

Tennis players gain experience

By Rachel Miscal

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The Goodland Cowboys tennis team ended its season on Monday in preliminary matches and the opening round of the Class 4A Regional Tennis Tournament at Smoky Valley High School in Lindsborg.

Coach Jerry McKee said it was the end of a good season, during which the Cowboys couldn't score enough points to win a tournament but gained a lot of experience.

"We made improvement," McKee said, noting that both a singles and a doubles team came close to advancing at regionals despite tough competition.

Participating schools were Abilene, Chapman, Concordia, Nickerson, Scott City, Smoky Valley and Ulysses. McKee said each school entered two singles and two doubles teams. Each team that wasn't seeded drew for spots, he said, adding that the Cowboys had unlucky draws, with two teams facing state qualifiers in the opening round.

Smoky Valley took first with 10 points; Abilene was second with 10; Concordia, third, 7; Ulysses, fourth, 6; and Chapman, fifth, 2.

In singles, Cowboy Jake Johnson lost 10-9 and 8-6 to Phil Schindler of Colby in a match to determine which team would play the No. 5 seed Tyler Harkness of Scott City. McKee said Johnson had an exceptional game, coming the closest to beating Schindler that any Cowboy has all season.

Goodland's Matt Hall fell in the first round to No. 2 seed Zach Anderson of Ulysses 6-0, 6-0. McKee said Anderson was a state qualifier last year and it was just unlucky that Hall was picked to face him.

Anderson went on to place third in the tournament, while Ryan Regnier of

Concordia took first and Mark Sandbo of Smoky Valley finished second.

In doubles, Cowboys Jordan Riebel and Kyle Schulte lost in the first round to No. 6 seed Matt Hodges and Zach Douglas of Smoky Valley 6-3, 7-5. Hodges and Douglas went on to place fourth.

Goodland's Jonathan Finley and Matthias Goodley lost to Harrold and Finley of Ulysses 9-3 in a match to determine which team would face the No. 5 seed Renner and Mitchell of Concordia.

Brian Mansfield and Wyatt Cooper of Abilene took first, Derek Berns and Kyle Regier also of Abilene second and Keith Carlson and Cameron Carlson of Smoky Valley third.

McKee said this year's team had many young players who will continue to improve as they grow older.

During the season, the coach said, each player got experience playing both singles and doubles and had to learn to work with different partners.

"We used a lot of different combos," he said, noting that by the time the team reached regionals there were a few solid units.

The numbers were up for tennis this year, McKee said, adding that he expects many of the players to return. The question is whether they will have anything to return to, he said.

With Gov. Bill Graves promising to severely cut aid to schools if legislators don't pass a tax bill to fill a \$290 million budget hole, McKee said the Goodland district may be forced to cut sports.

If tennis isn't cut here, he added, it could be at a number of other schools. "If it's cut at other schools," McKee said, "it will make it difficult for us to continue competing."



Avs win second round

DENVER (AP) — Peter Forsberg has been so good in the playoffs, it's easy to forget he missed the entire regular season.

"It's unbelievable," Colorado's Dan Hinote said. "It's amazing what kind of athlete he is to take the time off that he did and come back."

Forsberg scored his second straight winner and Patrick Roy bolstered his mighty reputation as a big-game goalie, stopping 27 shots as the Avalanche beat the San Jose Sharks 1-0 in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals.

The victory Wednesday night puts

Colorado in the conference finals for the sixth time in seven years.

The Avalanche open against the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday in a best-of-seven matchup of the West's top two teams during the regular season.

In the East, the Toronto Maple Leafs and Hurricanes begin their final Thursday night at Carolina.

Forsberg missed the regular season because of a leave of absence and several foot operations, but he has dominated since returning just before the playoffs.

Forsberg, the leading scorer in the

playoffs with 19 points, had a point in all seven games against the Sharks.

