

Golfers wanted for ‘Sobriety’ drive

By Doug Stephens
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The Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council is looking for people to play in the Drive for Sobriety golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 14, at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The tournament is a four-person scramble, and the fee to register is \$60 per person, which includes a lunch and use of a golf cart. People or businesses can sponsor a hole for \$100.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m.

This is the second year the tournament has been held. Last year it raised \$2,000 and this year’s goal is \$5,000, said Nina Carpenter, executive director of the council.

“Last year the tournament was just getting off its feet,” Carpenter said. “This year we know what we’re doing, and more people know we’re holding the tournament. I think \$5,000 is very attainable.”

The money raised will go to support

treatment for alcohol and drug addiction, Carpenter said, both the users and their families. The council doesn’t turn down anyone who can’t pay, she said, and family members of drug abusers often have financial problems. “We provide therapy for people who might not be using drugs, but their family members are,” Carpenter said. “They sometimes blame themselves for the family’s problems, and we try to let them know that they are not to blame.”

Family members are usually not covered by insurance, she said.

“We don’t turn people down, and this tournament will help pay for treatment,” Carpenter said.

Besides therapy, the group gives people information about interventions and 12-step programs, Carpenter said, and refers people to other organizations which might be able to help. The council provides their services in Sherman County.

For registration and other information, call the council at (785) 462-6111.

Rockies held to one by Giants’ ace hurler

Russ Ortiz was exceptional Wednesday night, holding Colorado to four hits in eight innings after being staked to an early lead as the San Francisco Giants beat the Rockies 9-1.

“We started that at the beginning of the season, so that is kind of how we approach it if we get a lead early,” said Ortiz, who has allowed 12 earned runs in 44 2-3 innings in August. “I think it allows you to maybe throw strikes more, it’s a push to say, ‘I need to get ahead.’ There is no reason to let them get something started.”

Ortiz (9-10) did just that in the middle innings.

Colorado had runners on second and third with no outs in the fourth inning, but Ortiz struck out Todd Helton and Greg Norton, then got Jack Cust to ground out.

Ortiz also struck out Larry Walker looking with the bases loaded in the fifth.

“Russ Ortiz threw a masterful game,” Giants manager Dusty Baker said. “He got out of some real tough jams there with some really good hitters, especially with Helton and Walker. You hate to see those guys up there with men on base, but Russ did a real good job.”

Broncos’ coach won’t say who’s filling spots on roster

DENVER (AP) — Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan isn’t telling anyone, not even his players, who he favors for running back and other contested positions.

“I’m not going to announce anything until the first game,” Shanahan said Tuesday.

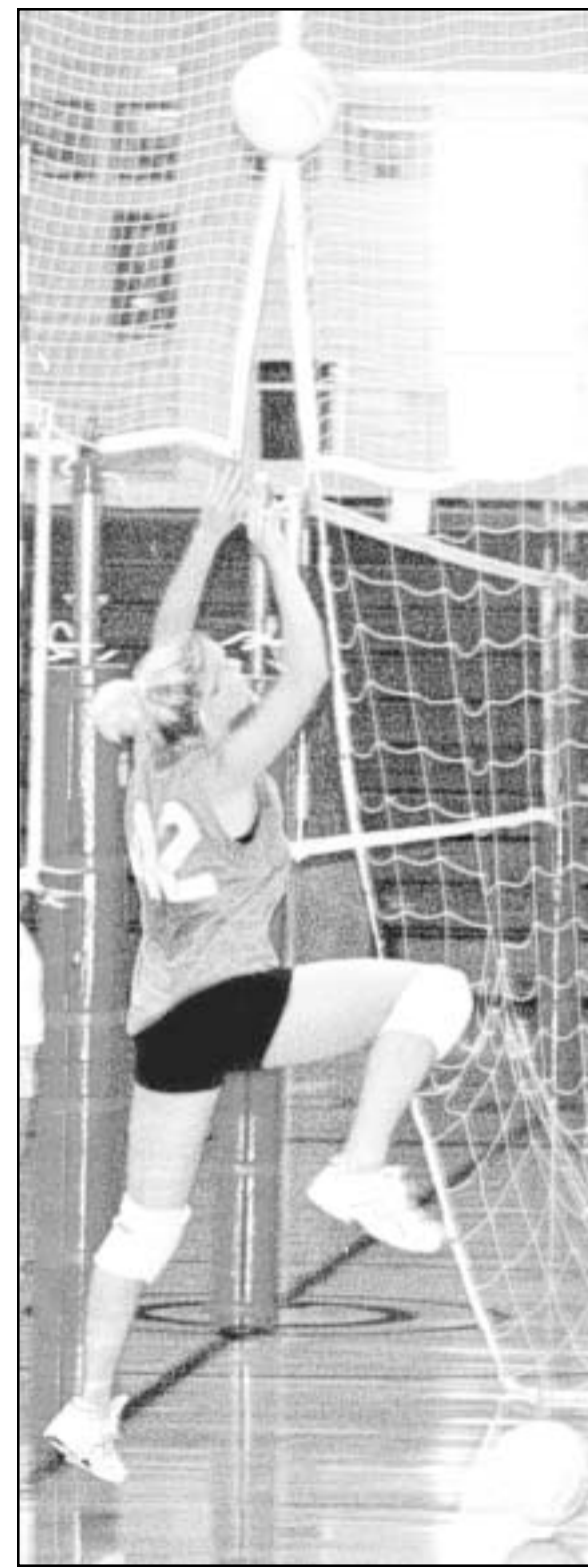
He would not even say who will start in Thursday’s final preseason game against Seattle. Last week he suggested that Olandis Gary and rookie Clinton Portis would alternate starts until the

