

Playoff berth to go to victor

By Tom Betz
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The Cowboys face the first of two Eagle teams tonight as they try for a berth in the Class 4A playoffs.

The Cowboys will be in Hugoton at 6 p.m. to face the 2-5 Eagles in the second of three district games which decide the teams that go into the playoffs. If the Cowboys can win tonight, they will face the Colby Eagles at 6 p.m. on Thursday to see who goes to the playoffs.

Cowboys Coach Jonathan Dansel said he thinks Hugoton is a good team, but that the Cowboys should win if the boys play like they have in the past.

"We have a good attitude and are ready to go," Dansel said Wednesday. "The kids believe we have a real chance to make the playoffs if they play to win."

Dansel said Hugoton runs a good fullback trap and runs the option pretty well.

"They play a pro-set I, and we should match up pretty with them across the line," he said. "From looking at the film, they are a team we should beat."

The Cowboys' 75-12 loss last Friday to Ulysses set the Tigers up to be the top team from District 16. Ulysses, 6-1 and ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 4A, plays Colby tonight in Ulysses.

Colby got its first win of the season by defeating Hugoton 46-6 last Friday. That win puts the Colby Eagles and Ulysses on top of the district after the first week with a 1-0 record. Hugoton and Goodland are 0-1 in district play.

"Colby is coming along," Dansel said. "They seem to improve every week."

Colby could take a commanding lead in district play if they upset Ulysses, but Dansel said he doesn't think anybody is going to stop the Tigers.

"We plan to play a good game against Hugoton and then get ready to play Colby," he said. "If they (Colby) lose and we win, there will be a lot on the line next week to see who goes to the playoffs."

Ulysses and Hugoton will face each other on Thursday in the other district game. If Ulysses defeats Colby tonight, that will give them a 2-0 district record, and a win over Hugoton would guarantee their trip to the playoffs at the top team from District 16.

Dansel said the Cowboys are pretty healthy with the exception of two seniors on the sidelines. John Mosbarger is recovering from an injured elbow and Ryan Gausman is out for the year with a knee injury.

Young Guns go to tournament



Brooke Bahe (18) got ready to throw a pass at the fifth-grade Young Guns game against the Hays Gamblers on Saturday at Cowboys Stadium. The Young Guns won 13-0, posting a 3-3 season record which got them a berth in the Western Kansas Football League championship tournament this weekend. The Young Guns will face Smoky Valley (5-0) at 1:30 p.m. Mountain

Time on Saturday at Lewis Field on the Fort Hays State University campus. If the Goodland team wins, they would play at the same time on Sunday. The championship will be played at 2 p.m. Mountain Time on Sunday, Oct. 29, in Hays.

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Substate volleyball here on Saturday

By Pat Schiefen
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The Cowgirls' volleyball team heads into Class 4A substate action this Saturday on its home court.

The action starts at 1 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. As second seed, Goodland will play seventh seed Pratt on the south court. The Cowgirls' record for the season is 13-17, while Pratt's is 7-22. The Cowgirls need to win three matches to advance.

Other teams in the substate here include Colby, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, Hugoton, Larned, Russell and Ulysses.

First seed Colby, 23-6, plays the eighth seed, Russell, 0-26, at 1 p.m. on the north court.

Goodland will face the winner from the match between third seed Ulysses (10-17) and sixth seed Hugoton (8-25) in the third match.

Colby will face the winner of the match between fourth seed Marion (11-20) and fifth seed Larned (11-21) in the third match.

The admission charge is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. League and team passes are not honored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, which runs the tournament.

The Cowgirls' coach is cautiously optimistic.

"We played well at league, where the competition was tough," said Coach Jerry McKee. "We were able to force several long rallies. Our defense is picking up more balls. We struggled getting some balls down on their court."

In league play against Oakley, Emily Murray scored two points, Lindsay Schields five points and one ace, Amber Cowan six points and one ace, Kaylee Billinger two points, Andrea Wolak two and Shandel Simon four.

In the Colby match Murray scored two points, Schields seven points and one ace, Whitney Archer seven points and one ace, Nicolette Clancy five, Cowan seven and one ace and Shandel Simon three points.

In the St. Francis match, which the Cowgirls won, Murray had four points, Schields 16 points, Clancy eight points and two aces, Archer 10 points, Kaylee Billinger nine and one ace and Simon five.

"Our pool was loaded with two state-ranked teams," McKee said. "We were unable to defeat either of them but did get a win over St. Francis. Our girls showed good intensity and our defense is starting to pick up more balls. Our blocking game is improving."

Cowgirl wins medal at league

By Sharon Corcoran
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The Goodland High cross country team had the fifth-place medalist in the girls' race at the Northwest Kansas League competition in Oakley on Saturday.

The Cowboys' top runner in the boys' race finished 12th, two places from a medal, and the Cowboys finished fourth as a team.

Both teams will compete at the regional meet Saturday in Larned, with the boys' top runner expected to be back in action.

The girls' race will be at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time at the golf course in Larned, and the boys' race will be at 11 a.m.

The Cowboys expect to have senior Kerek Mason, who has missed the last three meets due to illness, ready for the meet. Mason practiced last week and this week, said Coach

Richard Schwasinger.

"I think Kerek will be back," the coach said. "We're anxious to get him back. Based on how he did last week, he has the leg speed — we just don't know if the endurance is there. We'll find out Saturday."

