

Hoxie hard on golfers



Michael Mangus, a Goodland High School golfer, smiled at a joke before hitting the ball at practice. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

Junior varsity gets experience

The Cowboys junior varsity found the Hoxie golf course to be tough Tuesday, as they finished eighth against seven varsity teams. Coach Steve Raymer said he sent the junior varsity so they could get some experience. He said there was some improvement in their play, and weather was good that day. Saturday, the golfers are scheduled to go to Atwood, but Raymer said it will be the junior varsity players because the varsity golfers will be attending the state music festival. Kevin Schulte was the top Cowboy finisher with a 91. Coach Raymer said Schulte is getting closer to breaking the '90' level, he said, and he had rounds of 47 and 44.

Michael Mangus shot 101. Raymer said Mangus had his first round under 50, shooting 52 and 49. Josh Topliff came it with 101 - 51, 50; David Griffith, 103 - 52, 51; Dusty Baker, 107 - 52, 55; and Richard Bauman, 124 - 62, 62. Hoxie won their own tournament with a team score of 309. Atwood was second, 324; Quinter, third, 358; Trego, fourth, 360; Stockton, fifth, 362; Oakley, sixth, 376; Colby, seventh, 376; and Goodland, eighth, 396. Tuesday, the Cowboy golfers will be in Oakley for a tournament beginning at 2 p.m. Mountain Time.

T-ball league will keep score

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Donna Terry

T-ball players can choose what type of league to play in this year at the Goodland Activities Center, one that keeps score, or one that doesn't. In past years, the center held non-competitive games, said Administrator Donna Terry, but this year, parents have asked for what she called a "more structured" league. "I don't like to call it a competitive league," Terry said, "but I don't have a better word for it. When people ask, I tell them it is 'more structured.'" The regular league for kindergartners doesn't keep score and there are no outs, she said. Every player bats each inning, and everybody gets to first base. The final batter in the line-up runs the bases. "There is a lot of parental coaching - helping them get to the right base, sometimes carrying them there

- that won't be there in the structured league." Kids learn some of the basics of baseball, Terry said, but mostly they get to be part of a team and have fun. A kid who has played the sport before might find the regular league boring, she said, so now they have the option of the competitive league, where every kid still gets to bat each inning, but there will be outs and scores will be kept. After three outs, or five runs, the team will get to finish batting through the line-up, but runs won't be counted anymore. "Players will learn the fundamentals," Terry said. "They'll learn if the ball gets to the base before they do, they

Rockies lose late-night contest

CINCINNATI (AP) — Midnight had come and gone. Cleaning crews were sweeping out the upper deck. The small contingent of fans was wondering if it was ever going to end. Juan Encarnacion was wondering the same thing. Encarnacion's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Cincinnati Reds a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies and finally cleared out the stadium at 12:45 a.m. EDT Thursday. "Everybody was wishing it was over," Encarnacion said. The majority of Cincinnati's smallest paid crowd in four years left Cinergy Field hours before Encarnacion's line drive off Jose Jimenez (0-2) landed on the soggy outfield grass, drawing a cheer from the 100 or so fans who stuck it out. "I was thinking it was going to be later," Reds manager Bob Boone said. "The way it was looking, we were go-

ing to be here a long time." Both teams knew they were in for a long night because of a thunderstorm headed their way. The Rockies are making their only visit to Cincinnati, so there was no chance to play a makeup game later in the season. Mark Hirschbeck's umpiring crew was prepared to wait as long as it took. "Mark told us before the game that they were going to do everything possible to get it in, and I certainly agreed with that," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. "If we were coming back here, it might have been a little different. I don't think either team wanted a doubleheader tomorrow." The Reds scored three runs in the bottom of the third off struggling Mike Hampton, who has been stuck on 99 career wins since last Sept. 19. After Todd Walker's sacrifice fly drove in the third run, the heavy rain began. The delay lasted 2 hours, 39 minutes.

It was 10:49 EDT — and only the bottom of the third — when Chris Nichting took the mound in place of Hampton and play resumed before about 200 fans. A few minutes later, cleaning crews started getting the upper deck ready for the next game. "We had been told there was so much rain coming," Nichting said. "We didn't know if we were going to play. We wondered if we'd play two tomorrow." Gary Bennett tied it with a three-run homer in the fifth off reliever Jim Brower, and a nice defensive play by the Reds kept it tied until the ninth. The Rockies loaded the bases with one out in the eighth off Scott Williamson (1-0), and Todd Hollandsworth hit a shallow fly to left fielder Adam Dunn. Terry Shumpert tagged and was out when catcher Corky Miller lunged and got his leg just before he stepped on the plate.

Magic may join Hall

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A few years later than he wanted, Magic Johnson is in position to join friend and rival Larry Bird in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, unable to persuade the hall to waive its five-year retirement requirement so he could enter alongside Bird in 1998, was nominated for induction Wednesday in his first year of eligibility. Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA championships, was nominated along with 13 other players and coaches and the Harlem Globetrotters. "He's an obvious choice to me or anybody else that follows the game," said Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak. "It's a formality, another jewel in his career."

There are so few doubts about the outcome of the Honors Committee vote that, in a break with tradition, the Hall of Fame is announcing its inductees in June in Los Angeles, where Johnson spent his entire 13-year pro career. In his rookie season with the Lakers, Johnson seized control of Game 6 of the 1980 NBA Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers. Starting at center for the injured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and playing all five positions during the game, Johnson had 42 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, leading the Lakers to the first of five titles during the decade. At 21, Johnson became the first rookie to be selected Finals MVP. The Lakers also won titles with Johnson in 1982, '85, '87, and '88.

