Cowboys, Cowgirls seventh

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News Anticipation was high at Sugar Hills Golf Club on Thursday as the Goodland cross country team hit the grass and hills, but disappointment set in for some when Goodland didn't grab the top spot in either the boys' or the girls' race.

But it wasn't that Goodland didn't run well, said Coach Richard Schwasinger; they did, but everyone else ran exceptionally well at the meet. Goodland, running its first race of the season, were bested by Nebraska runners who had already been to some meets and met stiff competition from a large Colby

"Overall, it was a great meet," the coach said. "I thought our kids did great! There were some awesome times. I'm very pleased with their

The Cowboys and Cowgirls both finished seventh in team rankings. It was a warm afternoon at the Sugar Hills, and some runners seemed to struggle with the heat and the girls with the longer course, 2.5 miles, up from two miles in previous years.

Goodland's runners may have

and Chase counties and Ogallala.

"The Nebraska teams had already competed," Schwasinger said. "I don't know if that got to them."

alma mater, has a tradition of win-

"They won state my senior year,"

Goodland's times were great, the coach said, but overall the times were phenomenal. It was a perfect day. Sophomore Brittaney Medrano ran very well, he said, fin- Toby Hurst in 22.33 for 27th, Chris ishing second among the freshman and sophomore girls.

a good start, Schwasinger said, leading the junior and senior girls for the first 3/4 mile, but then she the coach said. She and Kerek Mason should have hands down won, Schwasinger said.

Goodland is the toughest course other than Wamego, the coach said, with a lot of hills.

"Our kids were tough," he said. "Their times were great for that tough a course."

The coach said he was pleased to been affected by the competition have team scores for both boys and

that because of numbers, he said, and there will be two more girls joining the squad.

In junior and senior boys, Also, the coach said, Ogallala, his Goodland's top runner, Mason, finished the 3.1 mile course in 19.05 minutes for eighth place. Ogallala runners Jesse Adams and Tanner Fruit were first and second with times of 17.17 and 17.53, and Scott City's Trace Kendrick was third in

Also finishing for Goodland were Geeseka in 26.39 for 38th, Douglas Eddleman in 28.43 for 39th and Senior Whitney Dautel got off to Chanuntuch Anutrapibal, an exchange student from Thailand, in 31.12 for 41st.

Among freshman and sophofell back. She may have been sick, more boys, Dallas Price finished in improvements by their next compe-24.32 minutes for 33rd, and Bryan Gray was 36th, finishing in 25.05.

In junior and senior girls, Whitney Dautel led the Cowgirls by finishing 11th in 14.56 minutes. Stephanie Sheldon was 15th, finishing in 15.33. Among freshman and sophomore girls, Medrano finished

from Nebraska teams from Perkins girls. Goodland has not always had second in 14.17 minutes. Precious Gonzales finished in 18.04 for 19th and Tanicia Arnold in 22.52 for

Grant Junior High had the thirdplace junior high boys runner, Michael Pettibone, who finished the one-mile race in 6.35 minutes. Tanner Fairchild was 19th, finishing in 7.59, and Lee Prine was 22nd, in 9.22. The top two runners were Mitch Norman and Alson Thompson, both of Ogallala. They ran the course in 6.10 and 6.14.

In the girls' race, Caitlyn McGinley was 12th, finishing in 8.44, Alexandra Borders was 13th in 9.02, Kaitlyn Lammers 16th in 10.12, and Day Waugh 17th in

The coach said he expects to see tition, and thinks the runners will look much better by midseason. Five runners will compete in Wamego on Saturday, Medrano, Dautel, Mason, Dustin Pennington and Hurst. The rest will run Thursday, Sept. 14, at Oakley.



Senior Stephanie Sheldon crossed the finish line 15th at the Goodland Invitational cross country meet Thursday with a time of 15.33 just ahead of Julie Carr of Ogallala, Neb., who finished in 15.35.

Golf team first at WaKeeney

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The Goodland Star-News The Cowgirls opened the golf season with a win, taking first place in WaKeeney Thursday.

Goodland had the No. 2 and 3 girls in the top 10 medalists in varsity and first- and second-place medalists in junior varsity.

It was a super day, said Coach Connie Livengood; everybody came home with a medal.

Junior Sammie Raymer was second in varsity with a score of 45, one point behind Nicky Rohleder of Thomas More Prep-Marian with 44. Behind Raymer was classmate Eryn Topliff with a 47. Stacy Littlechild of Trego Community High, the host, and Alexa Heier of Russell also shot 47.

The team's goal is to have everyone under 55, Livengood said. Raymer and Topliff did really well staying in the 40s, the coach added; not many of the girls did.

outstanding tournament.

The Cowgirls varsity team score

was 202. Second place was Hoisington with 210, followed by Russell with 227, Oakley with 231, Dodge City with 243 and Scott City

Other varsity golfers for Goodland were sophomore Chelsie Gausman, who shot a 54, freshman Amber Douglas with 56, senior Amber Webster with 57 and freshman Natashia Hillman with 60.

First place in junior varsity was Heidi Yonkey with 57. Courtney Sheldon was second with 60.

Their next competition will be at 1 p.m. today at Goodland's Sugar Hills Golf Club for the annual Goodland Invitational. Their biggest competition will be Syracuse, Livengood said, a Class 2A school that has had a girls golf program a long time. They're good, she said.

The Goodland girls have been working on using different clubs, different strategies and working together well, the coach said. It's go-The girls did not meet their target ing well, she said, there's good team goals, she said, but overall it was an camaraderie on the bus, and the girls talk about the rules of golf.

Lady Mustangs take two from Colby Eagles The seventh- and eighth-grade

Lady Mustangs volleyball teams traveled to Colby on Thursday, and both came back with wins.

Grant Junior High Athletic Director Mary Kratky said Friday both teams won both their 'A' and 'B' matches against Colby.

She did not have details or the scores, but knew the Goodland teams had won all four matches.

The Lady Mustangs will face Hoxie at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the junior high gym on the south side of Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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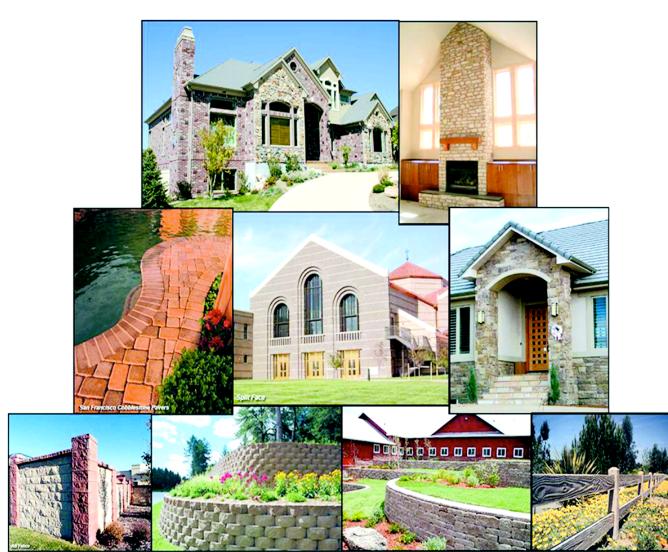
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