

# Weather puts off spring teams' events

The winter tantrum which forced the Goodland schools to close Friday interrupted the schedule of four of the high school's five spring teams.

The softball team was supposed to play a doubleheader against the Lady Eagles in Colby. Those games have been postponed until 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday at Colby's Young Memorial Park.

The Cowboys baseball team was to have faced Colby for a home doubleheader Friday, but instead the games will be played Thursday with first pitch at 5 p.m. at Memorial Field here.

The Cowboys will be home twice this week, starting with a doubleheader against the Bulldogs from Ulysses at 3 p.m. today.

Coach Steve Jimenez said Ulysses will be a challenge, with some of the Bulldogs' strongest pitchers from last year back this season.

It was Ulysses that knocked the Cowboys out of the state playoffs last year, winning 6-4 in the regional championship.

A track meet scheduled for Friday in Norton has been postponed until Tuesday, April 25.

Goodland's freshman and sopho-

more athletes were to begin their season here Monday at a "9-10" meet. Coach Don Smith said some of the Cowboys and Cowgirls will head to Wichita State University on Friday to compete in the 58th annual K.T. Woodman Track Classic.

The Cowboys golf team was to have opened its season in Norton on Friday, but instead opened it in Oberlin on Saturday, placing fourth out of 10 teams.

The Norton tournament has been postponed until next Tuesday, but the Cowboys will be holding a junior varsity tournament that day and will not be able to go.

# Golf teams open season with fourth-place finish

The Cowboys golf team opened its season Saturday at the Oberlin Country Club, finishing fourth out of the 10 teams in the nine-hole tournament.

"Oberlin is a tough course with a lot of trees," said Coach Jon McLean, "forcing players to hit their drive really straight."

Goodland junior Nathan Linin shot a three-over-par 39 to finish in a tie for first but lost in a one-hole playoff to Breck Simonsson of Dectaur Community High.

Sophomore Darrick Ihrig shot a 46 for the Cowboys, one stroke better than sophomore teammate Ryan Gausman. Junior Brandon Douglas shot a 48. Other Goodland golfers were junior Mikey Doll, 50, and sophomore Aaron Deeds, 54.

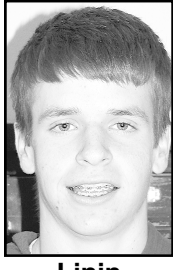
"Nathan played well," said McLean, "and the other players learned some good lesson on what they need to work on. This was the first varsity tournament for most of the team."

The Golden Eagles of Trego Community High in WaKeeney

won the tournament by shooting a 173. Phillipsburg was second with 175 and the host team third with 178. Goodland's score was 180. The Colby Eagles were fifth at 188.

The Cowboys will hit the links today for the Goodland Invitational starting at 1 p.m. at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Coach McLean said he expects 17 teams and about 100 players for the annual tournament.

Goodland was supposed to open its golf season Friday in Norton, but the weather caused the tournament to be postponed to next Tuesday. The Cowboys will not be able to play then because of a junior varsity tournament that day in Goodland.



Linin

# Pitcher makes eighth appearance

Goodland native Landon West made his eighth pitching appearance of the season Sunday for Emporia State University in a 10-5 road loss to Central Missouri State.

The Hornets had a rough time in Warrensburg, losing three of their four games against the Mules.

West went to the mound in the bottom of the fourth inning with Central Missouri leading 9-0 and no outs. He faced five batters, giving up three hits and a run which gave the Mules a 10-0 lead after four.

In the bottom of the fifth, West again faced five batters, hitting one with a pitch and giving up a walk before the side was retired. Senior Travis Bartley took over pitching duties for the Hornets at the start of the sixth.

Emporia State shut out the Mules during the last four inning but could only score five runs, making

the final 10-5.

The road trip started with a 7-1 loss on Friday, then the Hornets split a doubleheader on Saturday, losing the opener 5-3 and winning the nightcap 4-3. Friday's loss snapped an 11-game win streak.

Emporia State is now 28-7 overall and 11-3 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, with Central Missouri State handing the Hornets their only conference losses so far this season.

Overall this season, West has worked just over nine innings striking out nine batters and walking three. He has given up 11 hits and has a 4.82 earned run average.

The Hornets are in St. Joseph, Mo., today for a conference doubleheader against Missouri Western State College. They begin a six-game home stretch next Tuesday with against Washburn University.