He scored with 2:10 left in the second period of Game 7 on a give-and-go with Alex Tanguay, two days after getting the winner in overtime in Game 6.

San Jose led the series 3-2 after a 5-3 victory in Game 5, but scored one goal in the final two games in failing to reach the conference finals for the first time.

It was the second time the Sharks lost the final two games of a series after leading 3-2. They did against Toronto in the 1994 conference semifinals.

Golfers end year in Larned

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News
One Goodland High School golfer finished two strokes short of qualifying for the state tournament Monday in Larned.

Ian Scherling shot an 82 at the regional tournament. He shot 39 the first time around the nine-hole course, Coach Steve Raymer said, but struggled the second time through.

"He was looking good. I told him if he could come around and do it again, he'd be assured a spot at state," Raymer said, "but he had a hard time."

Derrick Raymer came in second for Goodland with 87, Bill Linin shot 88, Preston Lambrecht 90, Kevin Schulte 100 and Shawn Weber 105.

"I was hoping to get four kids to finish in the 80s," Raymer said. "I always say 320 is the magic number. If four kids can finish with 320 strokes, you'll be going to state."

"We came close. We had three in the 80s."

The top player in the tournament was from Larned, Raymer said, and shot 73. In team results, Larned won with 319 strokes, Hugoton had 324, Kingman 328, Pratt 331, Ulysses 334, Colby 335, Norton 341, Goodland 347, Nickerson 377, Scott City 379. The scores from the four top players from each team counts towards the team score.

The Cowboys came in fourth in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament Friday in Atwood. Scherling earned fifth with 84, Linin and Raymer finished with 88, Lambrecht 95, Weber 96 and Schulte 103.

Atwood won the league meet with 331, Hoxie had 338, Colby 338, Goodland 355, Quinter 373, Oakley 375 and Oberlin 386.

The regional tournament spelled the end of the season for Goodland, but Raymer says he is already excited for next year.

"The entire team is coming back next year, and a few new kids are coming out who should strengthen the team," he said. "The sky is the limit. If they practice and come out and work, they have a good chance next year."

"The team says they would really like to get to state next year," he said, "which is nice to hear from kids. They really want it."

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Wednesday's Games	
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 2	Florida (Dempster 2-3) at San Francisco (Ortiz 3-2), 8:35 p.m.
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1	AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 4	Wednesday's Games
Houston 6, Philadelphia 2	Seattle 8, Toronto 6
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 1	Boston 8, Oakland 2
Colorado 7, Florida 2	Anaheim 10, Detroit 1
San Diego 2, Montreal 1, 14 innings	Cleveland 3, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Mets 2, Los Angeles 0	Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 7
Today's Games	
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 11:05 a.m.	Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 2
Florida (Tavarez 1-2) at Colorado (Hampton 1-5), 1:05 p.m.	Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6
Atlanta (Marquis 2-2) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 1:35 p.m.	Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-2), 6:05 p.m.	Minnesota (Lohse 2-2) at Kansas City (George 0-3), 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Coggin 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 6-1), 7:35 p.m.	Oakland (Zito 3-2) at Boston (F.Castillo 2-3), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-2), 8:05 p.m.	Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Toronto (Prokopec 2-4), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 3-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 2-3), 8:10 p.m.	Anaheim (Schoeneweis 2-4) at Detroit (Weaver 2-5), 5:05 p.m.
Friday's Games	
Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-2) at Milwaukee (Rusch 2-3), 6:05 p.m.	Baltimore (Maduro 2-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.Williams 2-4) at Houston (Reynolds 3-3), 6:05 p.m.	Tampa Bay (Rupe 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 5-1), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 2-3) at St. Louis (Kile 1-3), 6:10 p.m.	Texas (Rogers 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 3-4), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 5-2) at Colorado (Thomson 5-2), 7:05 p.m.	Friday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-4) at San Diego (Middlebrook 0-0), 8:05 p.m.	Seattle (Halama 2-0) at Boston (Oliver 4-2), 5:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Adams 1-3) at Arizona (Batista 2-2), 8:05 p.m.	Texas (Burba 3-0) at Detroit (Sparks 2-4), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 5-3) at Los Angeles (Nomo 2-5), 8:10 p.m.	Oakland (Mulder 2-2) at Toronto (Halladay 3-1), 5:05 p.m.

