

# Seventh grade Mustangs win league title bowls at a glance

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The Goodland Mustang seventh grade boys brought home the championship from the Northwest Kansas League tournament, sweeping three games.

In the first round at Goodland on Dec. 16, the Mustangs dominated the St. Francis Indians, winning 47-11. The boys shut out Saintry in the first quarter while scoring 15 points. By half time, after the Mustangs scored another 17 points, and the scoreboard read 32-2. After the break, St. Francis came back to score 4 and 5 points in the third and fourth quarters. Goodland put up another 6 points in the third and 9 in the fourth to make the final score 47-11.

Leading the Mustangs in scoring was Forrest Trachsel, with 10. He was followed by: Jance McKee 8; Josh Doke 6; Casey Henderson 4; T.J. Hawkins 4; Spencer Windell 4; Ben Davis 3; Grant Wilkens 2; Darrick Ihrig 2; Tanner Smith 2; and Aaron Deeds 2.

Trachsel also led the Mustangs in

rebounds and assists, picking up 5 off the boards and assisting 3 times. Hawkins led the team in steals by snatching 5.

Rounds two and three of the tournament were played in Colby on Thursday, Dec. 19.

In the second round against Oakley, Goodland took the win, 41-18, to advance to finals.

The team started off the first quarter by sinking two baskets for a total of 4 points, while Oakley pulled ahead with 8.

"In this game, we got off to a slow start," said Mustang Coach Andy Scheopner, "but had a very good second and third quarter."

In the second quarter, the boys shut out Oakley while scoring 13 to take a 17-8 lead into halftime. In the third quarter, Goodland once again put on a good show, scoring 14 points to Oakley's 4. To finish off the game, the Mustangs sank 10 points while keeping Oakley to 6. Final score left the Mustangs on top 41-18.

Leading on the scoreboard for Goodland was McKee with 15. He was

followed by: Hawkins 6; Windell 4; Doke 4; Smith 4; Trachsel 4; Wilkens 2; and Henderson 2. McKee was the standout in rebounds with 8.

In the finals, Goodland faced Colby in a much tighter game. The Eagles were the only team to take a win from the Goodland team during the season. "This was a very exciting game," said Scheopner. "The lead went back and forth the whole game."

Goodland dominated the first quarter 14 to 9, but lost momentum in the second, scoring only 10 to Colby's 13. After halftime, the teams returned for a close third quarter. Goodland was one basket shy of Colby's scoring, 15-13.

With the Mustangs on top, 43-42, the Eagles attempted a shot with only three seconds left on the clock. After the failed attempt, Goodland brought down the rebound to end the game.

McKee was a standout in scoring, giving the Mustangs 24 points. The only others to score for Goodland were Windell with 10, Henderson with 6 and Trachsel with 3. McKee and Henderson pulled down 10 rebounds each.

## Sun Devils not dogged by odds against K-State

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Arizona State Sun Devils don't have to look far for motivation going into the Holiday Bowl against the No. 6 Kansas State Wildcats at 6 p.m. tonight on ESPN.

All they have to do is pick up a newspaper, turn to the betting line and see that they're the longest shots of any team in the postseason.

So what's a coach to do, other than turn it a motivational tool?

The Sun Devils (8-5) have already turned back some long odds. They were picked to finish ninth in the Pac-10, but finished third to earn the bowl bid.

As of Thursday, they were 18-point underdogs to Kansas State (10-2).

"It might be a great season if we beat that spread, huh?" Arizona State coach Dirk Koetter said.

Although this is a huge mismatch on paper, it is, after all, the Holiday Bowl, which has a history of close, wacky finishes.

And it's not like the Sun Devils are talentless.

Junior All-American defensive end Terrell Suggs set an NCAA record with 22 sacks and won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

Junior wide receiver Shaun McDonald was one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award. Sophomore quarterback Andrew Walter threw for a school-record 3,584 yards despite starting only nine games, and his 26 touchdown passes are second on the school's single-season list.

Arizona State's offense took off on Sept. 14 at Qualcomm Stadium, site of the Holiday Bowl. Walter didn't start against San Diego State because of a sprained left knee, but came off the bench after the Sun Devils fell behind 22-0 in the second quarter. He threw four TD passes to McDonald in rallying ASU to a 39-28 win.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said Arizona State is the kind of team that gets better and better each time he watches them on videotape. He hopes his players realize it, too.

