

Cowgirls get second in Hays

The Goodland Cowgirls golf team placed second at an invitational tournament in Hays on Monday, falling only to the larger Hays High team, and a Cowgirl snatched first place at the meet.

Jessica Osborn had an exceptional game, shooting a 77 over 18 holes, which was six strokes better than the second-place finisher, Robin Hantla of Hays, with 83.

It was another notch on what is shaping up to be a successful season for the Cowgirls. Goodland placed first at its first meet of the season in WaKeeney, dominating larger schools, and took second at its home meet last week, scoring just under one of the best teams in the state.

Eleven teams participated in the tournament at the Smokey Hills Country Club in Hays.

Most of the teams were from Class 3A or Class 4A schools. The only Class 5A team was Hays High, which finished first with a team score of 357. Goodland, a Class 4A school, took second with a team score of 414.

Minneapolis, 3A, placed third with 446 strokes and Colby, 4A, fourth with 448 strokes. The Hays High junior varsity finished in 469 strokes; Thomas More Prep, 3A, 507; Hoisington, 3A, 509; Trego, 2A, 519; Russell, 3A, 545; Bennington, 2A, 551; and Scott City, 4A, 561.

While no one matched Osborn, other Cowgirl golfers were in top form on Monday.

Kendra Billinger placed seventh with 105 strokes and Kayla Rasure was right behind with 112 strokes. Bailee Guyer had 120, Andrea Fenner 123, and Amy Cebula 140.

The varsity Cowgirls will travel to Colby on Monday for a meet and the junior varsity golfers will compete in Russell.

Tennis duo take first place at invitational

The Goodland Cowgirls tennis team was missing one player at an invitational tournament on Saturday in Norton, but that didn't stop the team from placing second with a score of 19, and a duo from going undefeated and winning a gold medal.

Coach Wallace Hansen said the No. 2 singles player became sick before the tournament and couldn't play. That lowered the team's total score, he said, but didn't dampen the players' spirits. The Cowgirls still took home three medals, one for first place.

In No. 1 doubles, Megan McCall and Jennifer Mentzer took first place with a 3-0 record. They smashed each team they met.

The duo defeated Talsma-Wilson of Colby 8-0, Juenemann-Peterson of Norton 8-1 and Kaus-Norman of Norton 8-5. Coach Hansen said Kaus-Norman is Norton's best doubles team.

In No. 1 singles, Shannon Showalter took second with a record of 2-1. She beat Overmiller of Norton 8-0, defeated Funk of Colby 8-0 and lost to Henderson of Norton 8-4. Although she lost the last match, Hansen said Showalter played a good game.

In No. 2 doubles, Trista Lalicker and Shannon Johnson placed second with a 2-1 record. They beat Jones-Duscher of Norton 8-3 and McKee-Fry of Colby 8-4, but then fell to Streck-Shelley 8-3.

Goodland will host an invitational tournament starting at 2 p.m. today. Hansen said six teams will attend and the tournament will be played at both Steever and Gulick parks.

On Thursday, the junior varsity team will travel to Hays for an eight-team meet and on Saturday, Sept. 28, the varsity players will go to Garden City for a 12-team invitational.

Women advance in world basketball

SHANGHAI, China (AP)—Sheryl Swoopes scored 20 points as the United States beat Lithuania 105-48 and advanced to the second round of the Women's World Basketball Championship.

Lisa Leslie added 15 points.

In other games, undefeated Australia nailed Japan, China downed defeated Russia beat Taiwan, Brazil defeated Yugoslavia, Spain beat Argentina, France defeated South Korea, and Cuba eliminated Tunisia.



Broncos an NFL surprise Underdogs beat Super Bowl contenders in first games

By John Marshall
The Associated Press

DENVER — There were questions on defense, a quarterback clinging to his starting job, and the team's best running back close to retirement. The Denver Broncos weren't supposed to be this good.

With an improved defense and an expanded offensive playbook, the Broncos are one of the biggest surprises in the NFL after beating a pair of Super Bowl hopefuls.

