

Goodland runners medal at league

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The Goodland Cowboys cross country team had two runners in the top 10 at the Northwest Kansas League meet Saturday at Colby but finished fourth as a team.

Sophomore Stephen Buller finished sixth, finishing the five-kilometer course in 18 minutes, 52 seconds, and senior Simon Grunfeld, foreign exchange student from Sweden, finished 10th in 19:30, both taking home medals as All-League runners.

Sophomore Michael Pettibone finished 19th in 20:58, junior Ben Waugh 21st in 21:07, junior Ryan Irvin 22nd in 21:11, senior Justin Verlinden 30th in 24:11 and

junior J.P. McCool 32nd in 26:19.

As a team, the Cowboys were fourth with 71 points. Oberlin won with 39, followed by Colby with 47 and Hoxie with 67.

The Cowgirls only had one runner. Senior Cassie Cooper finished the four-kilometer race in 22 minutes, 12 seconds, for 21st place. In the junior varsity boys' race, junior Lorenzo Delgado was 16th in 25:03, senior T.J. Freeman 19th in 26:24 and freshman Corey Davis 20th in 28:06.

Finishing fourth as a team was disappointing, said Coach Richard Schwasinger, but the Goodland runners had a good day.

"They all ran personal bests," he said. "I don't know how I can ask more than that."

Oberlin and Colby had great days, he said, and with only four teams, each member's place makes such a difference. Just having a couple down around 20th is a big deal, he said, and each time someone passes you, it adds a point to your team's score and takes one off of their score.

"I'm really pleased with the league finish," he said, "especially the two All-League runners. Stephen was a league placer last year and moved up, and Simon moved in. Simon was really good for Stephen, motivated him and gave him someone to run with."

The Cowboys and Cooper will run at regional in Cimarron Saturday. Cooper

will run in the girls race at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time), and the Cowboys will run at 1:45. They will compete against runners from Anthony-Harper-Chaparral, Cimarron, Ellinwood, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, Hoisington, Holcomb, Kismet-Southwestern Heights, Lakin, Larned, Medicine Lodge, Norton, Phillipsburg and Sterling.

The top three teams qualify for state competition and the top 10 runners with the possibility of up to 15 individuals.

Buller and Grunfeld can finish well enough to qualify for state, Schwasinger said; to qualify as a team, though, Goodland will have to run really well, better even than

at league.

They won't have as far to travel as last year, he said, going 3 1/2 hours to Cimarron, between Dodge City and Garden City, rather than all the way to Marysville (along U.S. 36 north of Manhattan). And the weather may affect the outcome at regional, he added; it's going to be who really wants it Saturday.

Some areas of the course may still be wet, he said, and that can affect how some run. The Goodland team will be practicing in adverse weather this week, he added.

There will be some tough teams at regional, he said; a couple are Sterling and Norton.

Junior Cowboys football teams conclude season

The fifth and sixth grade Junior Cowboys teams finished their six-week season in the Western Kansas Football League this month.

The fifth grade team finished with a 1-4 record for eighth place out of 11 teams, and the sixth graders had a 2-4 record for 13th out of 20 teams. In the opening week, Saturday, Sept. 6, the sixth grade team beat Colby 32-6, while the fifth graders had a bye.

The following week, the sixth grade team lost 40-12 to Atwood, and the fifth graders lost 21-6 to Norton. Sept. 20, the sixth graders beat Oberlin 22-6, and the fifth graders lost 20-6 to Colby.

Sept. 27, the sixth graders lost 20-0 to Norton, and the fifth graders beat Phillipsburg 14-8. Oct. 4, the sixth graders lost 42-12 to Phillipsburg, and the fifth graders lost 33-7 to the Hays Outlaws.

The teams closed the season Saturday, Oct. 11, with the sixth grade losing 34-7 to Ness City and the fifth grade losing 40-6 to Norton.

In the sixth grade standings, Norton was first with a 6-0 record and 69 points in the ratings system, while the Hays Gamblers were second at 6-0 with 68 points. The Outlaws



One of the sixth grade Goodland Junior Cowboys players grabbed the leg of Kelly Brown (No. 16) of the Oberlin Junior Red Devils to make the tackle in Goodland's game at Oberlin Saturday, Sept. 20.

were third with a 5-1 record and 58 points.

Following were Great Bend,

Smoky Valley, Atwood, Pratt, McPherson, Little River, Phillipsburg, Ness City and Rush County.

Goodland won 22-6. Junior Cowboys in the picture include Tanner Schmidt (No. 7) and Kyler Gray (No. 16).

Photo by Sarah Fredrickson/Oberlin football parent

Behind Goodland were Hoisington, Ellsworth, Stafford County, Colby, Larned, Lyons and Oberlin.

In the fifth grade standings, the Hays Gamblers were first with a 6-9 record, the Outlaws second at

5-0 and Great Bend third at 5-1. Following were Norton, McPherson 2, Colby and Smoky Valley.

Behind Goodland were McPherson 1, Phillipsburg and Pratt.

Playing for the fifth grade Cowboys were Trey Teeter, Tristan Cooper, Hunter Harkins, Marco Magana, Austin Shelley, Jacob Stasser, Brevin Bergsma, Austin Hernandez, Tanner Gastineau, Arron Arteaga, Koal Artzer, Cole Knitig, Riley Lopez, Alec Gonzales, Mason Fritz, Drew House, Taitem Jones, Luke Avila and Kelsey Smith.

Coaches were Dusty Gastineau, Mike Tomkins and Thomas Tomkins.

For the sixth graders were Thatcher Jones, Josh David, McKayla Kennedy, Tanner Schmidt, Jonah McClung, Tanner Helton, Gerrell Miller, Kyler Gray, George Sun, Aaron Avelar, Kyler Amthor, Ricky Milke, Brandon Verlinden, Tyler Neufeld, Kolt Trachsel, Matt Murray, Tyler Jones, Hunter Lennington, Paul Sibley, James Dinkel, D.J. Glassman, Seth Garza, Coy Johnson, Matt House and Alec Hamilton.

Coaches were Grady Bonsall, Russell Owens, Mike Hamilton and John Murray.

Cowboys continue district play tonight

The Cowboys will be at home tonight to play Ness City-Dighton at 6 p.m. for their second district game. Goodland, 3-4, faces the 1-6 Eagles after losing their first district game last week against Scott City.

Ness City-Dighton lost to Norton last week 53-13. The Eagles lost 36-16 to Syracuse to open the season, then lost 21-7 to Thomas More Prep-Marian, beat Satanta 38-12. They then lost 51-27 to Kinsley, 28-13 to Leoti and 62-22 to LaCrosse.

The Cowboys had a tough start to the season, losing their first three games to Oakley, Colby and St. Francis, but then won three, beating WaKeeney 21-6, Atwood 35-24 and Oberlin 42-8. The Cowboys lost on the road last week 28-0 to Scott City to open district play.

"Being 0-1 in district play makes (tonight's) game really important," said Coach Kent Teeter. "We must win this game to give ourselves a chance for the playoffs. It will be really nice playing at home again."

"Our goals will be to win and to

continue to improve on our execution."

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