

Football player gets scouts' attention

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A Goodland woman's grandson has gotten a lot of attention from college football scouts and the media as he closes out his high school career this season.

Marshall Musil, a senior at LaCrosse High School and grandson of Yvonne Musil of Goodland, was the subject of articles in *The Hays Daily News* and *The Hutchinson News*, was interviewed for television, appeared in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd" and was a subject of interest for college scouts as he began his senior season.



M. Musil

He is also the grandson of the late Marlin Musil of Goodland and Omer and Maryann Bieberle of Bushton and the nephew of Stan and Dawn Kibel of Goodland and Kim Musil, Wendy (David) Grabel and Brenda Musil of Dallas.

He is the son of Connie and the late Terry Musil and has an older sister, Meredith. His father coached at Osborne, Colby and LaCrosse high schools, and he and Marshall's mother also taught at those schools. She still teaches at LaCrosse.

The LaCrosse High Leopards are undefeated so far this season,

beating Larned 41-7, Trinity High of Hutchinson 27-0, Southern Valley of Oxford, Neb., 60-7, Solomon 60-14, Ellinwood 50-14, Ness City-Dighton 62-22 and Sedan 65-12.

They play Kinsley-Lewis Friday and Meade the following week.

As a running back, Musil has 687 rushing yards for the season in 52 carries and made 15 touchdowns. He had 301 receiving yards in 15 receptions and made four touchdowns. On defense, he has 28 tackles and 24 assists, three sacks and one interception, and on special teams, he has four punts for 150 yards and 48 kickoffs for 60 yards.

Musil gave a verbal commitment to the University of Oklahoma before the season started, Dawn Kibel

said, but since he hadn't signed anything, the scouts consider him fair game and are still hoping to sign him.

In the *Hays Daily's* football preview in the Thursday, Sept. 4, edition, Musil was called the "Leopard Leader," and the headline said expectations for him are high. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior was offered scholarships from several Division 1-A schools, including Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas Christian.

He chose Oklahoma because it felt right, Kibel said; he felt it fit for him. He has been going to the Sooners' home games along with his mom and sister, Kibel said, and spending time with the players.

They are making him feel at home, she added.

LaCrosse coach Ryan Cornelsen said in the Hays article that whenever college coaches visited, he made sure they saw Musil complete a series of agility drills to show off his lateral quickness.

"I think that was his biggest selling point," Cornelsen said. "His movement left to right.

"When you watch him, you don't realize that he is 225 pounds. When you watch him, you think he is about 175 because everything is so smooth. He makes it look easy."

Musil is described in the Hays article as fun-loving and electrifying and is "considered by many the best small school player in the

state." Preseason, he was ranked No. 4 in Kansas by Rivals.com and No. 11 in the state and the nation's 15th best fullback by ESPN.com's Scouts Inc.

The Leopards were 21-2 in the last two seasons and were ranked No. 4 in the Class 2-1A preseason coaches' poll, the Hays article says. The team has never won a state football title and are looking to unseat Smith Center.

The Hutchinson article says even before Musil committed to the Sooners, teams had to game plan for him, and now the target on him has grown, but Musil doesn't mind.

"I like playing under pressure," he said, "so I figure that will help a little bit."

Goodland cross country season ends

The Goodland Cowboys cross country team competed at regional Saturday in Cimarron, finishing seventh out of eight teams. Cowgirl Cassie Cooper finished 49th out of 52 runners.

Sophomore Stephen Buller finished 24th out of 67 runners, completing the 5K race in 18:46.47,

senior Simon Grunfeld was 28th in 19:07.94, junior Ben Waugh 43rd in 20:11.93 and sophomore Michael Pettibone 52nd in 21:10.06.

Junior Ryan Irvin was 55th in 21:33.83, junior J.P. McCool 63rd in 23:55.87 and senior Justin Verlinden 65th in 25:25.90.

