

Goodland wins two of three matches

Coach pleased with team's first competition

By Doug Stephens
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The Cowgirls made a good showing at their first volleyball competition of the year Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, winning two and losing to a Colorado Springs team.

Goodland beat Burlington 15-12 and 15-7, Thomas Moore Prep-Marion of Hays 15-6 and 15-3, and lost to the bigger Coronado 15-10, 3-15 and 10-15.

Coach Jerry McKee said he was pleased with the way his team played. "We made some mistakes in serve receiving," he said, "but we'll do better. It was our first match."

Both the Hays team and Burlington had already played this year, McKee said, and Coronado had played seven matches before facing Goodland.

The Goodland junior varsity team finished up 2-1, its sole loss to Coronado. The freshmen were split into two teams.

The black team lost to Coronado and Thomas Moore, and the gold team beat both teams. Burlington did not have a freshman team.

The Colorado school was led by Joan Powell, who McKee said is an idol in volleyball circles. She is a collegiate official and, like McKee, has over 500 wins to her credit as a head

coach. Coronado is ranked as the No. 5 5A team in its state, McKee said, which is the largest division in Colorado.

"Coronado was a tough team," McKee said. "They were a little bigger than I expected, and they were very solid. They played a good, quick game."

Coronado came through the quad with a 3-0 record. Its junior varsity team also was undefeated, 3-0, and its freshman team ended up 3-1.

The other two teams weren't easy to beat either, the coach said.

"There's never any such thing as an easy victory," he said. "You just have to stay on top of your game and play the best you can."

McKee said the girls did a good job keeping their concentration going into three matches back-to-back, and he was glad he was able to get everybody some time on the floor.

"We got everyone to play. As the season goes on we'll try to get more players more time," he said, "but right now we are still working on our rotations."

The team could work on its passing, defense and executing its offense, McKee said.

"There some things we could improve on," he said. "For our first match,

I was very pleased."

The junior varsity beat Thomas Moore 15-1, 15-8 and Burlington 15-12, 15-7. They lost to Coronado 4-15, 7-15.

The freshmen gold team beat Coronado 7-15, 18-16 and 15-3, and Thomas Moore 15-9, 15-9. The black lost to Coronado 5-15, 7-15 and Thomas Moore 15-11, 12-15 and 10-15.

The coaches tried to make the freshman teams an even split as far as talent goes, but, "until they play, we really don't know how they are going to do," McKee said.

The junior varsity team will travel to Machebeuf High School near Denver on Saturday. It is a varsity competition, McKee said, which will let the coaches see if the girls are ready to play at that level.

"We usually do pretty well there," he said, "but this year the team may be a little younger, so we'll see how they do."

The varsity and junior varsity teams will play at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Lakin, also facing Leoti and Scott City.

All three are traditionally tough, McKee said, but all the teams will be on equal footing Tuesday.

"Every year is different," he said. "You never know who will be the team to beat. We'll just have to wait and see."



Senior Jayci Stone went in for a kill Tuesday against Thomas Moore Prep-Marion at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowgirls beat the Hays school and Burlington, but lost to Coronado of Colorado Springs.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Lady Bulldogs 3-0 at quad

By Darrell Pattillo
Colby Free Press

The Brewster Lady Bulldogs opened the 2002 volleyball schedule with a 3-0 showing at the Grinnell Quad tournament last Friday, beating Grinnell 15-10, 9-15, and 15-13; Wheatland 15-8 and 15-11; and Triplains 15-9 and 15-10.

"I was very pleased with our performance at our first quad," said coach Lynda McKee. "We had good teamwork, floor movement, and communication."

Sophomore Andrea Horney led the Bulldog attack with 13 kills. Senior Alicia Collett and freshman Jalyn Reid had 7 kills, freshman Caitlan Rush and senior Sara Luckert each had 6 kills, and senior Ashley Carpenter 4 kills.

Caitlan Rush, with 15 assists, and Jalyn Reid, with 10, led the Bulldogs setters.

The Lady Bulldogs showed poise on the court, leading Coach McKee to comment, "On the occasions when we did trail an opponent, we never panicked. We played with confidence and slowly worked our way back into the game."

The team played in Healy on Saturday, Sept. 7. Story to come.

Golfers take second at home tourney

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Cowgirls golf team placed second out of seven teams at a home invitational tournament on Tuesday, scoring below only Syracuse, which has some of the best high school golfers in the state.

Jessica Osborn placed second in the tournament with 41 strokes, Kendra Billinger came in fourth with 52 strokes and Kayla Rasure finished fifth also with 52 strokes.

Before the Cowgirls first tournament of the season on Thursday, Coach Connie Livengood said the team's goal this year is to be as good or better than the top three golf teams in the state — Lakin, Ulysses and Syracuse.

