

# Cowgirls win a trip to state

The Cowgirls are headed to the 2003 state Class 4A volleyball championship tournament this weekend in Salina for the first time since 1999 after knocking off Scott City in the finals of the sub-state tournament.

Goodland won the sub-state Saturday by defeating the Scott City Lady Beavers soundly in the finals, 25-13 and 25-21. The Cowgirls are now 33-2 and will take a 28-game winning streak with them to the last tournament of the season.

The girls defeated the Larned Indians 25-9 and 25-8 in their first match Saturday. The Cowgirls met the Hugoton Eagles in the semi-finals, winning the first game 25-14 but losing the second 25-23. They got by the third 15-12.

Against Larned, Goodland started slow, but with the scored tied at 5, the Cowgirls went on a 20-4 point run. This show was highlighted by senior Kelsey Herl's 8-point service run to finish the game.

Herl produced another 8-point service run early in the second game to push Goodland to a 10-2 lead, after which the Cowgirls outscored their opponent 15-6. Senior Alisha McKee finished the game off with a 7-point run.

Goodland's semi-final match with Hugoton was the toughest for the Cowgirls that day. In its first game, Goodland appeared to carry the momentum built up in the first match. Herl produced her third 8-point service run to give the Cow-

girls the lead 10-3 and kept a solid lead throughout the game, and the Cowgirls won 25-14.

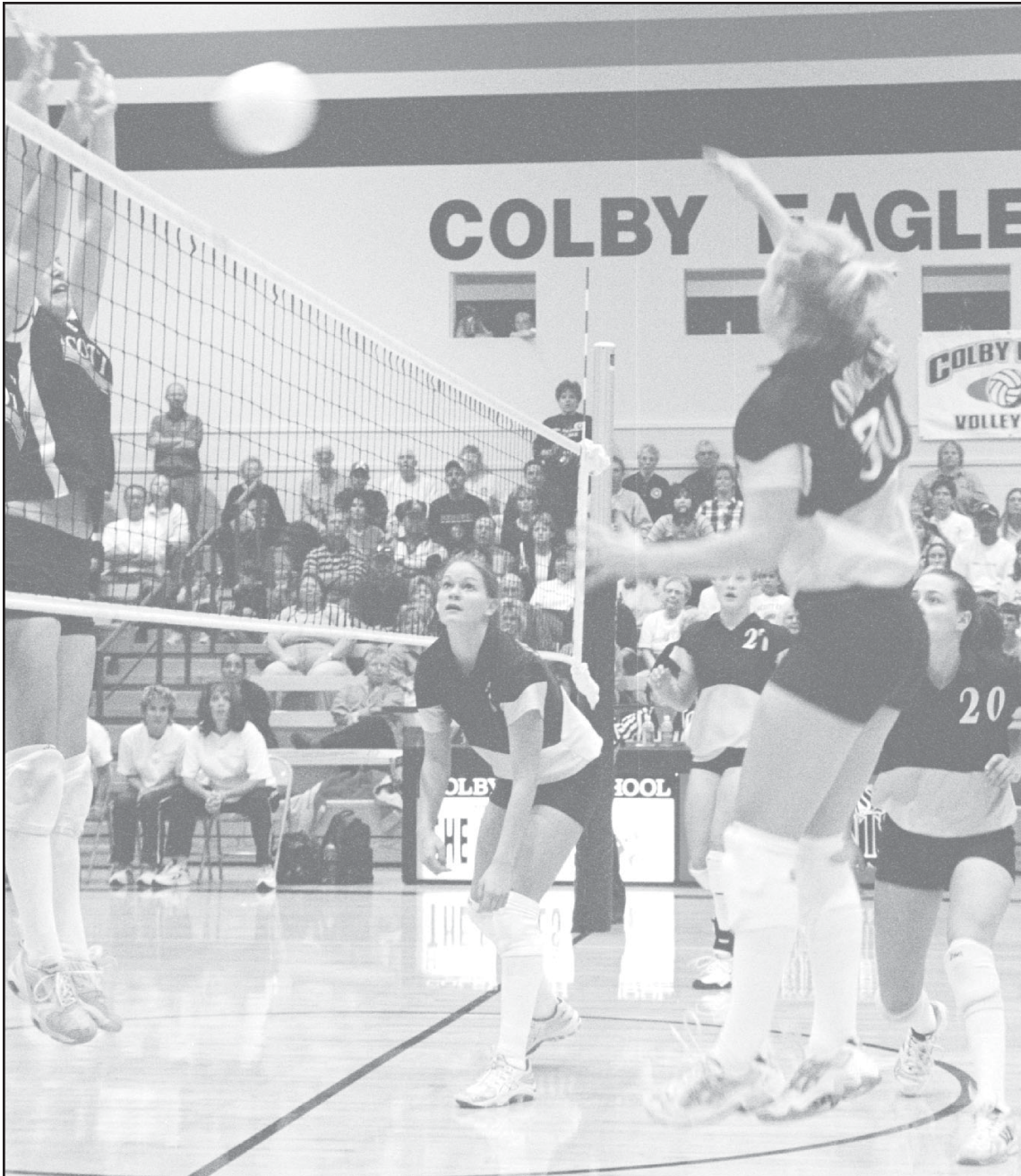
The second game was a different story, as the Cowgirls did not get their first lead until 5-4. The lead switched back and forth for the next several points, then with the score tied at 11, Hugoton took the lead. They kept it until the Cowgirls fought back to tie the game at 21 on two consecutive service aces by senior Courtney Shields. The Eagles then regained a 2-point lead and held off Goodland to win 25-23.