Holcomb won the tournament with 49 points, Sterlin was second with 62 and Lakin third with 77, qualifying for state competition. Norton was fourth with 79, Larned fifth with 125, Medicine Lodge sixth with 142, Goodland seventh with 177 and Phillipsburg eighth with 215.

Cooper finished the 4K race in 23:35.56, concluding her high school cross country career.

In the girls' race, Norton was the winning team, Medicine Lodge was second and Lakin was third, followed by Ellinwood, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, Cimarron, Larned and Holcomb.

Area teams compete in Liberty League tournament

Weskan was the champion at the Western Kansas Liberty League volleyball tournament Saturday, Oct. 18.

Wallace County (Sharon Springs) was second, Wheatland/Grinnell third and Dighton fourth.

In Pool A, Weskan beat Wheatland/Grinnell 25-11, 25-12, Triplains beat Golden Plains 25-14, 24-26, 25-20, Wheatland/

Grinnell beat Cheylin (Bird City) 25-16, 25-17, Wheatland/Grinnell beat Golden Plains 25-16, 25-10, Weskan beat Triplains 25-13, 25-16, Golden Plains beat Cheylin 26-24, 25-9, Wheatland/Grinnell beat Triplains 25-17, 25-23 and Weskan beat Cheylin 25-7, 25-11.

In Pool B, Dighton beat Healy 25-14, 17-25, 25-13, Wallace County beat Brewster 25-20, 17-

25, 25-20, Healy beat Greeley County (Tribune) 25-10, 25-15, Dighton beat Brewster 25-18, 25-14, Wallace County beat Greeley County 25-8, 25-12, Brewster beat Healy 25-18, 15-25, 25-22, Dighton beat Wallace County 25-9, 25-21, Brewster beat Greeley County 25-17, 25-18, Wallace County beat Healy 25-15, 25-16 and Dighton beat Greeley County 25-9, 25-13.

In final bracket play, the Pool A No. 1 team Weskan played the Pool B No. 2 team Dighton, winning 25-12, 25-21. The Pool B No. 1 team Wallace County played the Pool A No. 2 team Wheatland/Grinnell, winning 25-16, 22-25, 25-21. Weskan beat Wallace County 25-17, 25-22.

In the consolation bracket, Wheatland/Grinnell beat Dighton 25-21, 25-17.

**Great efforts, Cowboys and Cowgirls!
Thank you for a fine season.**

Volleyball team loses at sub state

The Cowgirls volleyball team ended the season with a loss in the first round of Class 3A sub state action in Holcomb to the eventual winner.

The Cowgirls, seeded No. 7, faced the No. 2 seed Hoisington, losing 25-10, 25-18.

Hoisington then faced No. 3 seeded Ellinwood, who had beat No. 6 seeded Cimarron 25-16, 17-25, 25-13. Hoisington won 25-20, 25-16. They then faced

the winner from the other side of the bracket, Kismet-Southwestern Heights.

No. 1 seeded Kismet beat the No. 8 seed Larned 25-4, 25-18. The No. 5 seed Holcomb beat the No. 4 seed Lakin 25-17, 20-25, 25-14. Kismet beat Holcomb 25-15-, 25-17.

Hoisington beat Kismet 25-15, 25-17, taking the sub state win and going into state with a 28-11 season record.

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- Chief magistrate of Venice
- Butter substitute
- Microbe or bug
- Tests
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- Ababa
- Wild public disorder
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- Verbal contraries
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- Pitch
- Fiddler crabs
- S.W. Colombian city
- Stand up
- More uncommon
- Author Jong
- Gross revenue
- = Roman Mars
- Murdered by C. Corday
- Saying
- Grandmothers
- Open skin lesion
- Olive-gray "oscine" bird
- Organism that does not require air
- Soup serving vessels
- An ape or monkey
- Select by vote
- An easy return in a high arc
- A branch of Islam
- Not there
- Above
- A wife (law)
- Stepped on
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- Egyptian boy king

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