After Tuesday's tournament, she said the Cowgirls are doing a good job of reaching their goal. They outplayed Lakin and Ulysses in WaKeeney on Thursday — taking home first place — beat Ulysses again on Tuesday and came close to matching Syracuse's golfers.

"I think we can compete right with the people," Coach Livengood said. Syracuse finished the nine holes in 196 strokes, while Goodland was right behind with a score of 204. No other teams came close.

Trego golfers had 245 strokes, Colby 252, Thomas More Prep 257, Scott City 268 and Ulysses placed last with 298 strokes.

Livengood said a couple of the Goodland golfers were disappointed

with their game, saying they allowed little mental obstacles to get in their way. The coach said the cold, damp weather brought spirits down a bit and stopped some players from fully concentrating. She noted that every golfer was dealing with the same obstacles.

Livengood said the fact the golfers were disappointed with their play shows they want to improve and they care about being successful. One reason why the season has gone so well so far, she said, is because the girls are willing to work hard.

Before the tournament last week, the coach said, the team met for practice at 6 a.m., and none of the players had a problem with it.

"Not a one of them complained," she said. "I think it's been wonderful."

The golfers will travel to Hays on Monday, Livengood said, for a meet at Thomas More Prep.

She said Hays has one of the toughest courses the Cowgirls will compete on this season.

"The scores will be a little higher," she said. "Hays has more sand traps. As long as we can stay out of the sand traps and on the fairway, we'll be all right."

Sand traps can be intimidating, the coach said, so it's important that the Cowgirls remain mentally focused.

"If we do that," she said, "we'll be fine."

Individual scores are Andrea Fenner, 59, 12th; Amy Cebula, 64, 18th; and Bailee Guyer, 61, 15th.



Bailee Guyer, a Goodland High School sophomore, used her putter to knock the golf ball into the fourth hole at Sugar Hills Golf Club on Wednesday afternoon. The Cowgirls placed second among seven teams at the home tournament.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Cowgirls earn fourth at Colby tennis meet

The Goodland Cowgirls tennis team scored 21 points at a meet in Colby on Saturday, finishing fourth out of eight teams.

In No. 1 singles, Megan McCall finished with a 3-2 record and brought home the fifth place medal. Coach Wallace Hansen said she faced tough competitors.

McCall fell to Liberal's Hannah Hepp 8-1, beat Phillipsburg's Alex Riffel 8-1, lost to Colby's Katie Lang 8-4 and won her last two matches over Riffel 8-6 and Rebecca Kjellburg of Ness City 8-0.

In No. 2 singles, Leslie Knitig earned the fourth place medal with a record of 2-3.

She won by forfeit over Norton and defeated Phillipsburg's Shayna Cunningham 8-5. Knitig lost to Tribune's Megan Epp 8-2, Heather Debney of Ness City 8-4 and Epp again 8-2.

In No. 1 doubles, Jennifer Mentzer and Shannon Showalter finished third with a 3-2 record.

The duo defeated a Liberal team 8-2

and won by forfeit over Norton. They lost to a Tribune team 8-1, fell to a Colby team 8-4 and finished the meet with a victory over Phillipsburg 8-4.

In No. 2 doubles, Michelle Kibel and Trista Lalicker finished the meet with a 1-4 record.

They lost to a Tribune team 8-4, beat a Phillipsburg team 8-4, lost to a Colby team 8-4, then lost to the same Phillipsburg team during medal play 8-1. They finished the meet by losing a close tie breaker match to a Ulysses team 8-7.

Eight junior varsity players were scheduled to play in Tribune on Tuesday, but Coach Hansen said the tournament was postponed until today because of bad weather.

He said the Cowgirls' season is off to a good start, considering they have faced some of the toughest competition they will see this year.

On Saturday, the varsity players will head to Norton for an invitational tournament. On Tuesday, Goodland will host a five-team invitational at Steever and Gulick parks starting at 2 p.m.

Football replica found in rubble to be placed in Chiefs' lockerroom

By Doug Tucker
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A small replica of a football found among the debris of the World Trade Center will take an honored place on Wednesday in the locker room of the Kansas City Chiefs.

"We have a very significant item that we're going to highlight in our locker room and highlight with our football team," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday, on the eve of the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

The item was found in the debris from the North Tower and bears the Chiefs logo.

"It was on a treadmill," Vermeil said. "It's a small Kansas City Chiefs carved football, gold and red, that's going to be on a trophy case."

Vermeil said a New York policeman found the item while looking through debris.

"He took it off and looked at it and thought about it for a day or two and said, 'You know, the Kansas City Chiefs might like to know that somebody in that building was a Chiefs fan.'"

The Chiefs are hoping to learn who owned it.

"We've gone so far as to find out if that person might be identified, who was the Kansas City Chiefs fan," Vermeil said, adding that he had heard

the item came from an upper floor. "This is going to be a symbol for our football team the whole year."

Team spokesman Bob Moore said someone who worked in the North Tower is checking for the Chiefs to see if the owner can be identified.