In Oakley, senior Whitney Dautel finished fifth in 16 minutes, 57.59 seconds in the 2.48-mile girls race. Sophomore Cassie Cooper was 20th in 20 minutes, 8.86 seconds, and senior Stephanie Sheldon was 22nd in 20 minutes, 23.98 seconds. The girls didn't have a team score, which requires five runners.

Junior Toby Hurst was 12th in the boys' 3.5-mile race, finishing in 19 minutes, 9.61 seconds. Junior Dustin Pennington was 16th, finishing in 10 minutes, 18.7 seconds; freshman Ben Waugh 23rd in 22 minutes, 7.34 seconds; and sophomore Dallas Price 25th in 23 min-

utes, 49.75 seconds. Junior Chris Geeseka was 26th in 25 minutes, 18.08 seconds, and sophomore Bryan Gray was 28th in 30 minutes, 18.56 seconds. Senior Chanutuch Anutrapibal came in 18th in the junior varsity race, finishing in 26 minutes, 44.26 seconds.

The boys had good times, Schwasinger said, but could have been better. They didn't have the race of their lives, he said.

"Whitney has struggled lately," he said; "she may have had the flu or something. But she had a good run, and I think she'll have a good run at Larned."

"State means a lot to her and Kerek," the coach said. "We will get good races from them."

If he has the race of his life, Hurst will be in it, Schwasinger said; if nothing else, the runners should have their best times of the year.

The coach said he would have liked to have a girls' team at league, since they could have placed well. The team struggled with illness and injury through the season and lost some girls to a longer race, he said.

"It wasn't the season I hoped for," Schwasinger said, "but it was a nice season. The kids did really well."

The girls didn't know before the season started the race was going to 4,000 kilometers (2.48 miles), the coach said, and some weren't ready for that. It's tough for the kids to be mentally with it, he said.

Summer running is so important, he said, for two miles certainly, and then when you add a half mile, all the more so.

"I'm optimistic we can field a girls' team next year," he said. "Some from this year will come back, and we've got some freshmen coming in."

Three seniors face tough seeds at state tennis

Goodland High School's three seniors competed well against higher seeds at the state tennis tournament, said Coach Wallace Hansen, though they didn't bring home any hardware.

Jillian Parker's first-round match in singles against Candace Chapman of Coffeyville ended in a loss, 6-3 and 6-4. Parker moved into the consolation bracket, where she lost to Lauren Hudson of Smoky Valley. They played three sets, with Parker winning the first set, 7-6 (7-3), then losing the second, 1-6 and the third 3-6. The third set had four deuce games.

Alex O'Neal of Topeka Hayden



Parker



McCall



Johnson

was the state singles champion.

"Jillian finished her Goodland High School season with a 22-13 record," Coach Wallace Hansen said. "Her career record at singles for four years was 73-31."

In doubles play, Jena McCall and Sandy Johnson played Rebekah Gulley and Hana Lindbloom of DeSoto, losing 6-3 and 6-1. The DeSoto pair ended being the runners-up, losing to Goedeke and LaForge of Parsons in the championship match.

In the consolation bracket, McCall and Johnson lost to Betsy Blanks and Elly Johnson of Smoky Valley, 7-6 (7-3) and 3-6. They

ended their season with a record of 26-9.

"Jena and Sandy played quite well together through the course of the season," Hansen said. "In about 2 1/2 years of playing together, they won 54 matches and only lost 20."

"The three Goodland High School entries at state were also captains of the tennis team this fall," he said. "They were outstanding leaders and will be missed."

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. ESPN College Football Wisconsin Badgers at Purdue Boilermaker

12:30 p.m. NBC College Football UCLA at Notre Dame

1:30 p.m. ABC College Football Teams TBA

CBS College Football Alabama at Tennessee

FXSP College Football Washington at California

2 p.m. ESPN PGA Tournament Funai Classic: Third Round

3:45 p.m. ESPN2 College Football Rutgers at Pittsburgh or Louisville at Syracuse

5 p.m. FXSP College Football Colorado at Oklahoma State

5:45 p.m. ESPN College Football Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Clemson Tigers

Sunday

11 a.m. ABC MLS Soccer Playoff A conference semifinal

CBS NFL Football Teams TBA

NBC NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup

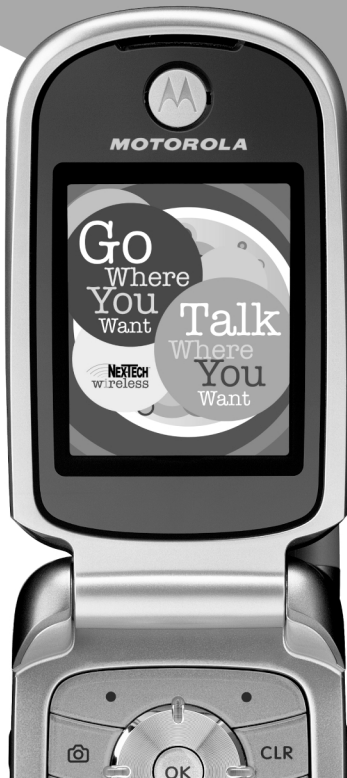
UNIV F'tbol Liga Mexicana Santos Laguna Guerreros at Toluca Diablos

1 p.m. ABC Golf Funai Classic

2 p.m. ESPN2 MLS Soccer Playoffs TBA

& 6 p.m. ESPN College Football South Florida Bulls at Cincinnati Bearcats

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