The third game seemed like a continuation of the second as the teams played to an 11-point tie before the Cowgirls won the game, and the match, by taking four of the next five points.

Scott City earned its way to the championship match by defeating Colby, the host team, 25-15 and 25-18, and then Ulysses 25-16 and 25-13 in the other semi-final.

Herl's serving game helped give Goodland an early 7-1 lead in the final's first game, then with the score 9-3 freshman Dani Bedore produced a 9-point serving run to push the lead to 18-3. The Beavers went on a short run of their own, closing the score to 18-9, but the Cowgirls maintained the edge, winning the game 25-13.

In the second game, the Cowgirls slowly but steadily worked to an 18-11 lead but Scott City went on a 9-2 point run to tie the game at 20. However, the Beavers' momentum



Cowgirl senior Courtney Shields (right front) spiked the ball against a Scott City block attempt in the sub-state volleyball tournament's championship match. Goodland defeated Scott City, for the third time this season, 25-13 and 25-21.

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stalled and Goodland outscored them 5-1 to end the game.

The state tournament will be held

Friday and Saturday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. The Cowgirls are the fourth seed and are in Pool I

with Chanute, Towanda-Circle and, the No. 1 seed, Abilene. Goodland's first match is 3:30 Friday.

# Cowgirl takes 6th at state

Goodland senior Jessica Osborn ended her high school golf career holding a medal for a sixth-place finish among 97 players at the Class 4-1A state championship tournament Monday at the Salina Municipal Golf Course.

Osborn scored a 10-over-par 80. She finished the 18-hole round tied for fifth with Holcomb's Jordan Lohfink but lost a one-hole playoff.

Coach Connie Livengood said this was the fourth time Osborn had qualified for the state tournament and the third straight time she earned a medal.

"Jessica got very focused at state," Livengood said. "She didn't let anything bother her, she could have given up after the second hole when she double-bogied but she hung in there and stayed with it. I couldn't have been any prouder of her during her play at state.

Livengood said this was Osborn's second best 18-hole round of her career

Mulvane High School won the state championship with a score of 349. Piper High School was second with 351 and Ulysses was third with 352. Piper's Jennifer Clark was the individual champion, shooting a 73.



Osborn

# Cowboy runner takes third

The Cowboy cross country team finished ninth at the Class 4A regional meet in Larned on Saturday, and one member ran off with a ticket to the state meet Saturday in Wamego.

