

Cowgirls open season with a pair of 2-0 wins

By Greg Stover
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The Goodland High volleyball varsity opened its season with a pair of 2-0 victories Tuesday afternoon at a triangular meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls' defeated the Thomas More Prep-Marian Monarchs 25-6 and 25-14 in the first match and the Burlington High School Cougars 25-9 and 25-23 in the third. Thomas More defeated Burlington 25-20 and 25-22 in the second match.

In the Cowgirls' second game against the Cougars, Goodland was behind 10-5 at one point but fought back to tie the score at 12. The teams played evenly until, with the score tied at 23, the Cowgirls scored the next two points for the win.

The Cowgirls junior varsity defeated Thomas More 2-0 but lost to Burlington 2-0. Goodland's "C" team won both its matches against Thomas More.

"I was pleased with the first night's performance for all teams," said Coach Jerry McKee. "For our first tournament out, we got to find out where we were and now we have a few things we can add in

practice."
The next action for the Cowgirls' varsity will be Saturday at the Overland Classic at Overland High School, 12400 E. Jewell Ave., Denver. The 16-team field will be divided into four pools, with the Cowgirls in Pool C. Goodland's first match will start at 9:15 a.m. (Mountain Time) against Sierra High School of Colorado Springs.

"We're looking forward to a good tournament," McKee said. "There will be several tough schools there."

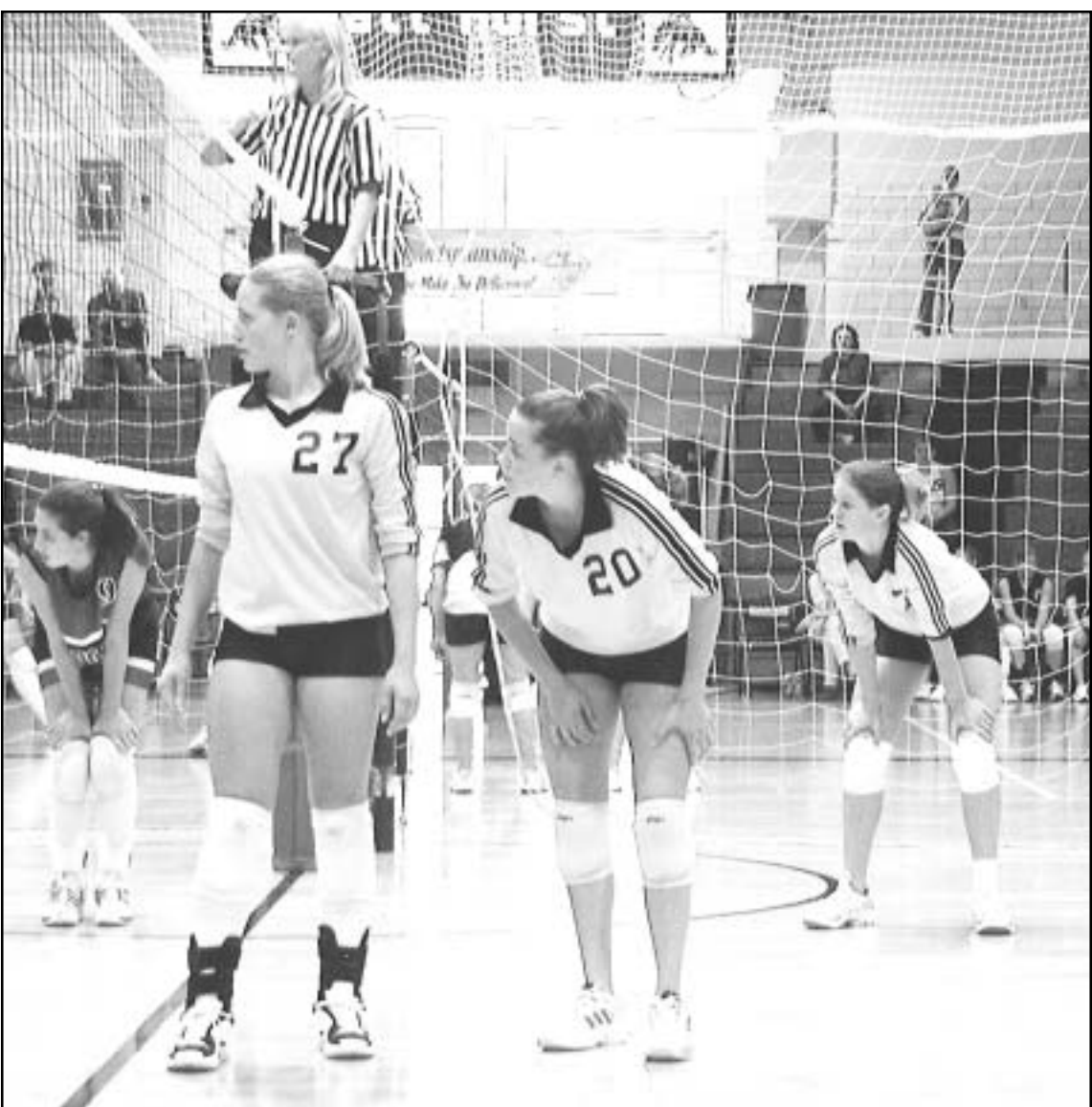
Goodland has participated in this tournament since 1992, winning it twice in the last four years. McKee said that the quality of competition is the reason Goodland has stayed with the tournament.

