



Landon West, a junior at Emporia State University, made a brief mound appearance in the Hornets' 9-6 loss to Central Missouri State University on May 14 in Manhattan in the championship game of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association tournament. A week later, Emporia State won the Central Region tournament to earn its first trip to the NCAA Division II World Series.

Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland pitcher in college World Series

Goodland native Landon West will travel to Montgomery, Ala., later this week as the Emporia State University baseball team takes its first trip to the NCAA Division II World Series.

The Hornets earned the trip last Sunday by defeating Minnesota State University-Mankato 9-6 in 10 innings in final game of the Central Region tournament, which started three days before in Emporia.

West, a junior relief pitcher in his first season with the Hornets, has made 12 appearances this season, pitching 13 innings with a 5.54 earned run average. His last time on the mound was on May 14 in Man-

hattan against Central Missouri State in final game of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association postseason tournament.

Central Missouri came back to beat the Hornets twice on the final day of the tournament to win the conference title. However, the Mules lost their first two games at the regional tournament, ending their hunt for the national championship.

West, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High, is the son of Daryl and Liz West of Goodland.

He played his first two college seasons at Cowley County Commu-

nity College.

Of the eight teams making the trip to Alabama, five, including the Hornets, are making their first appearance at the Division II World Series.

Emporia State heads into the series with a 48-11 record and rose seven spots to No. 2 in the latest *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* NCAA Division II poll released Monday.

The top-ranked Spartans of the University of Tampa, now 50-6 for the season, are making their 11th trip to national championship after winning the South Region tournament last Sunday. Tampa won three national titles, the last in 1998.

Nine Tigers go to Emporia

Nine Fort Hays State University athletes are at Emporia State University for the NCAA Division II track and field championships, which started Thursday and end Saturday, and two of the nine are from northwest Kansas.

Senior Zach Brown of Colby qualified for the national meet in the 200- and 400-meter dashes and as a member of the Tigers' 4x100 relay team. Brown, a business management major, is a 2001 graduate of Colby High who spent two years at Garden City Community College playing football for the BroncoBusters before transferring to Fort Hays State.

Junior Amanda Poore of Bird City will competing in the high jump. Poore, a graduate of Cheylin High School in Bird City, is studying radiology.

Brown's teammates on the relay are senior Casey Antholz of Hays and juniors Alan Yoder of Hillsboro and Aaron Pablo of Manhattan. Antholz also qualified in the 100-meter dash and Yoder in the decathlon.

Seniors Sheldon Funk of Hillsboro, Dustin Hamilton of Hesston both qualified in the pole vault.

Junior Maurice Henson of Colorado Springs qualified in the high, long and triple jumps. Sophomore Megan McLain of Lakin will compete in the 100-meter hurdles.

This is the third time the national championship meet has been held in Emporia.

Golf tourney tees off June 4 for hospital

The 17th annual Slice of Life golf tournament will tee off at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, at Goodland's Sugar Hills Golf Club.

There will be four flights made up of three-player teams. An awards ceremony following the tournament will honor the top three teams in each flight, and there will be prizes for contests and side events.

The tournament, along with the associated benefit auction, serves as a fundraiser for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The money raised is used for equipment needed by the hospital

and for scholarships as part of the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation's effort to recruit and keep health-care workers in this area.

The entry fee is \$135 per player or \$390 for a team of three. Covered are cart and greens fees, lunch, complimentary beverages during the tournament and two admissions per player to the auction, which starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main Ave.

The cost for admission for those not playing in the tournament is \$35

per person. Former Kansas City Chiefs player Larry Marshall is this year's honorary chairman.

Other former NFL players joining him include Bobby Bell, Charley Johnson and Billy Thompson. Also hitting the links are former basketball players Walter Davis and Gator Rivers, and Olympic gold-medal winner Mel Pender.

Make their reservations by next Friday by calling Dale Schields either at work, (785) 890-6005, or at home, 890-3493.

Kick, kick, kick



The Goodland Swim Team began practice Tuesday afternoon. Their first meet will be Saturday, June 3, out of town. The home meet in Goodland will be on Saturday, June 10.

