

Cowboys, Cowgirls open fall sports seasons

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No. 1 singles at both meets and is 6-2 for the season.

McCall and Johnson as the No. 1 doubles, won their second gold and boast an 8-0 record.

Wood got her first varsity action as the No. 2 single at Phillipsburg and finished with a 1-2 record.

The No. 2 doubles team, Webster and Fugelberg finish with a 1-2 record at Phillipsburg. They were second at Cimarron. Their season record is 5-3.

Cowboys football

The Cowboys open the season

on the road at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday at Atwood.

Opening on the road shouldn't be a problem, said, first-year Coach Jonathan Dansel.

"It doesn't bother me," he said. "I don't have a preference. We have to get the boys prepared and be ready to take on what is in the schedule."

Dansel said he expects Atwood to have a solid team like always with Coach Dan Lankas in his 30th season, even though the Buffalos were 3-7 last year.

"We beat them last year," Dansel said, "but that doesn't mean much. We are not looking past them. We

want to be 1-0 going into St. Francis."

Dansel said one of his assistants, Joseph Sramek, lives in Atwood.

Dansel said the Cowboys have to be ready to play on the road because they have a tough away schedule that will sort of set the tone for the season.

The Cowboys are out of town for four of their first five games. They open Friday at Atwood, then travel to St. Francis (Friday, Sept. 8) before coming home to play Hoxie (Friday, Sept. 15). The Cowboys are back on the road for games in Scott City (Sept. 22) and Hays (Sept. 29). Dansel said he had hoped to

evaluate some players and make decisions after the scrimmage, but now he will have to watch them during the next week of practice.

"Lots of positions are set," Dansel said, "but a few key ones are up in the air. I needed the soap scrimmage, which was rained out last Friday, to evaluate some of those."

"This week of practice will be telling. We have to put the people we feel will win in the positions."

"I have to do some thinking and put some people in the places where we think they can do the best."

He said the players were as dis-

appointed as he was about the soap scrimmage.

"They were ready to be out there and show the people what we are going to be about," Dansel said.

Asked about the quarterback position, Dansel said Wednesday he would give Josh Doke the nod to start the game at Atwood, and may play Travis Angelos depending on how the game goes.

Coach Dansel said he would rely on T.J. Hawkins and Casey Henderson as the starting running backs.

He will rotate three players as receivers Tyler Hillmer, Forest Trachsel and Brandon Fontenot with An-

gelos as a possible fourth receiver if he is not playing quarterback.

At other positions, Dansel said the key to success will be to stay healthy and keep from minor injuries that keep a player out a week or two. He said the team is smaller this year, with 41 players on the roster compared to 54 last year.

The final four games of the season begin with homecoming on Oct. 6 against Oakley. District play will begin on Oct. 13 with Ulysses at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys travel to Hugoton on Oct 20, and the final district game is at home against Colby on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Grant Junior High Mustangs Eighth Grade Volleyball



Mustangs Eighth Grade Volleyball – Back row (left to right): Erika Fyfe, Jennifer Rome, Kirsten Topliff, Andrea Roeder. Front row (left to right): Katlyn Topliff, Ashley Archer, Jade Herl, Christy Studer.

Seventh Grade Volleyball



Mustangs Seventh Grade Volleyball – Back row (left to right) Paige Seeger, Sydnee Thornburg, M'Lynn Hinger, Ann Aguirre, Michaela Garrett, Nichole Hendrich and Sydney Winston. Front row (left to right): Audrey Titus, Katelyn Coon, Breana Cross, Jacee Herl, Jamie Gittinger, and Taylor Peden.

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