## The ball is in your court



Junior Josh Cech was one of two Cowboy tennis players to qualify for the state tournament last year. Other returning players are junior Jared Hall and sophomore Nathan Brady. Joining the team this season are senior Julian Walls, sophomore Matthew Hamilton, freshman Brennan Clouse and freshman Bryan Gray. The team opens its season today in Larned.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

# Fort Hays State Tigers win meet

The Fort Hays State University men's track and field team won a quadrangular meet at Pittsburg State on Saturday, with members placing first in seven of 19 events.

Senior Zach Brown, a Colby High graduate, won the 400-meter dash in 47.51 seconds and placed second in the 200-meters in 21.04.

Brown ran the anchor leg of the winning 4x400-meter relay team and the third leg of the second-place 4x100 relay.

Norton native Jered Sloan, a sophomore, was second in both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 14.8 and 53.76 seconds respectively.

Sloan also was fourth in the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 4.25 inches.

Brown and Sloan both scored 19 points for the Tigers as individuals, with the two relays Brown ran it

getting another 16.

Sophomore John Welsh, a 2002 graduate of Weskan High, was fourth in the 800-meter run, earning four points by finishing it in 2 minutes, .99 seconds.

The Tigers scored 188 points, with Pittsburg State second at 175. Central Missouri State was third with 174.5 and Missouri Southern State fourth with 111.5 points.

The Lady Tigers finished fourth, winning two of 18 events.

One of those was the high jump won by junior Amanda Poore, a 2003 graduate of Cheylin High in Bird City. Poore cleared 5 feet, 5.25 inches, earning her team nine points.

Oberlin native Abby Ream, a sophomore, cleared 9 feet, 8 inches to place sixth in the pole vault to claim four points. Ream also com-

peted in the javelin, finishing sixth overall with a throw of 110 feet, 5 inches.

Sophomore Katie Kersenbrock, an Oakley High graduate, was sixth in the 800-meter run finishing in 2:25.31. She also ran the third leg on the Lady Tigers' 4x400-meter relay tea, which finished second.

The Lady Gorillas of Pittsburg State won the team competition, scoring 183 points, just one more than Central Missouri State. Missouri Southern scored 131 with Fort Hays State at 126.

The Tigers will have little time to rest, as they will be back in action on Thursday at Emporia State University for the Division II Challenge at Zola Witten Track.

The meet will last three days, with most of the finals on Saturday.

## bowling results

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
March 29

Phillips Bros. over Guzzlin' Socializers 3-1  
The Bud Liters over D.G. & M. Clan 3-1  
Family Affair tied Fun Lovers 2-2  
KansasLand Tire over Shear Dimensions 4-0  
4-Stars tied Odd Couples 2-2

**Women's high scratch game:**  
Marilyn Snethen 192

**Women's high scratch series:**  
Marilyn Snethen 520

**Men's high scratch game:** Travis Gillihan 226  
**Men's high scratch series:** Travis Gillihan 629  
**Team high scratch game:** Phillips Bros. 718  
**Team high scratch series:** Phillips Bros. 2,011

**Top Three Teams:**  
No. 1 Guzzlin' Socializers  
No. 2 Phillips Brothers  
No. 3 Shear Dimensions

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
April 5

Fun Lovers over Shear Dimensions 3-1  
KansasLand Tire over 4-Stars 3-1  
Guzzlin' Socializers over The Bud Liters 4-0  
Odd Couples over Phillips Bros. 3-1  
Family Affair over D.G. & M. Clan 3.5-.5

**Women's high scratch game:**  
Jamie Baker 199

**Women's high scratch series:**  
Jamie Baker 647

**Men's high scratch game:** Daniel Hixon 223  
**Men's high scratch series:** Daniel Hixon 613  
**Team high scratch game:** Phillips Bros. 689  
**Team high scratch series:** Phillips Bros. 1,889

**Final Standings:**  
No. 1 Guzzlin' Socializers  
No. 2 Phillips Brothers  
No. 3 Shear Dimensions  
No. 4 Fun Lovers  
No. 5 Odd Couples  
No. 6 4-Stars  
No. 7 D.G. & M. Clan  
No. 8 KansasLand Tire  
No. 9 Family Affair  
No. 10 The Bud Liters

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