

Hugoton Eagles are Cowboys' first playoff foe

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The Eagles of Hugoton High School will be in Cowboy Stadium tonight for a visit which, for at least 48 minutes, will be anything but friendly.

The Eagles will play Goodland in bi-district playoff game, with the winner moving on the regionals on Saturday. Kickoff for tonight's game is at 6 p.m.

Hugoton comes with a 7-2 record and a second-place finish in District 16. The only common opponent they have with the Cowboys is Ulysses High, which beat both teams. Ulysses shut out Hugoton 28-0 this past Thursday. The Cowboys played the Tigers, 34-20, on Oct. 8.

Hugoton's only other loss was to Lakin 22-18 on Sept. 10. Lakin finished the regular season 8-1 and plays host to Garden Plain High School in a Class 3A bi-district game tonight.

Cowboy coach Jon McLean says

the strength of Hugoton's offense is its running game, which has a good combination of size and speed. He said the Eagles have big kids up front who make holes, and ball carriers who are fast and quick to run through them.

McLean singled out Anthony Maestas, who is one of the top 20 high school rushers in Kansas. He said Maestas is small, only about 140 pounds, which allows him to hide behind the Eagles' big offensive line. That can confuse a defense and keep it off balance, he said.

"We'll have to stop their running game," McLean said. "We have to be sure of our tackles and not blow our coverage, which could allow them to get a big play."

In addition to big plays, McLean said, he is still concerned about he number of penalties the Cowboys get. For example, against Colby on Thursday, the Cowboys had 17 penalties for 154 yards, one of which nullified a touchdown.



Senior wide receiver Drew Wilkens (No. 87) ran for 33 yards on a reverse during the second quarter of Goodland's 52-22 win over the Colby Eagles on Thursday at Cowboy Stadium.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

McLean said the Cowboys are healthy. He says although senior lineman, Jake Johnson, still has a sore knee, he saw some action against Colby and should get more playing time tonight.

Goodland runner ends season at state

Goodland sophomore Kerek Mason finished 29th out of 104 at the Class 4A state cross country meet Saturday at the Wamego Country Club, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 28 seconds.

Coach Don Smith said both he and Mason expected to do better, however the start of the race did not go as planned. Smith said the strategy was for Mason to go out fast and get ahead of the main group. Because of the starting position Mason drew and the quality of competition, he could not break away until after the first quarter mile.

Smith said Mason was in 48th place at 400 yards and was able to move up as the race progressed and the runners began to open up, but not enough to make the top 20. Smith said if Mason's first mile had been just 15 seconds faster, he could have won a medal.

Clearwater High's Jay Lindal won the race in 16 minutes, 20 seconds while leading the Fighting Indians to a second-place finish. Lindal also won the boys race at the regional meet in Hutchinson last week where Mason placed fifth to qualify for state.

Smith said seven runners who ran

in Hutchinson were among the top 20 Saturday.

Baldwin High School won the boys state championship with 41 points, followed by Clearwater with 84. Wamego, the host team, placed third with 119.

Junior Kalie Smith of Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs finished 28th in the Class 1A girls two-mile race in 14 minutes, 37 seconds.

Coach Smith said she was 16th at the 400 yard mark but had difficulty at a part of the course where there was a long, gradual climb uphill into the wind during which she dropped to 33rd. He said after the climb, she was able move up, passing five runners on the way. Smith ran with the Goodland team in the regular season.

Smith said about 2,000 people came to see the meet, which consisted of the boys and girls races for Classes 1A-4A.

"I was very pleased with the support people from Goodland and Sharon Springs gave to Kerek and Kalie there," Coach Smith said. "There were about 25 to 30 there, and not all were members of the runners' families."



Goodland sophomore Kerek Mason began to move up on the leaders after the runners started to spread out allowing room for maneuver.

Photo by Jeff Mason

Gun club ends summer league with shoot

Gary Schlosser of Goodland was the top shooter, breaking 46 of 50 "rocks" Saturday at the Goodland Gun Club's final summer league shoot.

Schlosser also was a member of the high team for the shoot with Dick Leiss and John Petrachich, both of Goodland. As a team they scored 134.

The second place team comprised Curt Baldwin and Rick

Jorgensen of Goodland and Chad Niermeier of Colby. Their score was 122.

