

# Senior runner finishes eighth at Wamego race

By Sharon Corcoran  
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Goodland had the eighth-place finisher in the boys' race and the 28th finisher in the girls' at Wamego Saturday.

Kerek Mason was eighth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:32.83. The top time in the race was 17:10.75 by Chris Elniff of Baldwin High School. Second was Jeb Flynn of Abilene with 17:15.80, and third was Nikki Trooien-Smith of Mulvane at 17:16.52.

Goodland's Toby Hurst was 101st with a time of 20:40.03, and Dustin Pennington was 114th, finishing in 21:35.20. There were 132 runners finishing the race, and the slowest time was 24:49.42.

Whitney Dautel, the only Cowgirl in the girls' 4,000-meter race finished 28th with 16:41.84. The top three were Heather Garcia of Baldwin High School with 14:22.12, Brittney Graff of Eudora in 14:33.75 and Laura Nightengale of El Dorado in 15:07.14.

There were 120 runners who finished, and the slowest time was 24:15.86.

The top three teams in the boys' race were DeSoto High School, Baldwin and El Dorado. The top three in the girls' were Baldwin, DeSoto and Clearwater. Goodland didn't have a team score in either race.

The kids did a really good job, said Coach Richard Schwasinger; their times were really good, but the competition was also really good.

Dautel ran a good race, he said; she had some problems on the hills, but it was the first time for a Goodland runner on that course.

This is the first year for the 4,000-meter race, about 2.48 miles instead of the previous two miles, he said, and that was tough, but she did well on the last half mile and she beat some runners she hadn't beaten before.

Mason ran an awesome race, the coach said, on a course that, other than Goodland's, was about the toughest in the state.

Pennington and Hurst had good times but were back in the ranks, Schwasinger said; that is a testament to how tough a race it was.

It rained all morning, he said, so that may have been a factor for some.

There was a whole new level of competition from what Goodland usually sees, he said; Colby does a good job, but there was competition



Toby Hurst was one of four Goodland runners to compete at the Wamego cross country meet Saturday. He finished 101st out of 132 runners in the boys' race with a time of 20:40.03. Goodland's top runner Kerek Mason finished eighth, and the Cowgirls' competitor Whitney Dautel finished 28th. The Goodland runners got to try out the course they will run at state competition and compete against some of the runners who will be at state.

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at Wamego they don't see here.

Plus, the team got to see the competition from Class 3A schools, some of whom they may see at state. The schools turn in their attendance numbers Sept. 20, Schwasinger said, and that will decide determined whether Goodland is a 3A or a 4A school.

Goodland was sixth from the bottom of 4A last year, he said, so it is possible the school will go down to

3A.

"I expect we'll still be 4A," he said, "but we'll have to revamp our thinking if we bounce into 3A."

Runners who didn't go to Wamego were to go to Oakley on Thursday.

Next week, Goodland has two big meets, one at Ulysses at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday and the Stanton County meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in Johnson.

# Cowgirls win tourney, get top three medals

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The Cowgirls won it all, with the top three golfers and four in the top 10 medalists at the Thomas More Prep-Marian Invitational tournament Monday in Hays.

At a junior varsity tournament Tuesday in Ulyssess, Goodland golfers took fifth, sixth and seventh.

Goodland's Eryn Topliff won the gold at Hays with 100 strokes on the par-72 course. Second and third were Sammie Raymer with 109 and Chelsie Gausman with 110. Brooke Whitmore was 10th with 117.

The Cowgirls' winning team score was 436. Larned was second with 465, Russell was third with 490 and Oakley was fourth with 535.

"I am please that we had the top three golfers of the tournament and that Brooke Whitmore had one of her best scores to place 10th in the field of golfers," said Coach Connie Livengood.

The Cowgirls fell short of some team goals, she added, but considering the conditions, they did a good job. It is a tougher course even than Sugar Hills, she said, with a lot more water to cross to get to the holes, and every green surrounded by sand traps.

The greens are elevated and very fast to putt on, she said, and the pins were put to the sides, close to the bunkers.

"The girls did a good job," she said. "I still think that the girls can be 20 strokes better than they are right now."

For the rest of the season, she said, they have a lot of work to do and a lot of competition left to take care of. The girls haven't seen any of the teams from the southern part of the state that they will see for the next three weeks and at regionals, she said.

"But we are excited," the coach said, "because that is what the sport is about, hard work and rewards."

Natashia Hillman was fifth at Ulysses with a score of 56, and Courtney Sheldon was sixth with 56. Kerri Bellamy was seventh with 57.

"I am very proud of the girls who went to the tournament," Livengood said. "They did a good job of staying around a target score that we have set. They know what they need to work on."

When there is a tie, the coach said, they do a "scorecard playoff," based on the handicap of the hole. They look at the No. 1 handicap hole and see which girl has the lowest score, she said; then if there is a tie there, they go to the second hardest hole and so forth.

The top three golfers were tied with 53, the



Natashia Hillman finished fifth in the junior varsity golf tournament in Ulysses Tuesday. Goodland also had the sixth and seventh place golfers, Courtney Sheldon and Kerri Bellamy. The Cowgirls took the top three spots and No. 10 to win the varsity tournament Monday in Hays.

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coach said, and Ulysses had them go out and play against each other to determine the winner.

