

Northwest Tech signs first two women golfers

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The Northwest Tech Mavericks women's golf team led by Coach Tammy Neal has two members after signing one on Friday and one on Tuesday.

Goodland Cowgirl golfer Amber Douglas was the first to sign with the Northwest Tech golf team on Friday morning following the event announcing the new college mascot and image update.

Tuesday morning Brandi Houston of Wray, Colo., became the second to sign up for the golf team that will begin play in the fall.

Douglas signed to play under Coach Neal and will be enrolling in the business program at Northwest Tech.

Douglas was accompanied by her parents Tim and Michelle Douglas of Goodland and Gloria and Cory Cummings of Pueblo, Colo.

In Douglas' four years at Goodland High School she has been on the golf team and was a member of the Class 3-2-1A State Championship team two years ago.

In October the Cowgirls golf team came within three strokes of repeating as state champions and Douglas medaled and finished tied for 11th.

Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood said, "Amber has been a consistent golfer, is willing to work and is easy to work with."

After the state tournament Livengood said she was glad Amber has finished her senior year with another medal in her hand.

"She did a good job," Livengood said.

Douglas got an eighth place medal when the Cowgirls won the state championship. The year before the Cowgirls team had finished fourth at state in the Class 4A tournament with Douglas tying for 70th. In her freshman year Douglas and her teammates missed making a trip to the state tournament by three strokes, and Douglas finished 23rd in the regional tournament.

"I feel Amber has a passion for the game of golf and has a competitive edge which will be great," Coach Neal said.

Houston played golf while at Wray High



Cowgirl golfer Amber Douglas was the first to sign up on Friday to be part of the Northwest Tech women's golf program to be coached by Tammy Neal who gave Douglas a pen to fill out the paperwork.

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School, and she learned to play because her uncle was a greens keeper. She is already a student at Northwest Tech in the Computer Graphics program and wants to be a professional photographer.

Her instructor is Jason Smith, and Houston was part of the class that worked on the new logo and image for the college.

Smith said, "Brandi will be an asset to the women's golf team — she is a very energetic and hard-working student."

Coach Neal said she was impressed with Brandi's attitude.

"Her willingness to work at the game in addition to her great attitude is just what we are looking for," Coach Neal said.

Neal said the team will begin practice in August, and expects to in tournaments as several colleges in the Jayhawk Conference. She said because Northwest Tech is independent they can go to tournaments in Colorado and other places and get to pick where they go.

Coach Neal is being assisted by Travis Jones, and both said they have hit a hole-in-one in their golfing.

Neal said the team will play in September and October and then take the winter off before playing in more tournaments in the spring. She is hoping to have 10 tournaments for the team to play in and hold one at Sugar Hills Golf Club.



Brandi Houston (seated) became the second to sign up to be part of the Northwest Tech woman's golf team. Coach Tammy Neal and assistant Coach Travis Jones helped Houston fill out the paperwork on Tuesday morning.

She said she will be looking for an indoor practice facility for the team to use to work out through the winter.

"The Pro Players Classic and Nike have donated golf bags, golf shoes, golf attire and golf balls for the team," said Brenda McCants, Director of Development. "Thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors, our athletic teams have had a great start already; but we want to encourage our communities to come out and support our

teams."

Northwest Tech is the first technical college in the State of Kansas to have athletic teams, said Dr. Ed Mills, president of the college.

"We feel these activities will enhance the student life on campus," Dr. Mills said.

Women's golf, men's wrestling and rodeo are the sports offered at this time at Northwest Tech and will begin in the fall.

Cowboys wrestling team fourth at Bob Kuhn Prairie Classic

Cowboys placed seven out of 10 wrestlers at the Bob Kuhn Prairie Classic in Hays Saturday and finished fourth out of 16 teams.

Coach Joe Sramek said he continues to see improvement in his team each week, and was pleased with the results of the tournament.

"We will continue to work hard and prepare for regionals," he said.

Saturday the Cowboys will be in St. Francis for the Northwest Kansas League tournament. Friday the Cowboys will have a dual with Colby at Max Jones Fieldhouse beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Phillipsburg won the Prairie Classic with 177 points, Ulysses

was second with 136, Oakley third at 124.5 and Goodland fourth with 123.5. McPherson was fifth with 120.5, Dodge City sixth 112.5, Hays seventh 111, Campus eighth 107.5, Hoisington ninth, 99.5, and Russell 10th at 93.

Lorenzo Delgado at 152 pounds and Paul Starr at 171 pounds were the top Cowboy wrestlers taking second. Delgado won his first three matches, but lost a 7-1 decision in the championship to Josh Rodriguez of Ulysses. Starr won his first two matches, but lost an 8-0 major decision to Casey Sedbrook of Hays in the championship.

Cowboys Seth Miller at 125

pounds and Jay Cotter at 285 pounds were third place winners.

Miller won his first two matches, lost in the third round and then won the last two including an 8-1 decision over Nick Sells of Russell to win third. Cotter won his first two matches, lost in the third round and won the last two including a pin in 2:28 against Jake Puhalla of McPherson to win third.

