

# Cowgirls finish 2-1 at opening quad at Max Jones

By Greg Stover  
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The Hays High School volleyball team gave the Cowgirls a rude awakening Tuesday by beating them 25-20 and 25-18 during the quadrangular meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland opened its season by defeating Thomas More Prep-Marian 25-18 and 25-23 in the second varsity match of the meet. Hays defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian 26-24, 25-18 in the opening varsity match.

In the next match Hays beat Burlington 25-12, 25-20 to set up a match between the two remaining undefeated teams. The Lady Indians, who entered the meet 3-0 for the season, were able to pull away in the final points of what was a close contest to win the first game 25-20. In the second game with the score tied at 3 Hays was able to score six straight points then held off the Cowgirls through the rest of the game to win 25-18.

Next Thomas More Prep-Marian defeated Burlington 25-21 and 28-26. The final match of the meet had the Cowgirls facing the Burlington Cougars. In the first game Goodland broke a two-all tie by scoring five straight points with the help of



Junior Melissa Swager (center) and sophomore Whitney Archer (right) waited for a serve from Burlington during the second game of the match between the Cowgirls and the Cougars. The Cowgirls

sophomore Dani Bedore's serving skills to make it 7-2 after which the Cougars could get no closer than four points losing 25-17. The second game saw six service errors in the first 12 points however

won the match 25-17 and 26-24. The Cowgirls varsity and junior varsity both play in Denver Saturday.

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Goodland managed to build an 8-4 lead. Burlington dug in its heels and slowly chipped away at the Cow-

girls' lead tying the score at 14. The teams tied the score six more times after that. With the score tied at 24

junior Melissa Swager got a kill to give Goodland the one-point lead. The Cowgirls won the next point and the game 26-24 for the match.

"We played well for our first time out," said coach Jerry McKee. "We had several players making their first varsity start. There are several things we will need to work on, but we have several matches scheduled close together which gives us little time to make changes."

Both the varsity and junior varsity will be in the Denver area Saturday for different tournaments. The varsity will head to Aurora for a tournament hosted by Overland High School. Goodland will be in Pool D with its first match around 9:15 a.m. Goodland picked up its only two losses last season at this tournament.

"It appears we will see some very good competition, some of the best teams in Colorado will be there," McKee said. "It is a good opportunity to see how we will do against this type of competition. I expect us to hold our own against these teams."

The junior varsity will play in the tournament hosted by Machebeuf High School. The Cowgirls will be in Pool A with their first match at 8 a.m.

## Cowboys take on more Indians; this time on home territory

The Goodland Cowboys football team will face its second Indian attack in eight days when St. Francis takes the field at Cowboy Stadium tonight.

Both teams are 1-0 after winning their opening games last Friday. Goodland defeated the Hoxie Indians 40-12 and St. Francis defeated the Red Devils of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin 8-0.

"St. Francis is always a physical football team," said Cowboy head coach Jon McLean. "They always try and establish their ground game, so they are going to try and run the ball on us first."

Against Oberlin, the Indians ran for 287 yards on 65 carries and had two running backs gain 100 yards or more. Gabe Smull rushed for 129

yards on 28 carries and Derek Ross ran 21 times for 100 yards. Smull scored the game's only touchdown on a seven-yard run in the third quarter and Ross carried the ball in for the two-point conversion.

The St. Francis defense held the Red Devils to less than 40 yards of total offense. On the ground, Oberlin gained 16 yards on 17 carries and the team picked up just 22 yards through the air. The one interception Oberlin suffered led to the 60-yard drive that produced Smull's touchdown.

"Defensively, they play a 4-3 (four linemen and three linebackers)," McLean said, "but I'm sure they will make some adjustments against of offensive sets."

On offense last week, the Cow-

boys gained 448 yards, most of it on the ground. The rushing attack was led by senior tailback Lane Winter who rushed for 170 yards on 13 carries and a touchdown. Senior quarterback Derrick Raymer gained 103 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns, and senior fullback Brock Lohr added 93 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns.