regular season opener against the St. Louis Rams on Sept. 8.

“They ain’t told nobody nothing,” Portis said. “Go ask somebody else and see what they say.”

Fullback Mike Anderson said Shanahan’s tight-lipped strategy lets him get the maximum out of each player during the preseason.

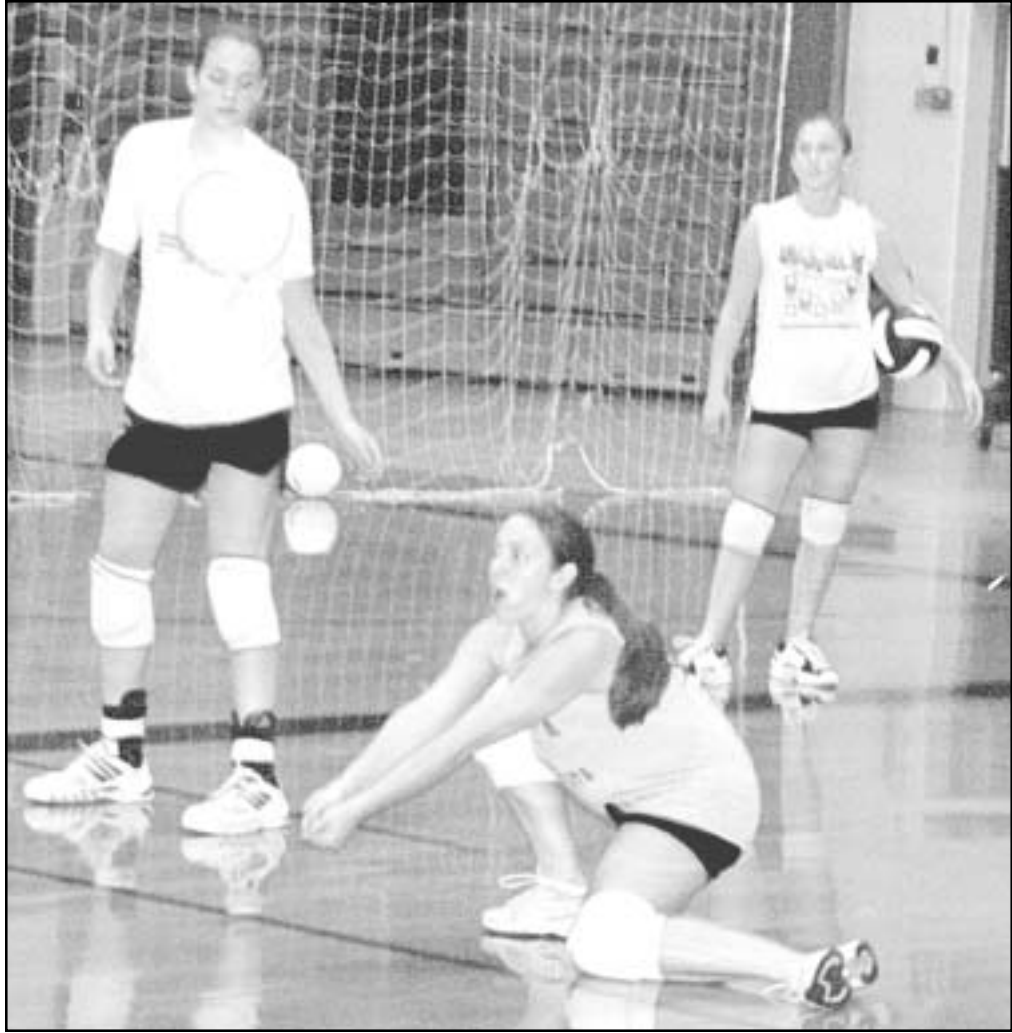
“If you let it be known, a guy might get kind of lax, so you let them compete. That’s what we’ve been doing,” Anderson said.