Also on Saturday, Assistant Coach Barb Bedore will take the junior varsity team to Bishop Machebeuf High School in Denver for a tournament. Goodland's first match will be at 8 a.m. against Hinkley High School.

After this weekend's action, the Cowgirls will have little time to rest as they will play Lakin, Leoti and Scott City High Schools in a quadangular meet next Tuesday at Max Jones.



Superintendent Marvin Selby was "volunteered" to be a line judge during the Cowgirls' first match against Thomas More.



Freshman Dani Bedore (No. 27), senior Janae McKee (No. 20), and senior Tomi Windell (No. 7) prepared to receive a serve during the Cowgirls' match against the Burlington High School Cougars on Tuesday. The Cowgirls defeated the Cougars 25-9 and 25-23.

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Stingy defense leads Bulldogs to victory over Jackrabbits, 8-6

By Jay Kelly
Colby Free Press
The Brewster High School football team relied on a stingy defense to open its season with an 8-6 home win over the Greeley County Jackrabbits on Friday night.

"You can't print how good I feel," said Coach Leland Francis. "We lost a close (36-32) game in Tribune last year. We didn't want to lose again."

Francis and assistant coach Bill Gibson said they were pleased with the effort and the defense.

Brewster's offense was unable to get on track in the early going and made only two first downs in the first half. On their first possession, a false start penalty put them at first and 20 on their own five-yard-line. Forced to punt on fourth and nine, they gave the ball to the Jackrabbits on their 37.

Brewster's defense stepped up, however, creating a fumble and giving the Bulldogs another chance when Jake Long recovered on the Tribune 38.

Brewster made it to the Jackrabbit 25 before a fumble gave Tribune the ball again. The Jackrabbits made first down two plays later, but were again forced to punt on fourth and 21 after a series that included a nine-yard loss on a Jarrett Carpenter sack.

Sean Swanson got a hand on the punt, but the Jackrabbits got it away and gave Brewster the ball on their own 30. Again, the 'Dawgs were forced to punt and neither team was able to move the ball much until a Jackrabbit drive that began with 26 seconds in the first quarter.

The second quarter began with Tribune second and 12 on the Brewster 21. A loss made it third



Brewster quarterback Branson Gilley tried to elude a sack unsuccessfully Friday. Photo by Jay Kelley/Colby Free Press

and 15. Tribune gave the ball to quarterback Jerad Gooch, who carried for eight yards on a keeper.

On fourth and seven at the Brewster 16, the Jackrabbits aired it out and were intercepted by Heath Baird in the end zone. A pass interference call on Jake Long, however, gave Tribune a first and goal on the nine-yard line.

The Jackrabbits gave the ball to Andrew Reuber and the 210-pounder muscled his way into the end zone. The extra point was no good and Tribune led 6-0 with 10:21 left in the half. Half-time came with neither team able to move the ball.

Brewster kicked off the second half and again their defense stretched but would not break. Tribune started on their own 25 and made it to the Brewster 24 before being forced to punt 10 plays later. Both teams had good field position

at times in the third quarter but were unable to put together more than a couple of successful plays until late in the third.

Brewster started their scoring drive on their 32 with 3:14 left in the third when Joel Selby and Swanson ground out a 32-yard drive to the Tribune 26 as the quarter ended.

The fourth began with Brewster in possession and fourth and one. Swanson bulled his way to the first down and gained another yard on second and 10. Branson Gilley took to the air on third and nine, but was incomplete to Baird. A late hit penalty, however, took the 'Dawgs to the 11 and Swanson carried the ball into the end zone. Gilley found Baird for the 2-point conversion and Brewster led 8-6 with 10:23 left in the game.

Tribune threatened again two drives later, starting on their own


two-yard line. They drove to the Brewster 26, but a Henry Sloan fumble was recovered by Swanson with 1:30 left in the game.

Three runs later, the 'Dawgs had a first down and less than a minute left.

Brewster had 112 yards on the ground. Swanson had 73 yards on 14 carries. Selby had 29 yards on 10 carries and Long had a 10-yard carry.

Gilley completed three of 10 attempts passing. Baird caught two, an 11-yard throw and a three-yard extra point. Long had the other reception, for four yards.

Swanson had 14 tackles, Selby and Gilley had seven each. Carpenter had six. Long had five. Josh Ryan had four. Baird had three. Paul Flanders had two and Ryan Luckert, Garrett Smith and Tyler Johnson had one each.




Go Cowboys!

Goodland High School

Football	Friday, varsity at Holcomb 6:30 p.m., Monday, junior varsity against Holcomb 4:30 p.m., Thursday "C" team at Colby 4:30 p.m.
Cross Country	Saturday, at Wamego 8 a.m.
Tennis	Saturday, varsity at Norton 8 a.m., Tuesday varsity here 2 p.m., Thursday junior varsity at Hays 2 p.m.
Golf	Monday, at Thomas More Prep 8 a.m.
Volleyball	Saturday, varsity at Overland and junior varsity at Machebeuf, Tuesday, quad here 3:30 p.m.

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