

Cowboy signs letter to run at Emporia State

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A four-year Goodland High letterman in cross country, wrestling and track signed first thing Wednesday morning to attend Emporia State University on a cross country and track scholarship.

Kerek Mason, son of Jeffrey and Nona Mason, said he was glad to have a chance to continue running in college.

"We had Kerek as one of our top five Kansas recruits in the mile," said Emporia coach Dave Harris, now in his 15th year at Emporia State. "He should develop into a fine Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association cross country runner and distance runner as he increases his training to match the college level."

"We are happy to have him joining the Hornet track and field program."

Mason invited his high school cross country and track coaches, Don Smith and Richard Schwasinger, to join his parents for the ceremonial signing of his letter in a conference room at Goodland High School.

Smith said he was pleased to see Mason taking his running talent to the college level. Schwasinger said it is good to see a Cowboy athlete get such an opportunity.

His father said he hoped Kerek would continue working on his time in the mile to see if he might qualify for a larger scholarship.

Mason will try to improve on his best time in the mile, 4:36, in the W.T. Woodman Classic today in Wichita.

A two-time Northwest Kansas



Senior Kerek Mason signed a letter of intent Wednesday morning to attend Emporia State University and run on the Hornet cross country and track teams. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

League cross country champion, Mason was an all-league choice for three years. He is a U.S. Amateur Track and Field national qualifier and an all-state selection one year.

In wrestling, Mason was all-league two years and qualified for the state tournament three times.

He has been all-league in track for three years, and a two-time state

qualifier. He was all-state and fourth place in the mile last year with his best time of 4:36. His best time in the 5k run is 16:06, 2:02 in the 800 meter run and 52 seconds in the 400 meter run.

Mason said he plans to major in recreation management at Emporia State.



Goodland High School junior Derrick Ihrig teed off at the 15th hole at the Goodland Invitational Golf Meet on Tuesday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Ihrig scored 99 for the day.

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Golf team takes second at home invitational

On a cold and blustery Tuesday, the Goodland High School golf team finished second — just one out of first place — and had two medalists in the top 10 at its annual invitational golf meet on Tuesday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

"The conditions were brutal with 30 to 40 mph winds and cold," said Coach Jon McLean. "I was really pleased with the results for the conditions. We only lost the team title by a stroke."

Hays High team won the tourney with a low score of 368. Goodland and Thomas Moore Prep of Hays both had 369. Goodland was second due to a better score of their fifth player to TMP's. TMP was third.

Ulysses followed with 373, Hoxie 374, Colby 378, Oberlin 385, Norton 400, Quinter 408, Scott City 432, Rawlins County 436 and Oakley 476.

The top 10 individuals were Ryley Haas of Colby, 80; Nathan Windholz of Hays High, 81; Tyler Hallagin of Thomas More Prep, 84; senior Nathan

Linin of Goodland, 85; Jake Moss of Hoxie, 89; Donovan McCauley of Ulysses, 90; Cameron Werth of Thomas More, 90; Zach Jordan of Hays, 92; Pat Burton of Norton, 92; and senior Mikey Doll of Goodland, 92.

"I was really pleased with Nathan Linin's 85 and placing fourth and Mikey Doll's 92 and placing 10th," said coach McLean.

Other Goodland players were senior Ryan Gausman with 93, junior Darrick Ihrig 99, senior Brandon Douglas 100, and sophomore Joel Weis 101.

Linin shot 40 on the first nine holes and 45 on the second, Doll 46 and 46, Douglas 46 and 54, Gausman 49 and 44, Ihrig 49 and 50, and Weis 47 and 54.

The next golf action for the Cowboys will be at Norton at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday.

Tennis team plays at Hays tourney

The Goodland High School varsity tennis team played at the Hays tournament on a cold, cloudy Monday.

The high point for the Cowboys was in No. 1 singles, when senior Josh Cech beat Matt Kock of Great Bend 8-2 but lost to Brett Jensen of Hays, 8-7 and 7-4.

"One of the more exciting matches of the day was between Josh Cech and the boy from Hays," said Coach Jerry McKee. "This match pitted two state qualifiers against each other, one from the 4A rankings and one from the 5A rankings. This match was decided by a tie breaker."

Hays won the tournament with 23 points, while Great Bend had 19 and Goodland 3 points.

"The first tournament gives our players an opportunity to see what they need to work on," said Coach McKee. "It is exciting to see how we compare."

In No. 2 singles, senior Jared Hall lost to A.J. Carl of Hays 8-0 and Matt Krug of Great Bend, 8-1.

