



Junior Kerek Mason (right) led Ogallala's Tanner Fruit (center) and Chase Edwards around the one-mile mark of the junior-senior boys 5K race of the Goodland Invitational on Thursday. Mason led for most of the way, but finished second to Scott Ohlson of Chase County.

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Goodland golf club hosts cross country meet

By Greg Stover

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Nearly 200 cross country runners from 13 schools ran in the Goodland Invitational on Thursday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

In the boys junior-senior division 5 kilometer race, about 3.1 miles, Goodland junior Kerek Mason finished second in 18 minutes, 10 seconds. Early in the race, Mason took the lead with Tanner Fruit of Ogallala High (Neb.) close behind.

By the two-mile mark, a group of four runners separated itself from the pack with Mason in the lead; Fruit second; Chase Edwards, also of Ogallala, third; and Scott Ohlson of Chase County High (Neb.) fourth. About 20 meters separated each runner.

With less than a kilometer to go, Ohlson started to move up. He caught up with Mason with about 500 meters left, passed him, then kept an approximately 40-meter lead to the finish. Ohlson's time was 18:07.

Goodland senior Wanja Runkel, an exchange student from Germany, finished 35th in 25:31.

In the girls junior-senior two-mile race, junior Whitney Dautel finished 10th in 14:24 with senior Tiffany Thomas 11th crossing the line 20 seconds later. Senior Kalie Smith of Sharon Springs, running for the Cowgirls, was 16th in 15:36.

Colby's Jessica Stephens won the race in 12:56 with Ogallala's Ashley Schutte second in 13:45.

In the freshman-sophomore boys 5K, sophomore Toby Hurst finished 10th for the Cowboys in 21:41. Sophomore Cody Bussen of Sharon Springs was 27th in 24:14 and sophomore Chris Geeseka 37th in 31:40.

Jesse Adams of Ogallala won the race in 18:10, with Josh Baden of Colby second in 19:03.

Freshman Brittaney Medrano was eighth in the freshman-sophomore girls two-mile, finishing in 15:11. Freshman Cassie Cooper finished 27th in 17:15. Freshman Hollie Langley also ran for Goodland.

Paige Stephens of Colby won in 14:18, with Chase County's Sarah Gooden second in 14:35.

In the one-mile race for junior high runners, Eric Ross of Grant Junior High was fifth among the boys, and sixth overall, finishing in 6:47. Goodland's Michael Pettibone ran the distance in 7:07 with teammate Chris Bustillos just one second behind. Dane Frazier ran it in 7:35, Chase Swatzky in 8:05 and Lee Prine in 9:25.

Lady Mustangs competing were Angelica Medrano, who ran a 7:56, finishing fifth among the girls, along with P.A. Gonzales (8:42), Tanicia Arnold (8:52), Jessi Geist (9:14), Alexandra Borders (9:37), Caitlyn McGinley (9:38), Day Waugh (10:07) and Kaitlyn Lammers (11:16).

Ogallala won the high school boys championship plaque and Colby the girls.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls hit the trail again Saturday in Wamego while the Mustangs travel to Tribune.

Just one stroke keeps Cowgirls from win

The Cowgirls golf team opened its season with an almost-first-place finish at the Trego Invitational last Thursday at the Big Creek Golf Club in WaKeeney.

Goodland shot a 198 for second, just one stroke behind the Lady Cardinals of Hoisington.

The Cowgirls were led by sophomores Sammie Raymer and Eryn Topliff, who both shot 12-over-par 47, placing fourth and fifth respectively.

Raymer won the scorecard tie-breaker.

The tie-breaker compared the individual's score at the highest handicapped hole and on the next, in descending order, until a difference was reached.

For the two Goodland girls, the comparison went to the fifth hole.

Junior Brooke Whitmore shot a 50 to medal with a 10th-place finish. Senior Sami Philbrick shot a 54.

Other Goodland varsity players were senior Julie Leiker, who had a 60, and junior Kerri Bellamy, 72.

"I was very pleased with the girls' first outing," said coach Connie Livengood, "and exceptionally pleased with Eryn's performance. She played very well."

In the junior varsity competition, Goodland freshman Chelsie Gausman had the best round, shooting a 52.

Junior Amber Webster shot a 62.

Brenna Weber, a senior at Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays, was the tournament champion with a five-over-par 40 for nine holes.

Paige Cooper of Hoisington was second with a 44 and Tarin Mai of Trego Community High shot a 46 for third.

Hoisington won the first-place team plaque, scoring 197. Finishing third, 11 strokes behind Goodland, was Thomas More-Marian with 209.

Both Colby and Dodge City finished at 244, and Scott City had a 265.

Players from Hays and Russell high schools also competed in the tournament but like the host Trego, did not have enough golfers for a team score.

The Goodland Invitational begins at 1 p.m. today at Sugar Hills Golf Club with the Cowgirls entering two teams and some junior varsity players. Other varsity teams expected include Colby, Scott City, Hugoton, Syracuse and Thomas More-Marian.

Trego Community High will have some players competing as individuals and Ulysses is sending a junior varsity team.

