

Cowgirls start season with 15 players

Small team focuses on improving each game

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They're a small team with only a little varsity experience, so the Goodland Cowgirls will focus more on getting better with each game than on their numbers.

The girls basketball team has only 15 members and among them only one senior, Sammie Raymer, also the team's only returning letter winner.

Don Smith, Goodland High athletic director and in his fourth year as the Cowgirls' head coach, said he expects this year to be a learning experience for the coaches as well as the players.

"They're doing a nice job of learning and paying attention to detail," he said of the Cowgirls, "but we're not an experienced team."

Some had a little varsity experience last year, he said. The girls will have to work to become a good team in defense and rebounding, Smith said, focusing on defense both as individuals and as a team.

"One of our simplest goals," he said, "is to try to improve each week and be a better basketball team by the end of the year."

The team will gain experience on the court, he said.

"I've always believed in being very upfront with them on how we do things," Smith said. "We'll be working on getting better and not worry about who's getting

how many minutes or on wins and losses."

Fifteen girls is a small basketball team, he said, and most will play varsity and some junior varsity. There will be no freshman games, he said, adding that he has already told other area schools that Goodland would not have a freshman team this year.

The number of players on the teams is growing smaller in both boys and girls sports, he said, as enrollment continues to drop.

The Cowgirls are Raymer, a 5 foot, 6 inch senior; Erika Gonzales, 5 foot, 6 inch junior; Whitney Schields, 5 foot, 7 inch junior; Courtney Sheldon, 5 foot, 3 inch junior; Shelbi Hall, 5 foot, 7 inch junior; Chelsie Gausman, 5 foot, 6 inch junior; Shonna Webster, 5 foot, 9 inch junior; Michelle Smith, 5 foot, 8 inch junior; Jessi Geist, 5 foot, 4 inch sophomore; Alexis Bateman, 5 foot, 10 inch sophomore; Angie Hillmer, 5 foot, 4 inch sophomore; Andrea Roeder, 5 foot, five inch freshman, Jade Herl, 5 foot, 6 inch freshman; Jennifer Rome, 5 foot, 5 inch freshman; and Ashley Archer, 5 foot, 8 inch freshman.

Both the Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams open the season on the road, with the varsity girls and junior varsity boys starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in Imperial, Neb. Varsity boys and junior varsity girls games start at 7 p.m.



Goodland High teams to start season on road

The Goodland High Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams open the season next Friday at Imperial, Neb.

Game times are 5:30 p.m. for varsity girls and junior varsity boys. The varsity boys and junior varsity girls will play at 7 p.m. All times are Mountain Time unless otherwise noted.

Their next varsity action will be the Topside Tip-off at home on Thursday, Dec. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 8, at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The team will sponsor a junior varsity tournament at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at Max Jones.

The teams next face the Hays High Indians on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at home.

Goodland will hold another a junior varsity tournament at 3 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

Two road games will follow, Friday, Dec. 14, at Quinter with junior varsity at 5:30 and varsity at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Scott City, with the junior varsity at 5:15 p.m. and varsity at 6:45.

Following the holiday break, the Cowboys and Cowgirls will face Lakin at home Friday, Jan. 4. The junior varsity will be at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity at 7.

Friday, Jan. 11, Rawlins County will come to the fieldhouse.

Goodland's varsity squads head to Colby for the Orange and Black Classic on Thursday, Jan. 17, through Saturday, Jan. 19.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, they face the Norton Blue Jays at home.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls go to Oberlin Friday, Jan. 25, to face the

Red Devils.

The junior varsity goes to Colby for a tournament beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, Goodland is host to Garden City.

Goodland is back on the road Friday, Feb. 1, to face the St. Francis Indians. Then they face Dodge City at Max Jones Saturday, Feb. 2, with junior varsity at 3 p.m. and varsity at 4:30.

The Oakley Plainsmen and Lady Plainsmen come to the fieldhouse Friday, Feb. 8.

Goodland faces the Colby Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Colby and closes the regular season on the road, facing the Hoxie Indians at 5:15 and 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.



Cowgirls Jade Herl (top, from left), Whitney Schields and Sammie Raymer tossed basketballs around a circle of teammates in practice. Herl and Raymer (above) fought for the ball in a drill.

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Go, Cowgirls and Cowboys! Have a great season!

bowling results

Monday Night Scratch Classic League
Nov. 19, 2007
Weber Kennels over Fitzgibbon's, 11-9
Floyd's Refrig & AC over RMR, 16-4
Steve's Body Shop over J&L Deliveries, 13-7
Bowladium over Adronics, 17-3
SunOpta over The Rookies, 17-3

J&L Deliveries 7-13
RMR 4-16
Adronics 3-17
The Rookies 3-17

Monday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League
Nov. 19, 2007
J & L Deliveries over 17th Street Barbershop, 3-1
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over MGM Lions, 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over Blind Team, 4-0

Women's high game: Calli McDaniel 197
Women's high series: Calli McDaniel 536

Team high game: 17th Street Barbershop, 635
Team high series: J & L Deliveries, 1824

League Standings:
No. 1 Alcorn Shelter Insurance 32-12
No. 2 17th Street Barbershop 27-17
No. 3 Bowladium Lanes 26-18

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