

Freshman football cancelled

There will be no freshman football games at Goodland High School this season.

Dick Leiss, athletic director, said this morning that there are not enough players to field a team, so the freshmen will be absorbed into the junior varsity team. The freshmen had been scheduled to play at 4:30 p.m. today in St. Francis.

The Fall Sports Preview section in today's edition of *The Goodland Daily News* lists a schedule for the "C" or freshman team. The section was printed before the games were canceled.

Oakland A's beat Royals, add to streak

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Words failed many of the Oakland Athletics as they tried to describe yet another riveting victory in their uncanny winning streak.

Numbers don't fail, however. The latest was displayed on a huge banner unfurled in a jubilant Coliseum after beating the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday: 20.

The seemingly unstoppable A's set an AL record with their 20th straight victory Wednesday night, even though they made it incredibly hard on themselves.

Oakland blew an 11-0 lead before pinch-hitter Scott Hatteberg homered in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Royals 12-11.

Hatteberg was engulfed by his teammates at home plate in a scene nearly identical to the ones in the Coliseum infield in each of Oakland's past two victories.

This last game had remarkable highs and desolate lows — and the A's are at a loss to explain their skill, their resilience and their pure, unadulterated luck.

"There's a point where you just don't have a lot to say about it," Hatteberg said. "It's a fairy tale, magic-type time in our careers. I know I'll look back on this night for years ... and I'll still wonder how it happened."

A streak filled with dramatic finishes grew even longer thanks to Hatteberg's one-out theatrics in front of 55,528 fans — the largest regular-season crowd in Coliseum history.

After an off-day Thursday, the Athletics will try to extend baseball's longest winning streak in 67 years when they play at Minnesota on Friday night to begin a seven-game road trip. A victory at the Metrodome would put Oakland in a tie with the Chicago Cubs of 1880 and 1935 for the second-longest streak ever — and the longest streak in baseball history that didn't include a tie.

"I'm glad we had an off-day yesterday. If they were back-to-back-to-back, they would have had to cart me out on something," A's manager Art Howe said.

Oakland broke a three-way tie for the longest winning streak in AL history with the 1906 Chicago White Sox and the 1947 New York Yankees. The major league record of 26 consecutive victories was set by the New York Giants in 1916 — though that included a tie.

The Royals, showing a passion that belied their 55-84 record, scored five runs in the eighth — three on a homer by Mike Sweeney that curved against a driving wind into the stands.

They tied it on a two-out bloop single by Luis Alicea in the top of the ninth inning.

"I know it was a record-breaker, but I don't want to watch this one on film too much," Howe said.

But it was difficult to remember the flaws as Hatteberg leaped around the bases after clobbering a fastball from Jason Grimsley.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League Sept. 4
L&M Steel over Sunflower Satellite 19-1
Bowlium Lanes over Witzel & Rhea 16-4
Sigco over Weber Kennels 12-8
ProLine over Team No. Ten 19-1
Basgall Construction over Fitzgibbon's 13-7
High individual game: Jerry Amthor-255
High individual series: Jerry Amthor-807
High team game: Sigco-606
High team series: Sigco-2,193
Standings: Bowlium Lanes 33, 7; Sigco 30, 10; Basgall Construction 28, 12; L&M Steel 24, 16; ProLine 22, 18; Fitzgibbon's 20 1/2, 19 1/2; Witzel & Rhea 20, 20; Weber Kennels 12, 38; Sunflower Satellite 7 1/2, 32 1/2; Team No. Ten 3, 37.



Broncos face tough first game

By John Marshall

The Associated Press

DENVER — The NFL's schedule makers haven't done the Denver Broncos any favors the past few years.

Denver opened the 2000 season against the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams, and the first game last year was against the New York Giants, the defending NFC champions.

The Broncos get St. Louis again this year, this time after the Rams lost the Super Bowl on a last-second field goal.

"We're kind of one of those teams that people want to see play in the Super Bowl early," said Denver defensive end Trevor Pryce. "You get used to it after a while."

The Broncos might not be looking forward to opening the season against one of the favorites to win this year's Super Bowl, but it should at least give them an indication of how good they can be on defense.

Denver made several key changes on defense this year, including replacing linebacker Bill Romanowski with Ian Gold and moving Trevor Pryce from defensive tackle to end.

The Broncos allowed just one touchdown in the pre-season, which came after a fumble at their own 5-yard line, and hope to show it wasn't fluke by stopping the league's best offense.

"I think if we go out there and play pretty good against the Rams, it will let us know where we sit at," Denver cornerback Jimmy Spencers said. "The Rams have a great offensive team and if we can go out and play with these guys and slow them down, I think we can come up with

some big plays."

New England slowed St. Louis in the Super Bowl by getting pressure on quarterback Kurt Warner and knocking the Rams' receivers around, but it may not work this year.

