

Collegiate football belongs on Saturday

I thought it was a mistake to play college football on Thursday night, but I've grown to accept it.

I understand that the initial idea was to get some teams that didn't usually get national exposure some television time, and the revenue to comes with it, but things are getting out of hand.

Instead of the NCAA having one game a week scheduled for a Thursday night between two teams who will only play one such game a season, now there are as many as 10 games on any given Thursday.

Some teams play two or three Thursday-night games a season and it seems to be the norm that each team play at least one of its games on a day other than Saturday.

Why am I griping about this? College football on Saturday is a tradition I don't want to see go away. I'm used to the idea that high school games are played on Friday, college on Saturday and professional games on Sunday.

Monday Night Football was fine with me because it involved only one game a week, but then they came up with "the special Saturday version of the Thursday night edition of Monday Night Football." But since I no longer follow professional football, I really don't care what they do.

However, when the greed for money, through television revenues, starts letting advertisers dic-



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tate college schedules, somebody needs to bang heads together.

What got me going on this was the University of Louisville, a member of Conference USA. The Cardinals will play an 11-game regular season starting on Sept. 5., a Sunday. Only six of Louisville's 11 games in 2004 will be on Saturday; there's a Wednesday, a Friday and two Thursday night games to go along with it's Sunday opener.

I've given up hope that Division I-A college football will return to a more pure form of competition, but I can still wish for it and, of course, gripe about not having it.

Another gripe I have with nationally televised games is the commercials. Before, networks would fit commercials in whenever there was a break in the action, such as time outs or injury delays. Now there are commercials after every score, every change of possession and sometimes after a first down. Apparently, the networks no longer care that the fans end up missing an extra point attempt or kickoff so long as the commercial runs and the money flows.

Greed for the advertising dollar is ruining college football.

Lady golfers have fun at Sweet Sue tourney

Marilyn Imel and Diane Meeting won the 27th annual Sweet Sue Golf Tournament played June 25 and 26 at Sugar Hills Golf Course.

Traditionally the tournament's first day is a "fun day" which started off this year with the Susan B. Komen Cancer Fund Tee Off on the course's 10th hole. Debra Raymer came the closest to the pin winning a 9-wood golf club.

A nine-hole two-lady scramble was the day's next event with Connie Livengood and Audrey Hines taking first place in the Champion Flight with a score of 35. Second place went to the team of Dolores Rohr and Paulette Unruh who scored 37. Third place went to Jackie Elliott and Susan Scherling with a 38.

There was a three-way tie for first place in the First Flight with the teams of Tammy Neal and Christy Kerns, Brenda McCants and Sally Palmer, and Connie Sheldon and Becky Alexander each scoring 42.

The scramble was followed by a two-lady shoot-out. The team of Neal and Kerns took first place in the Champion Flight with Ramona Livengood and Cheryl Patterson teaming up to take second. Marsha McGillivray and Darlene Lohr won in the First Flight followed by Joan Jamison and Leslie Folke.

The second day consisted of a 18-hole best ball tournament.

Imel and Meeting combined for a net score of 55 to take first place in the First Flight and become the

overall tournament champions. Second place in the flight went to the team of Jamison and Folke who shot a net score of 62. The team of McGillivray and Lohr took third with 64.

The team of C. Livengood and Hines won in the Champion Flight with a net score of 58. Second place went to Rohr and Unruh with a score of 60 and third went to R. Livengood and Patterson with 61.

Sheldon and Alexander took first place in the Second Flight with a net score of 58. The team of Raymer and Debra Carleo tied with the team of Janet Warren and Helen Lunsford for second place with a score of 62.

Winning the medal for the individual low gross score on the par-71 course was C. Livengood who shot a 76. Livengood and Hines tied with Elliott and Scherling for the team low gross score with 72.

Rohr won the putting contest after a three-way putt off with R. Livengood and Sidney Strait. Elliott won the chipping contest.

Moving to the beat!



The brass section of the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps practiced one of their intricate moves Wednesday night in Cowboy Stadium during the performance the Corps gave for the people

of Goodland in appreciation for their hospitality.

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Former Cowgirl joins Pirate crew

Tomi Windell, who will be a freshman at Independence Community College later this month, is one of nine freshmen joining the Lady Pirate volleyball team this season.

Independence finished 33-17 last season under first-year head coach Erin Brown who returns for her second season.

The Pirates will warm up for their season opener with a scrimmage against Barton County Community College Saturday, Aug. 21, in El Dorado. They open their season, on the road against Longview Community College in Lee's Summit, Mo., on Aug. 27. The team's home opener will be Aug. 30 against Neosho County Community College.

Football time again for player from Goodland

Jared Doke, a freshman at Hutchinson Community College and a member of the Blue Dragons football team, will be back in pads again on Aug. 28 when Hutchinson opens its season by hosting the Pirates of Independence Community College.

As the starting quarterback for the Goodland Cowboys last season Doke completed 35 of 88 passes for 542 yards and five touchdowns. He also rushed 91 times for 553 yards and six touchdowns.

The Dragons are picked to finish fourth in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Coaches' preseason poll. In 2003 Hutchinson was 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!



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