Cowgirls sweep match, set record

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News Sweeping a quad match in Grinnell on Tuesday, the Goodland Cowgirls extended their winning streak to 29 matches, the longest in the volleyball program's history.

"A lot of strings have come close," said Coach Jerry McKee, "but last night we finally set a new record.'

The girls, who won their matches against Oakley, Grinnell and Weskan, go on to the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Colby on Saturday still ranked No. 1 in Class 4A.

"I think we are ready for the tournament," he said.

Tuesday's meet was the last in the regular season. The Cowgirls will go on to Sub-state next Saturday with their

"We handled each of the matches pretty well," said McKee.

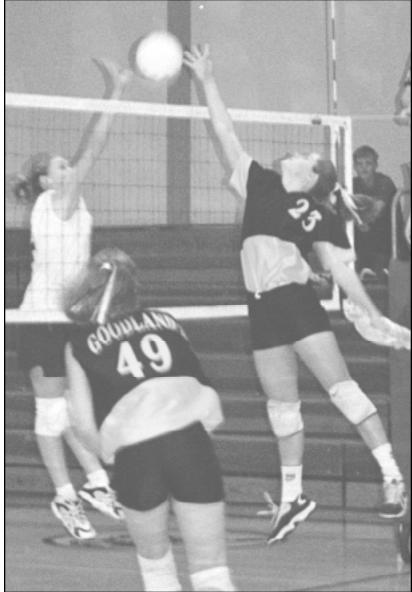
Against Oakley, the girls won the first game 15-6 and the second 15-11; against Grinnel, 15-4 and 15-4; and with, Weskan, 15-2 and 15-4.

Goodland faced off with Oakley in their first match of the evening with a couple of close moments when the games could have gone either way. The first game got off to a rocky start, with Oakley leading 2-5. Kendra Brack got the ball and brought the Cowgirls back into the lead 7-5.

Jara McKee brought in two points with her serves to bring the score up to 10-5. The Oakley Plainsmen got the ball at 13-5, but a spike by Brack recovered it, and the Cowgirls won another point on the serve, sneaking the ball past the Plainsmen's net coverage. They lost the ball on the next serve, when the Plainsmen were able to gain one point, bringing the score up to 14-6. Once the Cowgirls recovered the ball, the end came swiftly, with the girls gaining the one point needed to end the game.

The girls guarded the net closely during the match, but several spikes had too much power and went out of bounds giving the Plainsmen the chance to recover.

The second game against the Plains-



men started off with Oakley getting 4 the ball and the score slid to 13-11. points before the Cowgirls could get the ball on their side. Lacey Brenner and McKee brought in the final winserved and got no return, winning the ning point with her serve, which the girls an easy point to bring the score up

The Plainsmen seemed to lose energy in the middle of the game, letting the Cowgirls slide 5 points past them with out any returns, but they picked back up once they got the ball away three points in the game before losing from the Cowgirls.

time), Rebecca Gattshall was 32nd with

15:39 (best time), Anny McCoy was

33rd with 15:39, Kelsey Cooper was

37th with 15:59, and Tiffany

Schwasinger was 39th with 16:34 (best

with 12:34. Goodland was sixth out of six

Coach Smith said medals were given

"At one time Livengood was run-

Smith said Rebecca and Anny ran

"We're really hoping we can get

some of our girls into the 14 minute

range," he said. "That's a goal that we

had at the first of the year. We're get-

meet because of an injury, Smith said.

Kelsey Cooper missed the Oberlin

"She's running with a great deal of

She's a real competitor. She just

doesn't want to give up. It has to be

frustrating for her because she's run-

ning considerably slower than she was

will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Oakley,

where Goodland will compete against

Colby, Oberlin, Oakley, Quinter and

He said the majority of the team will

participate there and the biggest thing

at league meet will be to see how they

compare to people in their league and

"We have not had a lot of individual

Smith said they're hopeful that they

can have some kids place in the league

race. Runners have to finish in the top

10 individually to be an all-league run-

if they've made any progress.

or team success," he said.

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The Northwest Kansas League meet

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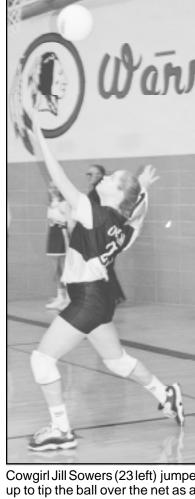
ning in the top 20, but was not able to

hold onto that position," he said.

teams who qualified for team scores.

Brenner brought the score up to 14-11 Plainsman returned only to have it spiked back at them by the girls defending the net.

