

Mustang boys end season 12-1, win Northwest Kansas League

The Grant Junior High eighth-grade boys basketball team added the 2003 Northwest Kansas League Tournament to the school's list of athletic accomplishments.

The Mustangs won the tournament in Atwood on Dec. 18, defeating Colby Junior High 47-16 in the championship. Earlier that day, they defeated Oakley 33-31 in the second round. Grant defeated Oberlin 60-6 in the tournament's first round Dec. 16.

This was the second title in a row for this group of boys, who won the seventh-grade title last year.

In the championship, Jance McKee led the Mustangs in scoring with 13 points. T.J. Hawkins scored eight, followed by Ben Davis with seven. Forrest Trachsel added six points, Casey Henderson four and Darrick Ihrig three. Tanner Smith, Spencer Windell and Josh Duke

each scored two.

McKee also led the team in rebounds with six, followed by Henderson with five. Grant out rebounded Colby 20-18.

Coach Travis Whitman, in his second season with the eighth-grade boys, said the Colby game was probably the best one of the year for the Mustangs. He said the team was really focused and ready to play, and their defense looked the best that it had all year.

The Mustangs held the Eagles under seven points in each period and held a 23-7 lead at halftime.

Grant had a much more difficult time against Oakley. The Mustangs were behind 13-9 after the first period, but came back to take a 19-18 lead at halftime. Grant had a slightly larger lead 29-26 at the end of three periods. The final period was a defensive struggle during which

Oakley outscored the Mustangs 5-4, but it was not enough as Grant held on for the win 33-31.

The Mustangs made 43 percent of their shots compared to 13 percent for Colby.

"We had a very close game against Oakley," Whitman said. "I'm not sure the we were mentally ready to play in the first quarter, but the boys did a good job of keeping focused and staying within their offense the rest of the game."

In that game, McKee scored 10 points, Smith eight, Trachsel six and Hawkins five. Both Ihrig and Windell added two points. Henderson led the team in rebounds with six.

"This was a very good season," said Whitman, "and a wonderful group of kids to work with. I was very pleased with how the boys played as a team and worked at get-

ting better each week."

The Mustangs finished 12-1, with their only loss coming on Dec. 8, at home against the Burlington Cougars, 54-50. Grant had defeated the Cougars at Burlington 55-44 to open the season.

"I would like to thank the parents for all their support this season," Whitman said. "I think it is great how they were there for the kids. I would also like to thank Cleve Trachsel for helping me out this year. He was great to coach with."

Darrick Ihrig (right) looked for the open man during the Mustangs' 47-16 win over Colby Dec. 18 in the championship game of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament. Ihrig scored three points and grabbed one rebound.

Photo by DeeAnn Ihrig



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Trojans lose first game of season

The Colby Community College men's basketball team lost its conference opener to the Grizzlies of Butler County Community College Saturday 69-66 in El Dorado.

Sophomore Branden Miller led the Trojans with 24 points with sophomore E.J. Drayton adding 16.

The Trojans, now 14-1 overall, are No. 2 in the latest National Jun-

ior College Athletic Association's Division I basketball poll. A new poll will be released later today.

Colby will play Garden City Community College Wednesday at the Colby Community Building with the women's game starting at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) followed by the men about two hours later. KQLS radio (100.3 FM) will broadcast the men's game starting with the pregame show starting at 6:40

p.m. (Mountain Time).

College wrestling tournament in Colby this weekend

Colby Community College will hold its annual Tournament of Champions Friday and Saturday at the Community Building.

Matches start at 10 a.m. (Central Time) Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday. Two of the nation's top 10 junior college teams are scheduled to compete.

The Trojans are No. 7 in the latest rankings by the National Junior College Athletic Association. The team is led by two defending national champions, sophomores C.B. Dollaway and Muzaffar Abdurakhmanov. Dollaway wrestles at 184 pounds and Abdurakhmanov moved from 157 to 165 this season.

Colby will face Lincoln College of Illinois starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hoxie High School. The Tro-

jans will face the Panthers of Neosho County Community College for the second time this season Sunday, starting at 2 p.m., in the Community Building. The Panthers defeated Colby 28-15 Nov. 1 and are ranked No. 6 in the nation.

Wildcats hold ball camps

The baseball coaching staff of Kansas State University will have two spring training camps in late January for players age 15 and older

in the Brandenberry Indoor Sports Complex.

The first camp will be the weekend of Jan. 24-25 and the second Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Each day of both camps will be broken into two sessions: hitting and pitching/catching.

