

# Goodland sends 10 to state track meet

The Cowboys track team will send six athletes to the Class 4A state meet at Cessna Stadium in Wichita on Friday and Saturday, while Cowgirls will send four.

The top four finishers in each event at regional meets advance to state. Goodland was one of 16 teams at the regional meet in Buhler on Friday; the Cowboys finished fifth and the Cowgirls ninth.

Three seniors qualified for the state meet in individual events. Josef Felver placed second in the 200-meter dash and fourth at 100 meters. Espirion "Speedy" Aguilar finished third in the 1,600-meter run and fourth in the 800-meter dash. Dan Melia placed third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Junior Bret Jarmin placed fourth in the javelin. The Cowboys 4x100-meter relay team of Jarmin, Felver, and seniors Jared Duke and Lance Tedford finished third and qualified for state.

Other top six finishers for the Cowboys were senior Jordan Bedore, who was fifth in the discuss; Jarmin fifth in the 100-meter dash; and Melia fifth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. Sixth-place finishers were junior Drew Wilkens in the 300-meter hurdles, freshman Kerek Mason in the 1,600-meter run and Tedford in the long jump.

Heading to Wichita Friday for the Cowgirls are freshmen Kaylee Billinger, Emily Murray and Dani Bedore and junior Kara Angelos. Goodland's 4x100-meter relay team, which finished second.



Senior Josef Felver (right) won this heat of the 100-meter dash at the Northwest Kansas League tournament on May 14 in Oakley. Junior Bret Jarmin (second from left) was third in this heat. Both

Cowboys will compete at the state meet this weekend at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

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Billinger qualified for state in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, finishing third and fourth respectively. Murray placed third in

the 300-meter low hurdles to advance, and Bedore was fourth in the long jump to qualify for the state meet.

Senior Jessica Osborn finished fifth in the javelin and sixth in the shot put. Freshman Whitney Dautel was fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

The Crusaders of Buhler High School, host of the regional meet, won both the boys and girls team competitions. The Lady Eagles of

Colby finished second, while the Eagle boys were 16th.

The field event schedule for Goodland's athletes includes the boys javelin at 1:15 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday and the girls long jump at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The preliminary races for the track events will be held Friday and the finals on Saturday.

On Friday, the boys 110-meter hurdles start at 9:20 a.m., followed by the girls 100-meter dash at 9:45 and the boys 100 meters at 10. The girls 4x100-meter relay preliminaries will be run at 10:20 a.m., followed by the boys at 10:40.

The girls 300-meter hurdles will start at 11:45 a.m. The girls 200-meter dash will be at 12:40 p.m., followed by the boys at 1.

On Saturday the boys 110-meter hurdles final starts at 11:30 a.m. The girls 100-meter dash final will be at 2:05 p.m. followed by the boys at 2:25 p.m. The 1,600-meter races for both boys and girls will start being run at 2:40 p.m.

After the 1,600-meter run, there will be a Hall of Fame Presentation. After that, the girls 4x100-meter relay starts at 4:05 p.m. and the boys at 4:35 p.m. The girls 300-meter hurdles start at 5:45 p.m. The boys 800-meter dash final starts at 6:40 p.m., followed by the girls 200-meter dash finals at 7 and the boys at 7:15 p.m.

The championship awards ceremony will be held following the completion of the 4x400-meter relay competition, around 8:45 p.m.

# Lady Outlaws open season 1-3 at home tourney

By Greg Stover

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The Lady Outlaws softball team opened its season Saturday at Centennial Park, going 1-3 at the Goodland 14 and Under Fastpitch Invitational.

Goodland lost 5-3 to the Colorado Cougars from Burlington in its first game of the tournament, then lost to the Colby Sweet Thunder 10-7 in its second.

In their third game, the Lady Outlaws defeated Sharon Springs 19-8. Sharon Springs took a 2-0 lead af-

ter the first inning and increased it to 4-0 in the top of the second. Goodland came back in the bottom of the second to tie the score at four.

Sharon Springs retook the lead 5-4 in the top of the third. However the Lady Outlaws responded with their best inning at bat for the tournament, going through their entire lineup twice and scoring 13 runs take the lead 17-5.

In the top of the fourth, Outlaw pitcher Danielle Pettibone threw the first batter out at first, then struck out the second. However, she

walked the next three batters, and two others got on base, which led to Sharon Springs scoring three runs. Pettibone struck out the next batter to end the attempted comeback.

