



Future Goodland Cowboys

Coach Greg Craig (third from left in left photo) “encouraged” potential offensive linemen to push as Head Coach Tony Diehl watched during the morning session Tuesday at his football camp last week. Coach Jon McLain (above right) evaluated a pass reception by Andrew Taylor.

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A lot of information out there, just not together in one magazine

There are plenty of magazine issues available that talk about the upcoming college football season, with each having its strong and weak points.

These annual issues tend to be expensive, somewhere between \$7-9 each, so unless you’re a fanatic or have so much money that cost isn’t a concern, chances are you’ll buy only one or two. So the big question is which one to get?.

Of course, the choice may depend on your particular interest. In the five years I’ve been in Kansas, I found most fans here are either fans of the Kansas Jayhawks or the Kan-



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sas State Wildcats, and for them college football really doesn’t exist outside the Big 12 Conference.

Division I-A football dominates the fans’ interest and, as a result, gets the vast majority of television coverage, merchandising, press coverage and emphasis in pre-

season magazines, so much so that over half of the magazines only cover Division I-A.

That is the case with Phil Steele’s College Football Review. Although it only covers Division I-A, it does do a complete job. I recently got a copy of this year’s issue and one of the things I found refreshing was that it dedicated equal space to each team.

Some magazines I’ve seen give some of the perennial powerhouses three or four pages, then squeeze 10 or 12 teams into a single page along

with a bunch of advertisements. My favorite team is Army, which usually is among the dozen relegated to a single page. Granted, the Black Knights had their worst season in history last year, going 0-13, but each team should get equal attention every year in preseason coverage.

Anyway, I follow all levels of college football, Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA, which is why I usually avoid those magazines that only cover Division I-A. My annual purchase is Street & Smith’s College Football, which is guilty of uneven coverage of Division I-A

teams but at least talks about I-AA, II and III along with some statistics. It even gives me the post-season bracket of the NAIA playoffs, but not much else about that level.

Street & Smith’s is not perfect, but it is the one that best gives me what I want.

My gripe is I can’t find a magazine that covers college volleyball, which is supposed to be one of the six major collegiate sports. You can find magazines about basketball and a couple about college baseball, but finding one that covers women’s sports is nearly impossible.

Women’s basketball sometimes

will get a few pages in the men’s basketball previews, but I’ve yet to see anything on volleyball or softball.

Goodland will have at least two football players on Division I-A rosters in 2004, Jordan Bedore, a freshman at Kansas State who might redshirt, and Luke Stone, a senior strong safety at Indiana. But let’s not forget Goodland will have two volleyball players in Division I as well: Alisha McKee, a freshman at Fresno State, and Ashley Hallagin, a senior at Lamar University in Texas.

City/County recreation boys, girls tournaments crown champs

The championship games of the post-season tournaments for City-County Recreation boys baseball and girls softball leagues were played last week at Centennial Park.

On June 12, Kiwanis and Finley’s Motors met in the championship game of the girls major tournament, with Kiwanis winning by a single run 11-10.

The first three games of the girls rookie tournament were played last

Tuesday, with Gambino’s defeating Pi Eta Sorority 16-12 and Yost Farm Supply beating Dinkle Law Office 19-11. Gambino’s then took on KC Video, the tournament’s top seed, losing 17-11. KC Video won the championship game Thursday, defeating Yost 24-10.

The boys major tournament continued a week ago Monday with Unruh Chiropractic beating Dairy Queen 9-3. Dairy Queen then de-

feated Kiwanis 11-10, followed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars beating Dan Brenner Ford 10-5.

The next games were played two days later, with Dairy Queen defeating VFW 9-8 and Unruh defeating Bowladium 9-0. Next, Dairy Queen beat Bowladium 12-9 to advance to last Thursday’s championship against Unruh. Unruh won that game 6-2.

The boys rookie tournament also

continued last Monday, with Snappy Snack beating Basgall Construction 7-1. Basgall came back in the next game, defeating Hank’s Cafe 6-3, followed by Marshall’s Team 10-8 win over American Family Insurance.

The tournament picked up again last Wednesday with Basgall beating

Marshall’s 17-8. Snappy Snack then beat Crazy R’s 14-3 which also lost the next game to Basgall 4-1 to set up the next day’s championship game between Snappy Snack and Basgall.

Basgall defeated Snappy Snack in the first championship game 13-1, forcing a second one in the double-elimination tournament,

which Basgall also won 4-3.

Tammy Freeman of the recreation office said a new one-pitch coed softball league for September and October will begin registration on Aug. 2. Teams must register by Aug. 27, and play begins Sept. 8. For information, call Recreation Director Jason Hickson at 899-4525.

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