



The Cowboys' offensive line (above) huddled during practice Wednesday at the Goodland High School practice field, while senior Levi Wassemiller (left) waited for his chance to get in the action. The team will play Holcomb at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium. So far Goodlands' record is 0-1 after losing Friday in Hoxie.  
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## Cowboys looking to win home game

By Sharon Corcoran  
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The Goodland Cowboys face the Holcomb Longhorns at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium in their second football game, and first home game, of the season.

The Cowboys had support from a sizable Goodland crowd in Hoxie last week but look forward to being backed by the crowd at home. Coach Tony

Diehl said the crowd's presence was felt in Hoxie.

The Cowboys lost to the Longhorns last year 21-0 in Holcomb but held the Longhorns to only two first downs in the second half of the game.

This year, the Cowboys are keeping a positive attitude, Diehl said, and are in control of their season. In last week's game, the coach said, Goodland lost due to their own mistakes.

"We can focus on those things and change them," he said.

The team has been working in practice this week to do that.

"The kids have a positive attitude and are determined to get better," Diehl said.

The coach said he has had the team work on tackling and on better execution at the offensive line this week. Despite having over 300 rushing yards,

the Cowboys came up short on touchdowns in the 26-14 loss in the season-opener against Hoxie.

The team had two touchdowns that were called back on penalties but still had the game in reach when the Cowboys failed on a fourth down conversion with three and a half minutes to go in the game.

It was a much closer game than the scoreboard showed, the coach said.

## Tournament to help pay for drug abuse treatment

By Doug Stephens  
The Goodland Daily News

Golfers are getting ready to hit the links for the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Drive for Sobriety on Saturday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The tournament is a four-person scramble, and the fee to register is \$60 per person, which includes a lunch and use of a golf cart. People or businesses can sponsor a hole for \$100.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m.

This is the tournament's second year. Last year it raised \$2,000 and hopes to raise \$5,000 this time around, said Nina Carpenter, executive director of the council.

"Last year the tournament was just getting off its feet," Carpenter said. "This year we know what we're doing, and more people know we're holding the tournament. I think \$5,000 is very attainable."

The council isn't necessarily looking for great golfers, just anyone who can swing a club, Carpenter said, but the top three teams in each flight will win prizes.

Goodland was chosen as the site for the tournament, said Pat Willoughby, a council board member, because of the amount of work the council does in Goodland and the support it has received from the town. The council has been allowed to use a room at the courthouse to see clients and a room at the

city building to have group meetings, she said.

The money raised will go to support treatment for alcohol and drug addiction, Carpenter said, both the users and their families.

The council doesn't turn down anyone who can't pay, she said, and family members of drug abusers often have financial problems.

"We provide therapy for people who might not be using drugs, but their family members are," Carpenter said. "They sometimes blame themselves for the family's problems, and we try to let them know that they are not to blame."

Family members are usually not covered by insurance, she said.

"We don't turn people down, and this tournament will help pay for treatment," Carpenter said.

Besides therapy, the group gives people information about interventions and 12-step programs, Carpenter said, and refers people to other organizations which might be able to help. The council provides their services in Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Wallace, Logan and Gove counties.

The council has been in northwest Kansas since 1973, when it began providing information, Willoughby said, and began providing services in 1982.

For tournament registration and other information, call the council at (785) 462-6111.

## Colorado takes bite out of Astros' penant chances

HOUSTON (AP) — Two homers and five RBIs from Jeff Bagwell weren't enough to keep Colorado from damaging Houston's postseason hopes.

Rookie Aaron Cook won his second consecutive start, allowing seven hits in six innings Wednesday night as the Colorado Rockies beat the Astros 8-6.

Houston, which has 16 games remaining, began the night 5 1/2 games behind NL Central-leading St. Louis.

Bagwell reached 30 homers for the seventh consecutive season and the eighth time in nine years.

Bagwell, who also homered Tuesday, has three multihomer games this year and 26 in his career. It was his third five-RBI game this season.

Kirk Saarloos (6-5) gave up six runs — five earned — seven hits and



three walks in 4 2-3 innings. The Astros had won their previous seven home games against the Rockies.

Cook (2-1), making his fourth major league start, allowed three runs, struck out four and walked one. He also had a run-scoring single in the fifth inning for his first major league hit and RBI.

Bagwell put Houston ahead with an

RBI single in the third, but Todd Zeile tied it with a run-scoring single in the fourth.