The Broncos opened the season with a 23-16 victory over the St. Louis Rams, the defending NFC champions, then beat San Francisco 24-14 on Sunday.

"I like the makeup of this team and the confidence we're starting to exude that when we step on the football field, we know we should win ballgames," said tight end Shannon Sharpe, back in Denver after playing for Baltimore's

Super Bowl champs two seasons ago. Defense has been the key.

The Broncos are deep on the defensive line, which has allowed them to use an eight-player rotation the first two games.

By keeping the linemen fresh, Denver has been able to generate pressure on opposing quarterbacks without blitzing.

That has freed up Denver's linebackers to make plays and allowed the cornerbacks to play receivers more aggressively.

The Broncos have allowed averages of 299 total yards and 15 points against two offenses that were among the best in the league last season.

"It starts up front," linebacker Al Wilson said. "For us defensively, when they play well, we play well. When they change the line of scrimmage and force those guys to throw the football, it really makes hard on an opposing

offense."

Denver was supposed to have a suspect secondary, but the Broncos have kept opponents in front of them and limited the big plays that plagued the team last year.

The tactic help the Broncos shut down two of the best receivers in the game, St. Louis' Isaac Bruce and Terrell Owens of San Francisco.

"I guess when you're as strong as we are up front, you've got to point the finger somewhere," Reese said of the secondary's reputation, "but we look at our first two games, and it doesn't look like there's any weak links on our defense. Anywhere."

The offense has broken from its shell the past few years.

Brian Griese has completed passes to eight different receivers, and Denver has added a few trick plays, including two double reverses against the 49ers.

Bulldogs happy to have full team

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

The cross country coach at Brewster said he isn't worried too much about results this year, he's just happy he can field a team.

The Bulldogs have two runners for the girls, both of whom ran last year, and five boys, including four freshmen, all of them rookies to the sport. Last year no boys went out for the team at all, said second-year coach Danny Traub.

The runners competed in their first meet Thursday at Quinter. The only person to run in a varsity division was Senior Erin Carney, who ran 2 miles in 15 minutes, 40 seconds, good for 33rd.

The other member of the girls' team, Sophomore Andrie Baird, ran in the junior varsity division, finishing her two-mile run in 18:43, placing fifth.

On the boys' side, Freshman Mark Karman placed sixth in the boys' junior varsity five-kilometer course with 21:25. Mark Luckert, the only sophomore, finished three seconds behind, earning sixth. Scott Carney ran it in 22:00 for 12th, Jonathan Collett 22:28 for 14th and Aaron Horinek 28:40 for 35th.

Traub said he's pleased with the way his runners performed in their first match.

"Most of them are pretty young," he said. "They don't have a lot of experience."

Carney is the veteran runner, Traub said, but she didn't get a lot of practice last year.

She was sick most of the season and only ran in about one meet. Baird, who makes up the other half of the girls' team, this year and last, is the only other runner with experience.

All the boys are newbies to the sport, Traub said. Most of them didn't want to play football, he said, and sort of gravitated to the cross country team.

"I'm glad to have them," the coach said. "It's nice to have a full team in a 1A school. I was the coach at Utica for about seven years, and I never had a full team."

Traub, who is also a Bulldog track coach, said he'll probably run the boys in a few junior varsity matches, and then see who's ready to run varsity.

"I think some of them will mature into really fine runners," he said.

The next meet will be at 4 p.m. Central Time today in Oakley.

The Bulldogs defeated Healy 15-2 and 15-8, and knocked off Herndon 15-7 and 15-8, before losing a close match to Triplains, 14-16, 15-2, and 14-16.

"We played well for most of the tournament," Bulldog coach Lynda McKee said. "We played great defense against Triplains. Unfortunately, we

Seventh graders win two in a row

The seventh grade Mustangs beat Hoxie 8-6 Thursday, getting most of their yardage by rushing and holding the out-of-towners to one touchdown, and shut out Wray 14-0 Saturday.

On Thursday, the Mustangs gained 174 rushing yards, led by Casey Henderson with 9 runs and 66 yards. Henderson scored the team's sole touchdown.

