

# Cowgirls take it all!

The Cowgirl volleyball team brought home the Kansas Class 4A high school championship trophy after defeating the Baldwin Bulldogs on Saturday, 25-14 and 25-20, in the title match.

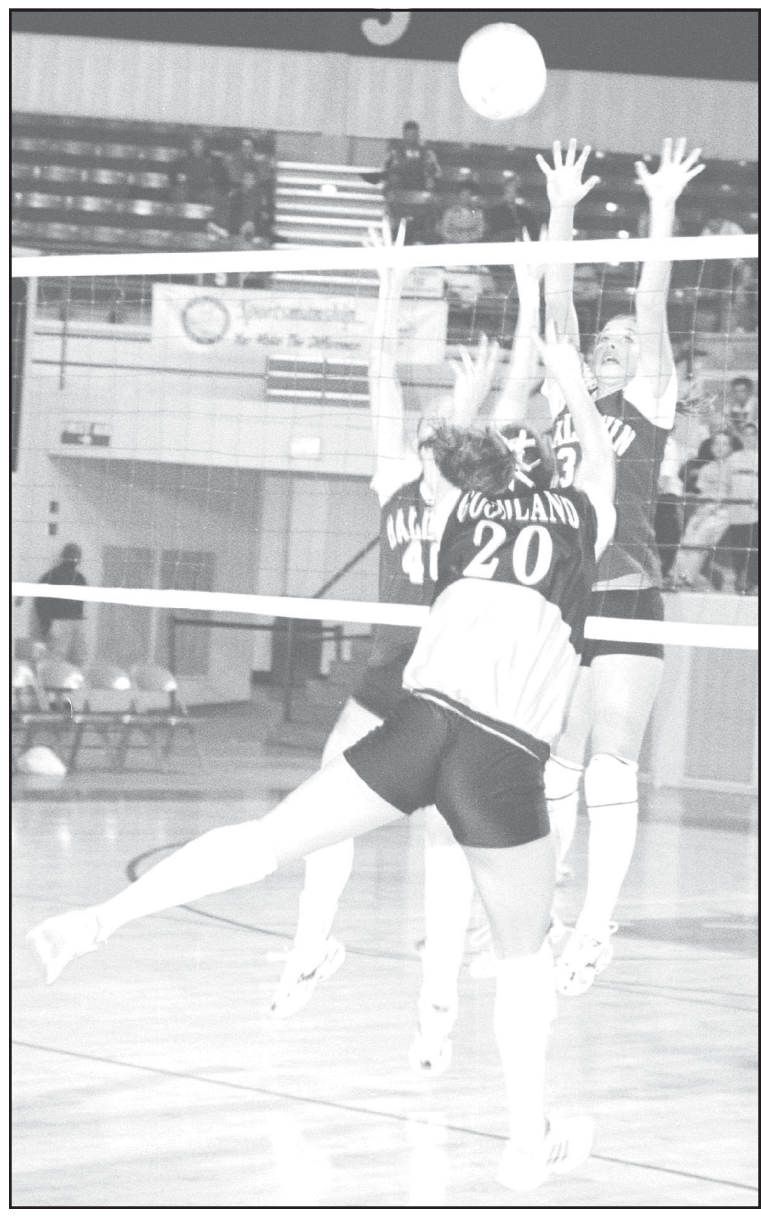
This is Goodland High's fourth state title ever and its second under Coach Jerry McKee. McKee's first title with the Cowgirls came in 1988. Goodland won its first title, as a Class 3A school, in 1974 under former coach Sheila Stiles. In 1981 the Cowgirls won its first Class 4A state championship under coach Sandy Weaver.

The Cowgirls finished the season 38-2 without losing to a team from Kansas. Seniors Tomi Windell, Kelsey Herl, Janae McKee, Courtney Schields and Alisha McKee ended their high school careers as state champions

In their first match of the state tournament, the Cowgirls defeated the Thunderbirds of Circle High School in Towanda 25-20 and 25-23. The teams tied the score in the first game six times, but at 19, Goodland went on a 6-1 run to win. The second game was even closer than the first, as the teams tied the score 10 times, but with the score tied at 23, the Cowgirls took the next two points to go 1-0 in the tournament.

Goodland held a 17-11 lead against the Chanute Comets in the first game of its second match. However, the Comets fought back to tie the score at 18. From then on, the teams took turns taking a 1 or 2-point lead until with the score tied at 26. Then with Bedore serving, a kill by A. McKee gave the Cowgirls a 1-point lead. A. McKee then blocked a Comet spike on the next play for the Goodland win, 28-26.