Coach Mike Martz, the league's mad scientist of offense, has had a whole offseason to dream up new plays and will likely have a few tricks that no one has ever seen before.

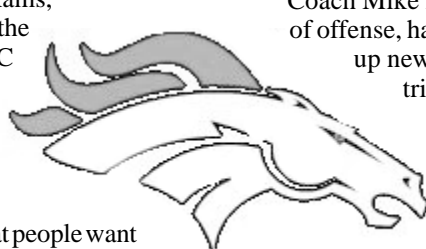
The Rams also closed their practices and had a relatively bland gameplan during the pre-season, so no one knows for sure what Martz has been up to.

"It never gets stagnant in what we do — we're always redeveloping certain things and pushing forward and trying to move to that next level," quarterback Kurt Warner said. "He never gets to that point where he says, 'we're fine.' He just continues to design and develop and use his great football mind."

St. Louis beat Denver 41-36 in a game that featured 937 yards the last time these two teams met, but no one on either side expects a repeat performance.

The Rams had one of the worst defenses in the league that year, but were the best in the NFC last season. The Broncos also improved defensively last season and made several key changes that should help them this year.

"What they've done just watching them in the pre-season, the changes that they've made defensively, even over last year with some of the things that they've done, I just expect them to be a very solid and very well schooled defense that will fly to the ball," Martz said. "And I feel real good about our defense."



Left guard needs surgery for thumb

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos starting left guard Lennie Friedman will require surgery to insert a pin in his broken thumb, possibly forcing him to miss Sunday's season opener at home against St. Louis.

The Rocky Mountain News reported in Wednesday's editions that the fourth-year player could miss up to three weeks.

The injury leaves Denver with Steve Herndon or Ben Hamilton, a pair of second-year players, at left guard with the Broncos set to face the NFL's third-ranked run de-

fense in the Rams.

Herndon started three games for the Broncos last season, including two starts at left guard in place of Friedman. Hamilton has never played in an NFL game, having been declared inactive for all of last season.

Offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak said Tuesday that Friedman had earned the starting job with his performance against Seattle last week.

Last year, he started 14 games at left guard for Denver.

Rockies' pitchers shut down Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — This time, the Colorado Rockies stuck with their pitching plan against Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent.

Denny Neagle, demoted to Colorado's bullpen in July, combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as the Rockies won 2-1 on Wednesday night.

Bonds had hurt the Rockies with five home runs and Kent had four in the Giants' four-game sweep last week at Coors Field.

"There's not a hole in Barry's swing, you have to go low and away," Neagle said. "When you're facing Barry

Bonds, you can't let him beat you. It's hard with Kent hitting (before) him. You've got to pick your poison."

Bonds went 1-for-4 with a fourth-inning single as Colorado held him in check for the second straight night. Bonds flied out twice to left, including once in the eighth with a runner on first.

"Neagle is throwing a lot different now," said Kent, who managed a single off Neagle in the fourth for his 1,000th career hit as a Giant, and came around to score his team's only run.

"He's throwing more fastballs, throwing hard. Somehow he gained 5 to 6 mph on his fastball over the last

month."

It's been an emotional summer for Neagle, who vetoed a trade to Detroit in June, then was demoted to the bullpen before rejoining the rotation July 31 when John Thomson was traded.

Neagle (8-9) gave up three hits and one run in seven innings. He has allowed just 10 earned runs in his last seven starts, lowering his ERA from 5.92 to 4.68.

With this game, the Rockies won for just the second time in 12 games and broke a five-game losing streak to San Francisco.

Golfers want to be 'top dogs'

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Coach Connie Livengood said the Cowgirls golf team's main goal this year is to become one of the big dogs in the world of high school golf.

The team was nine strokes away from advancing to the state competition last season, Livengood said, and they plan to close that gap this year. She said the top three teams in the state were in Goodland's division last year — Syracuse, Lakin and Ulysses — and the Cowgirls will strive to beat them all, or at least one of them, this year.

"We want to be one of the top dogs," the coach said. "That's our goal."

Livengood said 14 golfers came out this year. She said this is her second year coaching the team, and the third year for the relatively new program.

Two golfers who competed at state last year are returning this year, the coach said. Jessica Osborn placed 12th, she said, and Kendra Billinger finished 120th out of 150 golfers.

"We're looking to them for leadership," Livengood said.

Some good golfers graduated last year, she said, but there are a couple of players who can take their place if they shave a few strokes off their game. Livengood said this year's team has the potential of performing better than last year's Cowgirls.

"If they reach their personal goals," the coach said, "I think we've got a shot at it."

Livengood said she has a good team

this year because the girls are friendly, respectful and disciplined.

"What's fun about this group," she said, "is everyone listens and pays attention. They all get along."

During practice on Wednesday afternoon, Livengood was busy talking with a reporter and asked the team to wait for her on the course. As she was walking back towards the girls, she noticed they had already started practice.