The Grant Junior High quarterback, Jance McKee, threw just three passes, one of them successful to Jake Kling for a two-point conversion and the lead.

T.J. Hawkins ran 8 times for 34 yards, Ben Davis twice for 28, Spencer Windell twice for 21, Forrest Trachsel 15 yards in one attempt, Jake Kling three times for seven and Jance McKee got five yards in five tries. Ren Scherling ended up losing two yards in two runs.

The Mustangs' coach, Terry Daise, said the boys played a great defensive game.

Henderson led that side of the action with 15 tackles. Kling followed with 6, Aaron Deeds had 5, Jordan Albers 4, Danny Hackmeister, T.J. Hackmeister and A.J. Stephens 3, Jonathan McClung 2, and McKee, Ren Scherling, Nick Smith, Trachsel and Raul Fuentes 1.

On Saturday, The Mustangs ran for 159 yards and had one complete pass for three yards and a two-point conversion.

Henderson led the rushing, gaining 95 yards and a touchdown in five attempts, and had a 60-yard punt return for the team's second touchdown. Hawkins ran three times for 30 yards, Kling two times for 10, Davis four

times for nine, Andrew Miller four times for seven, Trachsel two times for six, Windell two times for two and Michael Klinge one yard in one run. Scherling lost one yard in one attempt.

Hawkins scored on a two-point conversion on a three yard pass by Scherling.

Again, Coach Daise attributed the win to a great defensive team, which held Wray to negative yards.

Henderson led tackles with 12, McKee, Trachsel, Davis, Hawkins, Stephens, Hackmeister each had three, Albers and Brady each two, and Ledesma, Phifer, Kling, Martin Lopez, Raul Fuentez, Toby Hurst, Nathan Heiter, Grant Wilkens and Jordan Zweggard all had one.

The seventh graders next play Scott City at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Cowboy Stadium.

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Eighth graders scoreless in last two games

After winning their first game against Colby, the eighth grade Mustangs dropped their next two, losing 24-0 to Hoxie on Thursday and 8-0 to Wray on Saturday, both at home.

Coach Greg Craig said the team showed bright spots against Hoxie, but just couldn't stay focused.

"The offensive line has shown that it can block and open up the hole," he said, "however, we need to be more

consistent on our execution of the plays."

Craig said the defensive line struggled with tackles and outside runs.

"We just didn't have the focus we needed to play a good game of football," he said.

Against Wray, the team was much more focused, Craig said. As the game went on, especially in the fourth quar-

ter, the team started catching some passes, which the coach says also improved the running game. A couple of interceptions and fumbles stalled the drives, he said.

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Bulldogs triumph in Jennings 32-12

By Jay Kelley
Special to Goodland Daily News

The Brewster High School football team got their first mark in the victory column Friday with a 32-12 win in Jennings.

The Bulldogs drew first blood but trailed 12-8 after Jennings ran the second half kickoff in for a touchdown. It was the last time Jennings scored.

Brewster Coach Leland Francis said, "Our kids showed a lot of character."

The Bulldogs scored on their first possession, a seven play drive that culminated in a play action pass from Jacob Falcon to Jarrett Carpenter on third and two at the Jennings 11. Falcon ran the two-point conversion in to make it 8-0 less than four minutes into the game.

Both teams struggled against tough defenses, threatening several times, but unable to cross the end zone throughout the first quarter.

The second quarter was much the same until Jennings recovered a fumble by Falcon on their own 36. Grant Bailey got the call on the first play and picked up four yards. The next play found Adam Wahlmeier scampering 40 yards for Jennings first score of the night.

Brewster's Josh Ryan wrapped up Jennings, Ryan Miller to stop the two-point and Brewster led by only two, 8-6, a score that stood at the half.

Misdirection plays by Jennings were giving the 'Dawgs a hard time, and the opening play of the second half, a touchdown kick return by Bailey, put Brewster down by four.

Lucas Moore and Jake Long teamed up to break up the two-point conversion and the Bulldogs trailed 12-8 with only 12 seconds off the second half clock.