It was the Cowgirls' turn to fall behind in the second game against Chanute, by as many as six points, but they were able to come back. A 5-point service run by J. McKee that also gave Goodland a 15-13 lead.



Senior Janae McKee (above) hit the ball over two Baldwin Eagles defenders during the championship match Saturday in Salina. Senior Alisha McKee (far right) spiked the ball against No. 1-seeded Abilene in the final match of pool play on Friday.

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With the score tied at 15, the game saw six straight side-outs before Chanute scored two straight points to take the lead 19-18.

The Cowgirls then scored seven of the next eight points for the game and the match. The final score was

25-20.

Against top-seeded Abilene, Goodland took the lead 1-0 in the first game and kept it, extending it to as much as five, until Abilene fought back to tie it at 18. From there, five times, the Cowgirls

would build a 1 or 2-point lead then watch Abilene tie the score. With the score tied at 26, Abilene took its first lead of the game along with the next point to give Goodland its first, and only, game loss of the tournament, 28-26

The second game was a different story, with the Cowgirls leading 7-6 Bedore served three straight aces to build the lead to 10-6, after which Goodland went on a 15-8 point run to win the game 25-14 and tie the match at one game each.

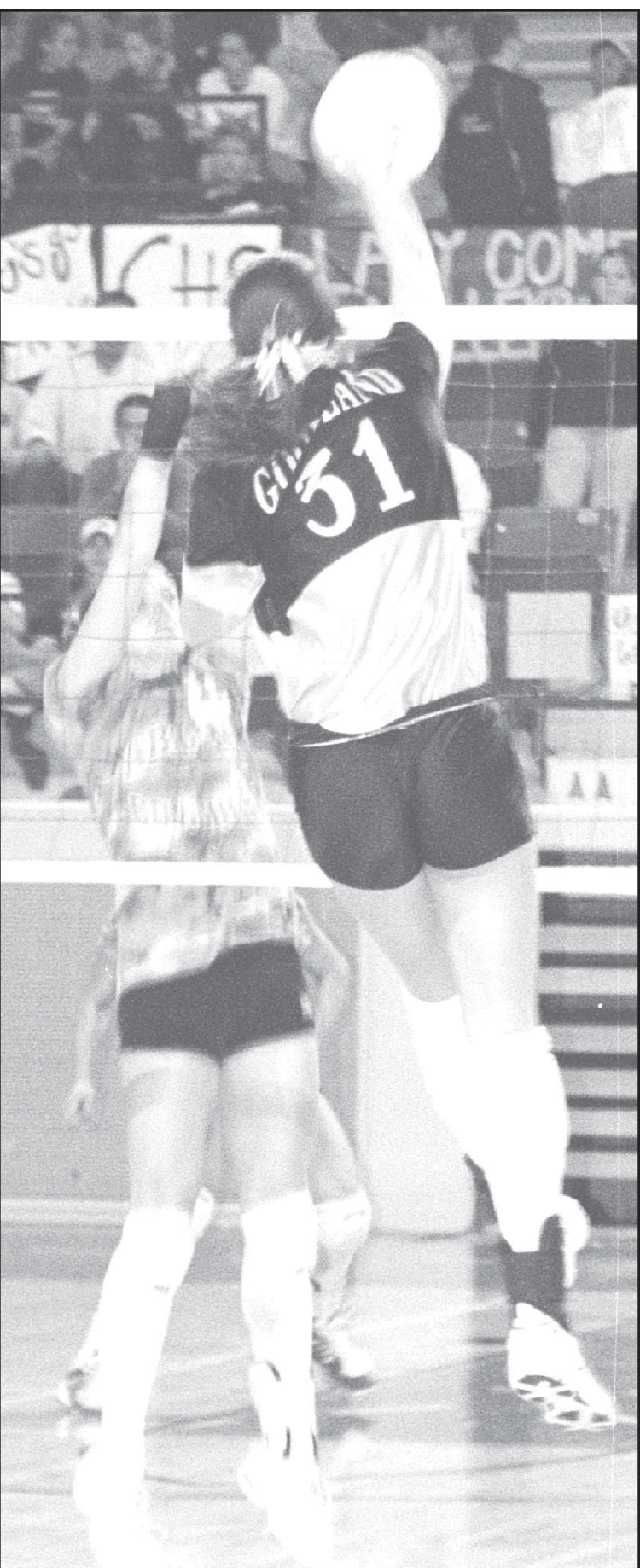
After seeing the score tied four times in the first 12 points, Abilene took a 3-point lead at 9-6. Then after a side-out made it 9-7 Bedore went on an eight point service run that included four aces to win the game 15-9 and go 3-0 in pool play.

