

Football canceled by rain

The first junior varsity football game of the season was canceled Monday because of rain.

The Goodland boys planned to play the Hoxie Indians at Cowboy Stadium, but the rains and flash flood watches kept the Indians at home. The varsity team lost 26-14 Friday in Hoxie.

All the sports teams met for practice as usual, including the football team, but none of them went outside.

The junior varsity team will next play at 5 p.m. Monday in Holcomb. The varsity Cowboys will play host to Holcomb at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Goodland driver titled champion

A Goodland man won the title of Track Champion of the year in his class Saturday at the Sherman County Speedway.

At this year's last regular race, Jarod Smades, the track champion, was recognized for winning the most points in the bomber class. In Saturday's race he won his heat, but finished up fourth.

Other track champions included Brad Wagoner of Colby, stock; and Darren Deloach of Lamar, Colo., modified. The cruiser class had no points champion, said Patsy Gresty, public relations officer of the racing association, because there aren't enough regular racers in that division.

Saturday's race had 42 cars competing, eight of them from Goodland. Three Goodland cars raced in the cruiser class and five in the bomber.

The association has one race left this year, the two-day Flatlander Fall Classic starting Friday, Sept. 27. It is the biggest race of the year, Gresty said, with over 100 cars and a bigger purse.

Cruiser

Heat 1: Ryan Cassaw/Clinton Hockersmith, Colby; Travis Gillihan/Kevin Delano, Goodland; Chris and Diane Ross, Goodland. **Main:** Bruce Plumisto/Shawn Anderson, Colby; Cassaw/Hockersmith; Gillihan/Delano; David Roeder/Alex West, Goodland; Ross/Ross.

Bomber

Heat 1: David Schemm, Sharon Springs; Joe Shoup, Lamar; Alex West, Goodland; Allen Sneathen, Levant; Doug Bauer, Lamar; Jason Stevens, Colby. **Heat 2:** Smades; Wayne Williams, Wiley; Keith Stegman, Lamar; Seth Salisbury, Granda; David Roeder, Goodland; J.R. Wolfrum, Goodland. **Cash dash:** Schemm. **Main:** Williams, Shoup, Sneathen, Smades, Murray, Stevens, Roeder, Bauer, Wolfrum, West, Schemm, Stegman. **Champion:** Smades.

Stock

Heat 1: Brad Wagoner, Colby; Randy Tipton, Weskan; Justen Beakley, Lamar. **Heat 2:** Ron Hill, Sharon Springs; Randy Long, Wiley; Dan Johnson, Wiley; Larry Roehl, Rexford. **Main:** Wagoner, Long, Roehl, Tipton, Johnson, Todd Schwartz, Rexford; Hill, Beakley. **Champion of the year:** Wagoner.

Modified

Heat 1: Brady Coen, Wiley; Frank Perez, Longmont, Colo.; Gerald Deines, Weskan; Brian Garrett, Westminster, Colo.; Conrad Burkhardt, Sadalia, Colo. **Heat 2:** Darren Deloach, Lamar; Ricky Alvarado, Gilcrest, Colo.; Jeff Walters, Commerce City, Colo.; J.D. Greshman, Bennet, Colo.; Monty Nordyke, Holly, Colo. **Heat 3:** Dwayne Dechant, Lamar; Wayne Houston, Aurora, Colo.; Sten Johnson, Arvada, Colo.; Michael Kiess, Denver. **Cash dash:** Coen. **Main:** Deloach, Dechant, Coen, Alvarado, Walters, Johnson, Garrett, Nordyke, Perez, Deines, Greshman, Burkhardt, Houston, Smith, Kiess. **Champion of the year:** Deloach.



Oklahoma and Colorado coaches hope for success without quarterbacks

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma and Colorado watched their starting quarterbacks go down over the weekend, but unlike lots of teams, their hopes of success didn't go down with them.

The second-ranked Sooners lost Jason White to a season-ending knee injury in their 37-27 win over Alabama, and No. 17 Colorado rallied for a 34-14 victory over San Diego State after Craig Ochs suffered his third concussion in the past 14 months.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Colorado's Gary Barnett say they still expect their teams to prosper without their top QBs.

