

Eight Goodland swimmers bring home gold

The Goodland swim team finished fourth out of 10 teams at a meet in Oakley on Saturday despite cold and rainy weather.

Goodland brought home eight individual gold medals and two for relays, and three swimmers won two gold medals each.

Hannah Blake won the 11-12 girls 100-yard freestyle in 1 minute 14.97 seconds and the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes 45.35 seconds. She finished third in the 50-yard freestyle

Her older brother Daniel won the

15-18 boys 100-yard freestyle in 58.4 seconds and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1 minute 17.9 seconds. He was second in the 50-yard freestyle.

Brennan Clouse won the 13-14 boys 100-yard freestyle in 1 minute 11.31 seconds and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1 minute 28.16 seconds. Clouse was second in the 200-yard freestyle.

Holton Witman won the 8-and-under boys 25-yard backstroke in 28.33 seconds and Riley O'Harah won the 9-10 boys 25-yard freestyle

in 15.94 seconds. O'Harah was second in the 100-yard freestyle and 25-yard butterfly. Witman was third in the 25-yard freestyle.

Goodland's 8-and-under boys 100-yard freestyle relay team of Zach Miller, Colton Cooper, Drew House and Holton brought home the gold, winning in 2 minutes 2.4 seconds. The 9-10 mixed 100-yard freestyle relay team of O'Harah, Kassarah Woodrow, Chloe Goodwin and Shayley Miller won in 1 minute 35.15 seconds.

In the 8-and-under boys compe-

tion, Miller placed second in the 25-yard breaststroke, fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and fifth in the 25-yard freestyle. Cooper was third in the 25-yard breaststroke. For 8-and-under girls Taryn Bedore finished fourth in both the 50-yard freestyle and 25-yard butterfly.

For 11-12 boys, Erik Roeder was fourth in both the 50-yard backstroke and 50-yard breaststroke, and was sixth in the 100-yard individual medley.

Bryan Gray placed third in both the 13-14 boys 50 and 100-yard

freestyle races, and was fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke. Tanner O'Harah finished fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

In the 13-14 girls 200-yard freestyle, Chelsey Horney placed third and Halli Stone fourth.

Carlee Cooper, Rachel Horney and Kaitlyn Laue competed Saturday in the 8-and-under girls competition. The relay team of Elizabeth House, Shycol Woodrow, Megan Siruta and Bedore was third in the 100-yard medley and fourth in the

100-yard freestyle.

The 9-10 mixed 100-yard medley relay team of K. Woodrow, Jed Gray, R. O'Harah and Parker Sieck finished third.

The 13-14 mixed relay team of Stone, Clouse, B. Gray and T. O'Harah finished third in both the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley.

Colby won the meet with 382 points, followed by Burlington with 205. Holyoke was third with 172. Goodland's total was 132. The next meet will be Saturday in Colby.

No college football leaves void for fan

One of the few gripes I have about living in Goodland is the lack of college football close by. I moved to Kansas in March 1999, and for the next four football seasons I attended every home college football game where I lived, in Emporia for the 1999 season and in Hays for the 2000-2002 seasons. I even went to an away game while in Emporia, watching the Hornets get clobbered by the Pittsburg State Gorillas.

Actually attending a football game offers so much more than just watching one on television. It gets you off the couch, for one thing, and outside. There's the tailgate parties, the school band, a chance to mingle with other fans, plus no commercial interruptions. Seeing a game in person adds excitement to the experience.

Unfortunately, the nearest collegiate football is played by the Tigers of Fort Hays State, about 140 miles away. The Tigers will be one of the first teams to play this season when they face Emporia State for their annual season opener in Emporia.

After its game against the Hornets, Fort Hays State will have a three-game home stretch, beginning with perennial powerhouse Pittsburg State on Sept. 4. A week later, the Tigers play the Cowboys



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of New Mexico Highlands in their conference opener at home.

On Sept. 18, Fort Hays State hosts the Chadron State Eagles, another annual top 25 team. The Nebraska team was ranked No. 9 in the nation when the Tigers beat them 33-28 in Chadron in perhaps their best win of the decade. I'm sure the Eagles will be looking for payback.

The Tigers have five home games this season and two of the away games are less than 250 miles away. Fort Hays State may not be a powerhouse, but it is the closest team to Goodland and there are plenty of alumni living here.

Former Goodland Cowboy Kris Rubio is a defensive back for the Tigers this year after redshirting last season, so here's a chance to see a local guy in action.

The Tigers might not be one of the best football team around but they are the closest, and they have some ties to Goodland. So think about going to a game or two and if you are interested in car-pooling, give me a call.



Michelle Smith practiced the discus last Wednesday afternoon, getting for the Missouri Valley Amateur Athletic Union Championships this weekend. Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland athlete goes to next level

Two young Goodland athletes competed at the Amateur Athletic Union Kansas State Track and Field Championships on June 11 and 12 in Manhattan, with one of them qualifying for the Missouri Valley Championships this weekend.

Michelle Smith placed second in the youth girls discus with a throw of 96 feet, 9 inches to advance to the next level. She finished fifth in the shot put with a heave of 32 feet, 9 inches.

Smith competed on the seventh-grade Lady Mustangs track and field team this spring. She set the school record of 97 feet, 2 inches in the discus April 27 at a meet in Atwood. She also set in the school record in the shot put at 34 feet, 9 inches April 6 in Burlington.

Smith also qualified for the Missouri Valley Championships in the shot put, being one of the top eight in the event on the state perfor-

mance list. Her record-setting performance got her fourth place.

Dustin Pennington competed in three events in the intermediate boys category at the meet in Manhattan. Pennington finished sixth in the 3,000-meter run in 12 minutes 4.4 seconds. He was seventh in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 20.92 seconds and 14th in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet 3 inches.

Pennington was a member of the eighth-grade boys team from Grant Junior High this past season.

The top four finishers from each event and age group at the state meet advance to the Missouri Valley Championships at which the athletes from Kansas and Missouri will compete. The meet will be at the Platte County High School track in Platte City, Mo., about 20 miles northwest of Kansas City International Airport.

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