

Cowgirls finish second in Oberlin

The Cowgirls finished second at the Oberlin Invitational cross country meet Tuesday with the top finisher in 8th place, and the boys' team and its top finisher ended up in 6th place.

Kalie Smith was the top Cowgirl finishing 8th with a time of 13:10. The girls varsity champion was Jessica Stephens of Colby who ran the two miles in 12:13.

Deanna Livengood finished 10th at 13:27. Tiffany Thomas was 15th at 13:38. Wendy Keith was 32st at 14:37, and Chelsea Ontiveroz was 52nd at 17:37.

The Colby girls won the meet with 27 points. Goodland was second at 57, Oberlin third 61, Wheatland fourth 70, Oakley fifth 79, Phillipsburg sixth 90, Cambridge seventh 97 and Norton eighth 113.

Speedy Aguilar was the top Cowboy finisher placing 6th with a time of

17:36 for the three mile run. The champion for the varsity race was Jerramiah Herron of McCook, Neb., who had a time of 16:21.

Daniel Blake was 22nd at 18:36. Timothy Kafka was 28th at 18:59. Craig Mason was 29th at 19:03. Brandon Zelfer was 56th at 20:40, and Josef Felver was 57th at 20:43.

McCook won the boys meet with 34 points. Colby was second with 86, Quinter third with 90, Cambridge fourth 106, Wheatland fifth 124, Goodland sixth 139, Hoxie seventh 818, Phillipsburg eighth 183, Norton ninth 233 and Oberlin was 10th with 246.

Charles Lammers ran for the Cowboys in the junior varsity boys and finished 37th with a time of 27:14.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls were headed to Gothenburg today for a meet at 3 p.m.

Chiefs might introduce rookies to starting lineup

By Doug Tucker

The Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City's beleaguered defense might start two rookies Sunday against the New York Jets — one by choice, the other by necessity.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Wednesday that rookie Scott Fujita might start for Lew Bush, who was listed as questionable with bruised ribs.

The 6-5, 240-pound Fujita, a fifth-round pick out of California, has been limited almost exclusively to special teams the first four games.

One other change on the defense will be up front, where rookie Ryan Sims, the sixth player taken overall in last spring's draft, will get his first start. The 315-pound Sims has been seeing more and more action every week after sitting out the entire training camp in a contract dispute.

"What Ryan's doing is getting tremendous push up the middle, just causing havoc," defensive end Eric Hicks said. "If he can continue to do that, we'll be successful."

Sims will replace Derrick Ransom, who will still be in the defensive rotation.

While taking his crash course on the complicated defensive scheme, Sims has not had to take the expected haz-

ardship from his teammates for staying out of camp.

"I had to pay for dinner a lot, but other than that, not really much has been said," Sims said. "Other than that, these guys have been great. I really love these guys and I think they're finally starting to like me."

Even without any personnel changes, the Jets would seem to have an offense that only the Kansas City defense could love.

Ranked 32nd and dead last in the NFL, the Chiefs defense will travel to the Meadowlands to meet a Jets offense listed at 29th.

The Chiefs (2-2) have been giving up more than 33 points a game, among the worst in the NFL. But the Jets (1-3) have scored only 13 points in losing their last three. They even changed quarterbacks this week, switching from Vinny Testaverde to Chad Pennington, who'll be making his first NFL start.

"It seems like every time we get a new quarterback, the guy has a career game," said Hicks. "So we'll try to hold that down. We're going to have to give Chad Pennington his respect."

One thought for the Chiefs might be their nearly unbroken record of futility in the Meadowlands. Since 1984, the Chiefs are 1-8-1 there.

Tennis players win bronze medals

The Cowgirls had enough points to tie for fourth place Tuesday at the Colby Invitational Tennis Tournament, and a singles player and a doubles team both won a bronze medal.

Goodland, Scott City and Phillipsburg all earned 14 points at the tournament. To break the tie, the tournament directors had to look at the teams' win/loss percentage. Scott City won 44.66 percent of its matches for fourth place, Phillipsburg 43.3 percent and Goodland 42.15 for sixth.

Garden City won the tournament, followed by Colby and Tribune.

Goodland's Michelle Kibel placed third in the No. 2 singles bracket. She won her first match, beating Christine McKleine of Phillipsburg 6-2, then lost to Erin Dixon of Tribune 6-1. She lost to Keisha Kinney of Garden City 6-1, then beat Trisha Binns of Scott City to win the bronze.

Coach Wallace Hansen said Kibel played her best tennis of the year.

The No. 2 doubles team of Leslie Knitig and Trisha Lalicker ended up with a 3-1 record. They beat a Garden City team 6-5, a Scott City duo 6-2, then lost to Colby 6-4. They beat Tribune 6-2 to win third place.

"They played good tennis throughout," Hansen said.

Shannon Showalter, the No. 1 singles player, finished sixth. She lost to Kali Barnett of Garden City 6-3, Lindsay Shellenberger of Scott City 6-0, and to Alexa Rieffel of Phillipsburg 6-2.

Hansen said Barnett and Shellenberger are two of the best players in western Kansas.

The No. 1 doubles team of Megan McCall and Jennifer Mentzer fin-



Cowgirl Jennifer Mentzer, on the No. 1 doubles team with Megan McCall, volleyed Tuesday in Colby. Mentzer and McCall finished in sixth place.

