



A player in the Sweet Swingers Golf Tournament gets ready to tee off. Goodland Mayor Rick Billinger (right) walks away after he has taken his shot on Friday afternoon.

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Classmates play in golf tourney

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Dave Jones who played for the National Football League Cleveland Browns was in Goodland to play with classmate Brent Linin in the Sweet Swingers Golf Tournament over the weekend.

"I enjoy coming back it's so much fun," Jones said. "I try to come back for the alumni reunions."

He said, "My best high school memory was beating Colby, 20-16, for the 1963 state basketball championship. Donny Smith was an intense leader."

Jones grew up on a farm near Kanorado. He played six-man football in Kanorado in the ninth grade. His father bought a house in Goodland and he went to Goodland High to play 11-man football.

"It was 40 miles from the farm. I lived with my grandmother my junior and senior years," he said. "It worked out well."

He is a 1965 Goodland High School graduate and a 1969 Kansas State University graduate.



Jones

Jones was an All-State running back in 1965 in high school when he went to K-State. Four years later he left as the greatest wide receiver in Big Eight history. He played a role in turning around the football program under Wildcat head coach Vince Gibson.

As a college freshman Doug Weaver was the head coach and he switched Jones from a running back to a wide receiver almost immediately. In his fifth college game in 1965 he almost led K-State to a win over Nebraska. The 6-foot-2, 195-pounder caught six passes for 188 yards in a 21-10 loss to the sixth-ranked Cornhuskers and was named the Big Eight Lineman of the Week. Weaver only won eight games over seven seasons.

In Jones' sophomore season in 1966, he broke the single-season school records for receptions (35) and receiving yards (721).

Vince Gibson replaced Weaver, and in the first game of the 1967 season the Wildcats beat Colorado State, 17-7.

In Gibson's second year K-State won four games.

"We went to Nebraska for their homecoming and beat them, 12-0," Jones said. "That was my best college football memory. I was captain of the football team my senior year. I played with Lynn Dickey, Larry Brown and Mac Herron. My number was 81."

Jones got his Bachelor of Arts in physical education and teaching. He married Elaine Eye, also from Goodland, his senior year. He received the Pride award, given to a senior who did the most for the team, Ken Ochs Courage Award, Ahearn Man of the Year and was an Academic All-Conference honoree.

"We both would have been teachers if I hadn't played football," he said.

He was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the 11th round of the 1968 National Football League Draft and signed a three-year contract. He was number 41 with the Browns and played on the punt return team.

Pro football is a lot different now, he said. Most players only get two

weeks off. The linemen are big.

"I think that is why so many quarterbacks and running backs get hurt."

"I had an off-season job selling for a manufacturer's rep, and I really liked it," Jones said. He and his wife liked Cleveland so he quit to build a career.

In 1985 he started J.I.T. Packaging in Aurora, Ohio. His business now has five operations in Ohio, one in Pennsylvania and one in Georgia. His sons, Jeff and Josh, run the operation. They make pretty, decorative boxes for products and wooden pallets.

Jones and his wife run the financial end of the business from their home in Sarasota, Fla. They live there for eight months of the year.

"I try to make it back for the K-State and Kansas University football game every fall," he said. "Pro ball is not as good as college ball. The crowds are older. The tickets are out of sight starting at \$100."

One goal he has left is to be a member of the K-State Hall of Fame.

Football coach moving up to larger school

By Tom Betz

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For eight years, Cowboys fans have watched and cheered the successes and the excitement Coach Jon McLean brought to the football, basketball and golf teams.

McLean is leaving to move to Buhler, a large Class 4A school northeast of Hutchinson.

In his eight years as head basketball coach McLean improved the record from a first season 6-14 to a 16-7 record that included a 7-0 run to win the Northwest Kansas League title this last year. His team got into the sub-state championship at least twice times losing to the eventual Class 4A state champion.

McLean was hired in 1999 as head basketball coach, and was an assistant football coach. He found himself thrust into the head football coach position in 2004 when Coach Tony Diehl was suspended and later fired.

The year before Diehl had taken the Cowboys to the regional play-offs only to lose to Wellington.

McLean took the Cowboys a step further in 2004 to the Class 4A sectionals losing to Rose Hill, 30-12, and a 10-2 record.

McLean said it was exciting to have such a good team, and that he was surprised to find himself in the head coach position. He said he was proud of the way the kids handled the situation and the effort they gave this that season.

In his second season as head coach the cowboys went 4-5, but did manage to beat Colby 0-24 in the final game of the season.

McLean has been an assistant coach for Jonathan Dansel who was in his first year as head coach last year, The Cowboys defeated Colby 8-6 in district play to advance to the Class 4A playoffs, but lost to Andale. The Cowboys had a 3-7 season record.

In his eight years as basketball coach the Cowboys won the Topside Tip-off title three times including a buzzer beater against Ot-



McLean

tawa, 64-62 in December. His team was second in the home holiday tournament his first two years, and won in 2002 over Ottawa for the first time since 1997. The Cowboys defeated Norton in 2004, but lost to Ottawa in 2005.

McLean took over a head golf coach in 2006 and had one player qualify for the state tournament. This year the Cowboys won the regional tournament and qualified the team for the state tournament for the first time since 1994. The Cowboys won the Northwest Kansas League title by two strokes (338) over Colby and Pratt who tied for second at 340.

Looking back at his years in Goodland McLean said it was not an easy decision to leave.

"It was a tough decision," McLean said, "but too good an opportunity for our family."

McLean said Buhler has high school enrollment of about 650. He said he will be the head basketball coach, assistant golf coach and probably either an assistant football coach or will handle the weight room, and teach freshman social studies. His wife Lynette, a first grade teacher at West Elementary here, will be teaching at Union Val-

ley Elementary in the Buhler district.