Petrachich, the club's president this year, was the "high gun" of the summer league, scoring 262, or an average of 43 "rocks" per shoot. Baldwin, the vice president, was second, just one shot behind at 261.

The club's winter league begins 1 p.m. Saturday. Shooters do not have to be a member to compete.

Entry fee is \$11. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters.

In the "singles" part of the shoot, each competitor will have 25 targets at 16 yards. After teams are set by random drawing, each will then shoot 25 targets from handicap distance. Handicaps are figured by

adding two yards to the shooters' "singles" score, but no closer than 22 yards.

For more information about the shoot, or about the club, call Jorgenson at (785) 890-2441 or Petrachich at 890-3446.

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Thursday - Freedom League Vocal Clinic 6 p.m.; Concert in Grinnell.

Saturday - Football Playoff.

Monday - High School mAcademic Bowl at Rexford 4 p.m.; 4-H meeting at Hunter Hall 7:30 p.m.; Buffer Week.

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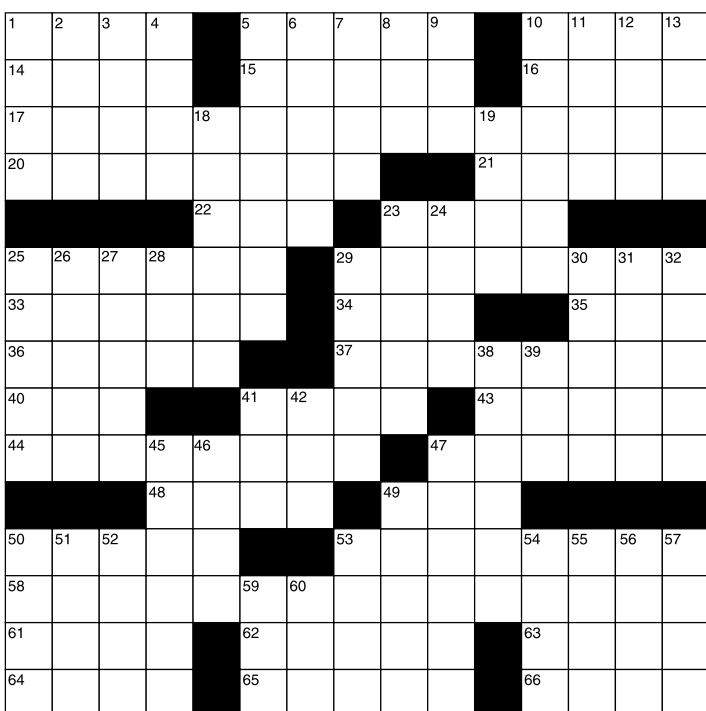
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CLUES ACROSS

- Electric car
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Refuse to acknowledge
- Adventure story
- True firs
- Bullfighting maneuver
- Foreign cars
- Excited
- Indo and European, var.
- Characterized by unity
- Used esp. of vegetation
- Infusion of e.g. dried or fresh flowers or leaves
- Willy Loman
- Connects
- Aquatic salamander
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Nostrils
- Womanizer
- Compass pt. midway between northeast and east
- Shred of cloth
- ____ Hilton, TV reality star
- Sound with resonance
- Paper
- Gear tooth
- Twit
- The former ruler of Afghanistan
- OK to rinse
- Small cars in Tokyo
- Having essential rather than superficial likeness
- Perissodactyl mammal
- The sister of your father or mother
- Mythological birds
- Slang for fidgety
- Give advice, explain

CLUES DOWN

- Dictator
- A contest of speed
- Largest known toad species
- Made from residue of grapes
- Vales
- Higher up
- Secreted by the liver
- Cyclotron energy unit
- Equal, prefix
- Bowling scores
- Fascist
- Approves food
- Seed vessel of the legume family
- Repents
- Female horse or zebra
- Shrub
- "Desire Under the ____"
- An electronic device
- Devoid of ideas
- Fathers
- Fed
- Supports a wall
- Eastern Malayo-Polynesian
- The ossicle between the malleus and the stapes
- Lake in South Africa
- Athapaskan
- Ling, mountain range
- Annoy
- Belonging to a thing
- Mains
- Norse goddess of fate
- A feeling of unhappiness
- Sock
- Open
- Powerful mackerel shark
- Poem telling of a hero's deeds
- Cried
- Essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers
- "Streak," Martin Lawrence movie
- Give temporarily
- This (Spanish)
- The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

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