

## Heading for wide open spaces



Freshman running back T.J. Hawkins (No. 10) looked for a hole in the defense during the first half of the Cowboy's Soap Scrimmage Friday evening at Cowboy Stadium.  
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## Kansas breaks even in first week of NCAA Division II football

All four Kansas NCAA Division II football teams opened their seasons last week, and with two of them playing each other, that resulted in two wins and two losses.

All three games involved a team from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association against a team from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

On Thursday, the Hornets of Emporia State University defeated the Tigers of Fort Hays State University 13-10 at Welch Stadium in Emporia. This was the sixth straight year the two teams opened their season against each other. In 2003, the Hornets defeated the Tigers 31-21 at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

The Hornets jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter and led 13-3 at halftime after both teams scored on field goals in the second quarter. The Tigers scored a touchdown about halfway through the third quarter to close to within three points. Neither team scored again, giving Emporia State the win.

Emporia State went 9-3 last season and finished in a rare five-way tie for first place in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association with a 7-2 conference record. The Hornets were ranked No. 15 in the final 2003 American Football Coaches' Association Top 25 poll.

The Tigers were 6-5 overall in 2003 and finished third in the Rocky Mountain conference with a 5-3 record. The highlight of their season was a 33-28 upset win on the road over Chadron State College in Nebraska, which was then ranked No. 9 in the nation. Last season also saw a seven-year losing streak to the University of Nebraska at Kearney broken with a 38-34 win in Hays.

In the second victory for the Mid-

America conference on Thursday, as the Gorillas of Pittsburg State University defeated Western State College of Colorado 56-6 in Pittsburg.

The Gorillas started fast against the Mountaineers, building a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter extending it to 35-0 at halftime. Western State got on the scoreboard first in the second half after returning a blocked put seven yard for a touchdown but missed the extra point. The Gorillas added another touchdown in the third quarter and two more in the fourth.

Senior quarterback Neal Philpot, a 1999 graduate of Norton Community High School, lead Pittsburg's offensive attack by throwing for four touchdowns and rushing for another. Philpot completed 9 of 13 passes for 205 yards with no interceptions, and rushed eight time for 63 yards.

The Gorillas were one of the teams in the five-way tie for first place in the Mid-America conference last year, finishing the season 9-3 overall. Pittsburg State was picked No. 1 in the conference coaches' preseason poll and No. 7 in the 2004 American Football Coaches Association preseason poll released last Tuesday.

The Colorado School of Mines kept the Mid-America conference from winning all three games by defeating Washburn University of Topeka 34-27. The first quarter ended in a 13-point tie as both teams scored two touchdowns and both missed one of the extra points. The Orediggers scored twice in the second quarter while the Ichabods scored once to make it 27-21 at halftime.

Both teams went scoreless in the third period, then Washburn tied the score at 27 on a 64-yard pass play about halfway through the fourth quarter. However, on their next drive, the Orediggers drove 77 yards on 11 plays, scoring on a 10-yard pass play for the final score of the game to give Mines the win.

Mines finished 6-5 overall and was picked No. 5 in the Rocky Mountain preseason poll. The Ichabods were 5-6 overall last year and picked No. 6 in the Mid-America preseason poll.

Pittsburg State travels to Hays on Saturday to face the Tigers. Emporia State travels to Jacksonville, Ala., to take on Jacksonville State University, a Division I-AA team. Washburn hosts Langston University on Saturday at Yager Stadium in Topeka.

## Cowgirls open season next week

The No. 1 Cowgirls volleyball team will host a quadrangular meet starting at 3:30 p.m. next Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse to begin the journey back to the state championship.

Making the trip to Goodland for the Cowgirls' season opener are the Indians of Hays, Monarchs of Thomas More Prep-Marian out of Hays and the Cougars of Burlington. The meet will include varsity, junior varsity and C-team matches.

Coach Jerry McKee has 34 girls on this season's roster, including six returning lettermen. Back this year are juniors Jordan Frazier, Justeen Koehler, Lisha Tedford and Melissa Swager, along with sophomores Dani Bedore and Whitney Archer. Bedore made the Northwest Kansas League all-league team last year.

The Cowgirls are the defending Class 4A state champions. They went 38-2 last year including a 33-match win streak and did not lose to

a team from Kansas. Both losses were to tough Colorado teams early in the season.

The Cowgirls are No. 1 in the Kansas Volleyball Association's Class 4A preseason rankings. The Lady Beavers of Scott City were ranked No. 5 and are scheduled to face the Cowgirls twice during the regular season, first at a quadrangular meet in Scott City on Tuesday, Sept. 14, and then at one in Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday, Sept. 25.



## Goodland Cowgirls

### 2004 Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 7	Home Quad with Burlington, Hays, TMP-Marian	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Overland Tournament in Denver	TBA
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Sept. 14	Scott City Quad with Lakin, Leoti	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	C Team at Oberlin Tournament	8 a.m.
Sept. 23	Holcomb Quad with Ulysses, Dodge City	4 p.m.
Sept. 25	Home Quad with Colby, Scott City, Wheatland	10 a.m.
Sept. 28	Home Quad with Weskan, two teams TBD	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Oakley Tournament	8 a.m.
Oct. 5	Oberlin Tri-meet with Atwood	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Junior varsity & C Team at Hays Tournament	8 a.m.
Oct. 12	Oakley Quad with Weskan, Grinnell	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Scott City Quad with Colby, Hoxie	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Oberlin	9 a.m.

Note: All times shown are Mountain Time

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#### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 7

**WEDNESDAY** - SPEECH AND DRAMA MEETING AT OAKLEY 7 P.M.

**THURSDAY** - SPIRIT SPREADER AT OAKLEY

**FRIDAY** - FOOTBALL AT BREWSTER AGAINST OTIS BISON 7 P.M.

**MONDAY** - No SCHOOL, LABOR DAY

**TUESDAY** - VARSITY VOLLEYBALL QUAD AT WESKAN 3 P.M.

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