

## Getting ready for Larned



Senior Sam Kear took a whack at the ball during tennis practice. The Goodland High varsity didn't play yet this week, but the junior varsity team finished seventh with 21 points in its first match Monday in Garden City. The varsity play in their first match Tuesday, April 9 in Larned.  
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## Track team finishes seventh in Ogallala

The Goodland Cowgirls, led by Lacey Brenner and Rachel Hagerman, finished fifth and the Cowboys seventh at a their first track meet of the season Thursday in Ogallala, Neb.

Brenner won the 400 meter dash with a time of one minute 2.4 seconds. Hagerman had two firsts, winning the high hurdles with times of 15.5 in the preliminary and 16.1 in the final and the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 39.2.

The Cowgirls earned 56 points, finishing behind Cozad, Neb., with 76; Mitchell, Neb., 64; Gothenburg, Neb., 61; and Ogallala, 58.

Sixth place went to Imperial, Neb.; 55, Sidney, Neb., 52; Holyoke, Colo., 46; Haxtun, Colo., 35; and Hershey, Neb., and Grant, Neb., were tied for 10th with 12.

In the boys' team scores, Goodland tied for seventh place with Mitchell, earning 18 points. Ogallala won with 136 points. Sidney was second with 93, Gothenburg 88, Imperial 60, Grant 46, Holyoke 36, Hershey 14, Haxtun 12, Cozad 10 and the Ogallala junior varsity finished 12th with no points.

In the individual results for the girls, Cowgirl Rebecca Gattshall finished fourth in the 100 meter dash with times of 13.5 in the preliminary heat and 14.1 seconds in the final heat, and Hagerman finished fourth in the 200 meter dash with times of 27.9 in the preliminary and 28.5 in the final. Gattshall finished the 200 meter dash in 29.5 in the preliminary and 26 in the final.

The 4 X 100 meter relay team of Gattshall, Hayley Jarmin, Brenner and

Jayci Stone finished fourth in 54.6 seconds.

Stone led the Cowgirls in shot put with a 32' 8" throw. Jarmin had a 31' 4" throw, and Mandi Bellamy had a 29' 7" throw.

Jarmin finished sixth in the discus with a 109' 11" throw. Bellamy had a 98' 7" throw, and Andrea Fenner had a 90' 8" throw.

Stone finished fifth in the pole vault with an 8' 6" leap.

Hagerman was fourth in the long jump with a 15' 7" jump.

Stone finished third in the triple jump with a 5' jump, and Brenner was sixth with a 4' 10" jump.

In the individual results for the boys, Sam Smith finished the 100 meter dash in 12.1 seconds. Anthony Benavides finished the 200 meter dash with a time

of 24.1, Smith with 24.5 and Dusty King with 25.3.

Benavides finished fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.6 seconds. Donald Raymer finished the race in 1 minute 1.7 seconds.

The 4 X 100 meter relay team of Smith, Dusty Kling, Lance Tedford and Benavides finished fifth in 46.6 seconds.

Speedy Aguilar finished fifth in the 1600 meter run in 5 minutes 9.5 seconds and fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11 minutes 15.7 seconds.

Matt Heifer and Tom Cotter had 34' 10" throws in the shot put and threw the discus for 99' 7".

Tedford finished fourth in the long jump with a 19' 7.75".

Raymer had a 5' 6" jump in the high jump.

## Goodland offers youth basketball tournament

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Young basketball players will make their way to Goodland on Saturday to play in a tournament put together by the high school boy's coach.

Jon McLean, head coach at Goodland High School, said the tournament will be start at 8 a.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse and will run into the evening.

There will be 23 teams of fourth to eighth graders in five divisions, he said, third and fourth grade boys, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls, and seventh and eighth grade boys and girls.

McLean said he ran the tournament two years ago, and is going to try to make it an annual event. He is trying to promote basketball among Goodland kids, he said, and to give them a chance to play in a tournament.

Most of the teams will be from the area, McLean said, but there will be some from Colorado.

There will be four Goodland teams and a couple of older teams with some Goodland players, including the Young Guns, who took first place in their division in the Mid America Youth Basketball Winter Finale on March 23-24 in Newton.

The team of eighth grade boys from Goodland, Sharon Springs, Tribune and Oakley started its season in February and finished with a 19-2 record.

Not every game they played was

sponsored by the Mid America Youth Basketball league, said Tammy Schoenthaler, mother of team member Bobby Miller. They also played in privately sponsored tournaments in area towns like the Goodland tournament on Saturday.

