

Sub-state loss ends season

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Goodland's high school volleyball team's season ended with a loss to the Ulysses Tigers at sub-state, but the coach said the girls gained valuable experience they can bring back to the team next year.

They will have more experienced players on next year's team than they had this year and are only losing three seniors, said Coach Jerry McKee. Ten girls earned letters for their hard work this season.

The Cowgirls were knocked out of the sub-state volleyball tournament Saturday, Oct. 20, in Colby, losing to the Ulysses Tigers 25-14, 25-16.

The Cowgirls went in as the No. 7 seed out of eight teams with a 4-29 record and faced the No. 2 seed Ulysses with a 20-14 record.

Ulysses beat the No. 3 seed Nickerson 25-18, 25-22 and went on to face the No. 1 seed Colby Eagles. Colby beat the No. 8 seed Russell 25-10, 25-15 and the No. 4 seed Smoky Valley 28-26, 25-20.

The Eagles beat the Tigers 25-21, 25-12, making Colby the 4A sub-state champions.

"The season was a year of gaining experience and improving our play," McKee said. "We needed to bring several younger players up, and this causes you to weaken your junior varsity and freshman teams.

"Next year we should be in a position of having players ready to play at these levels."

The Cowgirls had a competitive schedule and this year played 11 matches against state qualifiers, McKee said.

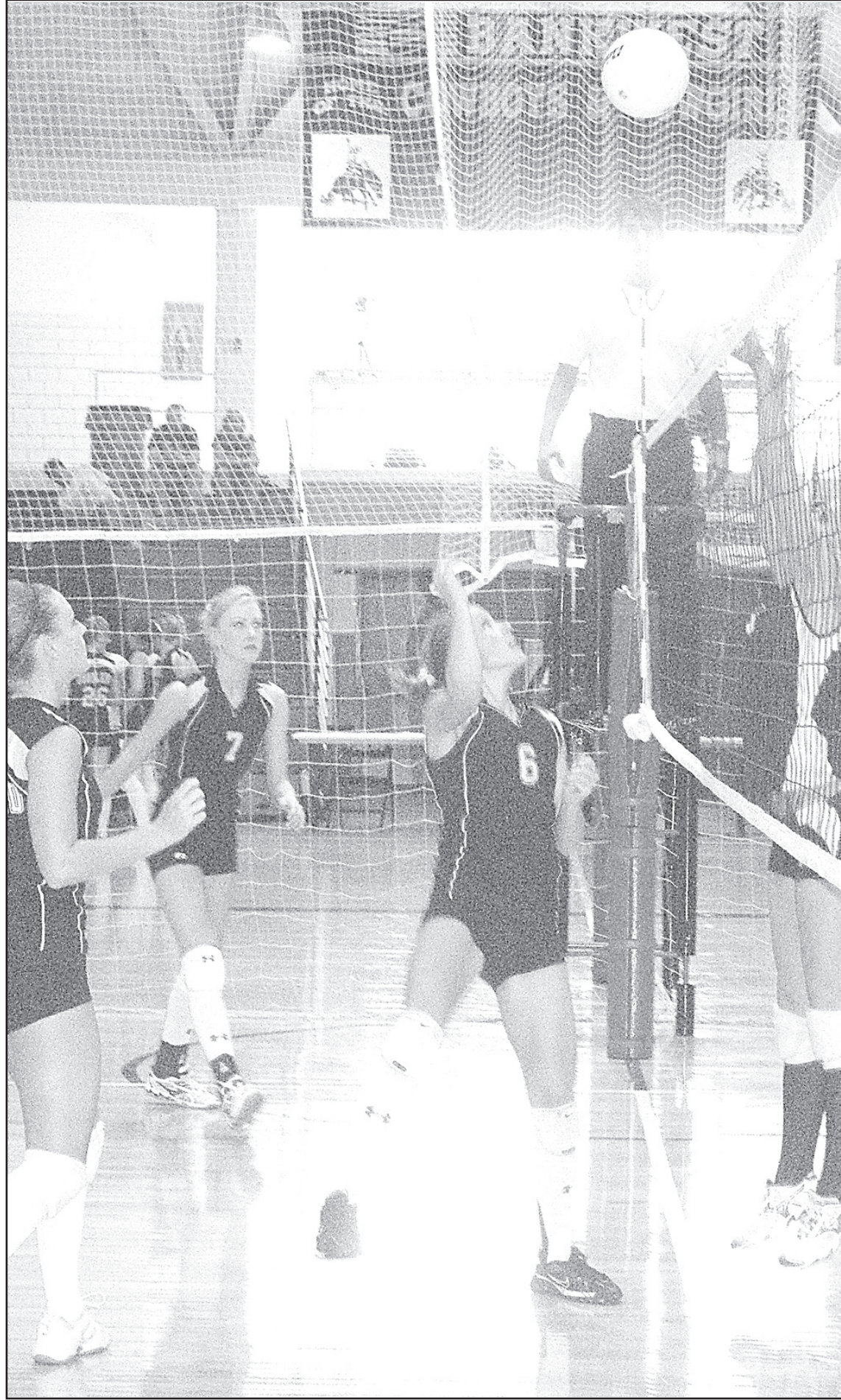
"We are always looking to play teams which will challenge us," the coach said. "Each year we re-evaluate our schedule and try to find teams which will provide us with the type of competition we are looking for. You will only get better playing teams which provide good competition."

