



Gage Ihrig (No. 3 above), Grant Junior High's seventh grade quarterback, went back for a pass in the Mustangs' game against Norton Monday. Cooper Slough (below), No. 4 for the 8th grade Mustangs, tackled Norton's No. 4 during their game Monday at Cowboys Stadium. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Grant beats Norton

The seventh grade Grant Junior High Mustangs kept their winning streak going on Monday when they won the rain delayed game 6-0 over the Norton Junior Blue Jays at Cowboys Stadium.

The Mustangs were leading 6-0 late in the fourth quarter when a clap of thunder and a report of lightning caused a halt in play. A short-lived shower moved through, and after about a half-hour delay, the game resumed with 2:47 remaining.

Norton had the ball on the Mustangs 34, and threw a couple of passes to the end zone, but Mustang Holton Witman knocked the last pass away to preserve the Mustang win 6-0.

Last Wednesday, the seventh grade Mustangs defeated Burlington 42-0.

The Mustangs will play at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Garden City.



Eighth grade Mustangs lose 54-8

Mother Nature delayed the football games on Monday, but the eighth grade Norton Blue Jays didn't seem to mind as they mounted a swift attack to defeat the Grant Junior High Mustangs 54-8 on Monday at Cowboys Stadium.

Goodland kicked off, and Norton drove down inside the 5-yard line. It appeared the Mustangs would hold when a pass on third down was broken up in the end zone by Cooper Slough and Cy Paxton. However, on fourth down, the Blue Jays Jacob Brooks ran in for the touchdown, and Brooks ran for the two-point conversion to give Norton the early 8-0 lead.

A few plays later, Brooks broke free for his second touchdown and the Blue Jays led 16-0 with 1:58 left in the first quarter. Norton was not done, as John Risewick took a hand off and scampered 60 yards for another score with 22 seconds left in the first. With the two-point conversion, it was 24-0.

Norton made it 32-0 on the third touchdown by Brooks with 5:59 left in the half.

On the next Mustang possession, Goodland quarterback Gunner Helton's pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown to make it 38-0. Jacobs tried to kick the extra point, but it went wide.

Norton recovered a fumble at the Mustangs 34, and drove down for another touchdown on a 1-yard run by Jared Bohl to make it 44-0. Jacobs made the extra point to make it 45-0 with 3:09 left in the half.

The bright spot for the Mustangs came on their next possession when Helton threw to Cory Sampson for a 65-yard catch and run for the touchdown with 2:14 left. The two-point conversion was good on a pitch to Paxton who scrambled into the end zone to make it 45-8.

The officials and coaches agreed to a continuous clock in the second half with the final score 54-8.

Junior high runners compete in McCook

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The Grant Junior High Mustangs and Lady Mustangs ran a tough course Friday at McCook, Neb., but some improved over previous performances despite running uphill toward the end of the race.

Goodland runners competed against runners from Nebraska schools, Cozad, Ogallala, McCook, Sutherland, Paxton, Alma and Holdrege, on an 81-degree day with 34 percent humidity and a 12 mile per hour south wind.

It was a one-mile course that starts fairly flat down in a valley, said Coach Ben Foust, with a long uphill grade and a large hill before the finish.

"I think we came into McCook physically prepared," he said, "but mentally, that's another story. I don't think that everyone came to give either best. It was really strange getting out of school so early, eating lunch and being on the road and getting home by 5:30.

"The McCook course is admittedly the toughest we've seen yet, but we just weren't mentally into it, so it would seem."

Eighth grader Chantel Coates was the top Lady Mustang runner, finishing the race in 8 minutes, 16 seconds, for 18th out of 29 runners. Seventh grader Ashleigh Borders finished in 8:39 for 21st, Gloria Bustillos in 10 minutes even for 27th, seventh grader Shelby Arnold in 12:16 for 28th and seventh grader

Taylor Ratcliff in 12:16 for 29th. Arnold may have crossed the line a 100th of a second before Ratcliff, Foust said, and times are estimated to the nearest second. The top Mustangs runner was seventh grader Ace Artega in 7:09 for 12th place out of 25 runners. Eighth grader Tyler Rabey finished in 7:50 for 18th, seventh grader Jesse Cooper in 8:14 for 22nd and seventh grader Jarod Lake in 8:52 for 25th.

