

Goodland cross country runners earn one medal at Wamego meet

By Tom Betz
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Both Goodland High cross country teams finished 13th out of ?? teams at the Wamego Invitational on Saturday, and Speedy Aguilar was the only runner to snare a medal, taking sixth in the boys race. Coach Don Smith said it was a so-so performance. "We weren't terribly far from expectations," he said, "and all of those who ran improved their times, some by a couple of minutes." Wamego is one of the largest cross country meets Goodland goes to, with 144 boys in the race and 116 girls. "Speedy ran a very good race," Smith said, "and it was the fastest time of his career so far. I think it was the fastest time we have had at a Wamego meet. "I thought Kerek Mason had a very good race for a freshman at his first Wamego meet. "On the girls side, we didn't do badly, but none of them ran the first mile as good as we should. "We are improving, but we have a ways to go before we are where we should be before the end of the season."

For the boys, Aguilar was sixth with a time of 17.06, his fastest so far. He ran the first mile in 5.29; the second in 5.48; and the final 1.1 miles in 5.49. Coach Smith said the final leg of the race showed that Aguilar has enough strength to continue to improve. "I don't think we have seen the best that Speedy can do," Smith said. "I believe he has the determination and ability to have a great season as long as he can stay healthy and focused. "It is a pleasure to work with him, and he is always pushing himself to get better." K. Mason had at time of 19.01 and finished 49th. He ran the first mile in 6.03; the second in 6.28 and the final 1.1 in 6.31. Daniel Blake had a time of 19.21 and was 72nd. His breakdown was 5:56; 6.28; and 6.59. Craig Mason's time was 20.09 and he was 105th. His times were 6.01; 6.53; and 7.13. James Clearley had a time of 20.15 and was 109th. His times were 6.13; 6.52; and 7.10. The places listed are the actual placing in the race, but there is a

team place, and some runners were from teams that did not have enough students for a team score. With those taken out, Aguilar was fifth, K. Mason, 45th, Blake 68th, C. Mason 101st and Cearley 105th. On the Cowgirls side, Whitney Dautel was the top runner, finishing 62nd. Her times for the two miles were 7.05 and 7.12 with a total of 12.17. Kalie Smith was not far behind with at time of 14.28 and finished 66th. Her times were 7.02 and 7.26. Tiffany Thomas had a time of 14.30 and was 68th. She ran the first mile in 7.14 and the second in 7.27. Mara Sloan was 94th with a time of 15.13 (7.14 and 7.59). Chelsea Ontiveroz was 100th at 15.37 (7.39 and 7.58). For the team placing, Dautel was 57th, Smith 60th, Thomas 62nd, Sloan 84th and Ontiveroz 90th. Baldwin won both the team titles. On the boys side, Wamego was second, El Dorado third, Hugoton fourth, Topeka Hayden fifth, Clearwater sixth, Abilene seventh, Concordia eighth, Clay Center ninth, Mill Valley 10th, DeSoto 11th, Colby 12th, Goodland 13th, Eudora 14th, Rose Hill 15th,



Cowboy runner Kerek Mason was in the middle of the pack at the Wamego Invitational on Saturday. He had at time of 19.01 and finished 49th. Photo by Janet Thomas / The Goodland Star-News

Cowgirl golf team finishes third at tourney in Hays

By Greg Stover
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The Goodland High School golf team finished third at the Thomas More Prep-Marian Invitational tournament played Monday at the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays. "I felt the girls could have done a little better than what they did," said Coach Connie Livengood. "They did putt well, but had some trouble with the fairways and water hazards."

Senior Jessica Osborn finished third with a 19-over-par 91. Other medalists for the Cowgirls were senior Kayla Rasure, eighth at 109, and junior Bailee Guyer, 10th with 113. "Kayla and Bailee played well," Livengood said. "I feel that Jessica could have done better, but held her own with 91. She is a better shooter...." Other Cowgirls who played were junior Amy Cebula, who scored

121; freshman Hannah Burkett, also with 121; and freshman Brooke Whitmore with 131. "Amy cut off 19 strokes from playing the course last year," Livengood said. "Hannah did an outstanding job, as did Brooke." Livengood said that this was the first 18-hole tournament for both Burkett and Whitmore, as well as their first tournament on the varsity. Hays High won the tournament with a score of 396. Minneapolis

placed second with 410. Goodland's team score was 434. Kelsie Paul, a junior at Hays, won the tournament, shooting an 86. The varsity will again see action Monday at the golf course in Russell hosted by Russell High School. The junior varsity will be at the Colby Country Club on Monday to play in a tournament hosted by Colby High.

Cowboy runners in Oakley

Three Cowboys ran in the Oakley Invitational cross country meet Tuesday. Coach Don Smith said he took the three boys who did not participate in the Wamego meet over the weekend. Brandon Zelfer placed 24th with a time of 21.49 and Kyler Knobbe was 26th with a time of 22.23. Zelfer's miles times were 5.55, 8.13 and 7.41. Knobbe had

6.28, 8.41 and 7.14. Quinter won the tournament, and Austin Powers of Quinter won the boys race with a time of 17.59. Zach Breininger ran in the junior varsity race and finished ninth with a time of 22.42. His mile times were 6.55, 8.37 and 7.12. Matt Wheeler of Ellis won the junior varsity race in 19.59.

Cowboys on the move



No. 8 sophomorequarterback Wyatt Dautel rolled left during Goodland's junior varsity loss Monday to Holcomb, 26-4. Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Bigger conferences are not the answer


I like college football. I don't watch the NFL anymore, since it's second player strike in the late 1980's, I lost all desire to follow it. My only experience with high school football was back when I was a player, my teams went 5-14, and haven't paid much attention to it since. That will change of course, not only because I'm the new sports editor but because Goodland, with luck, might be finally the place I can call home. However, to get back to the subject, just because I like college football doesn't mean I like everything about it. My gripe this time is oversized conferences. Conferences should be small enough for each team in it to play each other once in a season and still have room for two or three non-conference games for variety and to warm up for conference competition. So I say limit a conference's size to 10 or 11. On the other hand each conference should have at least eight teams in it so that the possibility that the conference champion having a losing overall record is slim. My main complaint about oversized conferences is the need for a conference championship game since most big conference are divided into divisions. If I believed that the reason conferences do this is for the good of the sport, fine but I don't. I believe the real reason is money, more games equals more money, and yes I think this applies to the Big 12. I know I'm in the minority on this point, but any team that makes it to the conference championship is almost guaranteed a bowl game of some sort anyway. Plus the players are already missing enough



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liked the idea was increased revenue from football. A school's football program is supposed to enhance the college experience, and if it happens to be popular enough to be a source of revenue for the benefit of the entire school fine. However to seek increased revenue at the cost of the players' quality of education and the risk to a school's integrity is going too far. No head coach, as far as I know, has come out publicly and said that the school primarily exists to support his program but I believe a small few are beginning to develop that attitude.



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