

Cowgirls open season against Garden City

Another season of Goodland High School softball starts today at Centennial Park as the Lady Buffaloes of Garden City High try their luck against the Cowgirls.

Coach Andy Scheopner, in his first season, has 12 players back from a team that went 4-15 last year. Scheopner, a physical education teacher at North and West elementary schools, has 10 years of softball coaching experience with the girls 14-and-under and 12-and-under leagues. He said many of the players on this year's roster are girls he has coached.

Back for the Cowgirls' 2005 campaign are seniors Aubrea Winter and Ciara Abbey. This will be Winter's fourth season on the team and Abbey's third.

Six juniors return from last year's squad: Jordan Frazier, Chelsea Gray, Justeen Koehler, Megan Rubio, Tatum Schultz and Melissa Swager. Junior Morgan Titus, who played as a freshman, rejoins the team after skipping last season. Returning sophomores include Nicole David, Shandel Simon, Lindsay Schields and Amber Cowan. Cowan will miss the first 3-4 weeks due to an injury, the coach said.

The team has eight new faces in the dugout this season.

Junior Janelle Wolak joins the team this year after competing in track her freshman and sophomore years.

The other seven are all freshman, five of whom played for the Lady Outlaws last year. They are Holly Kibel, Shawnie Butts, Samantha Raymer, Jessica Swager, Andrea



Cowgirl freshman Andrea Wolak (above) got in some batting practice as junior Chelsea Gray worked on her catching. Junior Melissa Swager (right) participated in one of Coach Andy Scheopner's throw-and-catch drills for today's opener against Garden City. Photos by Greg Stover/ The Goodland Star-News

Wolak, Adrienne West and Cassie Sandoval.

The Cowgirls have five pitchers on their staff: Winter, Frazier, David, Schields and Raymer.

Helping Schoepner coach this season are his nephew, Ryan Scheopner, and Joy Braun. Ryan, who works for Culligan Soft Water, assisted Terry Daise last season and coached the junior varsity to an 8-8 finish.

Braun, who works at Prairieland Animal Clinic, will coach the junior varsity this year. A 1999 graduate of Goodland High, she played softball for the Lady Broncbusters of Garden City Community College.

"We're looking forward to a good year," Coach Scheopner said, "and hope people will come and support us during the season."

The first game of today's double-

header, the season opener for both teams, begins at 3 p.m. Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast the game with Andrew Melia calling the action.

Next week will be busy for the team, as they travel to Liberal for a doubleheader on Monday, return home for a pair against Scott City on Thursday, then jump over to Colby for another doubleheader on Friday.



bowling results

Wednesday Night Mixed League March 23

Fun Lovers over
D & G Clan 3-1
Guzzlin' Socializers over
Shamrock Foods 3-1
4-Stars over
Kabredlo's 3-1
The Pits over
Shear Dimensions 3-1

Women's high scratch game:
Marilyn Snethen 192
Women's high scratch series:
Marilyn Snethen 540

Men's high scratch game:
Larry McClung 225
Men's high scratch series:
Steven Colby 607

Team high scratch game:
The Pits 713
Team high scratch series:
The Pits 2,000

League Standings:

No. 1 4-Stars
No. 2 Shamrock Foods
No. 3 The Pits

Wednesday Night Scratch Classic League March 23

Hank's Cafe over
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 14-6
Weber Kennels over
Steve's Body Shop 14-6
R & W Duell Farms and
Bowladium Lanes later
Floyd's Refrig. & AC over
Phil's Pro Shop 18-2

High Individual Game:
Jerry Amthor 253
High Individual Series:
John Fixsen 859

High Team Game:
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 657
High Team Series:
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 2,388

League Standings:

Floyd's Refrig. & AC 92.5 - 47.5
Steve's Body Shop 76.5 - 63.5
Hank's Cafe 69 - 71
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 67.5 - 72.5
Bowladium Lanes 67 - 53
Weber Kennels 63.5 - 76.5
R & W Duell Farms 57 - 63
Phil's Pro Shop 47 - 93

Wednesday Night Scratch Classic League March 30

Weber Kennels tied
Bowladium Lanes 2-2
Floyd's Refrig. & AC over
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 13-7

Steve's Body Shop over
Hank's Cafe 19-1
R & W Duell Farms and
Phil's Pro Shop later

High Individual Game:
Kris Smith 277

High Individual Series:
Jerry Amthor 918

High Team Game:
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 715
High Team Series:
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 2,466

League Standings:

Floyd's Refrig. & AC 105.5 - 54.5
Steve's Body Shop 95.5 - 64.5
Bowladium Lanes 86.5 - 73.5
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 74.5 - 85.5
Weber Kennels 73.5 - 66.5
Hank's Cafe 70 - 90
R & W Duell Farms 67.5 - 72.5
Phil's Pro Shop 47 - 93



Go Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Baseball	Goodland High School Today, in Garden City, 3 p.m. Monday, in Goodland against Syracuse, 3 p.m. Friday, April 8 in Hays against Concordia, 3 p.m.
Softball	Today, in Goodland against Garden City, 3 p.m. Monday, in Liberal, 3 p.m. Thursday, in Goodland against Scott City, 3 p.m. Friday, April 8, in Colby 3 p.m.
Track	Saturday, in Ogallala, 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, in Norton, 2 p.m.
Tennis	Monday, junior varsity in Garden City, 7 a.m.
Golf	Friday, April 8, in Norton, 8 a.m.

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Ex-Cowboy 13-14 for year

Former Cowboy wrestler Blayze Bahe, now a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado, finished his first college season with a 13-14 record and went the entire season without losing by a pin or technical fall.

Bahe wrestled the season at 125 pounds, the lightest weight in college competition.

"Blayze had a good true freshman year," said coach Jack Maughan.

"It is a tough transition from high school to a Division I schedule. His record was OK, but more importantly he competed very hard in almost every match."

Perhaps the highlight of Bahe's season was going 4-0 and winning his weight at the Old Chicago Northern Colorado Open Nov. 21 in Greeley.

Four of Bahe's 13 wins this season were by pins.

"We believe if he works hard and continues to improve, he will have an excellent career," Maughan said.

Blayze, a 2004 graduate of Goodland High, is the son of Randy and Kathy Bahe of Goodland.

He was a four-year letterman in wrestling, winning the state Class 4A championship at 119 pounds his senior year.

Randy has been the Cowboys wrestling coach since 2002 season after several years as an assistant.

Maughan said he and his staff are in the process of deciding whether Bahe will wrestle or redshirt next season.

"He will either redshirt next season or the following for sure," Maughan said.

"We need to determine what is

best for Blayze and the team."

Northern Colorado finished 6-7 in dual meets this season and is in its second year of a four-year transition from NCAA Division II to Division I.



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student of the week



Student Comment: I enjoy all the great times spent with friends. Science has always been a favorite subject for me.

Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Girls Athletic Association, yearbook, peer counseling and golf.

My choice of movies, books, and games: I love Nicholas Sparks books, any kind of music and romantic and comedies for movies.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: Attend Kansas State University and major in Dentistry.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Starting a family and beginning my career as an orthodontist.

Favorite Quote: In the end it won't matter how many breaths you took but the moments that took your breath away.

Name: Amy Cebula
Parents: Stan and Gwen Cebula
Grade: Senior
Age: 18
We've nominated this student because: she allocates her time and resources to get work completed on time, understands complex interrelationships and displays individual responsibility. For these reasons Amy qualifies for student of the week.



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