The Cowgirls should return next year with six players with considerable varsity experience, McKee said, whereas this year the team only had two players with any type of varsity experience.

Goodland will have several players who learned and developed at the junior varsity and freshman levels ready to challenge for positions next year, he said; competition for your playing spots only makes your team more competitive.

The team will lose three seniors, McKee said, but will hopefully pick up several freshmen next year.

Seniors Ashley Christians, Jessica Swager and Andrea Wolak won letters this year along with seven who will return next year: Whitney Schields, Ashley Archer, Shelbi Hall, Alexis Bateman, Jade Herl, Erika Gonzales and Katie Clancy. The All-League player



Shelbi Hall, (left) Alexis Bateman (center) and Whitney Schields prepared to set up a return during a volleyball match against Ulysses at Max Jones Fieldhouse in September.

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will be announced later this year, McKee said.

Besides being an inexperienced team, this year's Cowgirls were few in number.

"Our numbers in volleyball were down this year," the coach said.

"This is the first year we have ever been under 30 players. We are needing to get our numbers back up. The number of girls coming out of the junior high has dropped off — this is causing the competition for these young ladies to increase between the

sports. Every one of our fall sports for ladies were down in numbers this year. Hopefully we will be able to get more ladies participating and working out during the off season to prepare them for next year's competition."

Couple's grandson invited to showcase

A Goodland couple's grandson has been invited to compete in a College and pro scouts, play-baseball showcase at the spring training site of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres.



Vinson

Ethan Vinson, grandson of John and Judy Bateman of Goodland, has been invited to compete in the Arizona Junior Fall Classic on Dec. 27-30 at the Peoria, Ariz., Sports Complex.

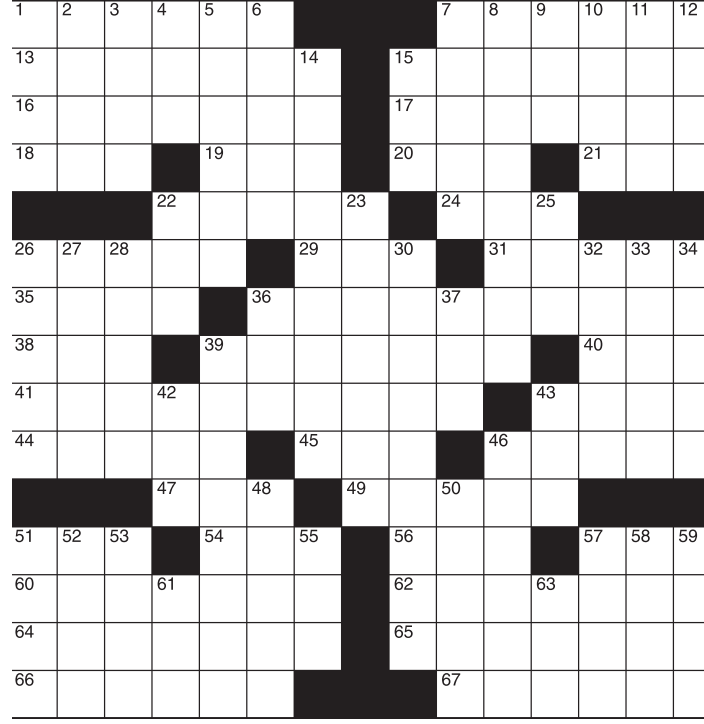
Vinson, the son of Karen Colton of Oak Hill, is a junior at Salina South High School. He was invited to the event as a catcher but could see some innings as a relief pitcher. The showcase is designed to help with player development and

