Cowgirls face tough competitors

The Goodland Cowgirls volleyball team lost to the Norton Blue Jays last Thursday and lost three of four matches at their home quadrangular Saturday against tough competition.

A state qualifier last year, the Norton Blue Jays won over Goodland 25-10, 25-17, 25-17.

In the home quad, the Cowgirls lost to Wray 25-16, 25-18.

Facing a team that is undefeated 3A, the Cowgirls took Phillipsburg to three games before losing 23-25, 25-20, 25-18.

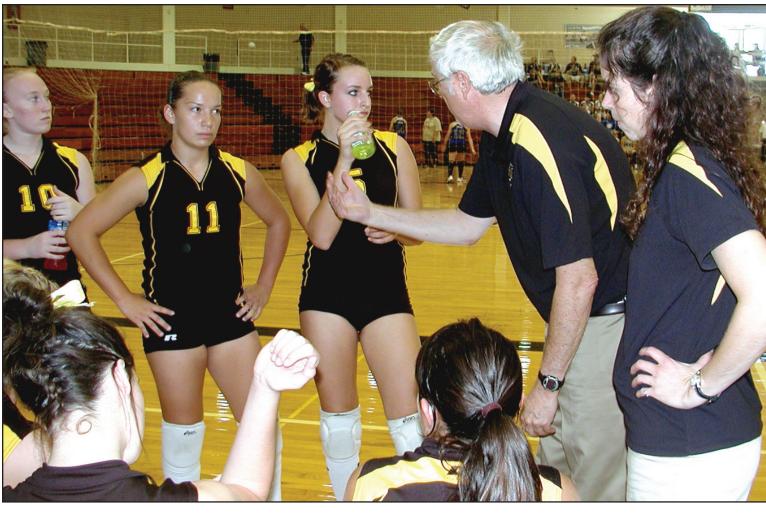
And Goodland beat a team ranked Fieldhouse

first in the state in Class 1A, Wheatland 25-18, 25-21.

"We are playing excellent competition," said Coach Jerry McKee. "Our community needs to be aware of how hard our young ladies are working."

The Cowgirls were to face another state qualifier from last year, Dodge City, at their home quad at 3 p.m. Thursday.

The C Team will compete at 8 and ranked third in the state in Class a.m. Saturday in Oberlin, and the varsity, junior varsity and C teams will compete against Oberlin at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Max Jones



Coach Jerry McKee had a heart-to-heart talk with senior Ericka Gon-home volleyball quadrangular Saturday. Coach Aimee Stoffel was zales (No. 11) while junior Angie Hillmer (No. 10) and sophomore McKee's backup, and junior Katie Clancy and sophomore Jennifer Ashley Archer (No. 5) checked the scoreboard during Goodland's Rome were on the bench. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Cowboys play tonight

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Goodland Cowboys football team will be playing before the home crowd tonight, as they take on the 1-2 Trego Community Golden Eagles from WaKeeney.

The Cowboys have lost their first three games against tough teams, losing the opener to Oakley at home, then traveling to Colby and to St. Francis for two homecoming games. The Cowboys spoiled St. Francis' scoreless streak with a touchdown in the closing seconds and are looking forward to playing before the home crowd.

"They are the best team that we have played so far," Coach Kent Teeter said of St. Francis, "and we still made improvements in the second half. We are really close to becoming a good team. We need to continue to work hard and limit mistakes. It's going to be really nice

getting to play at home again. It will 8-9-year-old girls, 71'6"; Stephanie be an exciting game for us."

WaKeeney has a really good quarterback that does a ton for them, Teeter said, and the team has decent size and speed.

The Golden Eagles beat the Hoxie 6". Indians 26-22 to open the season but then lost 42-8 to Smith Center and 7-33 to Phillipsburg last week.

"They play hard," he said. "We need to play with great effort and enthusiasm. We will work hard this half-time of the Broncos vs. Raiders week on playing till the whistle. We need to continue to improve on our execution."

Goodland's NFL Punt, Pass and Kick winners, future Cowboys and Cowgirls, will be honored at halftime. The Denver Broncos NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition the field at North Elementary School with 43 kids participating.

The winners are Ellie McDaniel, Ihrig, 12-13 boys.

DeLaRosa, 10-11-year-old girls, 185' 6"; Evan Peter, 8-9-year-old boys, 131' 8"; Luke Avila, 10-11year-old boys, 208' 9"; and Gage Ihrig, 12-13-year-old boys, 227'

They will go to Sectional Competition Saturday, Oct. 11, in Denver. Winners there qualify for Team Championship competition Sunday, Nov. 23, at Invesco Field at

Second place at the local level were Sienna Miller, 8-9 girls; Austin Neufeld, 8-9 boys; Makayla Kennedy, 10-11 girls; Austin Hernandez, 10-11 boys; and Ian Bonsall, 12-13 boys.

Third were Chelsea Phillips, 8-9 was held Wednesday, Sept. 17, on girls; Devin Jipping, 8-9 boys; Ashley Anderson, 10-11 girls; Ricky Milke, 10-11 boys; and Gannon

JV tennis team fourth at home

fourth at their home tournament Tuesday.

WaKeeney won the meet with 30 points, Norton was second, Tribune third, Scott City tied with Goodland and Colby was sixth.

