

Cowgirls to compete Thursday

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The Cowgirls tennis team has four returning letter winners among six players returning from last year, just enough for a varsity squad, says Coach Wallace Hansen.

The team will face tough competition at 2 p.m. Thursday in Cimarron, then will play at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Phillipsburg.

The Cowgirls' four returning letter winners are all juniors: Shonna Webster, a two-year letter winner; Kaitlin Fugleberg, who has played for two years and lettered one; and Saundra Redlin and Kathy Wood, who have competed and lettered one year each.

Rounding out the squad are returning sophomores Nico Wallis and Heidi Lawson.

There are no complainers on the squad, Hansen said; they're all good kids and work hard. The main thing is to improve as the year goes on and be competitive.

There have been some changes in the schedule this year, the coach said; the team will compete at Colby only once, not twice as in years past.

The girls will compete at Ulysses and Russell, he said, which will be new. There were only seven varsity matches last year, but there will be eight this year.

"We pretty well cover western Kansas with our schedule," Hansen said.

The Cowgirls are scheduled for some junior varsity matches, the coach said, but he doesn't know if they can send anyone unless they pick up some more players. The team is smaller, he said, but that's true of all the Goodland High girls' sports.

Webster and Fugleberg are the only ones on the team with a lot of varsity experience, Hansen said, but thankfully, the other schools graduated their seniors too. With all the girls being underclassmen, he said, it bodes well for the future.

"Colby will be strong," he said, "and have (a girl) who I thought was the best player in western Kansas last year; she's a senior."

Osborne also has a good senior player, he said, and Phillipsburg has



Junior Saundra Redlin practiced her volley Tuesday afternoon at Steever Park as the Goodland High Cowgirls tennis team worked out in their second day of practice. The girls' first competition will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cimarron.

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a pretty good team, no outstanding player but a lot of experience.

The Cowgirls' first practice was Monday morning, Hansen said, and they practiced that afternoon as well. They will be practicing once a day, he said, in the late afternoon Thursday and Friday and in the

morning Wednesday and Saturday this week, then after school at 4 p.m. each day.

The rest of the Cowgirls' varsity schedule for the season will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at Ulysses; 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at home; noon Monday, Sept. 17, at Scott

City; noon Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Russell; 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Garden City; and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Colby.

Junior varsity meets are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Hays High, and at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Colby.

Four Kansas teams make football poll

Four Kansas college football teams made Monday's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics preseason top-25 poll.

Friends University, Wichita, is the highest ranked Kansas team at No. 14. The Falcons finished 9-2 last year, losing in the first round of the national playoffs.

Friends was picked to win the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference title this fall in the conference coaches' preseason poll.

MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, was ranked No. 17 and Benedictine College, Atchison, No. 19. Both are members of the Heart of America Athletic Conference, which also includes colleges in Iowa and Missouri.

Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, was right behind Benedictine at No. 20. The Coyotes finished last season 8-2 after winning their first seven games. Wesleyan was picked second in the Kansas conference preseason poll.

Bethel College and Sterling College, both members of the Kansas conference, were among the other 13 schools receiving votes. Bethel will open its season on Saturday, Sept. 8, against Wesleyan in Salina.

The University of Sioux Falls (S.D.), the defending national champions, topped the national poll with 15 of the 16 first-place votes. Missouri Valley College was the highest ranked team from the Heart of America conference at No. 3.

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Real Estate

Real estate transfers reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Lana G. Bollig, Cody C. Heinrich and Jamie Heinrich and Amy R. Heinrich to Amanda A. Romine Lot 16, Block 4, Eastridge Addition No. 1 to the City of Goodland.

Sheryl L. Davis, formerly Sheryl L. Austin, quit claim to Kenneth D. Austin the S/2 of Lot 5, all of Lot 6 and 10 feet of vacated alley in Block 39, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Kenneth D. Austin conveys and warrants to Irma M. Silkman, as trustee, and any successor trustees of the Irma M. Silkman Revocable Trust the S/2 of Lot 5, all of Lot 6, including 10 feet of vacated alley, in Block 39, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Gerald A. Nett, Adelbert J. Nett and Hope Steffens-Nett, Trustees of the Gerald A. Nett Family Trust, to

Gerald A. Nett Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, First Addition to the City of Goodland, known as 808 Kansas St.

Brenda Craig and Eugene Pizel convey and warrant to Justin Stasser and Dawn Stasser as joint tenants with the right of survivorship a tract in the W/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 31, T8S, R39W.

Lenard D. Windell and Jean P. Windell and Pamela Windell, now Pamela Lines, quit claims to Lenard D. Windell and Jean P. Windell and Pamela Lines, Randall Windell, Gary Windell and Marilyn Rall as joint tenants with rights of survivorship a tract in the SE/4 of the NE/4 of Sec. 18, T8S, R39W, and Lot 19, Block 9, Rosewood Addition to the City of Goodland.