"I'm sure this will be a physical game," said McLean. "We are pretty healthy; we have some sore shoulders, but nothing serious. We are looking forward to the challenge."

Kickoff is at 6 tonight at Cowboy Stadium. The gates open at 5 p.m. Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast the game live, with pregame show starting about 5:40.

## Bulldogs chase away Cougars

By Jay Kelley  
Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School Bulldog football team got off to a 1-0 start under first-year head coach Beau Sheets on Friday night with a 34-14 win over the Otis-Bison Cougars.

"They were ranked fifth," Sheets said, "and everybody expected them to win. Our team showed a lot of heart."

Brewster went in lacking size on paper, but quickly took control of the game in spite of four fumbles.

Otis-Bison started the game with the wind to their back and kicked into the endzone, giving Brewster the ball on their 15.

Two plays later, Brewster's first fumble gave Otis-Bison the ball on the Brewster 23. The 'Dawgs held Otis-Bison to five plays, including a holding penalty on the Cougars, and regained the ball on their 24, near the spot of the fumble.

Although Brewster was able to move the ball, they were not able to get close to the endzone and were plagued by another fumble late in the first quarter. Otis-Bison had good field position most of the quarter, but the stingy Brewster defense held them to four or five plays and out. The first quarter ended with no score.

The second quarter would be different, however. The 'Dawgs began on second and 11 at the Cougar 21 and quarterback Branson Gilley found Heath Baird twice from the air to give them a first and 10 from

the 11. Gilley ran into the endzone on the next play with 11:47 left. Jake Long was stopped on the 2-point attempt and the score was 6-0.

Offensive output by both teams was almost reversed for a while, as the Cougar machine got in gear, scoring on a 41-yard run by Alex Freidenberger with six minutes left in the half, while their defense stymied the Bulldogs.

The score remained 6-6 until Gilley again found Baird, this time on the only play of a drive from the Brewster 12 with 3:04 left in the half. Baird rambled 40 yards after catching an 18-yard pass for a touchdown, and Ryan Luckert's kick made the score 13-6 for Brewster.

The 'Dawgs scored again on a Gilley-Baird combination from the Otis-Bison 16 and this time Josh Ryan put up the extra point for a 20-6 lead they would take into half time.

The third quarter found both

teams a little flat, with some penalties and incomplete passes making it the longest 12 minutes of the game.

Gilley scored again, on a 58-yard run with 5:34 left, and Ryan's kick was blocked making the score 26-6 for the Bulldogs.

Otis-Bison wasn't routed, however, and came back to pin Brewster on their own 1 with a punt. On second and nine, they tackled Jake Long in the backfield for a safety. On the first play of their ensuing drive, Dru Stos rambled 46 yards almost untouched for a touchdown to cut the Cougar deficit to 26-14 with 2:39 left in the third.

The third quarter ended on the next Brewster drive with the 'Dawgs on third and 20 at their 25. As the fourth quarter began, Long went to Kyle O'Connor and got not only the first down, but a 35-yard gain.

Brewster travels south today, to Ingalls. Game time is 7 p.m.

## Not catching me this time!



Freshman running back Casey Henderson (right) made a big gain against Hoxie in the Cowboys' junior varsity game Tuesday at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys defeated the Indians 22-8. "I was pleased with out junior varsity team," coach Jon McLean said. "We got a lot of kids on the field which helps with their development as players."

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## Wildcats go 3-0 at home


The Lady Wildcats of Wallace County High School won all three of their matches at a quadrangular meet Tuesday in Sharon Springs.

In their first match against Dundy County High School of Benkelman, Neb., the Wildcats had to go to three games, winning 30-28, 14-25 and

25-23. In their second match, they defeated Cheylin High School of Bird City 25-12 and 25-14. In the final match of the meet, the Wildcats routed Grinnell 25-9 and 25-7.


Sharon Springs finished the day 3-0, followed by Dundy County 2-1, Grinnell 1-2 and Cheylin 0-3.


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