Practicing moves for the new season

Senior Colleen Koehler (below, middle) returned a serve during the Goodland High School volleyball team’s practice Wednesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Tammy Weeter (left picture), a senior, went after a ball heading her way. The team was practicing returning serves to a specific player on the court and all the girls could join in for the first time because Barb Bedore filled in an assistant coach position Wednesday.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News



Fans heckle Royals at home game

By Doug Tucker
The Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Were fans at Kauffman Stadium really booing the National Anthem?

No. It just seemed that way. But that was only one confused moment in a raucous night that possibly marked the Royals’ last home game of a truncated season.

About 4,000 of the 15,952 fans were responding to a promotion by sports talk radio station WHB and wore white T-shirts that declared, “Enough is Enough.”

Signs of angry protest were everywhere.

The Royals are off on Thursday and scheduled to be in Seattle on Friday, when the players association has set a date for a strike that’s stirred up fans who never fully got over the last work stoppage.

One man held a baby and a hand-lettered sign that read, “This is my first MLB baseball game. Please don’t make it my last.”

Relief pitcher Jason Grimsley, the Royals’ outspoken player representative, was easily the most hated man in the park.

Just as the guest vocalist of the night was about to begin singing the National Anthem, Grimsley and other members of the relief corps stepped out of the

Owners/players continue talks

NEW YORK (AP) — As baseball moved within two days of another work stoppage, commissioner Bud Selig arrived at major league offices and negotiators worked late into the night to try to avert a strike.

Players are set to walk out Friday unless there is an agreement for a labor contract.

Because of the threat, five of the 12 teams traveling for weekend series pushed back their flights a day, waiting to see if compromises could be reached on the main sticking points: levels for a luxury tax and revenue sharing.

bullpen behind right field to face the flag. Then as the first notes were played, the stadium erupted in loud boos.

The noise quickly subsided as people realized the National Anthem was being sung.

But the boos reached what was possibly a record volume for Kauffman when Grimsley trotted onto the field to pitch the eighth.

As Grimsley threw his warmup pitches, the crowd began chanting, “Let them strike, let them strike.”

When Mark Ellis doubled on Grimsley’s first delivery, the crowd cheered. Then as each of the next three batters made out, they booed.

No player seemed more upset by all the hostility than pitcher Paul Byrd, who has become a fan favorite in his first season in Kansas City.

seemed shaken and angry.

“It’s pretty hard to ignore it when they’re right there on the wall in the bullpen yelling and screaming. You just don’t expect that when you’re in your home stadium,” said pitcher Blake Stein, the alternate player rep.

Stein said he doubted the fans were understood the issues.

“If they knew the facts and everything that was going on a little better, they may still boo us. But they might be a little more hesitant to chant, ‘Go, owners, go.’”

The crowd started getting on right fielder Michael Tucker after he appeared to run down an RBI single rather lazily.

Then the booing began in earnest when Tucker motioned for the fans to come onto the field and see if they could do better.

Many of the signs accused the players of being greedy. One sign draped over the wall in right field showed a bloody knife slicing through a ball and said, “Don’t kill baseball.”

Kevin Kietzman, host of WHB’s popular drive-time sports talk show and organizer of the “Enough is Enough” demonstration, also coaxed more than 5,000 to Kauffman in 1999 with T-shirts that said, “Share the Wealth,” when the Yankees were in town.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Wednesday, Aug. 28
Witzel & Rhea over Weber Kennels 16-4
Basgall Construction over L&M Steel 15-5
Bowladium Lanes over ProLine 17-3
Fitzgibbon's over Sunflower Satellite 13 1/2-6 1/2
Sigco over Team No. Ten 18-2
High individual game: Jerry Amthor-237
High individual series: Jerry Amthor-884
High team game: Bowladium Lanes-604
High team series: Bowladium Lanes-2,299
Standings after first week: Sigco 18, 2; Bowladium Lanes 17, 3; Witzel Rhea 16, 4; Basgall Construction 15, 5; Fitzgibbon's 13 1/2, 6 1/2; Sunflower Satellite 6 1/2, 13 1/2; L&M Steel 5, 15; Weber Kennels 4, 16; ProLine 3, 17; Team No. Ten 2, 18.

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