T-ball leagues to run through June

The Goodland Activities Center is running two T-ball leagues from June 4 to June 25, a competitive league and a non-competitive circuit.

Team rosters are:

Goodland Activities Center	
Competitive T-Ball	
Calvary Gospel	Steve Rains, Coach; Robin Rains, Assistant Coach
Team Color: Gold	
Shyanne Austin, Austin Burkett, Jesse Cooper, Andy Hachmeister, Brooke Lockart, Sheldon Nelson, Austin Rains, Garrett Taylor	
Proline	Samantha Siruta, Coach; Karen Hooker, Assistant Coach
Team Color: Cyber Pink	
Cody Hooker, Gage Ihrig, Gannon Ihrig, Keegan Northdurft, Connor Simpson, Megan Siruta, Taylor Thomas	
Bowladium Lanes	Terry Bahe, Coach; Alan David, Assistant Coach
Team Color: Kelly Green	
Kyler Amthor, Brook Bahe, Taryn Bedore, Ian Bonsall, Joshua David, Amy Floyd, John Peden	
Cochran Farm Supply	Travis Witman, Coach; Mike Cochran, Assistant Coach
Team Color: California Blue	

Hope Cochran, Colton Cooper, James Dinkle, Karlee Raile, Todd Snethen, Kolt Trachsel, Holton Witman

Non-competitive T-Ball
Crazy R's
Tammy DeLaRosa, Coach
Team Color: Orange
Jake Anderson, Carlee Cooper, Stephanie DeLaRosa, Tyler Hageman, Steve Johnson, Coy Johnson, Gabriel Ledesma, John Salinas, Alexandra Tuttle, Hunter Williams

Cub Scouts
Laura McClung, Coach
Team Color: Yellow
Aaron Avelar, Lindsay Bauman, Makala Fogg, Katera Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Jonah McClung, Chandler Pettibone, Blake Stasser, Chaston VanDerVeen, Garrett Williams

Richardson's Homestead Reality
Lora Lake, Coach
Team Color: Purple
Tanner Abbott, Brock Butts, Causim Entwistle,

Jarrod Lake, River Moreno, Anthony Papol, Telanie Reicks, Hannah Sanderson, Sophia Thompson, Tresha Tighe

Medical Arts Pharmacy
Lloyd Koel, Coach
Team Color: Red
Keegan Bowling, Elizabeth House, Jayce Hovis, Nicholas Koel, Courtney Kudara, Gerell Miller, Cameron Mouchette, Tyler Neufeld, Raquel Tomsic

Golden West
Michael Brannick, Coach
Team Color: Jade Green
Connor Baker, Alexandria Bennett, Milan Brannick, Britney Brown, Joe Diaz, Makayla Kennedy, Jordan Knitig, Matthew Murray, Tanner Schmidt

Planet Scraper T-Rexes
John Hendrich, Coach
Team Color: Royal Blue
Selena Acosta, Savannah Bassett, Xavier Colby, D.J. Glassman, Hiram Hendrich, John Hendrich, Ryder Igo, Felix Perez, Jordon Winn

Rockies' reserves help win

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's reserves again came through in the clutch.

Pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert broke a tie with a solo home run in the seventh, triggering a five-run outburst as the Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 7-2 Wednesday night.

Two nights earlier, Greg Norton hit a pinch-hit grand slam that lifted the Rockies to a 7-3 win.

"When you're not playing all the time, it really feels good to do something when you come off the bench," Shumpert said. "You always want to contribute."

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