"He thinks he knows who it is. He thinks he's seen it on his desk. But it's speculation," Moore said.

On the first weekend of NFL games following the Sept. 11 attacks, the Chiefs played host to the New York Giants, the team closest to ground zero. The Giants' players had actually been able to see smoke rising from the disaster scene from their practice field.

At the game, Chiefs fans contributed more than \$225,000 to a relief fund for victims and their families. Their contributions were then matched by Chiefs players and staff and the team's owner, Lamar Hunt.

The usually hostile Arrowhead Stadium crowd even cheered the Giants players as they ran onto the field. Many held up signs saying, "KC loves NY."

After the game, the Chiefs took out a full-page ad in the Kansas City Star thanking the fans for their warm reception.

"We are very proud of our fans who stood up and initiated that," said Carl Peterson, Chiefs president. Peterson said the Chiefs will also have in their locker room a hat from a Kansas City firefighter.

Astro gets 40th homer against Colorado

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance Berkman hit his career-high 40th home run and had five RBIs as the Houston Astros beat the Colorado Rockies 11-4 Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Berkman had a two-run double off Denny Neagle (8-10) in the sixth and a three-run homer off Mark Corey in the eighth. Berkman's 118 RBIs lead the National League.

Jeff Bagwell followed with another home run.

Wade Miller (13-3) won his 10th straight decision, allowing two runs and nine hits in seven innings with 10 strikeouts and one walk.

Jose Vizcaino went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs for the Astros, who remained 5 1/2 games behind NL Central-leading St. Louis. Houston outhit the Rockies 14-12.

Miller is 10-0 with a 2.11 ERA in 13 starts since a loss to June 26 loss to Atlanta and 12-1 since returning from a pinched nerve in his neck, which put him on the disabled list from April 13 to May 29.

He has the longest current winning streak in the major leagues.

Neagle (8-10) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, his ERA rising to 4.91.

Juan Pierre went 4-for-5 with three doubles, including an RBI hit in the third.

Houston took a 3-1 lead in the fourth on two-out, run-scoring singles by Vizcaino, Jason Lane and Brad Ausmus.

Jay Payton had an RBI single in the fifth, but Vizcaino hit a two-out double over Payton's head in the bottom half for a 5-2 lead.

Not going in game was a joke, Royals' Perez says

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Shortstop Neifi Perez says he was only joking when he refused to go into Monday night's game as a late-inning replacement.

Manager Tony Pena says he's not saying anything about the Monday night incident.

General manager Allard Baird says he's backing his manager "100 percent."

But apparently, something did happen in the final innings of the Royals' 10-6 loss to Chicago when Pena tried to get Perez to go in as a defensive replacement.

"Whatever happens inside my club-

house, I keep it inside my clubhouse," Pena said prior to Tuesday night's game. "When I address this team, it's closed doors. I don't have to go public and say anything about any of my players."

Perez said he was only misunderstood.

"I told him, No, Tony, I'm not going to play shortstop. But I was just playing," Perez said. "When Tony Pena turned around and said, 'OK, you're not going to play? That's fine.'"

"When he turned around, I pulled on his shoulder and I told him, 'You know I'm going to play shortstop because I respect this game. You know I'm go-

ing to play shortstop.'"

Perez, who didn't play in the Royals' 12-4 loss to the White Sox Tuesday night, has become a favorite target of the few fans who are still showing up to see the Royals. Kansas City is on pace to lose a club-record 100 games. Since coming from Colorado in a three-way trade that shipped popular outfielder Jermaine Dye to Oakland, he has played miserably.

While making \$4.1 million, he was hitting only .236. When he singled in the sixth inning last week to break up Oakland pitcher Barry Zito's perfect game, he got booed.

In the final year of his contract and

arbitration-eligible, Perez is not expected to be back with the Royals next year. For the past several games, he's been benched while the Royals take a look at Angel Berroa, who they brought up in the September callup and hope will be their shortstop of the future.

Two players who asked not to be identified said he refused to go in as a defensive replacement.

When asked about it Monday night, Pena shook his head no. On Tuesday, he simply refused to discuss the incident.

He said his authority had not been challenged.

bowling results

Thursday Night Mixed League
Sept. 5
Weis Oil over The Grannies & The Grams 2 1/2-1 1/2
Not Again split with Lucky Horseshoes 2-2
Three Men & a Little Lady over SunAmerica 4-0
Ho-Jo's over the Blind Team 3-1
Women's high game: Mary Callahan-181

Women's high series: Mary Callahan-484
Men's high game: Aaron Thompson-245
Men's high series: Aaron Thompson-689
Team high game: Three Men & a Little Lady-832
Team high series: Three Men & a Little Lady-2,388
Standings: Three Men 4, 0; Ho-Jo's 3, 1; Weis Oil 2 1/2, 1 1/5