

Over the bar



Junior Stephanie Sheldon cleared 8 feet, 6 inches at last May's regional track meet in Colby, finishing in a three-way tie for sixth place. Sheldon is one of 35 athletes on Goodland's track and field roster this season. The Cowboys and Cowgirls open their season today in Norton. Goodland will be the site of a freshman-sophomore meet stating at 3:45 p.m. Monday at the track next to Northwest Kansas Technical College.
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Golf season
opens in Norton

The Goodland High boys golf team opened its season this morning at the Prairie Dog Golf Course in Norton.

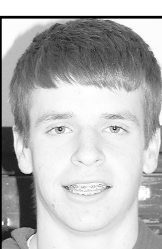
Coach Jon McLean, back for his second season in charge and seventh overall, has 18 players on the roster this year, including 10 from last season's squad.

"We are a really young team this year," said McLean, "and with no seniors, we'll need the junior class to perform well."

McLean said he does have some good golfers, led by junior Nathan Linin, who qualified for the state tournament last year.

He said Linin is an excellent player, very steady, and will be one of the team's leaders.

McLean said juniors Brandon Douglas, Ryan Gausman and



Linin

MIKEY DOLL all improved over last year. Junior John Mosbarger also is on this season's roster.

Returning sophomores are Aaron Deeds, Jonathan McClung, Chris Irvin, Andrew Miller and Dustin Zelfer.

Other sophomores on the team are Darrick Ihrig and Jason Krayca.

Freshmen joining the Cowboys are Nelson Bergman, Talen Martin, Drew Raile, Andrew Taylor, Joel Weis and Jace Mosberger.

The team will on the links again Saturday for the Oberlin Invitational. Tee time at the country club there will be 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time)

Goodland's only home tournament starts at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Thank you

The Goodland Wrestling Club would like to take this time to thank Harvey Swager, USD 352 and the janitors for use of the fieldhouse. The janitors' help during our district tournament was greatly appreciated.

I also want to thank all the area businesses that helped our club with their advertising and donations, and the Ambassadors and Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their help with the hospitality room.

Thank you to EVERYONE in the club and the community who helped us prepare and run our tournament. Without ALL of your help, we could not have put on a successful district tournament. As it was, it was very successful, thanks to everyone who helped.

Thank you again,
Terry Bahe, President and Coach
Goodland Wrestling Club

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Girls get first wins of year

By Greg Stover
The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland High School softball team got its first wins of the season Monday, sweeping a home doubleheader against Liberal 12-5 in the first game and 16-6 in five innings in the second.

"Overall I'm happy with the way we're playing," said Tess Smith, who notched her first two career wins as a coach. "We still have room to improve and we're going to keep improving as we go on."

In the first game, the Lady Redskins took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Cowgirls sent 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning and scored six runs.

The score stayed 6-2 until the bottom of the second when, with two outs, senior Justeen Koehler hit a double down the left-field line. That drove in junior Whitney Archer, who walked earlier, to make it 7-2.

The next Goodland batter grounded out to end the inning.

Both teams went "three-and-out" in the third inning.

The Cowgirls defense continued to be tough in the top of the fourth, facing four batters and giving up just one walk.

Goodland took advantage of a couple of Redskin errors and was able to add three runs for a 10-2 lead at the end of four.

A passed ball in the top of the fifth

allowed Liberal to score a run before the Cowgirls could retire the side, making it 10-3.

Goodland freshman Erika Gonzales got things started in the bottom of the inning by hitting the ball deep into center field for a stand-up triple.

Two pitches later, junior Amber Cowan hit a single to left center field driving in Gonzales for an 11-3 Cowgirl lead.

The Redskins got the next three batters out by catching three straight fly balls.

Brittany Odie opened the sixth inning by driving the ball to the left center field fence for a double.

After getting to third on a wild pitch, Odie scored on a single by Claire Jackson, making the score 11-4 with no outs.

The next batter popped to the short for the first out, but a single and a walk loaded the bases. Coach Smith called for a time out to talk with her players.

The break worked. The next batter flied out to right without a runner scoring, and one after that popping out to the catcher, leaving three runners stranded on base.

The Cowgirls added another run in the bottom of the sixth for a 12-4 lead heading into the final inning.

Liberal's first batter hit a single up the middle, but the next two grounded out to short. Jackson drove in her second run of the game

with a hit to right center, but the next Redskin batter grounded out to the third baseman to end the game 12-5.

Senior Jordan Frazier pitched all seven innings, striking out four, to get her first win of the season.

In the second game, Liberal got a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the next batter hit into a double play. Goodland got the third out on the next pitch when the batter fouled out to the catcher.

As in the first game, Goodland came back in the bottom of the first, sending its entire lineup to the plate and scoring four runs.

To start the second, Goodland junior Nicole David struck out the first batter, but a pair of hits and a walk loaded the bases with just one out. The next batter hit the ball back to the pitcher, who threw out the runner at home on a fielder's choice. That left the bases loaded with two outs.

Liberal's Ashly Sampson then came to the plate and sent the second pitch to deep center field, driving in three runs and tying the score at 4. The next batter grounded out to the third baseman for the third out to retire the side.

The Redskins held Goodland scoreless in the bottom of the second and both teams scored one run in the third to make the score 5-4 heading into the top of the fourth.