Colorado broke open the game in the fifth on RBI singles by Jose Uribe and Cook, Juan Pierre's run-scoring groundout, Gabe Kapler's RBI single and a run-scoring throwing error by catcher Brad Ausmus.

Bagwell hit two-run homers in the sixth and eighth innings, sandwiched around a two-run homer by Todd Helton.

## Quarterback only part of Wildcats' improvement

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State quarterback Marc Dunn doesn't mind admitting it. He's only part of the reason for this season's improvement in the Wildcats' passing offense.

True, Dunn knows the team's complex schemes better than he did a year ago, and he's become more poised in the pocket.

But having a capable fleet of wide receivers is another key difference between this September and last year, when interceptions and dropped passes were frequent occurrences.

"All the receivers have made some great catches," said Dunn. "As a quarterback, that makes you more confident. They're all so different, but I'm completely comfortable with all of them."

That's evident in his 75 percent completion average so far.

Dunn threw only six passes in Kansas State's 48-3 win over Western Kentucky, but completed five of them.

Last week, he completed 7-of-10 for three touchdowns and 160 yards in the 68-0 blowout of Louisiana-Monroe. Five wide receivers and one tight end caught passes in that game.

In all, Kansas State has used nine receivers through the first two games — six wide receivers, two tight ends and running back Darren Sproles.

Dunn opened the scoring against Louisiana-Monroe with a 38-yard touchdown pass to 6-foot-4 flanker James Terry, one of three new junior college transfers at wide receiver.

Dunn then threw a 51-yard bomb to defensive back/wide receiver Terence Newman and hit Taco Wallace with a lob in the corner of the end zone.

With those three plus junior Derek Evans and redshirt freshman Davin Dennis, wide receivers coach Greg

Peterson is confident he'll see an improvement over 2001, when the Wildcats had just 1,497 passing yards — their lowest total since 1986.

"They all have been consistent," Peterson said. "We're on our way to having the unit we want."

Peterson hopes Newman will provide an extra spark. Against Louisiana-Monroe, Newman scored on a reception and a 40-yard punt return and nearly scored on an interception.

## Six of eight junior varsity make top 10

Six out of eight Goodland junior varsity golfers finished in the top 10 on Tuesday at a home tournament, with one Cowgirl snatching first place with 65 strokes on nine holes.

Ashlyn Krall took first place out of 13 golfers, Ana McClung shot 72 for third place, Sami Philbrick took fourth with 73 strokes, Jenna Deines finished sixth with 76 points, Emily Burkett took seventh with 79, and Julie Leiker placed 10th with 80.

Kelsey Leiker also shot 80, but didn't make it into the top 10. Shasta Olsen was right behind the other golfers with a score of 84.

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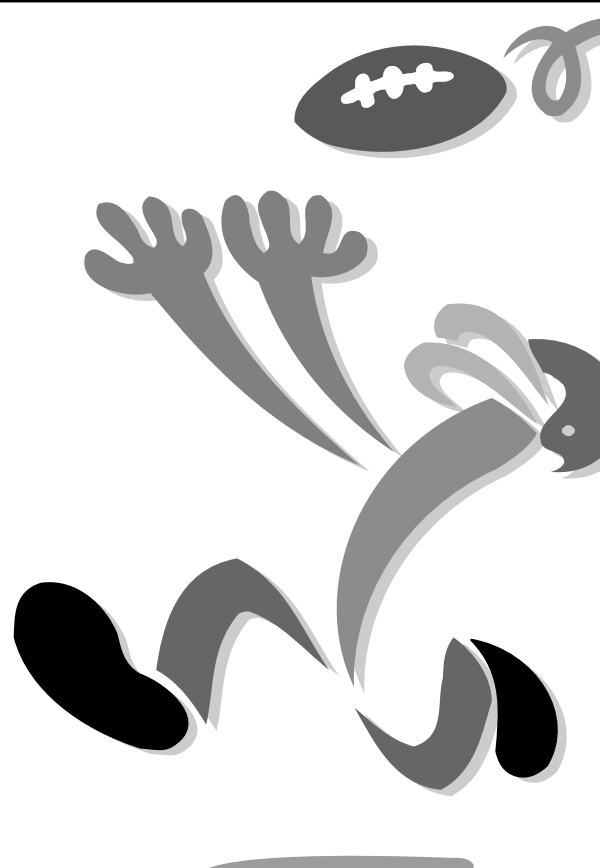
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