



Six cars (top) made the third turn during one of the early heats in the stock class. Four cars of the bomber class (below) approached the start line for the green flag during a heat. The No. 15R car (right) of the modified class, driven by Lane Linthacum of Goodland, lined up before entering the track for its heat.
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Goodland stock car races begin

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The first racing event of the season for the Sherman County Stock Car Association was held Sunday at the county speedway, and the next event will be Saturday, May 22, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Gesenhagen and Casey Shaw of Colby won the cruiser race with Jake Conger and Steven Arntt of Goodland finishing second.

David Schemm of Sharon Springs won the bomber race with Jeremy Blackwell placing second. Justin Colby of Kanorado was sixth, Joey Sneathen of Goodland seventh, Drew Miller of Goodland 10th and Junior Wolfrum of Goodland 12th.

Blackwell won the Bomber Cash



Dash. Ron Hill of Sharon Springs won the stock race with Justin Beakley of Lamar, Colo., second. Beakley won the Stock Cash Dash.

Monty Nordyke of Holly, Colo., won the modified race with Darren DeLoach of Lamar second. Lane Linthacum of Goodland finished

sixth. Nordyke won the Modified Cash Dash.

For information about the races or the association, call Roger Sneathen at (785) 899-5817 or Roberta Normandin at (785) 890-6590.

The speedway is part of the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Cowboys golf team finishes seventh in Ulysses after busy week

The Cowboys golf team finished eighth at the Ulysses Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday at the Bentwood Golf Club.

The Redskins of Liberal High School won the tournament with a score of 313, followed by host team Ulysses just one stroke back. Goodland's team score was 376, and no player from Goodland finished in the top 10. Individual scores were not available.

At the Colby High School Invitational on Thursday at the Colby

Country Club, the Cowboys placed fourth.

Junior Derrick Raymer and freshman Nathan Linin let the team, both shooting an 82. There was a three-way tie for sixth place and after the tie-breaker, Raymer placed sixth and Linin seventh. Jared Helin of Colby was eighth.

Other Cowboys at the tournament were senior Preston Lambrecht with a 90, and juniors Wade Taylor and Brett Lalicker, who both shot 93. Junior Brandon Cowan had

a 98.

Colby won the tournament with a team score of 322, followed by Atwood with 342. Hoxie was third with 343. Goodland's team score was 347. Norton was fifth, Oakley sixth and Oberlin seventh.

Last Tuesday, Goodland finished seventh at the Oakley Varsity Invitational at the Oakley Country Club.

Freshman Ryan Gausman led the team with a 97 followed by senior David Griffith with 98 and freshman Mikey Doll with 99. Junior

Richard Bauman shot a 113 and freshman Matt Miller a 115.

Atwood won the tournament, followed by, in order, Grinnell, Oakley and Trego Community High.

Last Monday, the Cowboys placed fifth out of 12 teams at a tournament played on the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays, hosted by Thomas More Prep-Marian. Linin led Goodland with an 87, followed by Raymer just one stroke back.

Lalicker finished the round with 90, Livengood at 97 and Cowan 98.

Also that Monday, the junior varsity played at a tournament in Ulysses. Taylor led the Cowboys, finishing 14th with a 19-over-par 91. Lohr shot a 93 and finished in a tie for 16th, but lost a tie-breaker hole to place 17th. Deeds won his tie-breaker to finish 20th after a round of 95.

Other Goodland players there were Douglas (104), Erickson (105) and Tatman (119).

On May 1, the varsity finished sixth of 10 teams at the Atwood In-

vitational, played at the Atwood Country Club. Raymer finished fourth overall with a eight-over-par 80.

Junior David Livengood shot a 95, freshman Jacob Erickson 97 and freshman Brandon Douglas had 100. Doll finished with 114 and junior Brock Lohr 116.

The Northwest Kansas League Tournament will be played Friday at the Colby Country Club starting at 3 p.m. (Central Time).

Patriot League football too complicated, but workable

Since I started to prepare for the 2004 college football campaign, I thought I would take my time checking out how things are shaping up.

I decided to keep my stress level a bit lower this year by starting with NCAA Division I-AA conferences rather than Division I-A, however I've been surprised how complex that level is as well.

I found the Atlantic 10 Football Conference, which has grown in the off-season, a total mess. On the other hand I found The Ivy League so simple that it's behind the times and needs to catch up with the rest of Division I-AA.

My next choice was the Patriot League. The league has eight members, of which one, American Uni-



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versity, doesn't play football, and two others, the U.S. Military Academy (Army) and the U.S. Naval Academy (Navy), play football in Division I-A. This leaves five, not enough to be a legitimate conference to me. However two teams belonging to other conferences play football in the Patriot League bringing the number to seven.

With Fordham and Georgetown universities, the league now has the

bare minimum number of teams, based on an 11-game schedule, to be legitimate. This way a team can go undefeated in conference play and be guaranteed an overall winning season, not the case when there are six or fewer teams.

Yes, I realize many conference champions will have a conference loss, which in this case could lead to a champion with an overall losing record. To me, this just isn't right, for the team itself or the conference it represents. That's why I say seven is a bare minimum.

To allow for a conference loss, I believe all conferences should have at least eight members and no more

than 10. By staying within these numbers, each team in a conference can play each other team, for a true championship, and still have room on an 11-game schedule for at least two non-conference games. Also, it almost eliminates the possibility of a conference champion with an overall losing record.

Granted, it's a long shot that a team would win all its conference games and lose all its non-conference contests, but I think it's bad for college football when that does happen.

The Patriot League had eight teams last season, but Towson University is now a member of the Atlantic 10. How's that for a coincidence. It gets worse. Fordham is actually a member of the Atlantic 10

for all other sports.

Georgetown, on the other hand, belongs to the Big East Conference for other sports. The Big East plays football in Division I-A, so the Hoyas had to come up with a solution.

I don't mind one or two exceptions in a conference, but there is a point when a complete overhaul is necessary. That is where the Patriot League is now. The Atlantic 10 seems to be making laps so it can go beyond that point several times in succession. The Ivy League seems to be staying in neutral.

correction

A high school track and field article on Page 12 of the May 7 *Goodland Star-News* listed Kerek Mason's winning time for the boys 1,600-meter run as 4 minutes 42.49 seconds. It should be 4 minutes 52.49 seconds. This was a reporting error.

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Wednesday - Last day for seniors.

Thursday - Freedom League track meet at Oakley 10 a.m.; Western Kansas Liberty League track meet at Oakley 3:30 p.m.

Saturday - Baccalaureate 2 p.m.; High school graduation 4 p.m.

Monday - Kindergarten and eighth grade graduation; final semester exams; Board of Education meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Final semester exams.

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