"I think our team draws on that," Barnett said. "We've been in this situation before. That's just the way it is in college football."

Most Big 12 coaches agree that if both teams want to compete for a national title, let alone a Big 12 title, they'll have to prove their offenses can be effective with a second quarterback.

Just like they did last year.

"Our quarterbacks are going to get hit no matter who they are," said Oklahoma State coach Les Miles. "If you plan to have success in this conference, you better have two quality quarterbacks."

Oklahoma will again turn to senior Nate Hybl, who started 11 of 13 games last season, but was beaten out by White for the starting job during a training camp competition.

Last season, White earned the starting job playing in relief for an injured Hybl against Texas and Kansas, but went down with a similar knee injury against Nebraska. Hybl filled in for the rest of the season and led the Sooners to within one game of the national championship.

Hybl performed well in relief on Saturday, completing 16 of 30 passes for 251 yards and a 51-yard touch-

down pass to Mark Clayton that gave the Sooners a 16-3 second-quarter lead. He also led an 80-yard touchdown drive with less than five minutes left that helped Oklahoma take a 30-27 lead, and ultimately, the win.

"Being out there the other night, Nate was comfortable right away," Stoops said. "When he went out there, he threw some excellent passes. We have great confidence in Nate."

Barnett is less sure about senior backup Robert Hodge. Hodge, who was in for only 10 plays last year, was on the field for two second-half touchdown drives as the Buffaloes pulled away from San Diego State. But Hodge's numbers were less than spectacular: 2-of-7 for 8 yards.

"I was not encouraged by the way we threw the football," Barnett said. "I'd like to think there would be some carry-over from last season."

Barnett is hoping the success of last year's team will inspire the Buffs to rise to the challenge.

Last season, Bobby Pesavento came off the bench for an injured Ochs and led the team to five straight wins, including Colorado's 39-37 victory over Texas in the Big 12 Championship.

To duplicate last season's run to the Big 12 title, Hodge will have to improve quickly. In the next three games, Colorado will play No. 17 Southern Cal, at No. 23 UCLA and conference rival Kansas State.

"We have a lot of confidence in Robert and ourselves," Barnett said. "We've been through this before and we should know how to handle it."

Meanwhile, Ochs' third concussion within a year has led to speculation that his career could be over, but Barnett said that Ochs could return to practice by next week. A CAT scan and other tests performed on Ochs were negative.

Cardinals beat Brewers for six wins in a row

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Woody Williams and four relievers combined on a five-hitter Monday night as the St. Louis Cardinals won their sixth consecutive game, 3-0 over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Albert Pujols doubled home a run for the NL Central-leading Cardinals, and Williams (8-4) gave up three hits and a walk in five innings against a make-shift Brewers lineup.

The right-hander has been on the disabled list twice this season with a strained left oblique muscle, but he lowered his ERA to 2.55 in his third

start since returning from the injury.

Four Cardinals relievers went the final four innings, with Steve Kline pitching the ninth for his fifth save. The St. Louis bullpen has gone 34 consecutive innings without allowing a run.

Milwaukee was shut out for the 14th time this season.

In his second major league start, Ben Diggins (0-2) gave up three runs on six hits and two walks while striking out seven in seven innings.

Eli Marrero led off the fourth with a single and moved to second on Jim Edmonds' groundout.

Pujols, returning to the lineup after missing two games with spasms in his left shoulder, lined the ball down the left-field line for a double, scoring Marrero for a 1-0 lead.

Scott Rolen followed with a single to left, scoring Pujols.

Diggins walked six batters against Chicago, but didn't issue a free pass to the Cardinals until Rolen walked to open the seventh inning.

Rolen then stole second, moved to third on a balk and scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-0.

Chiefs astounded by miracle victory

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Among the many things that Willie Roaf is thankful for is that he is not Dwayne Rudd.

After Rudd's bone-headed blunder essentially snatched a victory out of the clutches of the Cleveland Browns, carried it across the field and dropped it in Kansas City's lap, Roaf could only imagine how deep in the Dawg Pound doghouse the helmet-throwing linebacker must be. And for how long?