For two Goodland boys, Miller and Jase Herl, it was their first year playing with the team, Schoenthaler said.

The third Goodlandite, Jon Beeson, has played on the team before. Schoenthaler said being on the team has been good for her son.

"It helps him tremendously," she said. "Playing in the off-season keeps him ready for when the school teams start."

This was Miller's third year playing on a youth league team, Schoenthaler

said. "He likes playing on the teams," she said, "plus it gives us something fun for the family to do. We get involved in his practices and go to his games."

Admission at the tournament Saturday will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids. Money raised will go to the Cowboy Hustler summer basketball program, McLean said.

## bowling results

## Tuesday Night Alibi League

March 19

Shelter Insurance over Best Foods 4-0  
Hitchcock's over Safari Steakhouse 3-1  
Bumper Babes split Ahead of the Times 2-2  
High individual game: Calli McDaniel-215  
High individual series: Calli McDaniel-505  
High team game: Hitchcock's-817  
High team series: Hitchcock's-2,308

March 26

Ahead of the Times over Shelter Insurance 3-1  
Bumper Babes over Hitchcock's 4-0  
Safari Steakhouse over Best Foods 2 1/2-1 1/2  
High individual game: Connie Cullins-254  
High individual series: Lonnie Newell-645  
High team series: Bumper Babes-2,313  
High team game: Safari Steakhouse-860  
High team series: Bumper Babes-2,313  
Standings: Shelter Insurance 77, 31; Ahead of the Times 63, 45; Hitchcock's 56 1/2; 51 1/2; Bumper Babes 43 1/2, 64 1/2; Best Foods 43 1/2, 64 1/2; Safari Steakhouse 41 1/2, 66 1/2.

Shear Dimensions over D&G Clan 4-0  
Mudslingers over Kickers 4-0  
Mueller Grain over Kanorado Coop 3-1  
Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-197  
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-556  
Men's high game: George Phillips-222  
Men's high series: Darrel Cloyd-555  
Team high game: Goodland Sheet Metal-2,923  
Team high series: Goodland Sheet Metal-2,543  
Standings: Mueller Grain 78 1/2; 45 1/2; Kanorado Coop 78, 46; Shear Dimensions 75, 49; Gambler's 70, 54; D&G Clan 69 1/2; 54 1/2

## Happy Our Bowling Report

March 28

KMA over Rasure Lumber 4 to 0  
Kanorado COOP split with Pocket Rockets 2 to 2  
Bowladium Lanes over Wheatridge Farms 4 to 0  
B&B Electric over Blind team 3 to 1.  
High individual game: Jeff Badgett-288  
High individual series: Jeff Badgett-705  
High team game: KMA-909  
High team series: KMA-2,554  
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 21, 7; KMA 19, 9  
Rasure Lumber 16, 12; Wheatridge Farms 16, 12

## Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League

April 1

Accounting & Tax split Western Insurance 2-2  
Budweiser split Fitzgibbon's 2-2  
Kear's Quality Liquor over Pirated Electric 3 1/2-1/2  
Luci's Aquarium over Just 4 Bowlers 3-1  
Motor Doctor over Rasures 3-1  
Lonnie's Quality Auto Body over Truck & Tractor 4-0  
Women's high game: Marilyn Weigand-224  
Women's high series: Marilyn Weigand-565  
Men's high game: Darren Hickson/Terry Smith-244  
Men's high series: John Fixen-659  
Team high game: Accounting & Tax-872  
Team high series: Lonny's Quality Auto Body-2,486  
Standings: Fitzgibbon's 23, 9; Kear's Quality Liquor 20 1/2, 11 1/2; Accounting & Tax 20, 12

## Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic

March 27

ProLine over L&M Steel 16-4  
Sigco over Weber Kennels 14-6  
Basgall Construction over Fitzgibbon's 12-8  
Bowladium Lanes over Western Kansas Valley 19-1  
High individual game: Jerry Amthor-278  
High individual series: Jerry Amthor-950  
High team game: Bowladium Lanes-654  
High team series: Bowladium Lanes-2,455  
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 77 1/2, 22 1/2; Sigco 60, 40; L&M Steel 58, 42; Fitzgibbon's 50 1/2, 47 1/2; ProLine 48 1/2, 51 1/2; Western Kansas Valley 37, 63; Weber Kennels 35, 65; Basgall Construction 33 1/2, 66 1/2.

## Wednesday Night Mixed League

March 27

Blossom Shoppe over Phantoms 3-1  
Guzzlin Socializers over Phillip's Brothers 3-1

## Alco closing leaves 'big hole'

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closing will leave "a big hole" downtown that other shops will have to work hard to fill.