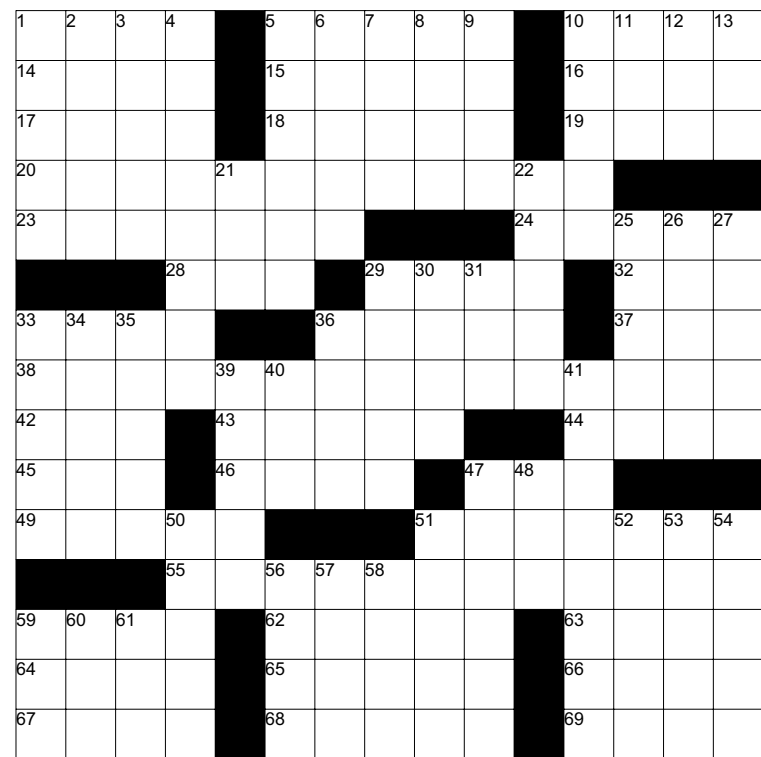
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Crossword Puzzle

"That Smarts!"

ACROSS

1. "Dracula" author Stoker
5. Ice cream serving
10. Beer, informally
14. Fair attraction
15. He hides in kids' books
16. Glowing review
17. Taj Mahal site
18. Extreme passion
19. Was in arrears
20. Avidity
23. Shade maker
24. Like a pachyderm's skin
28. '50s White House nickname
29. Only fair
32. Roofer's need
33. Not us
36. Puppeteer Lewis
37. ___ Lanka
38. Popular snack food
42. Addams Family cousin
43. Lesser of two ___
44. White Monopoly bills
45. Trash bag closer
46. Facing extinction
47. "Alley ___"
49. Walk like a peacock
51. Minimally
55. Tangy cheese
59. Ho-hum
62. Demi or Dudley
63. Links cry
64. Gad about
65. Edmonton skater
66. Algerian port
67. Golden-___ (senior)
68. Musers' vehicles
69. Tear apart



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DOWN

1. Slow down
2. Star in Orion
3. Pertinent, to lawyers
4. Interim period
5. Al Jolson classic
6. ___ blanche
7. "Ye" follower, often
8. Hint of a gas leak
9. Tiny opening
10. Thin soup
11. Like sashimi
12. Preceding period
13. Tie the knot
21. Really bother
22. Devoid of emotion
25. "___ the bag!"
26. ___ diem (seize the day)
27. ___ Kringle
29. Oil-bearing rock
30. Feedbag morsels
31. B'way sellout sign
33. Makes fun of
34. Bandleader's cue
35. Fruity-smelling compound
36. Use a swizzle stick
39. Australian port
40. Eggs, in labs
41. Anticipated with fingers crossed
47. Catchall category
48. Corrida cry
50. Ballpark seater
51. Owning lots of land
52. Be nuts about
53. Clear wrap
54. Latest fashion
56. Singer Tori
57. Churn up
58. Vault's need
59. Bikini part
60. Kirk's diary
61. St. crosser

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