"Being in a place for eight years makes it hard to leave," McLean said. "We have developed a lot of good friendships and relationships"

Looking back at the eight years, McLean said it has been great to work with the boys in all the sports.

"It has been exciting, but a bit frustrating in basketball to lose to the state champion," he said. "We were right on the brink."

He said it was great to take the boys golf team to the state tournament this year, and that they came within a stroke or two of being in the top teams.

"Everyone has been great," he said. "I have had great experiences as the head football coach and an assistant coach, as head basketball coach and as assistant and head golf coach."

McLean said he had enjoyed working with each class, and the boys had always worked hard.

He said he will remember of the athletes and keep track of them.

"I may be able to see more of their college games by being in Buhler than I would from here," he added.

Among those he mentioned are Nick Angelos, Mikey Doll, Jace Herl and Jarod Doke. From his first year, McLean mentioned Luke Stone and Matt Mentzer as two of



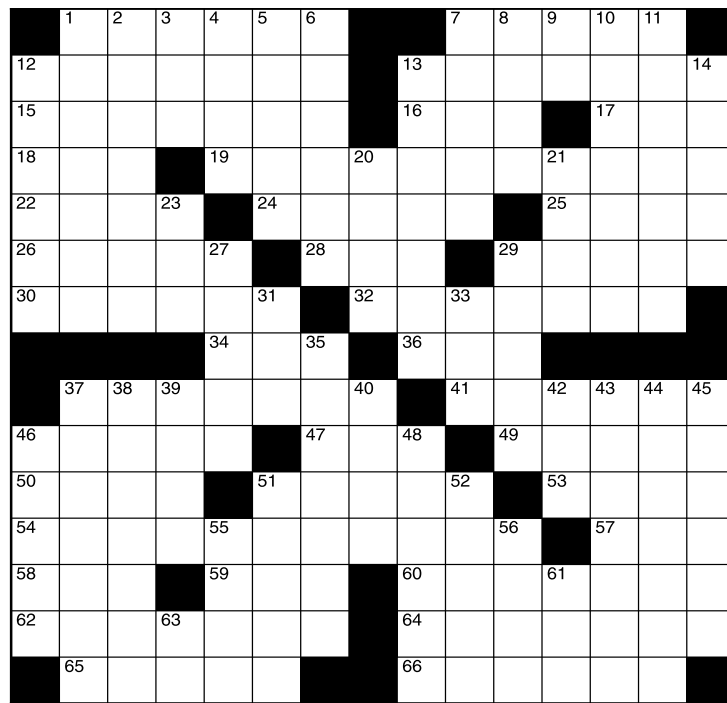
Sweet Swinger tournament results

The results for the two-man teams in the Sweet Swinger Golf Tournament held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9 at Sugar Hills Golf Course are:

Ben Hogan Flight
1st - Tyson Shelley and Todd Grundewald
2nd - Randy Topliff and Dave Legones
Bobby Jones Flight
1st - Larry Ihrig and Andy Poling
2nd - Rollee Hallagin and J. D. Brumbaugh
Jack Nicklaus Flight
1st - Chet Boaz and Micah Seamens
2nd - Terry Daise and Keith Daise
Arnold Palmer Flight

1st - Rick Billinger and Blake MacGuire
2nd - Travis Daise and Jason Johnson
Walter Hagen Flight
1st - Albert Rall and Tim Smith
2nd - Trevor Linton and Brad Schroeder
Sam Snead Flight
Tie for first - Brad Bergsma and Chuck Osborn and Tim Poling and Jeremy Poling
Gary Player Flight
1st - Gary Barricklow and John Geisinger
2nd - Jim Livengood and Don Herman
Byron Nelson Flight
1st - Duane Harper and Tim Harper
2nd - Bruce Livengood and Brad Phillips
Overall Winner
Albert Rall and Tim Smith

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. A pointed engraving tool
7. ___-Deutsch, low German
12. An area of ground
13. Plunderers
15. Pencil mark deletion
16. Anoint
17. Take in solid food
18. Radioactivity unit
19. Put an end to
22. Mimicked
24. Producer of an effect
25. Arrived
26. Larids
28. More than damp
29. "Just Shoot Me" star George
30. Inferior substitute
32. Xs
34. Assistance
36. A digital tape recording of sound
37. In a way, assisted
41. Pays
46. Foreheads
47. A group of whales
49. Town in N. Dakota
50. Dull steady pain
51. Living in moving water
53. Cooking movement
54. She Sells Seashells By
57. ___ Lilly, drug company
58. Of he
59. Lemon meringue dish
60. Endowed
62. Concealed shooters
64. A religious recluse
65. Secured residential community
66. Body fluids

CLUES DOWN

1. Tool for removing paint
2. Dealers
3. Affirmative
4. Praise
5. "Jump" in Hungarian
6. Teeter-toter
7. "Common Sense" author
8. Jolly tone of voice
9. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
10. Adolescent
11. Emotional shocks
12. Expose to fresh air
13. Perched
14. Commercial iron alloy
20. Prompted
21. Frosted
23. Double helix life code
27. Quantitative facts
29. Centum-___ Isogloss
31. Pimple
33. Automobile
35. Dethrones
37. Curving upward
38. Czech region
39. Female sheep
40. Thee ___ protest too much
42. Prefix meaning bad
43. Performing services temporarily
44. Commodes
45. Distance covered by a step
46. Washes
48. Semiconductors
51. Landowner
52. Ten million
55. Fencing sword
61. Pitcher
61. Large Australian flightless bird
63. Therapeutic exercise (abbr.)

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