

Cowgirls place third at Oberlin Invitational

Mason brothers lead Cowboys to fifth-place finish

The Cowgirls cross country team placed two runners in the top 10 Tuesday on its way to a third-place finish at the Oberlin Invitational.

Junior Tiffany Thomas placed third and sophomore Whitney Dautel seventh to lead Goodland. Thomas finished the two-mile course in 12 minutes, 47 seconds with Dautel just five seconds behind her.

Junior Kalie Smith finished 13th in 13 minutes, 21 seconds, junior Chelsea Ontiveroz 37th in 14 minutes, 45 seconds, sophomore Mara Sloan 38th in 14 minutes, 50 seconds and freshman April Smith 56th in 17 minutes, 20 seconds.

Five of the 11 schools competing did not have enough runners for a team score. In the team competi-

tion, Thomas was second, Dautel fifth and K. Smith ninth. Ontiveroz was 27th, Sloan 28th and A. Smith 36th.

Oakley won the girls team title with 42 points, followed by Wheatland High School of Grainfield with 63. Goodland's score was 71. Decatur Community High, the meet's host, was fourth with 85.

Brothers Derek and Craig Mason led the Cowboys to a fifth-place finish. Derek, a sophomore, finished third, covering the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 49 seconds. Craig, a senior, was 30th in 18 minutes, 43 seconds.

Junior Brandon Zelfer was 31st in 18 minutes, 54 seconds; senior James Cearley 34th in 19 minutes, 1 second; and freshman Toby Hurst

35th in 19 minutes, 24 seconds. Also running for the varsity were senior Daniel Blake, who finished 40th in 19 minutes, 36 seconds and freshman Dustin Pennington, who was 44th in 19 minutes, 44 seconds.

The Quinter Bulldogs won the boys title with 68 points. Colby was second with 91 points and Cambridge High School of Nebraska third with 94.

Norton finished fourth with 97 points and Goodland's score was 119, followed by Brewster with 137.

In the boys junior varsity race, freshman Cody Bussen placed eighth in 20 minutes, 13 seconds and sophomore Zach Breiningger was 10th in 20 minutes, 19 seconds. Goodland's cross country teams



Sophomore Whitney Dautel (left) and junior Tiffany Thomas (right) were among the leaders at the halfway point in Tuesday's race at the Oberlin Invitational. Photo by Jeff Mason

have a 10-day break before their next action at the Lakin Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Northwest Kansas League meet will be a week later, Oct. 16 in Hoxie.

Showdown of unbeaten, Cowboys vs. Plainsmen

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Two football teams that have known only victory this season will face each other tonight in Oakley.

The Goodland Cowboys and the Oakley Plainsmen are both 4-0 for the season. Both defeated the same opponents in three of the four wins and both have won all their games by at least two touchdowns.

Goodland defeated Hoxie 40-12 to open the season, while Oakley beat them 36-20 on Sept. 17. The next week, Goodland defeated St. Francis 33-8. Saintry lost to Oakley last Friday 34-12. Goodland beat Rawlins County 50-6 on Sept. 17, a week after the Buffaloes lost to Oakley 53-0.

Oakley opened their season with a 30-14 win over Norton. Last Friday, the Cowboys got their first

shutout of the season 41-0 against Decatur Community High of Oberlin for homecoming.

Last season, the Cowboys earned a one-point victory over Oakley in their 2003 homecoming game. The Plainsmen finished 7-4 and made it to the Class 3A quarterfinals.

Coach Jon McLean said the Plainsmen are, by far, the best team Goodland will face for the season. He said they are skilled at quarterback, fullback and tailback and like to run the ball. McLean also said Oakley is well coached.

The Oakley rushing attack is led by running back Matt Smith, who ran for two touchdowns and caught a pass for a third last week against St. Francis. The week before, against Hoxie, he ran for 167 yards and three touchdowns.

Goodland's ground game has

produced 1,172 of the team's 1,423 yards (82 percent). The rushing attack is led by senior fullback Brock Lohr, who has gained 508 yards on 83 carries in Goodland's first four games. He has scored 12 touchdowns, all by the run.

McLean said the game will come down to which defense can shut down the other team's rushing offense. He said both teams having a potent rushing game and proven ability to score points. The defense and special teams may determine the outcome.

"I'm looking forward to a very good ballgame," McLean said. "We need to be playing tougher teams in order to get better and be ready for the district games later in the season."