"If any of them misunderstand this, we'll have to sit down and take IQ tests," Snyder said. "They watch the same tape I do, and unless they're sound asleep, they see what I see."

The Wildcats are one of the nation's hottest teams, but they're also the highest-ranked team not playing in a BCS game.

Snyder and other school officials went to Miami before the bowl lineups were set to beg Orange Bowl officials to take them as an at-large team. They promised they'd sell a minimum of 25,000 tickets.

On the hook for 11,500 tickets to the Holiday Bowl, the Wildcats sold only 5,500 and returned the rest.

There appears to be some lingering disappointment, as evidenced by Snyder's slip of the tongue at a news conference today.

"Our players would have certainly been excited to play in the Orange Bowl," Snyder said. "But before the decision was made, and it was out of our control... our players had resigned themselves, not resigned themselves, that's a poor choice of words, our players understood they'd either be playing in San Diego or in Miami and they indicated to me that they were fine with either one."

Kansas State won its final five games by a combined score of 253-30, including consecutive wins over Iowa State (58-7) and Nebraska (49-13). But losses to Colorado and Texas — by a combined seven points — consigned the Wildcats to San Diego.

- Thursday**  
**Motor City Bowl**  
At Detroit  
Boston College over Toledo, 51-25
- Insight Bowl**  
At Phoenix  
Pittsburgh over Oregon State, 38-13
- Today**  
**Houston Bowl**  
Southern Mississippi (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
- Independence Bowl**  
At Shreveport, La.  
Nebraska (7-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Holiday Bowl**  
At San Diego  
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arizona State (8-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
- Saturday**  
**Alamo Bowl**  
At San Antonio  
Colorado (9-4) vs. Wisconsin (7-6), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
- Continental Tire Bowl**  
At Charlotte, N.C.  
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Virginia (8-5), 9 a.m. (ESPN2)
- Monday**  
**Music City Bowl**

- At Nashville, Tenn.  
Minnesota (7-5) vs. Arkansas (9-4), 12 p.m. (ESPN)
- Seattle Bowl**  
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Oregon (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Tuesday**  
**Humanitarian Bowl**  
At Boise, Idaho  
Iowa State (7-6) vs. Boise State (11-1), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
- Sun Bowl**  
At El Paso, Texas  
Washington (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 12 p.m. (CBS)
- Liberty Bowl**  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- Silicon Valley Classic**  
At San Jose, Calif.  
Fresno State (8-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Peach Bowl**  
At Atlanta  
Maryland (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
- San Francisco Bowl**  
Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
- Wednesday**

- Outback Bowl**  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)
- Cotton Bowl**  
At Dallas  
LSU (8-4) vs. Texas (10-2), 9 a.m. (FOX)
- Gator Bowl**  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Notre Dame (10-2) vs. North Carolina State (10-3), 1:30 a.m. (NBC)
- Capital One Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 11 a.m. (ABC)
- Rose Bowl**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Washington State (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 3 p.m. (ABC)
- Sugar Bowl**  
At New Orleans  
Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ABC)
- Thursday**  
**Orange Bowl**  
At Miami  
Southern California (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)
- Friday, Jan. 3**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 6 p.m. (ABC)

## Bufs player making plans

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — University of Colorado star tailback Chris Brown apparently has no plans to enter the NFL draft early.

Buffaloes coach Gary Barnett and Brown's father Levelle Brown said there's little doubt Brown will play out his senior year with CU.


"He went there to get an education and get a degree," Levelle Brown told The Denver Post from his home in Naperville, Ill. "There hasn't been any talk about him jumping ship."

Barnett said the Brown family has assured him that Chris Brown wants to return.

The Brown family plans to investigate insurance policies to hedge against the National Football League money they would forgo. Jan. 15 is the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft, but the Browns haven't asked the league to estimate where the Big 12's leading rusher might fall in the draft.

Brown's teammates and coaches say Brown is too focused on playing in Saturday's Alamo Bowl (6 p.m. on ESPN) against Wisconsin in San Antonio after missing about six weeks with a bruised sternum to think about the draft.

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