"It's going to hurt," she said, "but we hope we can pull through."

She said people in Goodland should shop downtown to make sure other stores aren't forced to close.

Knott said it's time to start planning for the future.

"Forget about Alco," she said. "That's done. We need to look ahead and see what we can do."

One thing people can do, Knott added, is support the community-owned grocery a group is working to open in the old Jubilee building at 11th and Broadway. The group wants 500 families in Sherman County to invest \$2,000 each.

Knott said the grocery could be a new anchor to replace Alco.

"It would be ours," she said. "We could either make it or break it."

Harding said he has noticed changes in the market and knew businesses were going to have to make adjustments, but he had no idea Alco planned to close.

He said the changes include a drop in population, different consumer demands, a slumping farm economy and more competition.

Families are growing smaller as couples have fewer children, Harding said, noting that smaller families need less food and school supplies.

He blocked the highway projects which blocked off Goodland last summer may have contributed to Alco's closing.

"This is somewhat a result of that,"

he said.

Harding said he believes another store that sells a variety of products like Alco did could survive in the location.

"I think there's still opportunities for someone," he said.

There needs to be a greater emphasis on marketing Sherman County, Harding said, to bring in outside business. He said if public officials and business owners contribute about \$175,000, the Chamber could develop a successful company-recruiting program.

"Until we're ready to do that," he said, "there will be more fallout."

He said other cities have dug themselves out of a hole with economic development programs.

"Communities that are aggressive have done it," he said.

Harding said Chamber officials will be talking with Alco executives about the future of the employees.

"We hope we can find some solution for them," he said, "so they can stay in the community."

Pickman said right now it's hitting the store's employees the hardest.

"Imagine you go to work one morning and find out you don't have a job," he said. "That's stress."

He said Goodland's declining population and slumping economy affect everyone and the city, county and school district need to start planning for the future.

"It's better to act than react," he said.

Schlyer Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corp., said he is planning a meeting to get the elected officials talking.

Pickman said he thinks the city and county will do something.

## Kansas looks to future after loss

By The Associated Press

All-America forward Drew Gooden believes Kansas will have a good basketball program next season — with or without him.

"We've got a lot of guys returning and hopefully get back to the Final Four next year and win it for coach," said Gooden, who still has not announced whether he'll stay in school or leave early for the NBA.

Before Saturday night, when Kansas fell to Maryland 97-88 in the NCAA semifinals, the 6-foot-11 junior was expected to go to the NBA, and Gooden did nothing to discourage the speculation. But after his performance against Maryland, Gooden hinted he might return to school. He finished with 15 points on 5-for-12 shooting and had nine rebounds.

"It will be a tough decision," said Gooden, who led Kansas this season in scoring (19.8 ppg) and rebounding

(11.5 rpg). "No one wants their college career to end like this. I will have to look at it and deal with it and make a decision later."

The Jayhawks are certain to lose senior Jeff Boschee, the Big 12's all-time leading 3-point shooter, plus backup forward Jeff Carey and a handful of bit players: guards Lewis Harrison and Brett Ballard, and forwards Todd Kappelmann and Chris Zerbe.

But guard Kirk Hinrich (14.8 ppg) will rejoin forward Nick Collison (15.8 ppg, 8.3 rebounds a game) and point guard Aaron Miles in the starting lineup.

Iowa Western Community College forward Jeff Graves, who attended Lee's Summit High School in Missouri, signed with Kansas in the fall and is expected to be a key contributor right away. The 6-foot-9, 260-pound Graves is a physical player who has a soft shooting touch for a banger.

## Maryland comes up with national championship

ATLANTA (AP) — The white-haired little boy skittered around the court, oblivious to the whole celebration. Gary Williams scooped up his grandson, looked into his eyes — and smiled.

The coach could relax. Finally. The Maryland Terrapins had their national championship. Finally.

"I've never done this before, so I'm not sure what I'm supposed to be like," Williams said. "I'm very happy. It's a thrill, there's no doubt about it. But I'm really tired."

No wonder. He kept coaching right to the end, long after Maryland secured a 64-52 victory over Indiana in the title game Monday night.

The tie was askew. The arms were flailing. The voice never wavered. After 24 years of coaching — and Maryland's history of scandal and disappointment — who could blame him for taking no chances?

"If you're going to be a good basketball team, you have to play every play," Williams said. "We don't want to waste any plays."