"After having a disappointing day at the Northwest Kansas League meet last Saturday (Oct. 18)," said coach Don Smith, "the runners responded with some of the season's best performances at the regional meet."

Goodland was led by senior Speedy Aguilar, who finished third, running the 3.1-mile course in 16 minutes, 36 seconds. Aguilar earned a trip to state after outprinting last year's Class 5A state runner-up for third, Smith said.

Freshman Kerek Mason finished 14th in 17:28. Other Cowboy runners were junior James Cearley (34th, 18:42), junior Craig Mason

(49th, 19:02) and sophomore Zach Breininger (74th, 20:51).

"Kerek capped an excellent freshman season with a great time and placing," Smith said. "James had the best race of his career. I am pleased that the team finished on such a positive note."

Hugoton High won the team competition with a score of 78. Clearwater was second with 81 and Buhler third with 88. Goodland's team score was 169. Only the top three teams and the top 10 runners go to state.

Hugoton's Bryce Forward was the individual champion in 16:04.

Two Cowgirls participated in the girls' race. Freshman Whitney Dautel finished 24th in 13:11 for the 2-mile course. Sophomore Tiffany Thomas was 53rd in 14:15. Smith said that was Dautel's best time of the year.

Hugoton dominated the girls field, scoring 49 points to take the team title. Colby was second with 61 points and Clearwater third with 68. A school must have five runners complete the course to get a team score.

Colby's Jessica Stephens was the individual champion, finishing in 11:25. Her time is almost a full minute faster than she ran last week when she led the Eagles to victory in the league meet at Sugar Hills Golf Course.

Sophomore Kalie Smith of Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs finished 12th at the Class 2-1A regional meet in Dighton with a time of 13:51. Feshamn Mara Sloan was 36th in 14:51. Senior Charlie Short finished 70th in the boys race in 17:27. All three ran with the Goodland team during the regular season.

## area high school football

Northwest Kansas League	Western Kansas Liberty League
<b>Goodland</b> 43, Colby 13 St. Francis 34, Hoxie 16 Atwood 42, Decatur Comm. 14 Oakley 38, Holcomb 6 Leoti 16, Quinter 10	<b>Brewster</b> 57, Golden Plains 26 Greeley County 42, Grinnell 6 Prairie Heights 80, Triplains 34 Weskan 56, Healy 0 Wallace County 59, Cheylin 10

## community volleyball

CCR Volleyball Wednesday October 22	American Family Insurance over Scared Hitless 15-4, 15-5
First National Bank-II over Mad Dogs 15-10, 15-6	Rookies over Alex's Radiator & Repair 15-3, 15-0
Kansasland Tire over American Family Insurance 15-13, 15-12	Pirate Electric/Brewster Frontier Equity over DDT 15-1, 15-8
DDT over Mad Dogs 15-8, 15-11	First National Bank-II over Rookies 11-15, 17-15, 11-9
Pirate Electric/Brewster Frontier Equity over Kansasland Tire 15-3, 15-11	Who's Next over Da Killer B's 10-15, 15-1, 11-6
Duell Farms over First National Bank-I 17-15, 15-4	Oldies But Goodies over Scared Hitless 15-1, 15-6
Da Killer B's over Alex's Radiator & Repair 15-13, 15-8	Who's Next over First National Bank-I 15-2, 15-11
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## School calendar for Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2003

Wednesday October 29 - "Black Day", City/County recreation at fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m., Elementary book fair.

Thursday October 30 - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco, Football at Scott City 6:30 p.m., parent/teacher conferences 4 to 8 p.m., junior high candy sales begin, Elementary book fair.

Friday October 31 - No school, parent/teacher conference 8 a.m. to noon, State volleyball in Salina

Saturday November 1 - State volleyball at Salina, State cross country at Wamego.

Tuesday November 4 - "Black Day", Seminar - FCCLA, Football Bi-District, PLAN test for Sophomores at 8 a.m., junior high and high school picture retake, seventh grade basketball here against Burlington at 4 p.m., eighth grade basketball at Burlington at 4 p.m.

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