Photo by Darrel Pattillo/Colby Free Press

ished fourth. They beat Tribune 6-3, but then lost to Garden City 6-0, Colby 6-0 and Phillipsburg 6-4. The girls had too many unforced errors,

Hansen said.

The next varsity match will be next Thursday in Scott City. Regionals will be Monday Oct. 14 in Pratt.

Goodland wins six in a row

Goodland's varsity volleyball team is on a roll, winning its last six matches in Scott City on Saturday and at Max Jones Fieldhouse Monday.

In Scott City, the Cowgirls beat Wheatland 15-0 then topped Colby 13-15, 15-6 and 15-3. In their third match they beat Scott City 15-10 and 15-9.

On Monday, Goodland started out at home by beating Tribune 15-7 and 15-3. They triumphed over Sharon Springs 15-7 and 15-7, then came out on top of Weskan 15-1 and 15-10.

"We are coming along very nicely," Coach Jerry McKee said. "We are playing good defense, good offense, and are working together well."

The junior varsity team ended up 1-2 in Scott City and 2-1 at home. On Saturday they beat Wheatland 15-0, 3-15 and 15-9, before losing to Colby 12-15, 16-14 and 10-15 and Scott City 13-15 and 13-15.

At Max Jones, they lost to Sharon Springs 8-15 and 12-15, then beat Tribune 15-7 and 15-11, and Weskan 15-4 and 15-13.

"We have some junior varsity girls who are coming along fine," the coach said. "We made some mistakes, but we learned from them."

In other matches Tuesday in Goodland, Tribune beat Sharon Springs 15-11, 12-15 and 15-12, Weskan topped Sharon Springs 13-15, 15-13 and 15-13, and Tribune beat Weskan 15-13 and 15-4.

The Cowgirls next play at 8 a.m. Saturday in Oakley.

Cardinals' outfielder stepping up in postseason

By Bob Baum

The Associated Press
PHOENIX — No one in the St. Louis Cardinals' ferocious lineup is doing more damage than Jim Edmonds. The postseason always brings out the center fielder's best.

"I treat this like it's supposed to be treated," he said Wednesday. "This is the playoffs. This is what it's all about. I try to be more prepared and try to be more focused."

"It's tough to stay that mentally focused for 162 games. But if you can't do it now, then you shouldn't be playing this game."

In Tuesday night's 12-2 rout of Arizona in Game 1 of the NL division series, Edmonds achieved a rarity for left-handed hitters — three hits, including a two-run homer, off Randy Johnson.

"That's impressive," Arizona's Mark Grace said. "I told him that after he got to first base on that last hit." Edmonds has five division series homers in his career, three against Arizona. He has hit safely in 11 of 14 career postseason games, batting .351.

He is in the heart of a lineup that includes Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen,

Edgar Renteria, Tino Martinez, Fernando Vina, Eli Marrero and sometimes J.D. Drew. Pujols hit .314 this season with 24 home runs and 127 RBIs, Edmonds .311 with 28 HRs and 83 RBIs, Rolen .266 with 31 homers and 110 RBIs (.278, 14 HRs and 44 RBIs in 55 games with St. Louis). Renteria hit .305 with 11 homers and 83 RBIs and Martinez .262 with 21 home runs and 75 RBIs.

Curt Schilling, who will try to even

the series for Arizona on Thursday, calls it "probably as good an offense as I'll ever face, top to bottom."

"It's a lot of fun, it really is," Edmonds said. "We've got a good group. We've got a lot of guys who really grind out at bats. It's fun to watch when it's going good, and it's amazing to watch when it's going bad because you think when you have that good of a team, you should never be shut down."

An off day between games in the same city is an oddity in the series. The other three series have no such breaks. The Cardinals undoubtedly wished they didn't have one, either.

"After a game like they had last night, they're probably wishing they had a noon game today," Grace said before his team's Wednesday workout. "For us, it gives us a chance to sit back, pick up the pieces and reload for tomorrow afternoon."

bowling results

Happy Our Bowling
Sept. 26
B&B Electric over Team No. Six 4-0
Rasures over Collingwood 3-1
KMA over Pocket Rockets 3-1
High individual game: Gene Elliott-261
High individual series: Gene Elliott-702
High team game: Pocket Rockets-914
High team series: KMA-2459
Standings:KMA 12, 4; Collingwood 10, 6; Pocket Rockets 9, 7; Rasure Do It Center 9, 7

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic
Oct. 2
Bowladium Lanes over Basgall Construction 15-5
ProLine over Sigco 14-6
L&M Steel over Witzel & Rhea 15 1/2-4 1/2
Fitzgibbon's split Weber Kennels 10-10
Sunflower Satellite over Team No. Ten 12-8

High individual game: Don Seeger-279
High individual series: Don Seeger-843
High team game: ProLine-687
High team series: L&M Steel-2,213
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 98, 22; ProLine 70, 50; L&M Steel 68 1/2, 51 1/2; Basgall Construction 67 1/2, 52 1/2; Sigco 67, 53; Fitzgibbon's 57 1/2, 62 1/2; Weber Kennels 57, 63; Witzel & Rhea 53 1/2, 66 1/2; Sunflower Satellite 41, 79; Western Kansas Valley 20, 100.



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