

Three runners earn medals at Tribune

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The Goodland High cross country teams improved their times over their first meet Saturday at Tribune, running off with three medals.

The top 10 runners in each race got a medal, and Goodland had two freshmen in the top 10 in the freshman-sophomore boys race and the seventh finisher in the junior and senior girls race.

Steven Buller placed seventh among freshman and sophomore boys, finishing the 5,000-meter race in 21 minutes, 27.95 seconds. Talison Crosby was right behind him at eighth, finishing in 21 minutes, 54.7 seconds. Junior Cassie Cooper came in seventh in the girls race, finishing the 4,000-meter run in 20 minutes, 15.28 seconds.

Freshman Michael Pettibone finished 12th in the boys race in 23 minutes, 5.15 seconds.

Senior Dustin Pennington was 19th among junior and senior boys, finishing in 22 minutes, 43.35 seconds, and junior Justin Verlinden was 20th in 24:09.63. Senior Chris Geeseka was 26th in 27:41.84.

In the overall results for boys, Goodland was fifth as a team. First was Tribune, second Lakin, third Dighton, fourth Scott City, and Wichita County (Leoti) was sixth.

It was a tough meet, said Coach Richard Schwasinger, but everyone ran better; some of their times were four minutes better than at the opening meet at home.

"It was a really good meet for us," he said, "especially our freshman boys."

"I was proud of the kids at Tribune; it was a hilly course, a pasture golf course, yet some of them dropped four minutes from their times."

Not all of Goodland's runners made the trip. Juniors Dallas Price and Bryan Gray were at the Kansas State Fair, he said; juniors Brittney Medrano and Savannah Schlink were hurt.

Schlink has little injuries, the coach said, mostly from trying to get in shape to run. She came out for cross country late, he said, so she wasn't entered at Tribune. The team has eight meets scheduled for the season, he said, and each runner can only run seven, so they will all have to sit out one.

Sophomore Ben Waugh has been sick, Schwasinger said; he may asthma. Once he is on medication, the coach said, he will probably come along. Martin Stadelmann, an exchange student from Switzerland, has been out with a knee injury, the coach said, but is back in practice. He is listed as a senior, Schwasinger said, and may run at Oakley.

The girls team may have another addition, the coach said; Mindy Keith, a senior who is attending the Northwest Kansas Technical College, plans to join them once she has a physical. Then the girls will have five runners, he said, enough to get a team score. Freshman Kaitlyn Lammers joined the team late, he said, and hasn't raced yet.

The Grant Junior High Mustangs had a team score in the boys' race, finishing fourth with 109 points. Tribune was first with 21, Stanton County (Johnson) second with 52 and Lakin third with 58. Wichita County (Leoti) and Christian Family did not have team scores.

Jed Gray placed 15th out of 34 runners, finishing the 1-mile race in 7 minutes, 7.5 seconds. Tyler Raby finished 25th in 7 minutes, 57.89 seconds, and Jacob



Freshman Talison Crosby pushed himself on the hills at the Goodland Invitational Cross Country meet Aug. 30. He earned a medal Saturday at Tribune, finishing eighth in the freshman and sophomore boys race.

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Schnabel 26th in 8:13.64. Spencer Smith was 28th in 8:26.7, and Gage Owens 31st in 8:43.02.

In the junior high girls race, Stephanie Lee finished 11th in 7 minutes, 40.57 seconds. Kimber Linnel placed 19th in 10 minutes, .99 of a second, and Chantel Coates was 20th in 10:15.23. All the Mustang runners are seventh graders.

The team was to compete Thursday in Oakley. Their next action will be at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday at Ulysses, and then at 4 p.m. Thursday in Ogallala, Neb.

The team has struggled on Oakley's course in the past, Schwasinger said, but he hopes they will have a good day. The team will be light on girls for the meet, he said, but may have all of the boys out.

Ulysses and Ogallala are huge meets, the coach said, and the Nebraska teams start their season earlier, so they'll be at mid season. But Goodland will do well at those meets, he said, and will have mid- to late-season success.

Goodland is listed on the schedule for a meet in Stanton County on Saturday, Sept. 22, he said, but that is a misprint. Their next competition after Ogallala is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in Oberlin.

Cowboys face Hoxie tonight in Indian territory

By Andrew Liebaw

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The Goodland Cowboys look to redeem themselves tonight at Hoxie after a disappointing 22-6 loss last week against a tough St. Francis team.

"Last week was a big disappointment, as that was a game we should have won," said Cowboys Coach Jonathan Dansel. "You take back three plays from that game, we win."

The Cowboys did indeed only need three plays back to win. Two of the Indians scores came on long touchdown runs that just came down to mistakes by the defense.

"I felt we were the better team physically and athletically," the coach said, "but that is a team you

cannot afford to have missed assignments on defense."

The other play the boys needed back was the questionable penalty that negated a Cowboy touchdown. The Cowboys scored a touchdown early in the third quarter that would've brought them within two points. Then came a late flag. The referee signaled too many men on the field and called the touchdown back. The boys settled for a long field goal attempt that fell short.

The Cowboys never gave up, despite being down nearly the entire game.

"I was proud of how my kids played physical for four quarters but we still have plenty of room for improvement," Dansel said. "I

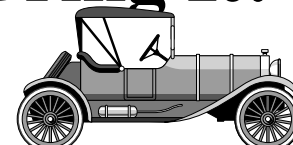
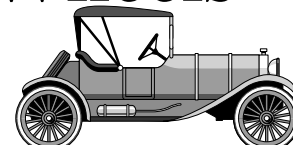
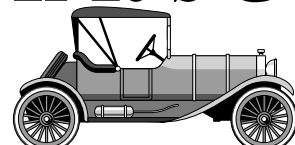
know this Cowboys team will keep getting better as the season goes on, we have to as the road doesn't get any smoother from here."

The next pothole comes in Hoxie. The Indians enter the matchup with a 2-0 record in the league after a 14-0 win over Colby and a dominating 46-0 shutout of the Oberlin Red Devils.

"Hoxie is a team on a roll early," Dansel said. "They are hungry for wins just like we are, so it should be an exciting game."

The Cowboys take their hunger to Hoxie tonight. Don't forget to bring a blanket and an umbrella, as the forecast is cold and wet. Kick-off will be at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) in Hoxie.

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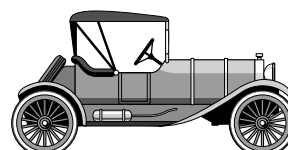
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Former Cowgirl gets eight kills in game

Former Goodland Cowgirl Alisha McKee and one of her teammates both had eight kills to lead the California State University, Fresno volleyball team in a 3-0 home loss Tuesday to Oregon State University.

It was the third straight loss for the Lady Bulldogs, who were 2-8

heading into Thursday's home match against New Mexico State. The match was the Western Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

McKee leads Fresno State in kills with 97 and is third in blocks with 18.

Alisha, a senior studying marketing, is the daughter of Jerry and Linda McKee of Goodland. A 2004 graduate of Goodland High, she helped lead the Cowgirls to the 2003 state Class 4A championship. Alisha was named to the All-North-

west Kansas League volleyball team her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

The Aggies of New Mexico State came into Thursday's match with a 7-3 record. The team was picked to finish second, behind the University of Hawaii, in the conference coaches' preseason poll. Fresno State was picked eighth.

McKee and the Bulldogs take on conference opponent Louisiana Tech on Saturday in Fresno.

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