The first Brewster drive of the half ended with a sack and a fumble, recovered by Jennings on their 36. The 'Dawg defense held, however, and Moore stopped Bailey cold on a fourth and six at the Brewster 26.

Brewster started on their own 22 with 7:50 left in the quarter and marched down field in 11 plays to re-

gain the lead. The score came on a Falcon pass to Long with fourth and goal at the 13. Falcon managed to keep both feet in the end zone and Brewster led 14-12 with 3:34 left in the third quarter.

Falcon tried to find Sean Swanson for the two-point conversion, but came up incomplete.

Jennings managed to gain only one yard on the next possession and had their punt nearly blocked, giving the 'Dawgs the ball at the Jennings 32 and 1:38 left on the quarter clock.

Five plays later, on fourth and two at the 24, Falcon found Carpenter again and Brewster had a first and goal at the Jennings 10. Swanson took a Falcon pass down the sidelines on the next play and Brewster led 20-12 with 11 seconds left in the third quarter.

The next Bulldog score came on a 10-play drive that ate up almost five minutes, ending with a first and goal at the one. Falcon found Long again, but the two-point failed, giving Brewster a 26-12 lead.

With fourth and five on the Jennings six and 50 seconds left on the clock, Falcon took the ball in for the final touchdown. The two-point failed and Brewster took home a 32-12 win.

Swanson had 116 yards rushing on 23 carries with one touchdown. He also had two receptions for 12 yards and a touchdown, along with a 20-yard kick return. Defensively he led the team with 10 tackles.

Falcon had 99 yards rushing on 18 carries, a touchdown, nine tackles and an interception. Carpenter had two receptions for 30 yards, a touchdown, nine tackles and a fumble recovery. Long had five receptions for 76 yards, two touchdowns, and shared the lead with 10 tackles.

Joel Selby had five carries for 22 yards and seven tackles. Paul Flanders had one reception for four yards. Ryan had four tackles, Jesse Crumrine and Darren Howard had three each, Tyler Johnson had two and Garret Smith had one.

The Bulldogs are 1-1 and play host to Wallace County at 7:30 p.m. Central Time Friday.

Brewster volleyball players improve record at Triplains

By Darrell Pattillo
Colby Free Press

The Brewster volleyball team improved its record to 13-1 with a 2-1 showing at the Triplains tournament Saturday in Winona.

The Bulldogs defeated Healy 15-2 and 15-8, and knocked off Herndon 15-7 and 15-8, before losing a close match to Triplains, 14-16, 15-2, and 14-16.

"We played well for most of the tournament," Bulldog coach Lynda McKee said. "We played great defense against Triplains. Unfortunately, we

made a few too many unforced errors on offense, mostly hitting and serving errors."

Andrea Horney led the attack for the Lady Bulldogs, with 16 kills. Alicia Collett and Sara Luckert recorded 13 kills and Ashley Carpenter had 7 kills.

Caitlan Rush was credited with 20 assists and Jalyn Reid had 14.

On defense, Horney had 15 stuffs, Collett 12, and Carpenter also had 12.

The Lady Bulldogs travel to Atwood Saturday for a triangular with Atwood and Dundy Co., Neb.

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Thursday, Sept. 19 - JH VB 3 p.m.; JH FB @ Grainfield 4:30 p.m.; CC @ Wakeeney 5 p.m.; Vision Screenings

Friday, Sept. 20 - HS FB vs. Sharon Springs @ Brewster 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21 - HS VB Triangle @ Atwood 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 23 - HS JV FB @ Sharon Springs @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 - HS VB Triangle @ Cheylin 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - Gifted Seminar Philosophy @ NWKESC (9-12)

Thursday, Sept. 26 - JH VB 3:00 p.m. / JH FB 4:30 p.m. vs. Golden Plains @ Brewster

Friday, Sept. 27 - HS FB vs. Weskan @ Brewster 7:30 p.m. / NO SCHOOL QPA Inservice

Saturday, Sept. 28 - HS VB Tourney (JV Only) @ Brewster 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 30 - HS JV FB vs. Weskan @ Brewster 5:30 p.m.

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