The City of Goodland quit claim to Richard D. Miller, Jolene M. Miller and Grassroots Lawn Service LLC a tract in the SW/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R39W.

Sprint race at Sherman Speedway to honor staunch supporter

The United Rebel Sprint Series will highlight the 15th Annual Bill Gray Memorial race Saturday night as the winged cars visit Sherman County Speedway for the second year.

The night is named in honor of the late Bill Gray, a former member of the county fair board who was a staunch supporter of the speedway, said Doug Hilty, who used to drive a race car before a farm accident that put him in a wheel chair.

Hilty said the memorial used to be held during the fair, but with scheduling problems it got moved later in August. He said it is a way the Sherman County Racing Association honors the help it received from Gray.

Association President Alex West said this is the second appearance of the larger Sprint cars on the Goodland track, and he expects about 20 cars to provide some high-speed racing this weekend. West said these cars run on 305 Chevy engines.

Mark Bantam (car 82) of Goodland said he plans to drive Saturday. He said he has had some motor problems this year, but thinks the track will be slick and fast for the races Saturday.

Bantam said in a recent race at Dodge City, the sprint cars were clocked at 103 mph, and he said it has been a wild year with lots of lead changes and exciting racing.

At this time last year, Bantam was



Racing cars from the Rebel Sprint Car Series will return to the Sherman County Speedway on Saturday as part of the 15th annual Bill Gray Memorial race day. The 305 Sprint cars made their first appearance last year, and about 20 cars are expected to add to the racing thrills on Saturday.

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eighth in the Rebel Sprint Car standings, but has slipped to 35th through the 19 races so far this season.

Local racing fans will recognize the names of a few other drivers who are relatives of Chuck Lutters, who Bantam said is working to build a sprint car, but won't be ready

this weekend. Coming from Ransom are Chuck's brother Ken Lutters (79) and his son Corey (07), plus a nephew, Reed Bernbeck (C3).

Randy Bantam, Marks younger

brother, (5R) is expected here; he stands second in the points totals. Ken Lutters is seventh and son Corey 11th.

"We have had 12 different winners in the 19 races we have held so

far," said Terry J. Pfeifer, spokesman for the Rebels. "It has become a very competitive series and just about anyone who pulls through the gate has a chance to end up in Victory Lane."

Mark Bantam said many of the top drivers will be in Goodland, adding that one of the points leaders, Jon Johnson (86), known as "The Kansas Tornado," has had some car troubles and that has opened the field.

Johnson, who won the features at the High Plains Shootout at the Decatur County Fair, is running fourth in the standings.

Points leader Smokey Fairbank (2) of Ransom is among those expected to be on the track Saturday. Justin Schwien (76J) of Russell, who is third in another expected to be in action. Other drivers Pfeifer expects to be in Goodland include Bill Hays (2H), Elwood, Neb.; Cody Salem (23), St. Joseph, Mo.; Jeff (21R) and Larry (7R) Radcliffe, Hill City; Cody Keiswetter (38), Lenora; Travis Decker (84T), WaKeeney; Tim Perkins (99), Parker, Colo.; Darren Berry (12), McCook, Neb.; Tom Belsky (28), North Platte, Neb.; Doug Roth (24R), Axtell, Neb.; Mike Spear (54), Lincoln; Josh Fairbank (51), Goddard; and Greg Thyfault (27G) Silver Lake.

Also on tap Saturday night will be

the regular race classes for mini-stocks, econo stocks, bombers and modifieds. The pit gate opens at 3 p.m. and racing starts at 6:30 p.m.

The mini stock class has been expanding a bit with the return of Donald Kleine (21) and Christopher Kleine (11) from Las Cruces, N.M., and several mini pickup entries coming down from Oberlin. Donald Kleine won the main on July 21 in his new car.

In the bomber class, Raymond Dechant (00) of Lamar, Colo., beat out Brian Morris (8) and Adam Morris (27) of Lamar. Dechant is leading the point standings.

Lee Hageman (4) of Goodland is closing in on econo class point leader Roger Sneath (S5) of Goodland. Sneath leads the point standings with 233 to 218 for Hageman.

Darren DeLoach (21) of Lamar continues to outrun the modified class. DeLoach has a large lead in the point standings with 265, while Jeff Tubbs (37) of Colby was second with 198. Remetes is third with 183.

Three more nights of racing are scheduled, on Saturdays Sept. 1, and the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29 for the Flatlander Fall Festival. The races at the Sherman County Speedway are sponsored by the Sherman County Stock Car Association, Coors and Coke.

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