Spaniard top rookie

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis Grizzlies forward Pau Gasol won the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award as a near unanimous pick. Gasol, a native of Spain, is the first European to win top rookie honors. He received 117 of a possible 126 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Richard Jefferson of New Jersey had three votes for second place. Jason Richardson of Golden State, Jamaal Tinsley of Indiana and Andrei Kirilenko of Utah all received two votes.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Montreal	13	8	.619	—
New York	11	10	.524	2
Atlanta	11	11	.500	2 1/2
Florida	10	11	.476	3
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Pittsburgh	12	7	.632	—
Cincinnati	12	8	.600	1/2
St. Louis	10	11	.476	3
Houston	9	11	.450	3 1/2
Chicago	7	12	.368	5
Milwaukee	7	14	.333	6
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	13	7	.650	—
Arizona	13	8	.619	1/2
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	1/2
San Diego	10	11	.476	3 1/2
Colorado	6	15	.286	7 1/2
Wednesday's Games				
Atlanta 4, Arizona 3				
Houston 7, Florida 4				
Montreal 5, Milwaukee 4, 15 innings				
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 1				
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 2				
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 3				
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Mets 2				
Chicago Cubs 10, San Francisco 4				
Today's Games				
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 2-0), 10:35 a.m.				
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 2-0), 12:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Jones 1-1) at Philadelphia (Padilla 2-2), 1:05 p.m.				
Houston (Reynolds 2-2) at Florida (Burnett 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-1) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Colorado (Neagle 2-1) at Cincinnati (Hamilton 1-1), 5:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Pearce 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 1-3), 5:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Helling 2-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-0), 5:35 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Los Angeles (Perez 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-1), 1:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Tomko 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Villone 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Johnson 5-0) at Florida (Olsen 0-1), 5:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (T.Smith 0-0) at Montreal (Pavano 2-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Rusch 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 0-2), 5:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Ortiz 2-1) at Cincinnati (Dessens 1-3), 5:10 p.m.				
Houston (Redding 0-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-1), 5:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Adams 0-2) at Colorado (Thomson 2-2), 7:05 p.m.				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	12	6	.667	—
New York	14	8	.636	—
Tampa Bay	9	10	.474	3 1/2
Toronto	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Baltimore	8	12	.400	5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	14	7	.667	—
Minnesota	13	8	.619	1
Cleveland	12	9	.571	2
Kansas City	7	12	.368	6
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	4	16	.200	9 1/2
West Division				
Seattle	17	5	.773	—
Oakland	11	10	.524	5 1/2
Anaheim	7	14	.333	9 1/2
Texas	6	14	.300	10
Wednesday's Games				
Kansas City 8, Detroit 2				
Baltimore 5, Boston 3				
Chicago White Sox 9, Cleveland 2				
Tampa Bay 9, Minnesota 1				
Texas 3, Toronto 2				
Anaheim 10, Seattle 6				
N.Y. Yankees 8, Oakland 5				
Today's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-1) at Cleveland (Drese 2-1), 11:05 a.m.				
Minnesota (Lohse 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Sturtz 0-2), 12:15 p.m.				
Boston (P.Martinez 3-0) at Baltimore (Maduro 1-1), 1:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Halladay 1-0) at Texas (Burba 1-0), 1:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-0) at Oakland (Zito 0-1), 1:35 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-1) at Boston (Burkett 1-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Reed 2-1) at Detroit (Cornejo 0-2), 5:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Finley 1-2) at Texas (Davis 2-1), 6:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Johnson 1-3) at Kansas City (Reichert 0-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Carpenter 0-1) at Anaheim (Appier 1-1), 8:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 2-2) at Seattle (Baldwin 2-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Rauch 0-0) at Oakland (Lidle 0-3), 8:05 p.m.				

Kansas State can't decide on starter

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — A coin will decide Kansas State's starting quarterback — at least for now, anyway. Competition between junior Eli Roberson and senior Marc Dunn has been so close that head coach Bill Snyder won't be able to unveil his decision at the Wildcats' annual spring game on Saturday. The starter may not be named until Kansas State's first game of 2002 on Aug. 31. In the mean time, Snyder will alternate the two quarterbacks on the first team in the spring game played between the Wildcats' first and second teams. Snyder also said that game would not decide the starter. "There's no clear-cut distinct No. 1 at this point in time," Snyder said. "Both Marc and Eli have made

progress. The improvement has been as consistent as you like. They need to be consistent. That holds true with the whole football team." Roberson and Dunn's rivalry isn't new. Both have competed for the starting job since last year's spring game. Roberson appeared to win out, starting in nine games last season. Dunn took over for an injured Roberson against Texas Tech before the two battled for the position the rest of the season. "There's pressure for me to perform," Dunn said. "I want to make a statement. I do want to be the guy. My time is winding down." Uncertainty at quarterback might be the only familiar theme during Kansas State's first spring appearance. Three new defensive coaches and 11 new starters will make their debut. Also, the players will be playing at a

different venue. Construction of Kansas State's new FieldTurf surface at Wagner Field has forced the Wildcats to move their spring game to Manhattan High School's stadium. Around 15,000 people usually attend the spring game, but only 6,500 tickets will be sold this year because seating is limited. "This takes us back to the high school days," Dunn said. "It sure will be fun and will bring back the memories." Preliminary forecasts suggest that rain could be an issue at the game. But Snyder said that provided the surface would not cause injuries to players and there would be no health risk to fans, it would be important for the team to conclude spring practices with the game.

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