Senior Doug Eddleman lost to Spencer Hess of Hays, 8-3, and Matt Vink of Great Bend, 8-0. Senior foreign exchange student Chanuntuch Anutrapibal from Thailand lost to Brian Kitdchen of Hays, 8-4, and Kevin Pringle of Great Bend, 8-0.

Sophomore Bryan Gray lost to Brad Schipper of Hays, 8-1, and Alex Mayers of Great Bend, 8-0. Freshman Ryan Irvin lost to Alec Kohl of Hays, 8-1, and Jay Potte of Great Bend, 8-2.

In No. 1 doubles, Cech and Hall lost to Jensen and Carl of Hays, 8-0, and Pringle and Mayers of Great Bend, 8-2. In No. 2 doubles, Eddleman and Irvin lost to Kitdchen and Schippers of Hays, 8-5, and Vink and Potte of Great Bend, 8-0.

Anutrapibal and Gray lost to Hess

and Kohl of Hays, 8-6, and Koch and Krug of Great Bend, 8-2.

With only three teams, the tournament was set up that everyone would play both singles and doubles matches. Tournaments are not generally set up that way, McKee said.

The next action for the junior varsity will at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Tuesday in Colby. The varsity will play in the annual Goodland Invitational starting at 2 p.m. Thursday.

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League
April 9
Alcorn/Shelter Insurance over Bowladium Lanes 3-1
Callahans over McClure Plumbing & Heating 3-1
Wheatridge Farms tied Clawsons 2-2

Women's high score game: Jamie Baker 201
Women's high score series: Jamie Baker 579

Standings

1. Callahans 39.5-20.5
2. Alcorn/Shelter Insurance 37-23
3. Clawsons 32-28

Team high score game: Alcorn/Shelter Insurance 646
Team high score series: Alcorn/Shelter Insurance 1799

Baseball team splits games at Ulysses, 7-5 and 5-2

The Cowboys split a doubleheader in Ulysses on Monday, losing the first game 7-5, but coming back in the second to win 5-2.

With the split, the Cowboys record stands at 2-4. Because of the blizzard forecast for Friday, games at Colby High were rescheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday.

In the first game Monday, Tanner Smith hit a single to score Brandon Rome and take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Ulysses Tigers came back in the bottom of the first to tie the score at 1-1

Goodland got an unearned run in the third inning when Tyler Hillmer scored on an error. The Tigers got four runs in the bottom of the third to take a 5-2 lead.

The Cowboys scored three runs in the fourth on a double by Preston Dautel that scored Kevin Amthor

and Josh Doke and a sacrifice fly by Hillmer that scored Dautel, tying the game at 5.

The Tigers added a run in the bottom of the fourth to take a 6-5 lead, and scored another run in the fifth to win 7-5.

Andrew Pettibone pitched the first game giving up two earned runs in six innings, gave up four hits and struck out four.

"We had five unearned runs in the first game," Coach Devlin Mull said, "but Pettibone and Hillmer pitched good games, and we played excellent defense in the second games."

In the second game, the Cowboys took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a single by Rome that scored Doke.

The Cowboys made it 2-0 in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Rory Kling that scored Pettibone.

Ulysses tied the game at 2-2 in the sixth.

The Cowboys loaded the bases in the top of the seventh, and Kling got a hit that scored Hillmer, Pettibone and Smith to give Goodland a 5-2 lead.

Hillmer, who pitched, set the Tigers down in order at the bottom of the seventh to get the win. He struck out three, giving up one walk and four hits.

"We are starting to play better," Mull said, "but some guys need to step up and start hitting. We are not getting enough people on base to make the hits pay off. We need to play better station to station ball."

Mull said he will have Dautel and Smith help with the pitching against Colby.

The Cowboys will face Liberal at 3 p.m. on Friday at Memorial Field.

Coach moves to Missouri State

Goodland native Nyla Milleon stepped up this week to become the coach of the Lady Bears of Missouri State University, an NCAA Division I school.

Milleon made the move from Division II after seven seasons across town with the Lady Panthers of Drury University in Springfield, Mo. Under her coaching, the Panthers went 185-36 and made the

national playoffs the past five seasons. Twice Drury made the Elite Eight, finishing as the national runnerup in 2003-2004 and losing to the eventual national champion in the quarterfinals this season.

Milleon, a 1980 graduate of Goodland High School, began building Drury's women basketball program in 1999 after seven seasons at Glendale High School in

Springfield. Her team won the Class 4A state championship in 1996.

In Lady Panthers' first season, Milleon guided them to a 20-6 record in 2000-2001 and was named the Heartland Conference Coach of the Year. The team's best record came in 2003-2004.

Two of her assistants at Drury will follow her to Missouri State.

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