

Cowboys stadium packed for soap scrimmage



Football, cross country teams show off skills for fans

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Fans wanting to catch a glimpse of this year's Goodland High football team jammed Cowboys Stadium for the annual Soap Scrimmage on Friday.

Admission was virtually free, just a bar of soap for the team's locker room to see nonstop action.

The controlled scrimmage included plenty of plays, but no score was kept and the team was not divided into squads.

A controlled scrimmage is a good tool for coaches; they can manipulate the teams and create any situation they like.

The scrimmage began around 6 p.m. with the first football session. The boys showed off their skills for 30 minutes and impressed fans with the running game.

After that session, the Cowgirls cross country team wowed the fans with a two-mile run. All the girls finished around 18 minutes and looked confident about their opener on Thursday at Sugar Hills Golf

Course.

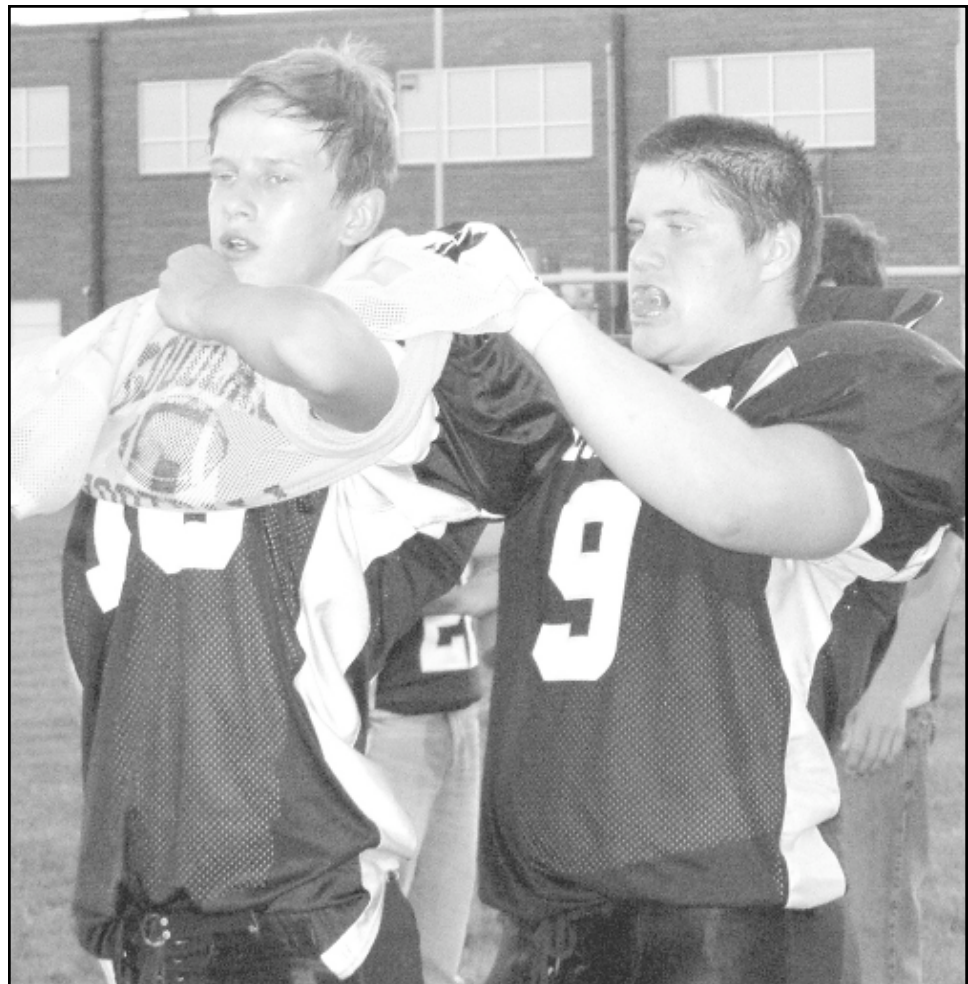
The second football session began with the defense putting on a hitting clinic. Pads smacked together and revealed a hard-hitting, stingy defense.

The Cowboys runners performed at the second intermission and proved that they, too, are ready for the season.

All of the boys finished around 16 minutes, with the football team cheering them on for the entire two miles.

The third football session began with a behind-the-offense-look for the fans. The team turned north to south and ran across the field, showing the fans a different view of the game. The final football session featured the freshmen and sophomores.

The Cowboys looked good in the scrimmage and fans are ready for the season to get under way. Fortunately, they don't have to wait long: the Cowboys begin their season at 6 p.m. on Friday at home against Atwood.



Cowboys junior quarterback Brandon Rome (3, top photo) prepared to pitch back to a running back during the Soap Scrimmage on Friday at Cowboys Stadium. Junior Fernando Martinez (21, left photo) followed the blocking of Senior T.J. Hawkins (9) and ran for a touchdown. Between sessions, Hawkins helped freshman Brock Wilkens (18, bottom right photo) change sides and pull down a gold jersey.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Volleyball scrimmage tonight

The Cowgirls volleyball team will display its talent for the home crowd with the annual Soap Scrimmage at 6 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Fans are asked to bring a bar of soap as a donation to the team.

Coach Jerry McKee said the girls have been working on conditioning and skills. He said a parents' meeting will follow the scrimmage about 7:30 p.m.

The Cowgirls open the season at home next Tuesday with a quad meet including Hays High, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and Burlington High. Matches will begin on the two courts at Max Jones Fieldhouse at 3:45 p.m.

The Cowgirls will travel to Machebuf Catholic High School in Denver for a tournament beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. The junior varsity will be in Leoti for a tournament beginning at 8 a.m. that day.

The Cowgirls will be home for a quad at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Max Jones.

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School calendar for August 30 to September 5

Wednesday: Black Day, First day of competition for FB and Cross Country after 14 days of practice.

Thursday: Gold Day, Spirit Safety Meeting at Oakley, 2 p.m. Girls Varsity Golf – Trego Community High School, 4 p.m. Boys/Girls Cross Country – Goodland Invitational Meet. 7/8 VB – Colby 3:30 p.m., 7/8 FB – Home – against Colby at 3:30 p.m.

Friday: Black Day, 6 p.m. Varsity Football – Rawlins County High School.

Monday: Labor Day, NO School.

Tuesday: Black Day, 1 p.m. Girls Varsity Golf – Goodland Invitational; 3:30 p.m. Varsity, Junior Varsity and C Team Volleyball – Goodland Volleyball Quad.

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