In No. 1 singles, Lexi Pfeifer of WaKeeney finished first, followed by Hild of Tribune and Scott of Norton. Jakalyn Van Allen of Goodland was fifth. Her win was over Malchow of Scott City 6-2. She lost to Scott of Norton 6-2 and to Pfeifer of WaKeeney 6-2.

In No. 1 doubles, the duo of

nior varsity tennis team tied for won the gold medal. Second went to Sauer and Craig of Scott City. Goodland's Heidi Lawson and Stephanie Becvar took third.

> Their wins were over Kramer and McVey of Norton 6-4 and over Ellis and Myers of Tribune 6-1. Their loss was to the WaKeeney pair in pool play.

> In No. 2 singles, Emily Wyse of WaKeeney was first, followed by Dasha Hrechko of Colby and Ashley Milan from Norton. Hrechko is an AFS exchange student from the Ukraine.

Due to an injury, Goodland Colby.

The Goodland Cowgirls ju- Carr and Dunn from WaKeeney wasn't represented in No. 2 singles.

> In No. 2 doubles, the Goodland team of Katelyn Coon and Michaela Garrett finished fifth. Their win was over Dizmang and Geibler of Colby 6-0. Their losses were to Fulton and Cazziniga of Norton 6-1 and to Brunswig and Haflinger of WaKeeney 6-4. The WaKeeney pair went on to win the gold in the tie break match over Kucharik and Vaslo of Scott City

The next junior varsity action is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in

6-5 (7-1).

Golf team third at Colby

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Cowgirls had two medalists at Colby, sophomore Andrea Roeder sixth in 58 strokes and junior Ashley Garza 10th in 66. Also for the Cowgirls were sophomore Jacquelynn Gulley in 71 and senior Sam Erickson in 74. The girls that went to Colby did a

nice job, said Coach Connie Livengood — two girls did their personal best. Roeder did a great job getting into the 50's, the coach said, and that was her goal. "She brought home a sixth place

medal," the coach said, "and I am

happy for her. She has improved every tournament."

Gulley is cutting down her strokes and has a goal to get down in the 60's, Livengood said, and that is not a bad goal for only going to three tournaments. Garza shot a 66, and she was disappointed, but she is getting more consistent and she got the 10th place medal.

Erickson finished out the team did," Livengood said. with a 74, the coach said, and she was disappointed. The girls continue to do a good job and work hard a practice, she said, and that is what golf is all about.

At Russell, junior Amber Douglas was the lone medalist for Goodland at 10th, shooting 51. Senior Chelsie at Holcomb's tournament at Garden Topliff shot 56 and her twin sister p.m. Thursday at Oakley. Katlyn 66.

There was very good competition there, said Coach Connie Livengood, with three teams that went to state last year, Concordia, Larned and Goodland. Goodland was a little short on members, she said, since part of the team went to Russell.

"I felt we did a good job, but I believe the four girls that went could have done so much better than they

The Cowgirls were fifth with 224 points. Larned won with 193, Russell was second with 195, Concordia third with 201 and Hoisington fourth with 220. Bennington had 283 and Great Bend 285.

The Cowgirls planned to compete Gausman also shot 51 but lost the City Thursday. They will compete tie-breaker. Sophomore Kirsten at 9 a.m. Tuesday in Ulysses and 2

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Goodland wins on Hail Mary pass

for nearly all the game between the Cowboys junior varsity and the St. Francis Indians junior varsity, and it appeared headed for a tie when the magic connection gave the Cow-

boys a last second win, 14-8. The Cowboys tied the score 8-8 with a safety with 4:24 left in the game, and neither team seemed to be able to mount a good drive to break the tie.

The Cowboys got the ball back with 45 seconds remaining about 40 yards away from the end zone. Cowboys quarterback Brock Wilkens threw several passes, but it looked like nothing was going to work. With nine seconds left Wilkens dropped back and threw to the end zone and it looked like the ball bounced off the waiting arms of Nathan Deeds their drives.

It had been a defensive struggle for the touchdown with no time

remaining on the clock. The Cowboys mobbed Deeds in the end zone and celebrated their win a few moments before lining up

to shakes hands with the Indians. Neither team scored in the first half, and St. Francis got on the board with a 34-yard run by Drew Zweygardt The two-point conversion was good making it 8-0 with 8:07 left in at 8-8 with 4:24 left. the first half.

With 11 seconds left in the half the Cowboys Wilkens passed to Nathan Deeds for his first touchdown at the end of the first half. The two-point conversion was no good so the half

ended with St. Francis leading 8-6. St. Francis moved the ball in the second half, but the drives would stall out. The Cowboys had the an Indian player's helmet right into same problem and penalties hurt

Midway through the third quarter the Cowboys mounted a good drive getting down to a first and goal inside the 5-yard line, but on four tries the Indians kept the Cowboys out to take over on downs.

From deep in their end zone the Indians tried a run to the left, but the Cowboys caught the runner in the end zone for a safety to tie the game

Goodland got the ball back on the

punt and again were driving down for a score when Wilken's pass was intercepted in the end zone. The fourth quarter was a toss up as both teams faltered on drives

until the Cowboys final possession

and Hail Mary pass from Wilkens to

Nathan Deeds for the 14-8 win. The Cowboys junior varsity will play at 5 p.m. on Monday in

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Good job, Cowboys and Cowgirls! Your efforts are appreciated!