For information, contact Scott Thomason, director of baseball operations, at (785) 532-3926 or at thomason@ksu.edu.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Mixed League December 17, 2003	Wednesday Night Men's Scratch December 22, 2003 (Monday)
The Pits over The Gamblers 3-1 Guzzlin' Socializers over Shear Dimensions 4-0 The Goodland Star-News over D & G Clan 4-0 Palace Barber Shop over Fun Lovers 3-1	L & M Steel over Fitzgibbons, Inc. 14-6 The Western Times over The Good, Bad & Ugly 13-7 Fun & Games over MLS, Inc. 11-9 Bowladium Lanes over Witzel & Rhea Imp. 11-9 Basgall Construction over Weber Kennels 13-7
Women's high scratch game: Marilyn Snethen 214 Women's high scratch series: Marilyn Snethen 606	High Individual Game: Phil Helzer 273 High Individual Series: Jerry Amthor 943
Men's high scratch game: Jim Fritz 230 Men's high scratch series: Travis Gillihan 626 Team high scratch game: The Goodland Star-News 682 Team high scratch series: The Goodland Star-News 1,865	High Team Game: Witzel & Rhea Imp. 653 High Team Series: Bowladium Lanes 2,418
League Standings:	League Standings:
No. 1 Shear Dimensions No. 2 The Gamblers No. 3 Guzzlin' Socializers	Fun & Games 89.5-36.5 MLS, Inc. 81-39 Bowladium Lanes 77-43 Witzel & Rhea Imp. 68.5-51.5 Weber Kennels 62-58 Basgall Construction 59-61 L & M Steel 54.5-65.5 Fitzgibbons, Inc. 48.5-71.5 The Western Times 35-85 The Good, Bad & Ugly 31-89

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch December 29, 2003 (Monday)
Fun & Games over The Good, Bad & Ugly 17-3 Witzel & Rhea Imp. tied MLS, Inc. 10-10 Fitzgibbons, Inc. over Weber Kennels 14-6 Bowladium Lanes over L & M Steel 17-3 Basgall Construction over The Western Times 16-4
High Individual Game: Phil Helzer 254 High Individual Series: Darren Hixson 842
High Team Game: Bowladium Lanes 616 High Team Series: Bowladium Lanes 2,298
League Standings:
Fun & Games 106.5-39.5 Bowladium Lanes 94-46 MLS, Inc. 91-49 Witzel & Rhea Imp. 78.5-61.5 Basgall Construction 75-65 Weber Kennels 68-72 Fitzgibbons, Inc. 62.5-77.5 L & M Steel 57.5-82.5 The Western Times 39-101 The Good, Bad & Ugly 34-106

Cowboy C team plays Tribune

The Cowboy basketball C team will travel to Tribune on Thursday to take on the Jackrabbits of Greeley County High School.

The Cowboys freshmen are 1-1 for the season. Coach Don Smith is guiding the team after a year away from coaching basketball.

The C team opened its season Dec. 11 with a 33-29 win against Dundy County High School in Benkelman, Neb. Goodland held a 9-6 lead after the first period, in-

creasing the lead to 17-8 by halftime. The Cowboys outscored the Tigers 12-6 in the third period, taking a 29-14 lead into the final period.

The team's luck turned and they were outscored 15-4 by Dundy County in the last period, but Goodland held on to the win, 33-29

Jerrod Goodman led Goodland with 10 points, followed by Nick Angelos with eight. Mikey Doll scored four points and Nathan Linin and Eric Reyna scored three each. Tyler Hilmer and Landon Williams both added two points and Taylor Frazier had a free throw.

The C team picked up its loss Dec 19 against the Quinter Bulldogs, 62-45. Quinter dominated throughout the game, leading 17-15 after the first period, and took a 32-26 lead into the locker room.

Both teams scored 13 points in the third period, which maintained

Quinter's six-point lead. The Bulldogs finished off the game by outscoring the Cowboys 17-6 in the last quarter to go up 62-45.

Angelos scored 16 points to lead the Cowboys. Frazier also scored in double figures with 14 points. Williams added eight points, followed by sophomore Kelly Lewallen with four and Doll with three.

Tipoff Thursday in Tribune is 5 p.m.

The team will be in action again the next day as Goodland hosts the Colby Eagles at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The boys' and girls' C teams will start at 3:45 p.m. Friday.


Cowboy baseball

Everyone is invited to a meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria to organize a campaign to establish a high school baseball team. For information call John Dautel at 899-4765.

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School calendar for Jan. 7 - Jan. 13

Wednesday - Elementary Bank Day, PDC meeting 3:45 p.m.

Thursday - Junior varsity and varsity wrestling in Goodland against Colby 5:30 p.m., C team basketball in Tribune 5 p.m.

Friday - C, junior varsity and varsity basketball in Goodland against Colby 3:45 p.m., varsity wrestling in Liberal at 12 p.m.

Saturday - Varsity wrestling in Liberal, junior varsity wrestling in Wakeeney. American Field Service lock-in in Goodland.

Monday - C basketball in Goodland against Oberlin 4 p.m., Northwest Kansas League Scholar's Bowl in Oberlin 3 p.m., junior high Scholar's Bowl in Goodland 4 p.m., Board of Education meeting at the Administration building 7 p.m.

Tuesday - North site council meeting 7 p.m., West site council meeting 4 p.m., seventh grade girls basketball in Goodland against Burlington 4 p.m., eighth grade girls basketball in Burlington 4 p.m.

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