sports Cowboys prepared for cold weather, Beavers

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News Coach Tony Diehl said the Goodland Cowboys could end up battling cold, snowy weather more than the Scott City Beavers during the district championship at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday night at Cowboy Stadium.

Almost two inches of snow has be a big part of the game." Fallen on Goodland since Tuesday and there is a 30 percent chance for more ing to be a major obstacle, too.

Thursday night. In addition, the temperature isn't expected to rise above 30 degrees on Thursday, making for cold, love to hit. wet conditions on the field.

and cold conditions." Coach Diehl will see that on the field." said. "We have to make sure we're mentally prepared because it's going to chance for victory, Diehl said.

That's not to say Scott City isn't go-

The coach said the 7-1 Beavers are a physical, fast football team and they

"Scott City has a very established "Both teams will battle the weather strength program," he said, "and you

But the 5-3 Cowboys still have a

"Without a doubt we have as good of a shot at beating them," he said, "as they have of beating us."

won't intimidate the boys, the coach order to win." said, noting that the Cowboys beat Oberlin with a 4-1 record and played well against an undefeated Atwood.

"I can guarantee it won't affect us," he said.

Diehl said he thinks the Cowboys can match Scott City's strength and aggressiveness.

The fact Scott City has a better record said. "Scott does, too. You have to in defeating Ulysses 43-0.

The winner of the game will be will play their first playoff game at named the district champion, but no matter the outcome, both teams will advance to the playoffs.

Because of a change in the playoff No. 15. system this year, two teams from each district will advance. Goodland secured a spot by clobbering the Colby

If the Cowboys win Thursday they home on Tuesday, if not, they will have to travel to either Kingman or Hugoton - which will advance from District

In the worst-case scenario the Cowboys will have to travel more than five hours to Kingman, which is near Wichita.

Cowgirls end season, 25-11, lose to Colby at sub-state

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Despite a valiant effort the Cowgirls came up short Saturday losing to Colby in the championship match at sub-state in Pratt.

"The girls handled things pretty well, but it was a tough match and we were worn out a bit," Coach Jerry McKee said. "We couldn't win that first game against Colby and that hurt

The Cowgirls lost to the Lady Eagles 15-11 and 15-5 to finish as the sub-state runner-up. This is the third year the Cowgirls have been second at substate.

The Cowgirls struggled in the first game against the Lady Eagles falling behind 10-1 before making a short run to cut it to 10-8 before Colby got another point. The Cowgirls again got to within two points at 12-10, but were unable to break through as the Lady Eagles scored the next two points. The Cowgirls got one more point to make it 14-11 on a serve by Stephanie Fairbanks.

However, on the next serve by Summar Stephens the Lady Eagles managed to get game point to win the first 15-11.

There were 31 service changes in the first game, and everyone got to serve at least three times.

In the second game the Cowgirls held a short lead when they tied it at 1 on a serve by Janae McKee and then went ahead 2-1 on her second serve. However, the Lady Eagles tied it up on their next service and then with Whitney Adams serving took a 7-2 lead. The Cowgirls stopped the Lady Eagles run and got their third point on a serve by Jayci Stone to make it 7-3.

one point to lead 10-3. Another serve before. by Stone got the Cowgirls their fourth point, but Colby again caught fire and several ties early before the Cowgirls with Adams serving extended their began to pull away with Alisha McKee lead to 14-4.

Briana Taylor got the Cowgirls final point, but on the next Colby serve by Fairbanks and the Cowgirls took con-Brianna Swafford they got match point trol and scored the next six points to to win 15-5 and win the sub-state lead 13-5. Several of the points were championship.

There were 35 servers in the second game

nice job making our team competitive, from the juniors and some of the sophomores and freshmen.

"Next year should be a reload and rebuild year," he said. "We finished with a 25-11 record, and played a tougher schedule that most of the teams in our league."

To get to the championship match Saturday the Cowgirls first faced Pratt and they dispatched them efficiently 15-1 and 15-0.

Taylor served for the first 9 points lead increased to 5-2. against Pratt. Janae McKee had the next point and Alisha McKee had the next three to make it 13-0 before Pratt got their only point. Stone and Fairbanks served for the final two got the final point for the Lady Beavers points to give the Cowgirls the 15-1 cutting the lead to 7-5. win.

In the second game after two side outs and with Janae McKee serving the Cowgirls took a commanding 11-0 lead before Pratt had another chance to serve. Alisha McKee was the next the efforts of his seniors, Stone, Cowgirl server and she served until Fairbanks, Calkins, Alissa Schields, replaced by Tess Schultz with the score 12-0 and finished serving for the shut Schlosser and Janet VanDonge who out 15-0. Shanae Calkins had the final kill for the win.

Colby came back and on each of semi-finals against the Scott City Lady freshmen girls gives him confidence their next three serves managed to get Beavers who had been a thorn the year for the team next year.

The first game was a tough one with serving to take an 7-3 lead. The Lady Beavers cut it to 7-5, but then kills by Janae McKee and blocks by

Alisha McKee and Stone. The Lady Beavers seemed to come Coach McKee said the seniors did a to life as they managed to cut the lead to 13-11. Again behind the serving of and said there were good performances Fairbanks the Cowgirls got the final two points to win the game 15-11.

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In the second game the Lady Beavers took an early 2-0 lead, but the Cowgirls tied it on a serve by Alisha McKee and a kill by Stone. Then Stone gave the Cowgirls a 3-2 lead on her serve.

With Fairbanks serving and kills by Janae McKee and Tomi Windell the

The Lady Beavers cut the lead to 5-4, but could not get the tie. Taylor then served for the next two points making it 7-4. Scott City's Amanda Pfenninger

With Janae McKee serving the Cowgirls scored the next eight points with Alisha McKee getting the final kill to win the match 15-5.

Coach McKee had high praise for Schultz, Colleen Koehler, Hannah contributed throughout the season.

He said the play of the juniors and The Cowgirls then advanced to the some of the younger sophomore and



Broncos change punters, cut Rouen

DENVER (AP) — Addressing son (31.7 yards). some troublesome kicking problems, the Denver Broncos on Tuesday released 10-year veteran punter Tom Rouen and signed punter-kicker Micah Knorr.

The Broncos also released wide receiver Kevin Kasper.

Rouen shanked a punt that traveled only 26 yards in Sunday's 24-16 win over New England, and hit a line-drive kick that was returned 40 yards.

Rouen, who has had two punts blocked this season, has the worst net punting average in the AFC this sea-

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Broncos over 10 seasons, the most punting average of 33.6 yards for his ever for a Denver punter. In 1999 he career before being released Oct. 22. led the NFL in gross punting average (46.5) and ranked among the league's top three punters in four seasons.

played 37 games as a punter and kick-Rouen, 34, played 152 games for the off specialist for Dallas. He had a net

About half of Knorr's kickoffs have gone into the end zone. The last two games, Elam's kickoffs have landed Knorr, in his third NFL season, between the 5- and 18-yard lines.

Cowgirls Jayci Stone and Shanae Calkins blocked a pass and Alisha McKee was ready to help against the Scott City Lady Beavers Saturday during their sub-state match in Pratt. The Cowgirls defeated Scott City, 15-11 and 15-5, but lost the championship match to the Colby Lady Eagles.

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