It was the Cowgirls' turn to hold

Liberal scoreless in the top of the inning, facing four batters and giving up just one hit. The Redskins made a pitching change before the bottom of the fourth, and Goodland sent 12 batters to the plate. They managed to load the bases four times and come away with seven runs for a 12-5 lead heading into the fifth.

The Redskins were able to pick up one run in the top of the fifth but the Cowgirls responded with four in the bottom to end the game by the "10-run rule" 16-6.

David got the win, pitching all five innings for Goodland.

The Cowgirls were 2-2 for the season heading into a doubleheader Thursday in Scott City. They opened the season last Friday with a pair of losses in Garden City, where the Lady Buffaloes won the first game 5-0, then needed eight innings to win the second 2-1.

Garden City ace Katie Ford, a junior, struck out 25 batters in two games without giving up a walk.

Goodland's junior varsity also is 2-2 for the season, losing both games to Garden City, 5-3 and 13-6, and winning both against Liberal, 15-0 and 23-2.

The Cowgirls will be back in action today starting at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) for a doubleheader against the Lady Eagles at Young Memorial Park in Colby.

Cowboys sweep Syracuse

The Cowboys baseball team improved its record to 3-3 Monday in Syracuse, sweeping a doubleheader against the Bulldogs 20-0 and 21-7, both in five innings.

"It was good for the team to get a couple of wins," said Coach Steve Jimenez. "We hit the ball very well and took advantage of their mistakes. Brandon (Zelfer) and Andrew (Pettibone) did a good job of throwing strikes and attacking their hitters."

After a scoreless first inning in the opening game, the Cowboys took the lead in the top of the second when junior Pettibone drove in senior Derek Fenner for Goodland's first run. The Cowboys scored four more runs in the inning, highlighted by a pair of doubles by sophomore Preston Dautel and his

brother, senior Wyatt Dautel.

Goodland picked up four runs each in the third and fourth innings, making the score 13-0 heading into the fifth. There the Cowboys sent 12 batters to the plate, scoring another seven runs for a 20-0 lead.

Zelfer, a senior, pitched all five innings for the win, giving up just two hits and striking out eight. He is 1-1 for the season.

In the second game, the Bulldogs held Goodland scoreless in the top of the first, then scored three runs on four hits for their first lead of the day.

The Cowboys tied the game up with three runs in the top of the second, but Syracuse got two runs in the bottom of the inning to go back ahead 5-3.

Goodland picked up a run in the

top of the third when Pettibone drove in Zelfer. The Bulldogs also added a run in the third making it 6-4 heading into the fourth.

The Cowboys scored six runs in the top of the inning to take a 10-6 lead. Senior Brandon Hatfield drove in two of the runs with a double, scoring a run himself a short time later. Syracuse picked up a run in the bottom of the inning to make it 10-7 going into the fifth.

Goodland exploded for 11 runs in the top of the fifth with Hatfield, senior Jase Herl and junior Tyler Hillmer each scoring twice in the inning. The Cowboys held Syracuse scoreless in the bottom of the inning and won the game 21-7.

Pettibone got the win, pitching all five innings and striking out five Bulldog batters. He is 2-0 for the

season.

The Cowboys take the field at 3 p.m. today for a home doubleheader against the Colby Eagles at Memorial Field.

"Colby will be a good challenge, and I'm sure they'll want a piece of us after last year," Jimenez said. They are young but have a good-hitting team and a couple of pitchers back that had some success against us last year.

"If we want to be a good team, we have to start winning games like these."

Last year, the Eagles swept a doubleheader against Goodland during the regular season but the Cowboys beat them 4-2 in the regional tournament, knocking Colby out of the playoffs.

Goodland senior picked for area team

Cowboy senior Jase Herl was one of the top five all-area basketball players featured in last Sunday's *Salina Journal*.

Herl was one of two players from the Northwest Kansas League to make the *Journal*'s all-area first team. The other was Quinter senior Tyler Reed who, like Herl, made the all-league team for the second straight season and played for the Light Jerseys in this year's Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic.

Herl led Goodland in scoring and rebounds this season, averaging over 15 points and 10 boards per game. He also led the team in assists



Herl

and steals. Herl was the only Cowboy to start all 22 games.

Joining Herl and Reed on the first team are seniors Matt Stramel of Hays High, Ryan Wedel of Minneapolis and Nathan Locke of Trego Community High of WaKeeney.

Don Shubert, Locke's coach at Trego, was named Coach of the Year. Shubert guided the Golden Eagles to the state Class 2A championship this season.

Brewster freshman Jeff Reid made the all-area second team with teammates Kyle O'Connor and Jance McKee getting honorable

mention.

On the girls side, Cowgirls senior Justeen Koehler received honorable mention.

Colby sophomore Lissa Mazanec made the girls all-area first team.

Mazanec averaged 20 points and eight rebounds per game for the Lady Eagles.

Senior teammates Ashley Sweat and Brette Ulsaker of McPherson also made the first team as did

Ashely Junker of Belleville and Kendra Matteson of Eastern Heights High of Agra.

Belleville's Shane Stout was named the girls Coach of the Year.

The Lady Buffaloes had a perfect season going 26-0 on their way to the state Class 2A title.

Other girls getting honorable mention include Avery Schulz and Dani Bedore of Brewster and Chelsie Kramer of Rawlins County High in Atwood.

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