"You see?" she said. "They have enough discipline to start on their own."

Livengood said during practices, the team is working on their mental game, including improving their concentration.

"The girls like to talk a lot," the coach said. "I make them get focused."

The Cowgirls are perfecting their mechanics, Livengood said, and not worrying about how far they hit the ball.

"Distance comes later," she said.

The coach said she has every golfer keep track of their putts on every hole so they can pinpoint weaknesses and figure out what they need to concentrate on.

The team has its first meet in WaKeeney today and will host a meet here on Tuesday. Livengood said every team needs at least one meet to get their bearings, but the Cowgirls should slip into their season successfully.

"I think we'll compete right off," she said.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press				6, 8:10 p.m.							
NATIONAL LEAGUE				Arizona (Batista 7-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-7), 8:35 p.m.							
East Division				AMERICAN LEAGUE							
W	L	Pct	GB	East Division							
Atlanta	88	50	.638	W	L	Pct	GB				
Philadelphia	69	69	.500	19	New York	86	52	.623	—		
Montreal	69	70	.496	19 1/2	Boston	77	60	.562	8 1/2		
Florida	68	70	.493	20	Baltimore	64	73	.467	21 1/2		
New York	63	74	.460	24 1/2	Toronto	61	78	.439	25 1/2		
Central Division				Tampa Bay				47	91	.341	39
W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division							
St. Louis	78	61	.561	—	W	L	Pct	GB			
Houston	73	66	.525	5	Minnesota	81	59	.579	—		
Cincinnati	67	72	.482	11	Chicago	68	71	.489	12 1/2		
Pittsburgh	61	79	.436	17 1/2	Cleveland	61	77	.442	19		
Chicago	60	80	.429	18 1/2	Kansas City	55	84	.396	25 1/2		
Milwaukee	50	90	.357	28 1/2	Detroit	51	88	.367	29 1/2		
West Division				West Division							
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
Arizona	86	53	.619	—	Oakland	88	51	.633	—		
Los Angeles	81	58	.583	5	Anaheim	84	54	.609	3 1/2		
San Francisco	78	60	.565	7 1/2	Seattle	81	58	.583	7		
Colorado	63	77	.450	23 1/2	Texas	62	76	.449	25 1/2		
San Diego	60	79	.432	26	Today's Games						

Tuesday's Games
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 12 innings, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 5, 2nd game
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2
Houston 6, San Diego 2
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2
Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 0
Arizona 7, Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 8, Philadelphia 5
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 3
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 5
San Diego 5, Houston 1
Colorado 2, San Francisco 1
Today's Games
Philadelphia (Wolf 10-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-12), 11:35 a.m.
Houston (Miller 8-6) at San Diego (Peavy 5-6), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-10), 5:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 21-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 10-6), 8:15 p.m.
Friday's Games
Florida (Tejera 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Benson 6-6), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-11) at Philadelphia (B. Myers 3-3), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 4-7) at Atlanta (Millwood 15-6), 5:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-7) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-15), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Al. Benes 1-0) at St. Louis (An. Benes 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 6-4) at Los Angeles (Nomo 13-

Texas 7, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Detroit 4, Cleveland 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 4
Anaheim 10, Tampa Bay 2
Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 3, Seattle 2
Baltimore 8, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 1
Cleveland 9, Detroit 3
Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 12, Kansas City 11
Today's Games
Toronto (Miller 6-4) at Boston (Burkett 10-7), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 12-7) at Baltimore (Johnson 4-11), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 8-14) at N.Y. Yankees (O. Hernandez 7-4), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-9), 5:15 p.m.
Cleveland (R. Rodriguez 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 15-6) at Boston (Wakefield 8-5), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 7-3) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 8-13) at N.Y. Yankees (D. Wells 15-7), 5:05 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.

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Linebacker may be small, but he's powerful

MANHATTAN (AP) — Not even plates full of pancakes and peanut butter would work.

Since his arrival at Kansas State three years ago, Josh Buhl and the Kansas State football training staff have done everything short of reverse liposuction to get the lanky linebacker to gain weight.

They've tried extra helpings of fat-soaked cheeseburgers, slices of pizza, candy bars, sandwiches and dietary supplements, but Buhl just can't get much over 200 pounds.

Nevertheless, Buhl, a junior, has used his speed and mental toughness to entrench himself as a starter and a playmaker for a defense that has routinely been one of the country's best.

"He's determined to be the smallest, best linebacker in the country," said fellow linebacker Terry Pierce. "And I should know. I'm his roommate."

was everywhere on the field in the Wildcats' 48-3 win over Western Kentucky, recording a team-high 13 tackles. Although even the Division I-AA Hilltoppers had plenty of players that

outweighed him, Buhl still slid through offensive lineman and tight ends to make tackles.

"I think some teams underestimate me because of my size," he said.

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