

Basketball season begins for junior high boys



Coaches Cleve Trachsel and Char Avila discuss strategy with the 7th-grade Mustang basketball team during the fourth quarter of Tuesday's home game against Burlington. The Mustangs dropped their season opener to the Cougars 30-20.

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The Grant Junior High School seventh-grade boys basketball A-team opened its season Tuesday with a home game against Burlington Middle School, losing to the Cougars 30-20 after leading at the half.

Neither team scored for the first three minutes of the game, then Burlington scored a basket for a 2-0 lead. Later in the first period, David Murray got the Mustangs on the scoreboard with a free throw, followed a short time later by teammate Brock Wilkens, who hit two free throws to put Grant ahead 3-2.

Each team scored four points in the second period, and the Mustangs led at halftime 7-6.

The Cougars scored the first six points of the second half and built a 12-7 lead. With just under a minute left, Grant's Hazen Deeds drove the length of the court for a basket to make it 12-9. Bryan Guyer got the Mustangs to within one point at 12-11 with a layup with just three seconds left in the period.

The scoring pace for the both teams picked up in the final period, with Burlington starting off with six straight points for an 18-11 lead. Murray scored the next four to narrow the Cougars' lead to three at 18-

15. Murray and Burlington's Felix Espinoza took turns scoring the game's next seven points, after which the Cougars' lead was down to two at 21-19. However, Burlington scored three straight to make it 24-19.

The Mustangs scored on a free throw by Devon Garrett, but the Cougars responded by scoring the game's last six points making the final 30-20. Burlington is now 2-0 for the season.

Murray led the Mustangs with 11 points, followed by Garrett with three. Wilkens, Deeds and Dillon Trachsel each scored two.

Burlington defeated Grant 17-1 in the B-team game. Trenton Rico scored 13 of the Cougars' 17 points. Tyler Jones scored on a free throw for the Mustangs.

Tuesday in Burlington, Grant's eighth-grade A-Team fell to the Cougars 33-9.

The next game for the seventh graders will be on Tuesday against Hoxie at the high school gym with the A-team game tipping off around 3:30. The eighth-grade A-team will start around the same time in the junior high gym at Max Jones Fieldhouse.



David Murray shoots a free throw in the third quarter.

Lady golfers achieved their goal of going to state

At the beginning of the season, the Goodland High School girls golf team vowed to make to the state tournament.

The girls did just that Oct. 17 when they teed off at the Class 4-3-2-1A championships in Andover.



Philbrick



Leiker

"I felt our season was a success," said Coach Connie Livengood, "and going to state was certainly a highlight. We may have finished 11th out of 12 teams, however there are approximately 50 others teams that did not get

to go."

Livengood said nearly every golfer on the team met the goals they set out for themselves at the beginning of the season.

"The girls golfed pretty well during the season," she said. "They had some downfalls in the tournaments, but overall they are a good bunch of athletes who also had some fun."

Two Cowgirls have played their final high school season. Seniors Sami Philbrick and Julie Leiker

both earned their third letter in golf this year.

"They are both really super young people," said Livengood, "and were good leaders for the younger girls. We will miss them."

Players earning their second letter this year in golf were juniors Amber Webster and Brooke Whitmore, along with sophomores Sammie Raymer and Heidi Yonkey.

Earning their first golf letter was junior Kerri Bellamy; sophomores Eryn Topliff and Holly Kibel; and

freshmen Chelsie Gausman, Courtney Sheldon and Michelle Smith.

Other members of this year's team were sophomores Renea Reasoner and Tehnee Ridder and freshmen Natasha Cecil, Samantha Erickson, Linsey Owens and Danielle Pettibone.

"All the girls were a vital part of our program," Coach Livengood said. "Each and every golfer had to qualify each week to go to tournaments, so they pushed each other

along. We had a lot of girls improve this year.

"I'm sure next year's team will do very well and be very competitive."

Livengood has been the Cowgirls' coach since the team's inaugural season in 2000.

"I've always enjoyed coaching golf," she said, "as there is always something good that happens and a smile usually shows up sometime during a practice or a tournament. Thanks again to (assistant coach Jackie) Elliot and to all the parents."

Tabor remains undefeated

Tabor College of Hillsboro defeated Ottawa University 27-9 last Saturday to remain perfect for the season at 8-0.

The Bluejays of Tabor, ranked No. 7 this week by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, built up a 13-0 lead before Ottawa got on the scoreboard with a safety late in the second quarter.

The Braves scored their only touchdown of the game with seven seconds left in the first half and trailed 13-9 at half-time.

Tabor scored a touchdown in both the third and fourth quarters while the Bluejay defense kept Ottawa scoreless to make the final 27-9.

On Saturday, Tabor plays host to Friends University, which im-

proved to 6-2 this weekend with a 50-26 win over Southwestern College.

Kansas Wesleyan University, ranked No. 18, scored 21 points in the third quarter against Bethel College last weekend for a come-from-behind 21-17 victory. The Coyotes, now 7-1 for the season, trailed Bethel 17-0 at half-time.

The Spires of the University of St. Mary evened their record at 4-4 last Saturday with a 3-0 win over the Warriors of Sterling College. The Warriors are now 4-3.

The Swedes of Bethany College scored first against McPherson College and led 17-10 at half-time, but could not maintain their momentum.

The Bulldogs came back to win 34-24. McPherson improved to 5-3 while Bethany fell to 1-7.

In games around the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Saturday, Southwestern travels to Ottawa; McPherson heads to Leavenworth to face St. Mary; Bethany visits Bethel in North Newton; and Kansas Wesleyan plays host to Sterling.

Two of Sterling's freshman offensive linemen were members of the All-Northwest Kansas League football team last year.

Seth Swihart of St. Francis made the first team as a tackle and K.C. Higley of Atwood earned honorable mention, also as a tackle.

Three area schools still alive

St. Francis, Hoxie and Oakley high schools all kept their drives to the Class 2-1A state football championship alive Tuesday by winning their first-round playoff games.

The Indians of St. Francis improved to 8-2 for the season with a 42-0 win over Ness City-Dighton. The Indians travel to St. John on Saturday to face the Tigers of St. John-Hudson. The Tigers beat Sublette Monday 33-20.

The Hoxie Indians defeated Ellis 34-12 to advance to the next round against Claflin. The Claflin Wildcats improved to 9-1 for the season after defeating Bennington 41-26 Monday. Hoxie is now 7-3.

The Plainsmen of Oakley stayed perfect, at 10-0, after whipping

Rawlins County High of Atwood 41-0. The Plainsmen travel to LaCrosse on Saturday to face the Leopards. Tuesday, LaCrosse defeated Stanton County High of Johnson City 31-8 improving to 7-3.

If both Oakley and Hoxie win Saturday, they will face each for the second time this season next Friday. The Plainsmen defeated Hoxie on Sept. 16 in a close one, 8-6.

In Class 4A action, the Concordia Panthers, now 6-4, advanced to the next round by defeating Hugoton on Tuesday in overtime 35-34. The Panthers face undefeated Andale on Saturday.

The Weskan Coyotes kept their hopes for the state 8-man Division

II title alive with a 52-6 win over Northern Valley High of Almena. The Coyotes travel to Montezuma on Saturday to face South Gray High.

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