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## Controlling the ball



The Cowgirls tennis team practiced ball control as part of its freshman Shonna Webster and freshman Kathy Wood. The warmup for Monday afternoon's practice. From left to right are team opens its season Thursday in Cimarron. senior Kali Rietcheck, junior Jena McCall, junior Sandy Johnson,

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

# Fort Hays volleyball team ranked 10th

The Fort Hays State University's volleyball team is No. 10 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division II preseason poll.

The Lady Tigers finished 31-5 overall last season and 17-2 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Four of their losses were to a conference rival, the Lopers of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the No. 1 team in the preseason poll.

The Lopers defeated Fort Hays State in both regular-season matches, in the championship match of the conference post-season tournament, and in the finals of the southwest regional tournament.

Nebraska-Kearney and Fort Hays State finished one-two in the conference coaches' preseason poll. Both teams belong to the conference's East Division. Metropolitan State College of Denver, which also is in the East Division, finished third in the voting. Mesa State College came in fourth and is the top ranked team in the West Division.

**GHS** Soap **Scrimmage** Friday, **Aug. 26** 5:30 p.m.

Both Metropolitan State and versity. Smith was hired on July 7, conference picks. national preseason poll.

The Tigers will open their season University. on Friday, Aug. 26, against Cameron University at the Lady Buff Classic at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Hays State this season is first-year of the year in 2003 and 2004. Holt, coach Steve Smith, who spent the from Conway Springs, was an Allprevious nine seasons as an assis- American honorable mention last tant coach at Western Oregon Uni- season. Both were first-team all-

Mesa State received votes in the replacing Jesse Mahoney, now an assistant coach at Colorado State

Returning to help lead the team on the court will be senior Kelly Skidmore and junior Ashley Holt. Skidmore, from Aurora, Colo., was On the sidelines guiding Fort the conference's defensive player

Skidmore was named the conference's defensive preseason player of the year, and both she and Holt made the preseason all-confer-

The Lady Blues of Washburn University of Topeka also made the preseason top 25 at No. 18.

Washburn is a member of the Mid-America Athletics Association, to which Fort Hays State will transfer to

Sept. 3

Sept. 27

Oct. 10

### **Goodland Cowgirls**

### **2005 Girls Varsity Tennis**

At Cimarron 7:30 a.m.

8 a.m.

2 p.m.

**TBA** 

Aug. 30 At Phillipsburg 2 p.m.

Sept. 13 Goodland Invitational 2 p.m.

Sept. 24 At Garden City 8 a.m.

Oct. 6 At Scott City 12 p.m.

Note: All times shown are Mountain Time

Regional Tennis

At Colby

At Colby

# 18 players out for Cowgirl golf

Livengood had 18 players, including seven freshman, show up for the team's first practice on Monday afternoon at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Livengood, starting her fifth season as the girls coach, said she was pleased with the turnout. She said the experience level among the players range from seniors Julie Leiker and Sami Philbrick, who are both returning for their fourth seasons, to no experience at all for some of the freshman.

Other players returning from last year's squad are juniors Kerri Bellamy, Amber Webster and Brooke Whitmore. Returning sophomores include Holly Kibel, Sammie Raymer, Renea Reasoner, Eryn Topliff and Heidi Yonkey.

Beginning their first season with the Cowgirls are freshmen Natasha Michelle Smith. This is also sopho-

**SATURDAY MORNING** 

11:00 13/7 FOX MLB Baseball

Arabia. From Williamsport, Pa.

**AFTERNOON** 

WGC NEC Invitational — Third

Round. From Firestone Coun-

try Club in Akron, Ohio. (Live)

23/29 ESPN2 ATP Tennis US

Open Series — Western &

Masters Semifinal. From Cin-

1:00 22/28 ESPN Little

League Baseball World Series

Vista, Calif. vs. Owensboro.

Ky.. From Williamsport, Pa.

28/40 TNT NASCAR Racing

Busch Series — Domino's Pizza 250. From Michigan In-

Brooklyn, Mich. (Live) (CC)

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Volleyball AVP Nissan Man-

hattan Beach, Calif. (Live)

hattan Beach Open

Cowgirls golf coach Connie more Tenee Ridder's first season with the team.

Several of the players, including some of the freshman, hit the links this summer with the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Association. Yonkey and Webster finished onetwo in the 14-15 year old girls bracket at the association's championship tournament last month in WaKeeney. In the 12-13 girls competition Gausman place second and Sheldon third.

Topliff won the 14-15 girls bracket at the Sugar Hills Junior Club Championship held June 30.

Helping Livengood again this year is Jackie Elliott.

The Cowgirls' first competition is a tournament on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Big Creek Golf Club in WaKeeney with Trego Community High as the host. On Tuesday, Sept. Cecil, Samantha Erickson, Chelsie 6, Sugar Hills will be the site of the Gausman, Linsey Owens, Danielle Goodland Girls Invitational, the Pettibone, Courtney Sheldon and Cowgirls' only home event this sea-

# Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!



Goodland High School

**Tennis** Thursday, varsity at Cimarron, 7:30 a.m.

Soap scrimmage for football and cross country will be Friday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m. at Cowboy Stadium.

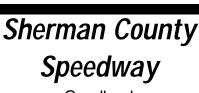
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ball New York Liberty at Connecticut Sun. From the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. (Live) (CC) 5:30 30/27 FXSP Pregame Report (Live)

**SUNDAY MORNING** 

10:30 7/11 CBS ATP Tennis burn, Wash. and Saratoga US Open Series — Western &

Sports television schedule Southern Financial Group Masters Final. From Cincin-New York Yankees at Chicago nati. (Live) (CC)

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Mexicana UNAM vs. San Luis. (En Vivo)

### **AFTERNOON**

Southern Financial Group 12:00 28/40 TNT Pre-Race Show (Live) (CC)

12:30 7/11 CBS PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational - Final Round. From Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. (Live) (CC)

28/40 TNT NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — GFS Marketplace 400. From Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

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> Pa. (Live) (CC) 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in

23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer FC Dallas at Columbus Crew. From Crew Stadium in Colum-Denver. (Live) (CC) 2:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Beach 1:30 4/6 ABC IndyCar Racing

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Beach, Calif. (Live) (CC) 3:00 23/29 ESPN2 Little League World Series Pool Play — Canada vs. Pacific. From Williamsport, Pa. (Live) 22/28 SportsCenter (Live) (CC) 5:00 22/28 ESPN Baseball

23/29 ESPN2 Horse Racing Pacific Classic/Longacres Mile/Saratoga Breeders Cup Handicap. From Del Mar, Calif., Emerald Downs in Au-Springs, N.Y. (Live)

Tonight (Live) (CC)

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