In their semi-final match Saturday against Clearwater, the Cowgirls fell behind early, then tied the score at 7. From there, Goodland was able to steadily build its lead to 17-13. Bedore came up with a 5-point service run, including two aces, to increase the lead to 22-13. The Cowgirls then held off a late rally by the Fighting Indians to win 25-19.

In the second game, Goodland jumped out to a 7-1 lead, keeping it until the Indians came back to tie at 12. Clearwater took its only lead a point later, only to have the game tied again at 13. Herl then produced a 3-point service run, including an ace, to give the Cowgirls the lead 16-13.

Although Clearwater managed to get within one point twice, Goodland did not lose the lead during the rest of the game. A kill by Bedore for the winning point made it 25-22 and sent the Cowgirls into the title match.

For the fans who have wondering all season what the Cowgirls were yelling during pregame warm-up, it is "OKONOLOBA," an acronym that stands for Opportunity Knocks Once NO LOoking BACK.



# Brewster Bulldogs blow Cheylin away to clinch spot in playoffs

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School Bulldog football team clinched a spot in the state playoffs with a 46-0 win over Cheylin on Thursday night in Brewster.

Brewster's first drive stopped on their own 34 yard line, but the Dawg defense held and Sean Swanson intercepted a Tyler Knapp pass on the Cougar 29 yard line.

Brewster's next drive went 51 yards, culminating in a five yard run

by Swanson on second and goal with 6:09 left in the quarter. The conversion failed, but Brewster led 6-0.

Cheylin was again forced to punt after three plays, something they would get used to doing all night as the Brewster offense kept their defense off the field and fresh.

Brewster took over on their 24 and Swanson scored again four plays later on first and goal from the 4. Quarterback Branson Gilley kept the ball for two more points and put

the Bulldogs up 14-0 with 2:41 left in the first quarter.

Brewster held a commanding 40-0 lead with a minute left in the half. Cheylin had one minute and the ball at midfield, but again ran into the Brewster defense. Their drive ended with a fumble on fourth and four as the half-time gun went off.

The second half lasted almost eight minutes with neither Brewster nor Cheylin able to move the ball effectively until the final Brewster drive.

With 4:36 left in the fourth quarter, Brewster got the ball on their 37. Baird, again at quarterback, kept the ball, running to the Cheylin 15. Next, Darren Howard ran to the 4 for first and goal. Long had the last carry of the game, a four yard romp up the middle to end the game on the 45-point rule.

Brewster had 245 yards on the ground and 66 in the air.

Gilley went 5-for-10 and two touchdowns and Baird went 0-for-3 at quarterback. Baird also had

three receptions for 27 yards, including a touchdown. Long had one for 32 yards and Swanson had one for seven yards and the other passing touchdown.

Gilley had nine carries for 74 yards and a touchdown. Swanson had 12 carries for 68 yards and two touchdowns. Baird had six carries for 47 yards. Joel Selby had 21 yards on five carries. Long had six carries for 16 yards and two touchdowns. Flanders carried once for 10 yards. Howard had two carries for

nine yards. Ryan carried once for a yard.

Swanson had six tackles, Jarrett Carpenter and Ryan five each, Selby and Long three and Gilley two. Flanders and Garrett Smith each had one. Long, Ryan, Flanders and Gilley each had a fumble recovery as well.

The Bulldogs (7-2) will face the Huskies of Northern Valley (6-3) in Alma tonight. Game time is 7 p.m.



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## School calendar for Nov. 5 - Nov. 11, 2003

**Wednesday November 5** - "Gold Day", City/County recreation at fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m., Elementary Bank Day, PDC meeting 3:35 p.m., elementary picture retakes.

**Thursday November 6** - "Black Day", Seminar - Girls Athletic Association and G-Club, NEAG in the ITV room 6 a.m., City/County recreation in high school gym 7:30 p.m..

**Friday November 7** - "Gold Day".

**Saturday November 8** - Football regionals, All Star volleyball match at fieldhouse all day.

**Monday November 10** - Junior High Scholar's bowl in Colby 3 p.m., FCCLA wiffle ball tournament at the fieldhouse p.m.,

**Tuesday November 11** - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco, Scholar's Bowl in Oberlin 3 p.m., FCCLA wiffle ball tournament at the fieldhouse p.m. 3rd grade music program at the high school auditorium 7 p.m., seventh and eighth grade basketball here against Hoxie 3:30 p.m., West site Council meeting 4 p.m.

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