This team, led by seniors Juan Dixon, Lonny Baxter and Byron Mouton, had no intention of letting that

happen. Not after the disappointment from 366 days earlier, when the Terrapins squandered a 22-point lead in the Final Four against eventual champion Duke.

"People asked me if the Duke game was on my mind," said Baxter, who scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. "I was like, 'No, it won't be until I win a national championship.'"

In other words, the Terrapins (32-4) never really forgot. Their game plan was simple: Get back to the Final Four, win two games, cut down the nets — put that bitter defeat behind them.

"They had the courage after last year's game in the Final Four to set a goal that a lot of people kind of laughed at," Williams said. "They weren't afraid to tell people what their goal was."

This was Maryland's first appearance in a national championship game and the senior-laden lineup came through over the final 9:42, ending the Hoosiers' magical run through the NCAA tournament.

"The victory was won," said Indiana's second-year coach, Mike Davis, who succeeded Bob Knight and took a No. 5 seed to the final game of

"I don't want to predict, but certainly when this group of freshmen become sophomores and the juniors become seniors, they have a chance to come back and be a very good team again," said assistant coach Neil Dougherty, who is leaving for TCU. "There's good talent in our locker room and you need talent and people willing to work hard every day. These guys long ago decided they'd do whatever it takes to win and I'm sure they will do it again this off-season."

Freshman Keith Langford, who averaged 7.9 points coming off the bench, is expected to take Boschee's spot in the starting lineup. Langford, though a better slasher, is not nearly the outside threat that Boschee was. So coach Roy Williams continues to look for a wing forward who can score consistently from the outside.

Williams, who wants to sign that player this spring, is reportedly inter-

ested in Coffeyville Community College star Devin Smith. A 6-foot-5 sharpshooter, Smith has narrowed his choices to Kansas, Illinois and Iowa.

Another possibility is Andre Iguodala, a 6-foot-6 senior at Lanphier High School in Springfield, Ill. Iguodala signed with Arkansas in the fall but was released from his national letter of intent when the school fired coach Nolan Richardson last month. Iguodala lists Kansas, Arizona and Boston College among his favorites.

Jeff Hawkins, a 2001 graduate of Sumner Academy who redshirted this year, could also be a key contributor in the Jayhawks' backcourt. Although his release isn't as quick as Boschee's, Hawkins is deadly from three-point range and is also a skilled ball handler and passer.

"I'm just waiting for my chance," Hawkins said. "Hopefully I'll be ready."

"We had a chance tonight, but Maryland is a much better team than we are."

It wasn't always that way. Williams guided his alma mater from the depths of probation 13 years ago to the pinnacle of college basketball. He took over just three years after the cocaine-induced death of star Len Bias, inheriting a program wracked by scandal.

"Having played at Maryland, coming back at a time I hate to even think about because there was so much mistrust, so much doubt about the place of the basketball program at the University of Maryland," the coach said. "We had to work all those things out before we could even think about having a good basketball team."

With the journey complete, Williams held his 2 1/2-year-old grandson, David, and allowed that famous intensity to melt long enough to celebrate with the players.

Dixon led the Terrapins with 18 points and hit the shot that put his team ahead for good. When the horn sounded, the 165-pound guard hurled the ball toward the roof of the Georgia Dome and collapsed to the floor, sandwiched between the 260-pound Baxter

and 247-pound Tahj Holden.

"I feel like I'm dreaming right now because I'm part of a national championship team," said Dixon, selected the Final Four's most outstanding player.

He scored at least 27 points in four of the first five tournament games, including 33 in the semifinal victory over fellow top-seed Kansas.

Dixon started the title game at that pace, scoring 11 points in the opening 10 minutes. He didn't score again for more than 20 minutes, allowing Indiana to grab its only lead. It lasted just eight seconds.

Steve Blake escaped a trap and fed Dixon for a 3-pointer with 9:42 to play, giving Maryland the lead for good at 45-44.

"I was trying to be patient," Dixon said. "I was trying to let the game come to me. I hit a big shot."

Dixon made a bunch of them during his career, passing Bias as the school's leading scorer.

The senior overcame a troubled life. Both parents were addicted to drugs and died of AIDS while he was in high school. Dixon wanted to play at Maryland, but plenty of people thought he was too frail.

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## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Wednesday, April 3 - NKESC Seminar on "Forensic Science"

Thursday, April 4 - HS Track at Cheylin, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 5 - JH Track at Cheylin, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 8 - 4-H Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9 - HS Track at Colby, 10:30 a.m. (Triplains Meet)

Friday, April 12 - No School; Teacher Inservice/QPA workday.

Monday, April 15 - B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.

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