Riley Ohara at 189 pounds finished fourth winning his first two matches, losing in the third round, winning the fourth match and losing by a fall in 3:46 to Zach Jacobs of Phillipsburg in the final round to finish fourth.

Austin Avelar at 112 pounds finished fifth winning his first two matches, losing the next two, but winning the fifth match with a pin in 2:32 over Alex Garcia of Dodge City to take fifth.

Laine Herlat at 160 pounds finished sixth winning his first match, losing the second, winning the third and fourth, losing the final two including the final match where he lost by a fall in 53 seconds to Shane Slyter of Spring Hill to finish sixth.

Chris Bustillos at 135 pounds lost his first round, won the second, but lost the third in a 4-2 decision against Nash Karst of Russell.

Kayle Rietcheck at 145 pounds

lost his first match, won the second, but lost the third in an 8-2 decision against Chase Lewonowski of Wichita Independent.

Tyler Fisher at 215 pounds lost his first match, won the second, but lost the third in a 6-5 decision against Tyler Ediger of Dodge City.

The Cowboys junior varsity wrestlers attended the Atwood varsity wrestling tournament on Saturday, and Coach Steve Evert said he has seen great improvement in the junior varsity wrestlers over the past month.

JV compete at Atwood

Twelve Cowboy wrestlers competed in the Atwood tournament.

Josh Thompson and Mac Purvis both placed at 189 pounds were the only Cowboys to place taking third and fourth.

Other Cowboys competing, but did not place included JL Pourin (112 pounds) 1-2, Corey Davis (119) 0-2, Jeff House (135) 1-2, Jedd Gray (140) 0-2, Mikial Freeman (130) went 2-2, Angel Salazar (135) 0-2, Tanner Jones (135) 0-2, Sloan Ruhs (145) 1-2, Josh Whisnant (160) went 1-2, and Jason Cowan (160) went 2-2,

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

December 21: Charles C. Hugans, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$266.

Rosa E. Mendoza, speeding, \$194.

Phillip C. McClarn speeding, \$194.

Anna M. Paschke, speeding, \$164.

Julie Sorensen, speeding, \$146.

December 22: Nancy L. Murphy, speeding, \$176.

Randy C. Rethke, speeding, \$152.

Kristin S. Swisher, speeding, \$146.

December 24: Jesus M. Estrada, speeding, \$158; no child seatbelt, \$60.

David A. Koehneman, unlawful parking, \$176.

Tony R. Oneal, no valid license, \$146.

December 27: Thomas E. Edwards, speeding, \$170.

Jeremy R. Fortin, speeding, \$146.

Randolph M. Harris, speeding, \$203.

Joseph P. Heyworth, speeding, \$122.

Michael K. Klinker, speeding, \$152.

Ashley D. May, speeding, \$146.

December 28: Patrick S. Head, suspended license, \$186.

John D. Maltby, speeding, \$146.

Jesse D. Welsh, speeding, \$146; no seatbelt, \$30.

December 29: Micheal D. Hall, unlawful registration, \$60; speeding, \$134.

Arturo H. Meza, speeding, \$194.

Sheldon E. Tatkenhorst, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$186.

December 30: Joseph Alan Minton, speeding, \$194.

Lauren R. Ponder, unlawful parking, \$170.

December 31: Anne M. King, speeding, \$170.

Erica L. Warnke, speeding, \$164.

Joseph A. Wright, speeding, \$158.

January 1, 2010: Robin S. Carpenter, speeding, \$170.

Eric C. Geiger, speeding, \$140; no seatbelt, \$30.

Robert Kessler, speeding, \$116.

Shane M. Lockwood, speeding, \$281.

Patrick J. Perritt, speeding,

\$221.

Nicholas Polito, speeding, \$122.

Jack Rouse, speeding, \$152.

Mary L. Wilkinson, speeding, \$203.

January 8: Arthur H. Sagel, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$186.

January 10: Lucinda F. Schurr, speeding, \$146.

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 10 — 5:13 a.m., 309 Kansas Ave., arrested Damasio Jesus Gamboa for domestic battery against Jennifer Jara. Case referred to city attorney.

2:59 p.m., 1403 Walnut Ave., Evadene McMillen reported criminal damage.

Jan. 11 — 2:29 p.m., 1209 Har-

ison Ave, Apt. C3, Dylan Seyler reported burglary and theft.

Jan. 14 — 2:57 p.m., 1500 Syracuse Ave., arrested Alexander Lloyd Barrett and Levi J. Taylor for battery and disorderly conduct against each other. Case referred to city attorney.

Jan. 16 — 8:52 p.m., 1120 N. Caldwell Ave., Daron Roeder re-

ported criminal damage to property.

Jan. 18 — 9:40 a.m., 1104 W. Business U.S. 24, Goodland Greenline reported criminal damage to property.

Jan. 20 — 1:33 p.m., 220 W. Second, Esmeralda Flores reported aggravated assault and battery. Case referred to county attorney.



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