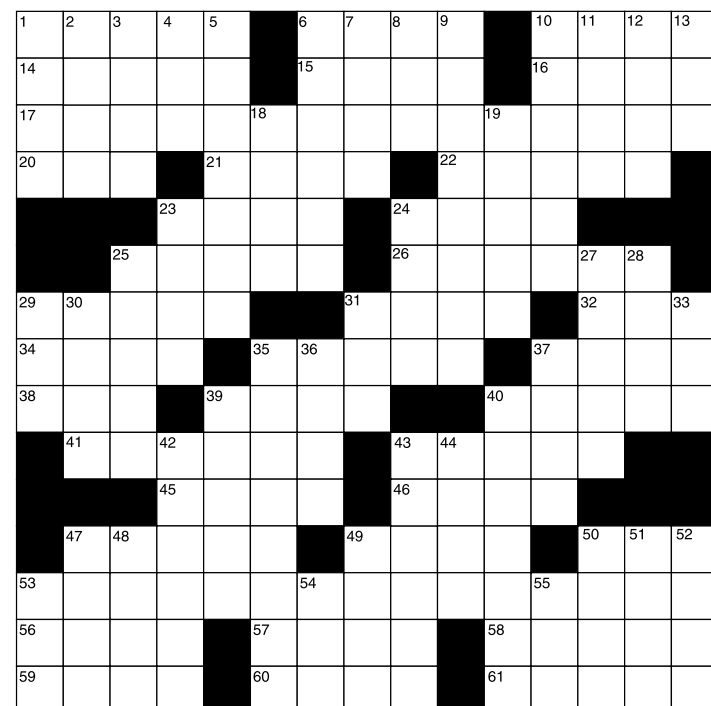
The junior varsity competition will be nine holes.



Junior Brooke Whitmore, returning for her third season with the Cowgirls, lined up for a chip shot during practice at Sugar Hills Golf Club. In the Cowgirls' season opener last Thursday, she finished 10th with a 15-over-par 50 at the Trego Invitational at the Big Creek Golf Club in WaKeeney.

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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian dam
6. Pulpit
10. Linden, for one
14. Bored
15. Beige
16. "Elf" actor
17. What the shapely chick did
20. Conger
21. Brad Pitt movie
22. Supplications
23. Dart
24. Actress Penelope ____
25. Hallow
26. Direct
29. Sensational
31. Chore
32. Jump
34. Spinning toy
35. Steak
37. Fuel
38. Chatter
39. Buy
40. Alpaca
41. Followed
43. Whiz
45. Not any
46. Rocket builders
47. Goal of 46 across
49. Mexican money
50. Actor ____ Cruise
53. Dark dessert
56. Throw out
57. Smell
58. Person
59. Singer, Tori ____
60. MLB team
61. Heeds

CLUES DOWN

1. Mrs. Cugat
2. Veer
3. Howl
4. Language, abbr.
5. Irritated
6. Terminals
7. Sore
8. Anger
9. Stun
10. Pluck
11. Costa ____
12. Moose
13. PGA golfer
18. "Battle Cry" author
19. Set down
23. Gymnast's feat
24. Tribe
25. Ruined
27. Leading
28. Soil
29. Repose
30. Strawberry River state
31. Cap
33. School group
35. ____ the taking (2 wds.)
36. Social group
37. Entreaty
39. Loose
40. African nation
42. Establishes
43. Ridicules
44. Enact
47. Ghetto
48. El __, Texas city
49. Poke
50. Docile
51. Yes
52. Restaurant sign
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55. Novice

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Tourney to promote sobriety

The Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council is sponsoring its fifth annual "Drive for Sobriety" golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Pat Willoughby, fund-raising chairperson for the council, said about 10-12 teams are expected. Last year, she said, the event raised more than \$4,000, and the tournament has raised almost \$24,000 in its four years.

The tournament will be a four-player scramble, she said. Tee time is 9 a.m. All four members of each team will tee off, then all four will all take their next shot from the best lie among them.

The registration fee — \$65 per player, \$260 per team — includes a cart, lunch and a mulligan. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m. Teams can register early by writing to the council at Box 100, Colby, Kan. 67701, or by calling (785) 462-6111. The fee does not have to be

paid until just before tee time.

There will be several contests on the course for which players can earn prizes.

Willoughby said this tournament is always held in September, National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Recovery Month, as part of the council's effort to "make people aware treatment works and recovery is possible."

The money raised stays in northwest Kansas, she said, supporting the services the council provides for people here.

The council helps people and their families having problems with alcohol and/or other drugs, she said.

The clinical staff are all state certified and have degrees in health services. The main office is at 1523 W. Fourth St., Colby, and the agency has office hours at the Sherman County courthouse in Goodland three times a week for counseling and group therapy twice a week.

Willoughby said Rose Cody, a certified addiction counselor, handles most of the treatment in Goodland, where around 75-80 people receive help from the agency.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Sept. 7 - Sept. 13

Thursday - Junior high volleyball in Brewster against Cheylin, 3:30 p.m.; Junior high football in Brewster against Cheylin, 4:30 p.m.; Cross country at Quinter, 4:30 p.m.

Friday - Football at Brewster against Ingalls, 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Cross country at Leoti, 4 p.m.

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Saturday, Sept. 17

18 holes of golf followed
by a dinner at 7 p.m. in Sharon Springs

The second day of the tournament will begin at noon
in Tribune on **Sunday, Sept. 18**

Light lunch available before 18 holes of golf.

Awards and door prizes to be presented following play on Sunday

Registration \$200 per team

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Registration due Monday, Sept. 12, 2005.