

Volleyball team wins two of three in season opener

By Greg Stover

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The Cowgirls volleyball team won two of its three matches at a quadrangular meet Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse to open the season on a winning note.

Goodland faced Thomas More Prep-Marian for its first match, falling to the Lady Monarchs 25-21, 25-22. In the first game, the two teams played even for the first 14 points, then at 7-all the Monarchs scored six straight points. After that, Goodland could not catch up. The Cowgirls got within two points at 23-21 but their opponents scored the next two for win.

In the second game, it was the Cowgirls who took the lead after the game was tied at 6, eventually pulling ahead 16-10. The Monarchs launched a comeback, scoring seven straight behind the serves of Sara Stoecklein. A serving ace by Goodland junior Kaylee Billinger tied the game at 19,



The Cowgirls varsity did some self-morale boosting while waiting for the Burlington/Thomas More Prep-Marian match to finish during Tuesday's quadrangular meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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but Marian scored six of the next nine points, winning 25-22.

The Cowgirls took on Hays High in their second match, and with junior Lindsay Schields serving, jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first game. The Lady Indians got no closer than six points in the game, with Goodland winning 25-17.

Hays played a lot tougher in the second game, which was tied 15 times. The Indians led by two five times. However, at 25-all, the Cowgirls scored the next two for the 27-25 win.

In their final match, the Cowgirls defeated the Burlington Cougars 25-20, 25-23. In the first game, after giving up the first point, Goodland built up a 6-1 lead behind the serves of senior Justeen Koehler. However, the Cougars fought back to tie the score and take a two-point lead at 18-16.

Next it was the Cowgirls turn to come back, scoring six straight on a serving run by senior Melissa Swager to retake the lead 22-18. At

23-20, a serving error by Burlington followed by a kill by junior Whitney Archer gave Goodland the win.

In the second game, Schields again started the game with a service run, giving the Cowgirls an 8-0 lead to start with. Goodland kept the lead throughout the game, but at 24-16 Burlington went on a seven-point run to make it 24-23 before the Cowgirls got the winning point on a Cougar error.

In junior varsity play, the Cowgirls came up short in all three of their matches, losing to Hays 17-25, 25-19 and 15-11; to Burlington 26-24, 25-20; and to Marian, 12-25, 25-18 and 15-13. Goodland's "C" team fell to Hays 25-18, 25-20 and to Marian 25-11, 25-14.

Goodland's varsity and junior varsity head to the Denver area Saturday for separate tournaments. The varsity travels to Aurora for the Overland Invitational while the junior varsity goes downtown for a tournament at Machebeuf Catholic High School.

Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!

	Goodland High School
Tennis	Tuesday, in Goodland, 2 p.m.; Thursday, junior varsity at Hays, 2 p.m.
Cross Country	Saturday, at Wamego, 8 a.m.; Tuesday, in Oakley, 3p.m.
Golf	Monday, at Thomas More Prep/Marian, 8 a.m.; junior varsity in Ulysses, 2 p.m.
Football	Tonight, in St. Francis, 6 p.m.; Monday, junior varsity in Goodland against St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.; "C" in Colby, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball	Saturday, varsity at Overland, 9 a.m.; junior varsity at Machebeuf, 9 a.m.; Tuesday, at Wichita County High School in Leoti, 3 p.m.

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