"Despite Grant's runners not being mentally into the race, I'm very proud of our efforts on Friday," Foust said. "Chantel ran better Friday than she did the previous year, Gloria was healthy enough to finish her race and Ashleigh gave her best, and Taylor and Shelby worked hard on the last hill and had a great finish."

Artega improved his time over the last meet at Tribune, the coach said, which is an accomplishment on this course. This was Rabey's first race in almost two weeks, and he did well, Foust said; Cooper was only a few seconds slower than his personal best, which says a lot, considering this tough course.

Lake continues to work hard, the coach said, and make personal gains as well as show that seventh graders can lead by example.

The Mustangs competed Tuesday at Ulysses — results will be in a future edition — and were scheduled to run at Ogallala Thursday. Their final competition will be Saturday, Oct. 11, at Lakin.

Flag football bowl next week

The Goodland Activities Center will have its bowl on Monday and Thursday for the first and second graders' flag football team. The game is at 5 p.m. at the east field. The team's coaches are Bryce Cole, Matt Breininger, Kevin Sanderson

and Travis King.

The final game in the bowl for the third and fourth graders is also on Thursday at 5 p.m. at the west field. The coaches for the five teams are Ashley Kear, Brandy Hayes, Mark Gillming, Brad Ensign and Shelly Brown.

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday
10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Michigan State Spartans at Indiana Hoosiers from Memorial Stadium
23/29 ESPN2 College Football North Carolina Tar Heels at Miami Hurricanes from The Orange Bowl
3/9 NBC PGA Tournament THE TOUR Championship: Third Round from East Lake GC in Atlanta

11 a.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers from Miller Park
1:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage - Teams TBA

7/11 CBS College Football Tennessee Volunteers at Auburn Tigers from Jordan-Hare Stadium
22/28 ESPN College Football Teams TBA
3/9 NBC College Football Purdue Boilermakers at Notre Dame Fighting Irish from Notre Dame Stadium

5 p.m. 30/27 FXSP College Football Texas Christian Horned Frogs at Oklahoma Sooners from Memorial Stadium
99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox from U.S. Cellular Field

5:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Mississippi State Bulldogs at Louisiana State Fighting Tigers from Tiger Stadium
5:45 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Alabama Crimson Tide at Georgia Bulldogs from Sanford Stadium

6 p.m. 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage - Teams TBA
8:30 p.m. 5/ HBO World Championship Boxing Mosley vs. Mayorga & Berto vs. Forbes

Sunday
11 a.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs from Arrowhead Stadium
25/38 IND MLB Baseball Teams TBA
60/79 UNIV F'tbol Liga Mexicana Santos Laguna Guerreros vs Toluca Diablos desde Nemesio Dlez Estadio

11:30 a.m. 3/9 NBC PGA Tournament THE TOUR Championship: Final Round from East Lake GC in Atlanta
12 p.m. 4/6 ABC NASCAR Sprint Cup Camping World RV 400 Presented by Coleman from Kansas Speedway in Kansas City

99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers from Miller Park

1 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA from TBA
30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Arizona Diamondbacks from Chase Field
3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA from TBA
6:15 p.m. 3/9 NBC Sunday Night Football Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears from Soldier Field

Monday
6:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football Baltimore Ravens at Pittsburgh Steelers from Heinz Field

Tuesday
12:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer Matchday #2 - Teams TBA
6 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Florida Atlantic Owls at Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders from Johnny Floyd Stadium

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer Matchday #2 - Teams TBA
1 p.m. 25/38 IND 2008 MLB Playoffs Teams TBA from TBA
6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Louisiana Tech Bulldogs at Boise State Broncos from Bronco Stadium

23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA from TBA
8 p.m. 25/38 IND 2008 MLB Playoffs Teams TBA from TBA

Thursday
4:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 High School Football Dematha (MD) vs. Our Lady of Good Counsel (MD) from Kline Stadium in Olney, Md.
25/38 IND 2008 MLB Playoffs Teams TBA from TBA

5:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Pittsburgh Panthers at South Florida Bulls from Tampa Stadium
7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer San Jose Earthquakes at F.C. Dallas from Pizza Hut Park
30/27 FXSP High School Football Grandview at Overland

8 p.m. 25/38 IND 2008 MLB Playoffs Teams TBA from TBA

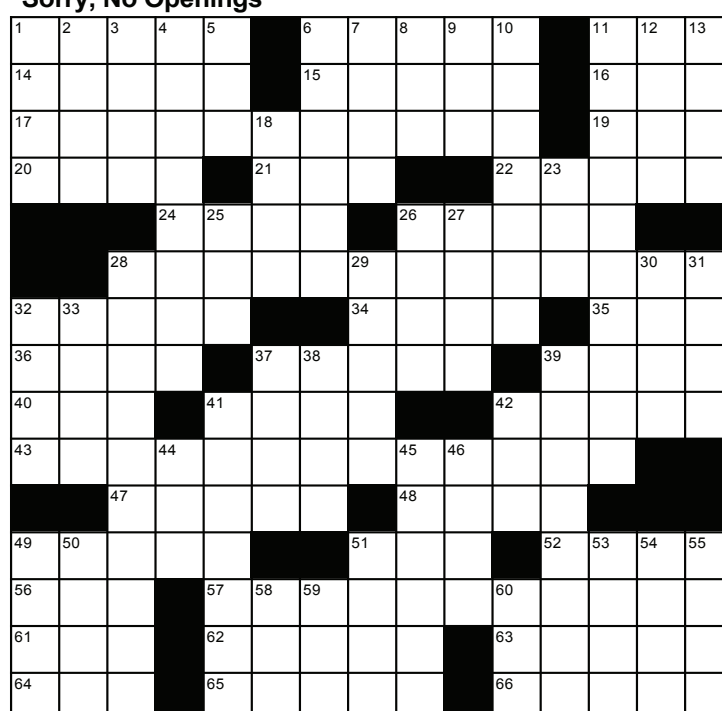
Friday
6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Football Cincinnati Bearcats at Marshall Thundering Herd from Joan C. Edwards Stadium
23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA from TBA
6:30 p.m. 25/38 IND 2008 MLB Playoffs Teams TBA from TBA

Crossword Puzzle

"Sorry, No Openings"

ACROSS

- Islands greeting
- Trimmed down
- Toss in
- Co-Nobelist of 1978
- Quickly, to Shakespeare
- Lea low
- Quit for the day
- Hoo-ha
- Dance at some weddings
- Prefix with con
- Big name in furs
- Make homogeneous, maybe
- La ___ (old car)
- "Quiet!"
- In the works
- Solo for Bocelli
- Ipanema's locale
- Deliver a tirade
- Assaulted like Moe
- The second "36" of 36-24-36
- Onassis, in headlines
- Game in which Mr. Boddy has been murdered
- Oater assembly
- Debate heatedly against
- Marina sights
- Classic Welles role
- Feeds, in a sty
- ___-relief
- Gag response, in entertainment mags
- Wine and dine, say
- Conclude negotiations successfully
- Escort's offering
- Permeate
- More dire
- USO show attendees



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- Take the tiller
- Get melodramatic

DOWN

- "The Nazarene" author Sholem
- "Mission: Impossible" theme composer Schiffrin
- The nose knows it
- Might possibly succeed
- Cleaned one's plate
- Thin and delicate, like baklava layers
- Lhasa ___ (small dog)
- "Go, team!"
- Green's prefix
- "Scarface" director Brian

- Far from professional
- Bird clubbed to extinction
- Way in or out
- Condo division
- ___-mo replay
- King found in 1922
- "No problem"
- Like the Sahara
- Concordes caused them
- Like the old bucket of song
- Much of a bartender's income
- Vacuum hookup
- Fast-shrinking Asian sea
- Casino card game
- Whodunit's essence
- Sharers' word
- Conrad Hilton's realm
- Auto frame
- Grenade pull-out
- Keystone lawman
- Roller Derby player
- Do the laundry
- Pirates' haul
- Petty of "A League of Their Own"
- Smurf-colored
- Prefix with drome
- Like McDonald's food
- Run for it
- CPR giver
- "Honest" nickname
- Ram's mate

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