with college placement. College and pro scouts, players and coaching staff also attend. After the showcases are completed, 36 players will be invited to play next summer with the Under Armour International Team.

Vinson played this fall for the Wichita Slugger Academy. He participated in a tryout session in early September at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City and was one of three players out of 100 invited to attend the Arizona 10 Classic with the Baseball Factory National Team.

He was invited to participate in a similar event in Florida. Players are assigned to one of eight teams with 16 players per team.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Comedy writers
 - Made from milk solids
 - Segmented worm
 - Lower the grade of something
 - Gin with dry vermouth
 - Tired
 - Burn residue
 - Disc jockeys
 - Gymnastic floor pad
 - Brain and spinal cord structure (abbr.)
 - Respond
 - Master of Philosophy
 - Challenged
 - 1964 film "7 Faces of Dr. ___"
 - Belonging to the largest & lowest lake in Australia
 - USS Fre ____: 1st littoral combat ship
 - Live musical show
 - Lice egg
 - Former Spanish money
 - Discharge a debt
 - Afternoon TV dramas
 - A measured portion of medicine
 - S S S
 - Painter Edgar ___ as
 - Tears down
 - Town in Braxton Co., WV
 - 2002 Red Hot Chili Peppers song
 - Records heart's electric currents
 - A woolen cap of Scottish origin
 - Take hold of
 - Medical practitioner
 - An Australian river
 - Endow with animal life
 - Mourned
 - Oil extracted from wool
 - Currents
 - One who is compulsively dependent
- CLUES DOWN**
- Vasco da __, Portuguese
 - Freshwater duck genus
 - Releases gonadotropin
 - Encountered
 - Slurred over
 - Japanese mercenaries
 - Low in cost
 - Those who do not acknowledge God
 - Auditory organ
 - Long poem telling of a hero's deeds
 - Perceived by sight
 - Not beginnings
 - Let it be known
 - Corrie
 - Radioactivity unit
 - Gradually narrowed toward a point
 - Vertebrate oncogene
 - Crowded or impenetrable
 - Farewell
 - The Sator-____ Square
 - 8 sided
 - Impounds for lack of payment (slang)
 - Wipe out recorded information
 - Eyelid infections
 - Rally before the game
 - US, Latin America, Canada belong to
 - Not negative
 - A wooden pin
 - Male parent
 - Resecure a book
 - Glass parts of a window
 - Yemen capital
 - The boundary of a surface
 - Witty person who makes jokes
 - Power system
 - Million gallons per day, (abbr.)
 - Salvador __, Spanish artist
 - About ear
 - Penny
 - Wreath
 - __ Squad

bowling results

Monday Night Scratch Classic League Oct. 22, 2007 The Rookies over J&L Deliveries 20-0 Bowladium Lanes over Floyd's Refrig. & AC 14-6 SunOpta over Weber Kennels 14-6 RMR vs Steve's Body Shop 0-0 Fitzgibbon's Inc. over Adronics 15-5	High Team Game: SunOpta 676 High Team Series: SunOpta 2,352
League Standings: Sixth week first round	
SunOpta 99-41	Steve's Body Shop 86-54
Bowladium Lanes 86-54	J&L Deliveries 83-57
Floyd's Refrig. & AC 83-57	Fitzgibbons, Inc. 71-69
Weber Kennels 70.5-49.5	Adronics 41-99
RMR 39-101	The Rookies 21.5-98.5

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Oct. 31 - Nov. 5

- Tuesday** - Football state playoffs
- Wednesday** - Halloween
- Saturday** - High school playoffs
- Monday** - Buffer week. 4 p.m., high school scholars bowl at Rexford



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