

Team young but athletic

By Rachel Miscall
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Most people had the same things to say after they got a first glance at this year's Cowgirls volleyball team at the annual Pop Scrimmage on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

They said the team is young and not as experienced as last year's, which finished the regular season undefeated before falling to Scott City at the sub-state tournament. But this year's players are taller, more athletic and have a lot of potential.

Some of the players looked a little nervous, they said, as this was their first time performing in front of a crowd this season. But the team looked stronger during practices and will improve once they get their feet wet.

They said individuals looked strong, but the team needs to work together to be a success — something that's in the Cowgirls' grasp.

And they said it's still too early to make any judgments.

"I think it's going to be a good year," said Dan Brenner, father of Lacey Brenner, the only senior on the team. "As Coach McKee said, it's a young team, but they have potential. If they get together, I think they have a good chance."

Dan and Dawn Ann Brenner, La-

cey's parents, attended the scrimmage — where the team divides into four squads, which play each other — along with dozens of other parents, students, coaches and volleyball fans.

People brought sports drinks and other beverages to the "pop" scrimmage for players and officials to drink during the season. The event ran from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with Coach Jerry McKee introducing his coaching staff and talking with parents and athletes after the match.

Coach McKee said performance at the scrimmage doesn't always reflect how the team will play at a regular game, but it gives players a chance to shake out anxiety about playing in front of a crowd and him a chance to size up the athletes.

"It give me a chance to see who will tighten up," he said, noting that he thought all of the players did well and the scrimmage was a success.

"Basically I was pleased with everyone," McKee said, adding that many of the players were trying new positions, causing some confusion. Twenty-seven girls are out this year, including freshman, varsity and junior varsity players.

The coach said he was pleased with the crowd, too.

"Almost every parent came. There



Alissa Schields, a junior, took a dive to keep the ball in play Tuesday night at the Cowgirls volleyball team's annual Pop Scrimmage, while Janet VanDonge, a junior, was ready to back her up.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

was a good turnout," he said. "A lot of different people got in some good playing time."

Some players said they thought the scrimmage could have gone better.

"We've been playing better in practice," said Jayci Stone, a junior.

Coach McKee said he's still deciding who will be on the varsity and junior varsity teams, and performances at the scrimmage will help him.

As for the freshman, Coach Mitch Hixson said the players started off a little shaky, but looked better at the end

of the scrimmage. He said he noticed the players have gotten much better since practice started.

"They are improving in ball handling," he said. "We don't have a lot of height, so we need to handle the ball and play defense well."

McKee told parents after the scrimmage that their girls are talented and have a good chance at a successful season.

"Last year we really had volleyball players," he said. "This year we have athletes."

Cross Country opens at home

By Tom Betz
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The Cowboy and Mustang cross country teams open their season at 4 p.m. Thursday at Sugar Hills Country Club as hosts of the Goodland Invitational.

Teams from Ulysses, Lakin, Colby, Oakley, Weskan and Oberlin and Ogallala, Grant and Imperial, Neb., are expected for the meet.

Opening the meet will be the freshman and sophomore girls with a two-mile run starting at 4 p.m. The freshman and sophomore boys will follow with a 5,000-meter run beginning at 4:20 p.m.

The junior high boys and girls will begin their one-mile run at 4:50 p.m.

Junior and senior girls two-mile run begins at 5 p.m., and the junior and senior boys 5,000-meter run will begin at 5:20 p.m.

All of the races should be completed by 6 p.m. and the awards will be handed out north of the clubhouse.

Cowboy head coach Don Smith has one senior girl in Rachel Hagerman who ran for his team as a freshman; two returning juniors, Wendy Keith and Deanna Livengood; one sophomore, Chelsee Phillips; and two new freshmen, Jennifer Enfield and Kelsi Ihrig.

"We are going to very inexperienced," Smith said, "we do have a new girl Charlie Short, a sophomore com-

ing from Sharon Springs."

On the boys side, he has two returning juniors, Timothy Kafka and Shawn Weber; a returning sophomore, Espirion "Speedy" Aguilar; three new sophomores, Josef Felver, Michael Mangus and Jordan Zweygardt; and two freshmen, Daniel Blake and Craig Mason. The team manager and statistician is Matt Hurst.

"It looks like a number of people, but we have several who are already injured and some who will not be able to run this week," Smith said. "Because of this we won't have a team score for our meet because it takes seven boy runners to get a team score, and we will be lucky to have four running."

Assistant coach for the Cowboys and the head coach for the Mustangs is Richard Schwasinger.

Schwasinger said he would like to have a few more boys on the team.

