

# Cowboys face Oakley tonight

The Cowboys are in Oakley at 6 p.m. tonight to face the league leading and undefeated Plainsmen, but the Cowboys and their coach believe they have a chance for an upset win.

The Cowboys are coming off a 24-7 loss to the Hays High Indians, and Coach Jonathan Dansel feels the team continues to improve.

"We played a great second half of football, again," he said. "At some point we have to realize it take two halves of great football and ball security to beat good teams."

"The first half came down to giving up a few big play on defense due to missed assignments and missed tackles. The kids are keeping a good attitude despite our record. We keep fighting hard until the end of every game, but we must learn to come out of the locker room focused on the task at hand and quit beating ourselves."

There hasn't been a team yet to just have their way with us. We have hurt ourselves these last three weeks."

The Cowboys are 1-4, and have not been really out of any game. Mistakes and turnovers have stopped the Cowboys from scoring inside the "red zone" two to three times each game.

Oakley has averaged 40 points in

their five games and have a rushing average of 425 yards a game. The Plainsmen don't have to pass often, and only average 17 yards a game through the air.

The Cowboys are averaging 183 yards rushing and 61 yards passing.

"Oakley has a really solid team this year with a few key players," Dansel said. "Kelly Younkin and Aaron Rachett are powerful runners, and we have worked hard this week in preparing to stop their run game."

"It's not an unbeatable team we are about to face, and we are expecting great things from our kids this week."

"To beat this team we must hang on to the ball, stop big plays from happening on defense, and have some playmakers on offense."

"'Believe' has been the focus of my message to the kids this week, and I have no doubt in my mind that they do."

In the loss to Hays Jake Kling was injured and Dansel said he has a pretty severe knee injury and will be having surgery in the near future.

"He is a tough kid and his presence will be missed on the defense," Dansel said. "My prayer is that he will heal quickly."

## Sixth grade Junior Cowboys shut out Norton



Tyler Gastineau, No. 32, ran the ball for the sixth grade Junior Cowboys while Garrett Taylor, No. 44, blocked. The sixth grade team beat Norton 26 to 0, but the fifth grade lost to Norton 32-6.

Both play Phillipsburg Saturday at home, the fifth grade at 10 a.m. and the sixth grade at 11:30.

Photo by Shawn Gastineau

## Goodland native runs for Emporia State



Kerek Mason (center with shaved head), former Cowboys cross country runner, ran in his second meet for Emporia State University on Friday at the Jock's Nitch Invitational in Emporia, finishing 36th in a time of 28:48 for the 8k race at Jones Park. Emporia State won the meet against 19 other teams. Father Jeff Mason said Kerek did better than at the University of Kansas meet at Rim Rock, and moved up from 17th on the team to 8th with this

finish. "He started a little slower than at Rim Rock and just kept picking people off as he moved up through the pack," Jeff Mason said. "There were a total of 102 runners who finished the race (several didn't finish)." Emporia State is in action Saturday at the Border States Invitational in Edwardsville, Ill.

Photo by Jeff Mason/The Goodland Star-News

## bowling results

**Monday Afternoon Ladies League**  
Sept. 24, 2007

17th Street Barbershop over MGM Lions, 3-1  
Bowladium Lanes over Alcorn/Shelter Ins., 3-1  
Blind Team over Team #4 (L. Amthor), 3-1

**High game:** May Callahan 203  
**High series:** Lori Amthor 568

**Team high game:** 17th Street Barbershop 637  
**Team high series:** 17th Street Barbershop 1785

**League Standings:**

**No. 1** Bowladium Lanes, 8-4  
**No. 2 - tie** 17th Street Barbershop and Alcorn/Shelter Ins., 7-5

**Scratch Classic League**  
Sept. 24, 2007

J&L Deliveries and SunOpta postponed

Floyd's Refrigeration and AC over Adronics 13-7  
Weber Kennels over RMR 19-1  
Steve's Body Shop over Fitzgibbon's, 13-7  
Bowladium Lanes over The Rookies, 19-1

**High Individual Game:** Doug Eddleman 233

**High Individual Series:** Jeff Stevens 817

**High Team Game:** Adronics 596

**High Team Series:** Floyd's Refrigeration 2192

**League Standings:**

Third week, first round

Floyd's Refrig. & AC	40-20
Steve's Body Shop	38-22
Bowladium Lanes	34-26
SunOpta	34-6
Weber Kennels	19-1
Adronics	15-25
Fitzgibbons, Inc.	13-27
J&L Deliveries	12-8
RMR	10-50
The Rookies	5-35

# Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!

## Former Cowgirl gets career high kills

Former Goodland Cowgirl Alisha McKee made a career high 24 kills last Saturday to lead the California State University, Fresno volleyball team, however the Lady Bulldogs fell to Utah State University 3-1.

Utah State won the first two games 30-26 and 30-19. Fresno State came back to win the third 30-28 but lost the fourth by the same score. The Bulldogs are now 4-12 overall for the season and 2-4 in the Western Athletic Conference.

McKee led Fresno State with 19 kills Sept. 27 in a home conference match against the University of Nevada which the Wolfpack won 3-0. Heading into Thursday's home

match against Boise State, McKee led the team in kills with 182 and was third in blocks with 31.

Fresno State beat the Mustangs 3-2 on Sept. 20 in Boise. Three days later the team will be in Honolulu to take on the Rainbow tv.com of the University of Hawaii.

Alisha, in her fourth season at Fresno State, is a 2004 graduate of Goodland High and is the daughter of Cowgirl volleyball coach Jerry McKee and his wife Linda. On Tuesday she was the subject of a feature article on Fresno State's athletic website: gobulldogs.cstv.com. Go to "teams and click volleyball."

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