

Goodland runners medal at Wamego

Junior Kerek Mason placed fourth in the boys five-kilometer race at the Wamego Invitational on Saturday at the country club there. Mason covered the 3.1 miles in 17 minutes, 10 seconds, just 17 seconds behind the champion. At Wamego last year, Mason also finished fourth in 17:10.

Sophomore Toby Hurst ran the course in 20:03, finishing 79th among 132 runners.

"Kerek ran a very fine race," Goodland coach Don Smith said. "He was the top junior finisher."

Smith said Mason told him he got tangled up with the runner who ended up placing third at the finish line, resulting in a "photo finish."

Junior Whitney Dautel led the Cowgirls, running the two-mile

race in 13:48 for 34th. Senior Tiffany Thomas ran 14:36, finishing 59th, and senior Kalie Smith ran 15:08 for 73rd. The girls race had 122 runners.

"Whitney had a very good start," said Smith, "which put her in a position to earn a medal."

The top 40 runners in each race earned medals.

Since only two Cowboys and three Cowgirls participated, Goodland did not qualify for a team score in either race.

The Bulldogs of Baldwin High won the boys team title and the Lady Wildcats of El Dorado the girls'. The Lady Eagles of Colby placed sixth while Colby's boys' team finished eighth.

Jake Orndorff of El Dorado won

the boys race in 16:53. Heather Garcia of Baldwin was the girls champion in 11:46.

Coach Smith said the team members who did not compete in Wamego will travel to Oakley today for a meet starting at 3 p.m. Mountain Time at the country club. He said the Cowboys will run the varsity event and the Cowgirls the junior varsity.

Junior Whitney Dautel (No. 390) passed several runners with about a half-mile to go in the girls' race at the Wamego Invitational on Saturday. Dautel ran the two-mile course in 13 minutes, 48 seconds, finishing 34th and earning a medal.

Photo by Jeff Mason
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Lady Tigers win two at home

The Fort Hays State University volleyball team opened play in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference this weekend, defeating Colorado Christian University 3-0 on Friday and Metropolitan State College of Denver 3-0 on Saturday.

The wins at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays improved the Lady Tigers' overall record to 7-5 and broke a four-match losing streak.

Friday against Colorado Christian, the Tigers won 30-17, 30-8 and 30-19. Against Metro State the next night, the score was 31-29, 30-21 and 30-22.

Fort Hays State opened its season by going 3-1 at the Lady Buff Classic Aug. 26-27 at West Texas A&M University. Four days later, the Tigers played their home opener, defeating Newman University 3-0.

That following weekend, the team traveled to St. Joseph, Mo., for

the Ramada Inn Invitational at Missouri Western State University. There the Tigers had a tough time winning their first match but dropping the next three.

Last Tuesday, Fort Hays State visited Emporia State University, with the Tigers losing their fourth straight match. The team won the first and third games while the Lady Hornets won the second and fourth. Emporia State dominated the fifth game 15-7.

The Hornets, now 12-0 for the season, swept all four of their matches this weekend at the Argonaut Regional Crossover at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Fort Hays State will travel to Golden on Friday to face the Colorado School of Mines then to Denver on Saturday to take on Regis University.

Emporia State visits Northwest

Missouri State University on Wednesday to open conference play in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

This is Fort Hays's final school year in the Rocky Mountain conference. The Tigers become members of the Mid-America conference starting next fall. The move will put all four NCAA Division II universities in Kansas in the same conference.

Washburn University, Topeka, rose seven spots to No. 11 in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association's NCAA Division II poll after starting the season 9-0. The Lady Blues improved to 11-0 last week with home wins over s University (Mo.) and St. Mary's University (Texas), and will travel to St. Joseph Wednesday for their conference opener against Missouri Western.

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