For the Mustangs the seventh grade girls are Arely Bacasegua, Whitney Dautel, Jessica Lu, Jillian Parker, Ashley Sandoval and Justine Skyler. The eighth grade girls are Mandy Campbell, Alicia Felver, Kaitlin Lee, Julie Leiker, Jory Nelaimischkies, Chelsea Ontiveroz, Sami Philbrick and Tiffany Thomas.

Seventh grade boys are Cody Engel and Michael Smith, and the lone eighth grade boy is Steven Lang.

Mustang manager is Hollie Britt.

Coach explains rule changes to team, parents

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Jerry McKee, coach of the Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team, spoke to parents and players after the team's annual Pop Scrimmage Tuesday night, explaining how rule changes will affect the game and asking parents to respect the officials.

The coach told the crowd that the team still needs volunteers to act as officials and film games and is looking for another assistant coach. He said the increasing speed and complexity of the game may intimidate some volunteers.

McKee ended his talk by showing off the Cowgirl's new team logo, designed by Lacey Brenner, the only se-

nior player and the only person who knows what the logo means.

The coach said a change in the substitution rule has its pros and cons, but the new rule will likely make matches longer.

In past years, McKee said, coaches were allowed to substitute each player into one position three times during a game, for a total of 18 substitutions. After three turns on the court, he said, a player would be out.

The restrictions on individuals have been lifted this year, he said, allowing coaches to make 18 substitutions during a game with whichever player they choose. McKee said he felt the old rule gave the Cowgirls an advantage.

"I liked the rule because we could take our opponent's big hitter off the court," he said.

This year, McKee said, the Cowgirls could have to deal with that big hitter for the entire game.

"It could slow matches," he said. "I can see some coaches switching every time."

The coach reminded parents that officials can "card" any audience member, coach or athlete who is disrupting the match. Using red and yellow cards, he said, an official will identify the disruptive person and an administrator will ask that person to leave.

Coach McKee said fans have to re-

member that officials are human and can make mistakes.

"People do make mistakes," he said. "Sometimes I forget that, too."

McKee said the team is having problems finding another assistant coach and needs volunteers to work at and film games. He said volunteers should talk to him, assistant coach Mitch Hixson or Dick Liess, high school athletic director.

Holding up a computer printout, McKee introduced the team's new logo to parents and players. He said the logo, designed each year by the team's seniors, will be printed on T-shirts, sweatshirts and tank tops.

The word "owibaie" (pronounced o-

wa-be) is included in the logo, and McKee explained that only Brenner, the team's sole senior, knows what it means. He said the team will shout the word during games — which sometimes confuses the other teams — but players won't be clued in until the end of the season.

The Cowgirls' first scheduled match is on Tuesday, when they will face from Hays, Garden City and Burlington in a quad match at Max Jones Fieldhouse. McKee said the team may have a match Thursday against Sharon Springs.

Rockies come back to beat Dodgers in the ninth

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Although they lost, the Dodgers were encouraged.

The Colorado Rockies beat Los Angeles 4-3 Tuesday night, rallying on run-scoring hits by Juan Uribe and Terry Shumpert in the ninth inning off closer Jeff Shaw. But that was after Kevin Brown shut out Colorado on two hits during his five innings.

While the defeat dropped the Dodgers 4 1/2 games back of NL West leader Arizona, Brown's return from the disabled list should boost their postseason hopes.

Showing no effects of the sprained muscle in his right elbow that sidelined

him for almost six weeks, Brown threw his fastball around 95 mph. He struck out two and walked two, with 47 of his 68 pitches for strikes.

The Rockies didn't mind seeing Brown leave after the fifth. Behind 2-0 at the time, they evened it in the sixth on Todd Helton's 40th homer, a two-out shot off Giovanni Carrara.

In the ninth, Uribe doubled in the tying run off Shaw, then Shumpert, pinch-hitting, singled Uribe home with one out.

Shaw (3-4) gave up two runs on four hits as he was tagged with his seventh blown save in 44 chances.

"You know they have a great bull-

pen, but you're still happy to see Brown go," Shumpert said.

He gave Uribe, who doubled twice and also had a single, credit for keying the win.

"Uribe got the big hit, and it came against one of the top closers in the game," Shumpert said.

Manager Buddy Bell also was impressed by Uribe's performance.

"He has no fear, takes his swings

whether it's the ninth inning or the first," Bell said. "He has very good instincts and he loves to play the game."

Kane Davis (1-3) pitched 1 1/3 shut-out innings to get the win, and Jay Powell pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

The Dodgers' Gary Sheffield hit his 32nd homer of the season off Shawn Chacon to lead off the sixth inning, breaking a 2-2 tie.

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