Goodland picked up two more runs in the bottom of the fourth, then the game was called due to the 1 hour, 15 minute time limit in tournament rules.

In their final game, the Lady Outlaws faced the undefeated Hill City Heat.

The Goodland defense held Hill City to a "three-and-out" series in

the top of the first inning.

In the bottom of the inning, the Outlaws scored four runs highlighted by a double by Holly Kibel that drove in a run. A pair of Hill City miscues allowed her to score on the same play.

The second inning was almost identical to the first. Hill City went three-and-out and Goodland scored four runs to make the score 8-0 going into the third.

The Heat reversed the trend in the third inning by scoring four runs, helped out by a pair of back-to-back

triples, then holding the Outlaws to a three-and-out/

Hill City kept the pressure on by scoring seven runs in the top of the fourth, helped out by another triple and a ground-rule double, and taking the lead 11-8. Goodland scored a run to make it 11-9, but with one out and runners on second and third, an Outlaw got picked off for the second out.

Goodland scored one more run to close within one, but an easy pop fly to the Heat's second baseman to end the inning and the game with the fi-

nal 11-10.

In other games, Hill City defeated Sharon Springs 22-6 in five innings, Colorado 12-5 and Colby 6-5. Colby defeated Colorado 6-2 and Sharon Springs 17-0. Colorado defeated Sharon Springs 12-11.

The Hill City Heat went 4-0 to win the gold medal while Colby Sweet Thunder went 3-1 for the silver. Colorado finished 2-2 and Sharon Springs 0-4.

The Lady Outlaws' next action will be June 5-6 at a tournament in Hays.

# After frustrating search, some sense, order found

At last I found one, a NCAA Division I-AA football conference that makes sense, but it took some searching.

The Big Sky Conference consists of eight schools from seven states, so I imagine their travel budgets border on the ridiculous, and they all play football within the same conference. What a relief! No team going to another conference to play football and none coming in just for football.

There's more good news: Unlike The Ivy League, Big Sky teams play an 11-game schedule like most Division I-AA teams, and they participate in the playoffs.

So what do I have to gripe about? Only that it took five conferences to find one that makes sense. Granted, it's made up of schools most of us never heard of, but still it's nice to find some sense and order in the chaos of college football.



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Although it's not a gripe, there is something odd about the Big Sky: parity. Usually by the end of a season, one team stands alone on top of the conference standings, and occasionally there is a tie at the top. However, last season three Big Sky teams finished on top with 5-2 conference records, two others finished 4-3 and another 3-4. There was even a tie at the bottom, with two teams going 1-6.

But isn't that what college football is about, when the top teams are about equal in talent and strength and its up to the players to decide on

the field who wants to win more. That's what makes football exciting, when the bookies call the game even and it's up to the intangibles who will come out on top.

Anyway, back to the Big Sky Conference. It's one of the conferences whose champion gets an automatic spot in the playoffs. Last season, that spot went to Montana State University. The Bobcats had the worst overall record of the three teams tied for first, but defeated both of the other two to win the head-to-head competition.

The other two, the University of Montana and Northern Arizona University, both had better overall

records. Shouldn't they also be considered for the playoffs as well? I say yes, and they were. In fact, all three went to the playoffs. Montana and Montana State lost in the first round, and Northern Arizona lost in the quarterfinals.

Only 16 teams out of about 125 are chosen for the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Eight conference champions are automatic qualifiers, which leaves eight chosen at-large. I don't know what criteria the selection committee uses, but it seems to be fair, and based on performance, rather than other considerations like the bowls for Division I-A.

All but one of the 16 teams selected had three or fewer losses. The other one had five losses but was a conference champion and earned an automatic spot. That was

Montana State, by the way. Not all the teams with only three losses qualified—there were too many—but there were three teams with two or fewer losses who did not compete in the playoffs.

The University of Pennsylvania, a member of the Ivy League, went 10-0 in 2003 but by tradition did not go to the playoffs, which is something I already griped about. The University of Northern Colorado

went 9-2 but since it was in its first year of transition to Division I, by rule, was not eligible for post-season play.

Southern University finished the regular season 11-1 but as a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference played in the conference championship game instead of the national playoffs.

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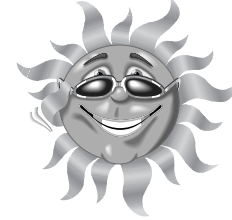
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