In their match against Grinnell, the Cowgirls started strong with the ball. Server Evann Hardy gained the first the ball to the Warriors. Kendra Brack The girls couldn't seem to recover brought in four points for the team



Cowgirl Jill Sowers (23 left) jumped up to tip the ball over the net as an Oakley player jumped up to block the ball. Cowgirl Julia Darnauer (49) rushed in to assist. Sowers (above) set up the ball for a serve. Photos by Dana Sulsberger

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when she served and Jill Sowers brought in 3 points for the Cowgirls.

In the second game against Grinnell, Ashley Hallagen brought in four points for the girls on the first serve before losing the ball. Julia Darnauer brought

The Cowgirls then went on to face off with Weskan in their final match of the evening. Hardy brought in eight points for the team on the first serve before losing the ball, and Hallagin got nine points in the second match.

Lineman faces rush for missing a block

ATLANTA (AP) — Standing 6- day after the pummeling, vowing foot-7 and weighing 314 pounds, never to return. Dustin Vaitekunas is an intimidating figure on the football field.

But the Georgia Tech lineman says his size didn't matter when he four teammates running at full speed as punishment for missing blocks.

Coach George O'Leary ordered the drill on Sept. 25, leaving Vaitekunas sprawled on the ground for several minutes, gasping for breath.

"I wanted to show what a speed rush looks like from the quarterback's standpoint," O'Leary said. "I didn't expect those guys to tackle him. That was my mistake. I should have communicated better. But we never tackle the quarterback in practice. I was surprised it happened."

O'Leary defended his actions Tuesday, saying it was simply a breakdown in communication and that he would never do anything to harm one of his players. "I think the whole thing is getting

blown out of proportion," he said. "I coach hard, but I coach fair."

Vaitekunas left Georgia Tech a mentally."

His mother is threatening to pursue criminal charges against

"I see this as assault and battery. I was forced to stand alone against want O'Leary arrested," Wanda Charpring told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in a story published

Tuesday. "He tried to kill my son." The incident occurred at the end of a routine evening practice. Vaitekunas, a second-string offensive tackle, was having trouble with his

O'Leary called the player up in front of the team and handed him a

O'Leary put four defensive linemen in their stance about 6 yards away and blew a whistle. At least two of them hit Vaitekunas at full speed, sending him to the ground. His mother said he was severely bruised and in pain for almost two weeks.

"I was injured physically and mentally," Vaitekunas told the newspaper from his home in Chapin, S.C. "But to tell the truth, maybe more



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Runners win medals

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Matt Gattshall received a medal in time). Foos of Trinity was the top runner the varsity boys competition, while Michael Mangus and Jordan Zweygardt won medals in the freshman boys race. Chelsee Phillips and Haylee to the top 20 runners in each race. Mannis earned medals in the freshman girls competition.

Coach Don Smith said he's always pleased when the kids are able to get medals.

It was a good meet, with some very good competition, he said. It was a lot colder than any races the team has participated in this year.

"The varsity boys had their best start of the season as a team," he said.

Smith said they had worked at practice on running faster in the first mile and the boys turned around and tried to do that at the meet.

In the freshman boys race, Goodland's Mangus was seventh with his time of 20:56 (best time), Zweygardt was ninth with 21:07 (best time) and Josef Felver was 13th with 22:40 (best time). Phillip from Hutchinson Trinity School was first with his time of 18:56.

Then in the varsity boys race, Gattshall placed 12th with a time of 18:06, Speedy Aguilar was 34th with 19:19 (best time), Timothy Kafka was 41st with 19:37 (best time), Lee McCoy was 43rd with 19:54, Adam McCoy was 51st with 20:32 (best time), Alan Cebula was 58th with 20:51, and Lance Tedford was 60th with 20:58. Willis of Hoisington was the top runner with his time of 16:38.

In the varsity boys race, Goodland

was seventh out of eight teams. Coach Smith said he was very pleased with Aguilar's race.

"Speedy made a great effort at the

start of the race," Smith said. He said Aguilar has had some fine practices lately and has been running with Gattshall, who has been the

Smith said he thinks Aguilar will have an even better race at the league meet Saturday.

He said Kafka was a minute faster this year at Hoisington than at last year's Hoisington race.

Running for Goodland, Phillips placed fourth in the freshman girls race with her time of 17:24 and Mannis was fifth with 17:30. Salem of St. John finished first with a time of 16:32.

In the varsity girls race, Deanna Livengood was 24th with a time of 15:09, Wendy Keith was 29th with 15:27 (best

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As I stand on this mountain, face to the wind Amazed by the number of times I have sinned And the countless enemies that should have been friends Oh, here he comes again, my friend

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