# Brutal winds raise golf scores at Sugar Hills

Sports

#### By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com Winds were gusting to 60 mph on Tuesday, but 12 teams of high school golfers braved the conditions for the Goodland Invitational at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The Cowboys finished second with a combined score of 381, behind the Colby Eagles who won with a combined score of 367.

Individually Kade Brown of Oberlin was the top golfer with a score of 85.

For the Cowboys Joel Linin placed fourth with an 89, and Tyler Jones was ninth with a 94.

Coach Terry Daise said it was great to get two golfers in the top 10. He said the playing conditions were brutal with the high winds resulting in higher than usual scores.

Other Cowboys included Cy Paxton, 98; Tanner Jones, 100; Blaine Luther, 102; and J.P. McCool, 110.

Many of the young golfers found that if they hit a good drive the ball would drift way off course and found themselves playing from a parallel freeway or in the trees.

Approaching the ninth hole Cowboy Tanner Jones was in the trees to the right, and his approach shot was a bit short. When he decided to chip and roll onto the green the ball rolled right up to the pin, hit it and bounced off by a few inches for a very short putt.

One of the team coaches said the windy conditions made the day one of "survival" for the young golfers. Coaches and players alike spent time hunting for blowing hats as much as they had to hunt for wayward golf balls.

The winds added to the individual scores in comparison to results of the Norton tournament on Friday at Norton where the Cowboys tied with the Bluejays for second with a team total of 359.

Top Cowboy at Norton was Linin with an 81 to place third, and Luther had an 89 for 10th place. Paxton had a 94, Tanner Jones 95, McCool 100, and Tyler Jones 107.

Coach Daise said he was pleased to see Joel and Blaine in the top 10 at Norton. He said Cy improved 10 strokes from the front nine to the back nine, which was quite an improvement.

The Cowboys golf team will be in Hays at 2 p.m. on Monday, and the Golf Club.





Cowboy golfer Cy Paxton (above) watched his putt roll up to the hole on No. 14 at Sugar Hills Golf Course during the windy high school tournament held Tuesday afternoon. Cowboy golfer Tanner Jones (above right) did a chip and roll on hole No, 9 and the ball rolled all the way to the pin and bounced off a few inches to give him a very short putt. With the high winds some golfers had to wait for passing tumble weeds before they could putt. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland Invitational team re- 447; 11th, Quinter, 466; and Obersults: First, Colby, 367; second, lin, no team score. Goodland, 381; third, Hoxie, 388; fourth, Hays High, 391; fifth, Ul- First, Phillipsburg, 356; second, ysses, 393; sixth, Thomas More Goodland, 359 (won tie-breaker); junior varsity tournament will be Prep, 405; seventh, Norton, 407; third, Norton, 359; fourth, Hoxie, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Sugar Hills eighth, Oakley, 429; ninth, Scott 364; fifth, Rawlins County, 381;

Norton Tournament team results: City, 433; 10th, Rawlins County, sixth Smith Center, 389; seventh,

Oakley, 413; eighth, Quinter, 415; ninth, Colby 431; 10th, Hill City, 436; 11th, Norton B, 443; and 12th, Norton C, 457.

## Her family would like you to join them in celebrating her

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### Kansas Wesleyan golf team signs Goodland golfer for next season

### **Crossword Puzzle**

The Coyotes will add two golf- the Colby team this past year. ers from northwest Kansas to the roster this fall with a Goodland and a Sharon Springs golfer signing with Kansas Wesleyan.

Coach Rob Ozga has signed a trio of junior college golfers to build his team.

Coming from Colby Community College are Ryan Gausman of Goodland and Alex Howard of Sharon Springs. Both have been on the No. 5 meet with a 170.

Gausman posted a 25th place member is Zack Braucher who finish with a score of 165 at the Kan- played for Independence Commusas Jayhawk Community College nity College. Braucher of Nevada, Conference No. 4 meet at Rolling Mo., finished 41st with a 182 at the Meadows, and had a 163 earning No. 4 meet and had a 44th place finhim 27th place at the No. 5 meet at ish with a 175 at the No. 5 meet. Hesston.

Howard posted a 32nd place fin-second and third players from Colby ish at the No. 4 meet with a score of Community College to sign with the 170, and had a 40th place finish at Coyotes this year.

The third community college

Gausman and Howard are the



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