Golfers takes second in Ulysses

Freshman Sammie Raymer placed third at the golf tournament in Ulysses last Tuesday, leading the Cowgirls to a second-place finish.

Raymer finished with a 19-over-par 91 for 18 holes at the Bentwood Golf Course there. Coach Connie Livengood said this was Raymer's personal best.

The other top golfers for Goodland were senior Bailee Guyer with 107, and sisters Emily and Hannah Burkett, who both shot 113. Emily is a senior and Hannah a sophomore.

Others competing with the varsity were senior Kelsey Leiker, who scored a 123, and junior Sami Philbrick, 125.

"Tuesday at Ulysses was a good day for our golf team," Livengood

said. "They played the course well. They could have done even better, and they all know that. They beat some teams that will be at the regionals, which was a plus."

The Lady Bulldogs of Syracuse won the tournament with a score of 388. Goodland shot 424. Lakin and Ulysses tied at 425, with Lakin taking third using the fifth players' scores as the tie-breaker.

On Sept. 23, the Cowgirls placed fifth at the Scott City Invitational, led by Raymer, who finished fifth overall with a 12-over-par 48 for nine holes.

The other top Goodland golfers were senior Amy Cebula with a 53, H. Burkett with 55 and Leiker with 59. Seniors Ana McClung (61) and Emily Burkett (66) also played for

the varsity.

Senior Maggie Welch of Syracuse won the tournament with a round of 40, and her teammate, junior Cheyenne George, placed third with 46 to lead the Bulldogs to the team title with a score of 195.

Trego Community High School of WaKeeney was second with 197, led by Heather Morton, who placed second with 43. Lakin was third with 205 and Hugoton fourth just one stroke back. Goodland's score was 215. Sublette was sixth and the host Scott City seventh.

Junior Julie Leiker of Goodland placed second in the junior varsity competition with a round of 54.

The next action for the Cowgirls will be Saturday at the municipal golf course in Lakin.

Go Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Goodland High School

Football	Tonight, varsity in Oakley 6 p.m.; Monday junior varsity in Goodland against Oakley 4:30 p.m.; Thursday "C" football in Hays 3 p.m.; Friday, October 8, in Ulysses 6:30 p.m.
Tennis	Saturday, in Colby 8 a.m.; Thursday, in Scott City 12 p.m.
Golf	Saturday, at Lakin 9 a.m.; Thursday, at Syracuse 12 p.m.
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Country	Saturday, Oct. 9, at Lakin 9 a.m.
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Former Cowboy stays in top 10

Former Cowboy Espiririon "Speedy" Aguilar, a freshman at Hutchinson Community College, placed fifth last Saturday at the Tabor College Invitational cross country meet in Hillsboro.

Aguilar's time for the 8,000-meter course was 27 minutes, 28.33 seconds. He has finished in the top 10 in all three of his races so far this season.

The Blue Dragons finished second with 40 points. Freshman Eliaz Diaz led the team placing second in 27 minutes, .93 second and freshman Michael Hemphill was ninth in 28 minutes, 6.56 seconds. Butler County Community College won the meet with 26 points.

On Sept. 18, the Blue Dragons swept the top five spots and nine of the top 10 at the McPherson Bulldog Invite at the Rolling Acres Golf Course in McPherson. Hutchinson was led by Diaz, who took first with Aguilar second.

On Saturday, the Blue Dragons will compete in the college/junior college division at the Cowboy

Jamboree at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Last year, Hutchinson finished 14th in a field of 24 teams.

Goodland native scores twice in big win for Broncbusters

Sophomore wide receiver Don Raymer of Garden City Community College scored two touchdowns, on plays of 65 and 20 yards, last Saturday as the Broncbusters defeated Independence Community College 61-13.

Raymer caught six passes for 135 yards and his first two touchdowns of the season. He now leads the team in receptions with 24 and in receiving yards with 299. The 65-yard touchdown was his longest play of the season.

With the win, Garden City improved to 3-2 overall and 2-2 in the


Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The Broncbusters will play Scott City Community College at home at 7 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday. The Greyhounds are 0-5 overall.

Lady Tigers stay No. 13

Fort Hays State University remained the nation's No. 13 volleyball team in this week's national poll, released Tuesday, by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

The women are 13-2 for the season after defeating Chadron State College (Neb.) 3-0 last Saturday.

Fort Hays begins a five-match home stand tonight at Gross Memorial Coliseum against Western State College of Colorado. The Tigers play Mesa State College (Colo.) Saturday and Washburn on Tuesday.



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