Insurance; Darin Neufeld of EBH and Associates; Mike Cochran of Cochran Farm Supply; and Tom Betz of nwkansas.com.

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| Briney Farms over S&T Communications 15-8, 15-10 | Rookies over Marty's Electric 15-3, 11-15, 11-8 |
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| Kennedy & Coe over Sager Farms/Alex Radiator & Repair 15-2, 15-2 | Volleyball Tournament March 20 |
| Rookies over Briney Farms 15-4, 15-9 | Nobody's Business over Pirate Electric/Frontier Equity 16-14, 11-15, 11-7 |
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Goodland Dart League
March 20
Just Us over 3MTA3 13-3
Silver Bullets over Bad A's 9-7
No Luck over Can't Get Started 10-6
Fourth round outs: Mark Wear (3), Nikki Quain, Paul Simons, Kevin Delano. **Hat tricks:** Duane Hanke. **High tons:** Paul Simons (2). **Nine dart outs:** Duane Hanke (2), Mel Bracelin. **Most tons:** Duane Hanke (7), Mark Wear (6), Ricky Pummer (4), Cassandra Constable (4), Melody Abbott (4), Mel Bracelin (4). **Most wins:** Duane Hanke (7), Mel Bracelin (4), Ricky Pummer (4), Mark Wear (4). **Women's top shooters:** Nikki Quain 17; Mary Delano 16.44; Melody Abbott 16.43. **Men's top shooters:** Mark Wear 21.7, Paul Simon 21.07; Mel Bracelin 19.97. **Standings:** Just Us 273, 111; Can't Get Started 215, 169; No Luck 181, 203; Bad A's 177, 207; Silver Bullets 175, 209; 3MTA3 131, 253.

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