"It's a tough situation for him to be in right now," the Chiefs' left tackle said Monday. "At that point in the game, you've got to be smarter than that."

Roaf had a close look at the inexcusable mistake that led to Kansas City's wacky 40-39 victory, a moment that will forever cement Rudd's name in Chiefs lore.

On what figured to be the game's last play, Rudd wrapped his arms around quarterback Trent Green, who was trying to attempt a Hail Mary pass into the end zone, and slammed him toward the turf.

Thinking the play and the game were over, Rudd danced away, his back to Green, and hurled his helmet downfield.

He did not know Green was desperately heaving the ball to 320-pound right tackle John Tait, who picked up some good blocks and rumbled 28 resolute yards towards the goal, feeling in his heart he was merely making a game but futile effort.

But Tait hadn't seen the yellow flag thrown against Rudd. His run combined with a half-the-distance penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct against the stunned Browns set up Morten Andersen's 30-yard field goal with 0:00 on the clock.

"He's not a rookie, and I think that's probably what they're mad about," Roaf said. "He's a veteran player, and he's got to be smarter than that."

When he saw Tait dragged out of

bounds, Chiefs guard Brian Waters began trudging toward the locker room thinking his team had lost.

He had not seen the penalty flag, either.

But about 72,000 stunned Cleveland fans had.

"The crowd was roaring and then all of a sudden it's quiet," Waters said. "I thought, 'Hey, you just won and now you're quiet?' I knew something had to be wrong. Then I saw everybody waving their hands."

As Tait took off, several Browns players joined Rudd and seemingly quit on the play. Cleveland defensive backs were all in the end zone chasing wide receivers. So Tait had a lot of space to run, accompanied by a couple of alert teammates who and began throwing blocks.

"I have to give credit to my offensive line," Tait said with a grin.

For Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil, incredible finishes are becoming a career hallmark.

When his St. Louis Rams beat Tennessee in the Super Bowl, linebacker Mike Jones made a desperation tackle of Kevin Dyson on the final play just a few feet from the goalline.

Before that, Vermeil was the winning coach on Nov. 19, 1978, when Philadelphia's Herman Edwards scooped up a botched handoff by the New York Giants and returned it for the game-winning TD in what's been immortalized as "The Miracle in the Meadowlands."

"I think I am living right," Vermeil said Monday with a grin. "I'd better start writing all these good things down."

But he was not actually taking the credit.

"The minute the ball ends up in John Tait's hands, there were two offensive linemen leading the play as if it were a designed screen," he said.

"No one had quit. No one had said we cannot win the game. The other team had said, 'Yes, we won the game.'"

Inside-the-park home run high point of Royals' game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joe Borchard hit an inside-the-park homer to lift the Chicago White Sox over the Kansas City Royals 10-6 Monday night.

Joe Crede homered twice off Paul Byrd and Paul Konerko also homered for the White Sox before the smallest Kansas City crowd in more than seven years.

The attendance of 9,555 was the lowest at Kauffman Stadium since July 5, 1995, when 7,511 saw the Royals play the Red Sox.

D'Angelo Jimenez added a triple and a double, with two runs scored and an RBI for Chicago.

Dan Wright (11-12) gave up six earned runs on eight hits in 5 2-3 innings for the win. He walked two and struck out six.

Byrd (15-11) allowed a season-high 10 runs on 10 hits in eight-plus innings.

He walked two and struck out three, giving up four home runs.

The White Sox improved to 35-18 in Kansas City since 1995.

Chicago got on the board in the first inning when Jimenez tripled on Byrd's first pitch and scored on Jose Valentin's sacrifice fly.

Crede's eighth home run in the second made it 2-0.

Carlos Beltran tied it in the third and matched a career high with his 24th home run, a two-run shot.

The White Sox regained the lead in fifth on Borchard's inside-the-park homer.

Left fielder Raul Ibanez ran to the wall but couldn't snare Borchard's drive. The ball rolled away from Ibanez, and Borchard circled the bases. It was the first inside-the-park homer for the White Sox since Chris Singleton did it on Sept. 29, 2000.



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