

Cowgirl tennis season gets early start

By Greg Stover
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The fall high school sports season gets off to an early start Thursday morning when the Cowgirls tennis team travels to Cimarron for a tournament hosted by the Lady Bluejays.

The tournament can be considered early for two reasons: it is scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) and takes place four days before classes begin in Goodland.

Coach Wallace Hansen, in his fifth season with the Cowgirls, said the team will have to leave at 5 a.m. to get to Cimarron on time. He expects to see five of six teams at the tournament there.

Seven players return from last year's team, including senior Grace Langness and juniors Kali Rietcheck and Megan Stefan. Sophomores back from last season are Sandy Johnson, Jessica Lu, Jena McCall and Jillian Parker.

Hansen said he was a little disappointed in this season's turnout, as three players from last year's team did not return and no freshmen showed up. He said the team may



Goodland High senior Grace Langness got in some net practice Friday afternoon at Steever Park. The tennis girls will open their season Thursday in Cimmaron.

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pick up one or two players once classes begin.

Since he lost his three best players from last year to graduation,

Hansen said inexperience will be a factor for the team and he's hoping to build some confidence in the players as quickly as possible. He

Former Trojan wrestler competes in Athens

A former Colby Community College star will wrestle his first Olympic match Sunday, and one of the people who will be there cheering him on is his former coach, Steve Lampe.

Former Trojan Daniel Cormier's opening match, at 96 kilograms, is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Athens, or 5 a.m. Mountain Time. CNBC, S&T Cable channel 75 and Eagle Cable channel 29, will broadcast Olympic



Daniel Cormier

his favor to place him on the stand in Athens."

freestyle wrestling between 6 and 10 a.m. Saturday, and between 3 and 5 a.m. and between 8 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

"He's very capable but will be more than seriously tested by the great field entered at his weight class," Lampe said. "I am confident that he will do well. Everything is currently in

While attending Colby College, Cormier won two national championships, in 1998 and 1999. He went on to wrestle two seasons for Oklahoma State University and was the NCAA Division I runner-up at 184 pounds in 2001, his senior year. Cormier is one of three former Oklahoma State wrestlers representing the U.S.A. in Athens.

Originally from Lafayette, La., he now lives in Stillwater, Okla.. Since graduation Cormier has kept busy competing in both freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling in na-

said the team had some good practices last week and he is encouraged by the players' attitude and efforts.

Hansen said he definitely plans to play Parker in singles this season and will probably team up Rietcheck and Stefan as one of the doubles teams. He said he wants the team to get in some more practice before making more plans.

In Kansas, girls play two singles matches and two doubles matches per team per event. Each player is limited to eight matches a season up to the regional tournament.

Hansen said it is the individual records of the singles players or the doubles teams that determine who advances to the regional and state tournament and are the measure of a team's success.

The Cowgirls team is involved in three of the first six interscholastic athletic events for Goodland. On Tuesday, Aug. 31, the team travels to Phillipsburg for a tournament.

On Sept. 2, the same day the cross country and girls' golf teams open their season, the tennis team will go to Larned.

Back in stride



Junior Tiffany Thomas led the pack during cross country practice Thursday morning. The Cowboys and Cowgirls open their season Thursday, Sept. 2, with the Goodland Invitational at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

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Econo class made competitive debut Saturday

Diana Ross of Goodland won the Sherman County Speedway's first competitive econo class race Saturday during the Bill Gray Memorial stock car races.

Alex West of Alex's Radiator & Repair said the econo class car has no modifications except a rollbar. The class was introduced in a exhibition race on July 10.

Marshall Carson of Goodland finished second in the econo main race. Richard Pummer was third followed by, in order, Emmanuel

Young, Matt Phillipi and Chad Delano all of Goodland.

David Schemm of Goodland won the bomber main race with Jeremy Blackwill, of Colby second and Jordan Blackwill of Quinter third. Ron Haremza of Colby, who won the cash dash, finished fourth.

Other Goodland finishers were Jared Smades, eighth; Joey Snethen, 12th; Drew Miller, 15th; Junior Wolfrum, 16th; and Steve Arntt, 17th.

Brian Kleine of Burlington won

the mini-stock race with Marcus Rogers, also of Burlington, second. Zeb Smith of Goodland finished sixth.

Justin Beakley of Lamar won the main race and the cash dash in the stock class. Michael Meyers of Sharon Springs was second in the main race.

Darren DeLoach of Lamar won the main race and cash dash in the modified class. Dwayne Dechant of Lamar place second in the main race.

The next races will be Saturday, Sept. 4, during Labor Day weekend at the speedway next to the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Attention! Veterans!

If you use the Veterans Affairs health-care services, or expect to in the future you are invited to attend the public forum at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, at the Goodland VFW, 824 Main.

Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Hays) is hosting this forum to give veterans an opportunity to discuss their health-care needs, and other issues. The new Denver Regional Veterans Affairs Director Dr. Lawrence Biro will be present.

The forum is open to all veterans, their families, friends and the public to learn about the Veterans Affairs system and tell the representatives what the veterans of northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado and southwestern Nebraska needs are for services in the future.

The six border counties of Kansas are part of the Denver Veterans Affairs Region, and VA representatives and Congressman Moran's staff members will be at the forum to help veterans and their families with any problems they may be having.

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