



Quarterback Kelly Pearson threw a pass under pressure from other Cowboys at the Soap Scrimmage Friday. The Cowboys look forward to facing competition from Oakley at 6 p.m. tonight at Cowboys Stadium.
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Cowboys face Oakley tonight

The Cowboys kick off the season at 6 p.m. tonight against a tough Northwest Kansas League opponent, facing the Oakley Plainsmen at home.

The Cowboys fell to Oakley 36-0 last year against a team that advanced to the state quarterfinals in the Class 2-1A playoffs before losing to Smith Center, who won their fourth straight state title. Goodland lost to Andale 53-7 in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs; Andale went on to win the state title.

Oakley remains in Class 2-1A this year with 108 students, while Goodland has fallen to Class 3A with 197 students.

The Cowboys have a fresh start this

year with new head coach Kent Teeter, who coached last year in Great Bend and the previous 17 in Hays. The team has a good coaching staff this year, Teeter said, in Joseph Sramek, Devlin Mull, Donald Raymer and Mike Ruhs.

"I'm really excited about the staff," Teeter said. "We work really well together. We have a good base of different experiences on our team."

The Cowboys have a lot of talent this year, he said, and a big senior class. They worked out with weights all summer to prepare for the season, he said, and attended a couple of camps.

And the coaches have been teach-

ing the Cowboys some new tricks, including working with a no-huddle offense.

"We'll see how it goes," Teeter said of the no-huddle plan. "We're gonna do some things people haven't seen before."

The Cowboys have reviewed the tape of last week's Soap Scrimmage to see what they need to work on this week to be ready for Oakley.

"We will continue to work on the offense to improve and to make sure we know exactly what we are suppose to do," Teeter said. "Defensively we need to make sure we are getting aligned correctly and know our assignments."

Home tournament Tuesday



Sophomore Andrea Roeder prepared to tee off in golf practice last week. The Cowgirls will hold their home tournament at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.
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Doubles team still undefeated

Goodland's No. 1 doubles team won the gold and is undefeated, but with an off day and inexperience, the Cowgirls were only able to muster third place at the Phillipsburg quadrangular Tuesday.

Phillipsburg won the meet, followed by Osborne, Goodland and Victoria.

Seniors Kaitlin Fugleberg and Shonna Webster were first in No. 1 doubles with wins over Gregory and Stroup of Osborne 8-3, Lawyer and Witmer of Phillipsburg 8-3 and Haerich and Schmidtberger of Victoria 8-1. This runs their season record to 6-0, said Coach Wally Hansen, with more stiff competition looming ahead.

In No. 1 singles, he said, senior Sandra Redlin had an off day. She lost matches to Wolters of Osborne 8-1, to Runion of Phillipsburg 8-1 and to Huser of Victoria 8-2. Her season record is 2-4.

In No. 2 singles, freshman Michaela Garrett played in varsity competition for the first time, Hansen said, and it was a learning experience for her. She lost matches to Giest of Osborne, Schremmer of Phillipsburg and Karlin of Victoria.

In No. 2 doubles, the team of Heidi Lawson and Stephanie Becvar, both juniors, played well at times, Hansen said. They lost matches to Oliver and Cockerham of Osborne, Nguyen and Ward of Phillipsburg and Yost and Broyles of Victoria by identical scores of 8-4. This was also Becvar's first varsity competition, the coach said.

The Cowgirls' next competition will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ulysses. It will be a five-team invitational and a round robin format, Hansen said.

Each of the five newcomers will get a taste of varsity competition this fall, he said, and the four return-

ing players (Fugleberg, Webster, Redlin and Lawson) need to lead the team as it gets into the thick of the schedule.



Kaitlin Fugleberg (far left) threw tennis balls in the air and hit them over the net in practice last month, while her doubles partner Shonna Webster (immediate left) loaded up with ammunition. The girls are undefeated after a tournament and a quadrangular.

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