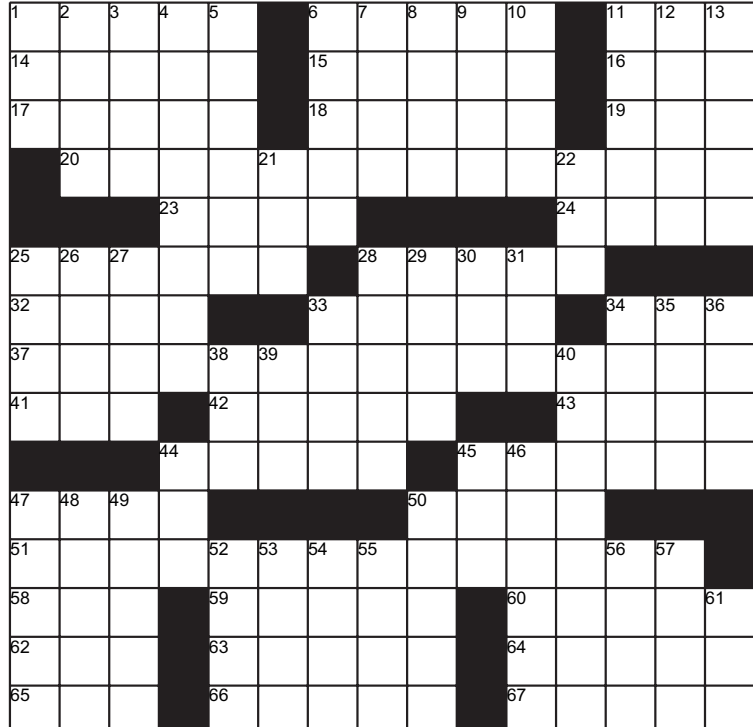
The varsity girls compete at 2 p.m. Monday in Colby and the junior varsity at 2 p.m. Monday in Russell.

## Crossword Puzzle

### At the Poker Table

#### ACROSS

- "Yankee Doodle Dandy" composer
- Soggy expanse
- Thurman of film
- Rudimentary seed
- Give an address
- Slangy turndown
- Girl at a ball
- Volcanic flows
- Journalist Lindstrom
- Make a great fuss
- The Koh-i-\_\_\_ diamond
- Dummy's perch
- "Valley of the Dolls" author Jacqueline
- Lounge band, e.g.
- List-ending abbr.
- Like some eclipses
- Colorado hockey team, to fans
- Reprimand harshly
- Everyday article
- Ancient: Prefix
- Greek I
- New Jersey's \_\_\_ Hall University
- Keeps going and going
- Big name in petroleum
- Chums
- Prepare to leave
- "My turn!"
- "It's a \_\_\_ situation!"
- Stadium sounds
- Minister's nickname
- Turn topsy-turvy
- Bemedaled
- Murphy
- Before, to bards
- Flat-topped formations
- Wild West vehicle



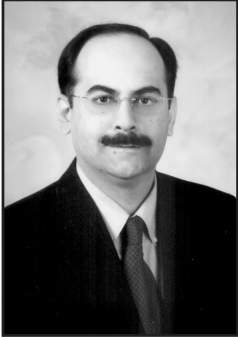
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#### DOWN

- Picnic throwaway
- "Your turn," in radio talk
- Luau dance
- Everything considered
- Schindler player
- Grinding tooth
- Qatari or Kuwaiti
- Sitarist Shankar
- Without a date
- Pianist Dame Myra \_\_\_
- Remove, as a brooch
- The only one-syllable state name
- Up and about
- Long, long time
- Ring stoppage, for short
- Religious faction
- Provo's state
- "Half-off" event
- Figure skater Sasha
- Toast topping
- Rock's Fleetwood \_\_\_
- Lingerie item
- Normandy battle town
- Mil. mail drops
- Bill killer
- Ollie's partner
- Unlocked, in verse
- D.C. baseballer, in headlines
- Remove soap from, maybe
- Cover with turf
- Univ. dorm supervisors
- Extremists
- In flames
- Baseball's Maris
- Garlic unit
- Remains unsettled
- E pluribus \_\_\_
- Benedict XVI, e.g.
- Is in the red
- One of a 1492 trio
- Zippo
- H.S. math course
- "Told you so!"

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10 a.m. ESPN College Football Iowa State Cyclones at Iowa Hawkeyes from Kinnick Stadium

10:30 a.m. FXSP College Football Marshall at Kansas State

1:30 p.m. ABC College Football Oklahoma at Oregon

CBS College Football LSU at Auburn

NBC College Football Michigan at Notre Dame

2 p.m. ESPN PGA Tournament The 84 Lumber Classic: Third Round from Farmington, PA

4 p.m. ESPN2 College Football Texas Longhorns at Rice Owls

6 p.m. ABC College Football Nebraska at Southern California

CBS College Football Florida at Tennessee

7:15 p.m. ESPN2 College Football Texas A&M Aggies at Army Black Knights from Michie Stadium

Sunday

11 a.m. CBS NFL Football Teams TBA

IND MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field

UNIV F'tbol Liga Mexicana UANL Tigres at Toluca Diablos from Bambonera

11:15 a.m. TNT NASCAR Nextel Cup Lenox Industrial Tools 300 from Loudon, N.H.

12:10 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball

Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

1 p.m. ESPN PGA Tournament The 84 Lumber Classic: Final Round from Farmington, PA

2 p.m. ESPN2 MLS Soccer D.C. United at Chicago Fire from Soldier Field

2:15 p.m. CBS NFL Football Chiefs at Broncos

2:30 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Diamondbacks

6 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees from Yankee Stadium

FXSP College Football Arizona State at Colorado

6:15 p.m. NBC Sunday Night Football Redskins at Cowboys