

Two seniors in Colby classic

The 13th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Basketball Classic will be held Sunday at the Colby Community Building, with the girls' game tipping off at 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) followed by the boys' game.

The Classic features seniors from northwest Kansas high schools representing the Northwest Kansas, Western Kansas Liberty, Cheyenne, Mid-Continent and Central Prairie leagues.

Goodland's Justeen Koehler and Jase Herl are among the 33 players, 21 girls and 12 boys, chosen for this year's Classic.

Koehler, one of just two seniors on the Cowgirls roster this season, led the team in scoring with 332 points, averaging over 14 per game. She was the scoring leader in 12 of Goodland's 23 games.

"I am always happy for athletes who get recognition for their play when the season finishes," said Cowgirls coach Don Smith.

Herl, one of four Cowboy seniors, scored 342 points for the season, averaging more than 15 per game. He also led the team in rebounds, assists and steals. He was the only player to start all 22 games this season.

"Jase has worked very hard through his high school career," said Cowboys coach Jon McLean. "I'm happy he was chosen to play in the Colby All-Star game. I wish him luck and hope he plays well."

Caitlin Rush and Kyle O'Connor will represent Brewster High in the Classic. Kyle Edler of Wallace County High in Sharon Springs will play in the boys' game, as will Chase Schneider and Henry Sloan of Greeley County High in Tribune.

Other girls chosen from the Western Kansas Liberty League are Valerie Broeckelman and Jessica Shaw of Golden Plains High in Rexford, along with Brandi Lundgren and Amber Tuttle of Wheatland High in Grainfield.

Representing the Lady Eagles of Colby are Zanae Baird and Jessica Stephens. Other senior girls from the Northwest Kansas League include Chelsie Kramer, of Rawlins County High in Atwood; Carissa Heim and Danielle Pratt, both of Hoxie; Lisa Taylor, of Oakley; and Jamie Tilton, of Quinter.

Rounding out the boys' roster are Mykel Rodriguez of Oakley; Chris Redel and Chris Tate of Lucas; Nathan Locke and Tyler Ummel of Trego Community High in WaKeeney; Alex Kuhlman, of Ness City; and Heath Vincent, of Norton.

Eastern Heights High of Agra has three girls in the Classic: Kendra Mateson, and twins Melanie and Michaela Berg. Rounding out the girls' list are Chelsey Dreiling, of Victoria; Jill Weeks, of Western Plains High of Ransom; along with Becca Ebert, Karli Jones and Whitney Newell, all of Norton.



Koehler Herl

Netherlands the destination

Cowboy invited to play abroad

Goodland High School senior Brandon Zelfer has been invited by USA Athletes International, Inc. to join its baseball team and play in the Robur '58 Junior Series this July in the Netherlands.

Zelfer will join 15 other players from the United States who will travel to Europe, along with two coaches, for a series of games July 9-17 in Apeldoorn, a city of about 160,000 people 50 miles east of Amsterdam.

Team USA will play against teams from around the world in a round-robin format.

Zelfer said he is one of six players already on the team's roster, joining three from Indiana, one from Missouri and another from Kansas. Keaton Smith, baseball program coordinator, said Zelfer has to raise about \$2,500 to make the trip.

"Athletes International is accepting donations to help pay for Team USA's expenses," said Zelfer.

"The donations will pay for plane tickets, hotel rooms, bus tickets and museum passes.

The money raised not only helps pay for me, but also for my teammates to go to Holland. Anyone who would like to help send us there can give me a call at (785) 890-7440 or 821-0015."

Brandon, the son of Sam and Diane Zelfer, got the Cowboys' only home run during their first season as a high school team last year.

He played two seasons with the Goodland Outlaws, three with K-18 baseball and four with Goodland's American Legion team.

"I am looking forward to seeing a different culture," Zelfer said, "and playing with other kids from across the country against kids from around the world."

For more information about USA Athletes International, go to www.usaai.org.



Goodland's Brandon Zelfer hit a line drive against the Colby Eagles in their first game of last year's state Class 4A regional tournament. Photo by Tony Diehl/The Goodland Sta-News

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