

# Goodland players selected to Great West All-League teams

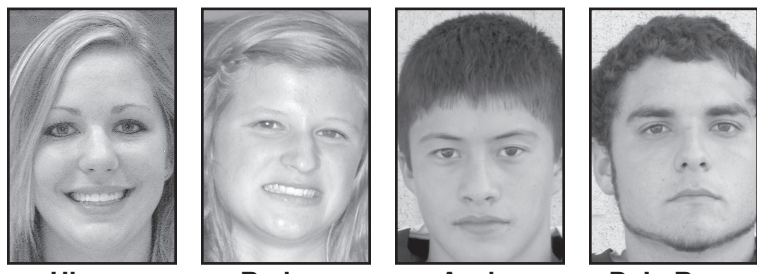
Seven Goodland players have been selected by the conference coaches to be on the Great West Activity Conference All-League teams for volleyball and football.

Being selected to the Great West Conference All-League Volleyball team was Cowgirl sophomore Taryn Bedore and Honorable mention for senior M-Lynn Hinger.

The Cowgirls season ended in the first round of the Class 3A sub-state tournament held at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Oct. 22. The Cowgirls lost in the first round to the No. 1 seed Cimarron with a record of 35-3. The Cowgirls were the No. 8 seed and finished the season at 13-20.

In the Great West Activity Conference All-League Football five Cowboys were selected with four named to the first team and two receiving honorable mention selections.

Cowboy senior Riley Oharah was selected first team linebacker,



Hinger Bedore Avelar DeLaRosa



Oharah Hillmer Smith

Cowboy senior Austin Avelar was selected as first team kicker and Cowboy sophomore Taylen Smith was selected first team punter.

Cowboy senior Dallas DeLaRosa was selected to the first team offensive line, and received an honorable mention for the defensive line.

DeLaRosa was injured in the final game of the season.

Cowboy senior Ryan Hillmer received honorable mention as a defensive back.

The Cowboys finished with a 5-5 record and were fourth in the conference. The Cowboys won two of their district games defeating Norton 17-0 and Thomas More Prep 35-19 to qualify for the Class 3A playoffs for their second appearance. Unfortunately for the second year the Cowboys lost to Scott City in the first round 52-7.

The Scott City Beavers defeated Smith Center in the second round, but lost to Conway Springs 39-21 on Saturday to end their season at 11-1.

Conway Springs will face Garden Plains in the Class 3A semi-finals tonight at Garden Plains.

# Grant Mustangs wrestle against Colby, Scott City

The Grant Junior High wrestlers competed against Colby and Scott City Monday evening in Scott City.

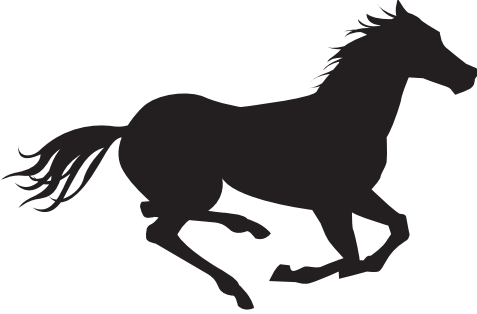
The team will wrestle at 9

The results were: Tate Withington went 2-0 on the evening, Cade Mayer went 1-0, Kasey Stramel was 0-1, Tanner Gastineau 2-0, Tristen Cooper 1-1, Austin Hernandez was 1-1.

Andy Wendell 2-0, Simon Bassett 1-1, Kelby Smith 1-1, Luke Avila 1-0, Riley Lopez 2-0, Jacob Stasser 0-2, Cole Knitig 0-2, Nolan Deeds 1-1, Alex Goodwin 0-2, Orlando Wooten 1-0.

No team scores were kept.

Coaches are Gary Winter and James Myers.



a.m. on Saturday at the Ulysses Invitation.

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him Urban said yes and said his mother, aunts, cousin and grandfathers and grandmother were in the courtroom.

He said he is hoping to learn and feels confident about that, and said after release from prison he would find some counseling and really participate in the counseling.

"I see how failure to deal with those issues has gotten me where I am," he said. "I want to try to stay clean. I have gone about 90 days without anything and I feel pretty good."

Asked what he wants to do for education or employment when he gets out of prison.

Urban said he wants to continue with electrical and feels he has an aptitude for electrical work. He said he started when he was 16 and got a job. He said he was good working with his hands and working outside is good for him.

Barrett said he had suggested getting a professional evaluation and talked about the pros and cons and that it might offer a better chance, but Urban did not want to do that.

"I just do not feel I want to push this out any further," Urban said. "I want to do my time, whatever it is, and start my life after that. I do not feel it needs to be pushed back more."

Barrett said Urban wanted to make a statement to the family, and he had told his client not to do that. He told Urban if he wished to do now was his opportunity.

"I ask for forgiveness," Urban said. "I cannot bring back the person I took from you. I know how

it is to lose a father figure, son and husband. I went through that and cannot ask for more than for you to forgive me. I hope you know I am truly sorry."

That was the end of the presentation and there was no cross examination or questions from the judge. Urban, dressed in the orange and white jail jumps suit with hand cuffs and ankle chains, returned to his seat at the defense table.

Barrett said the defendant's mother wanted to make a statement.

From the podium Tracy Urban said she wanted to make a statement to the court.

"As you heard from my son we had a traditional family," she said in halting and tearful words with pauses to try to compose herself.

"Address the family of the victim Mr. House, and say from our family to yours we are very sorry for your loss and understand a lot of your loss. I do not diminish it in any way shape or form. I understand what you are going through and what you will be going through, and wish you nothing but peace and love.

"My son made a mistake and was very negligent, and does not diminish that it was wrong. I take responsibility for my children in your loss."

Talking to the judge, "I understand you will be sentencing my son and deciding how long he will be in prison," she said. "He understands what he has done and that he has to be punished. He is not trying to get out of that. We do not see how the length will not hurt him to be better for his future. I hope he will have an opportunity for counseling and

other opportunities in prison. I am very sorry."

Selby said members of the House family had asked to make statements.

First up was Gennifer House, wife of Andrew House, who turned the microphone on the podium around so she could face Urban.

"Where do I begin," she said. "in the senseless loss of my husband and the father of my children.

"Have you ever been held accountable for actions in your life?"

"Have you accepted responsibility for killing your father?"

"Have you accepted that you killed my husband?"

"Have you taken ownership for killing two men?"

"You of all people should know what it is like to grow up without a father.

"I am the mother of two teenage children. I pray every night they do not end up as pathetic as you."

She turned to the judge, "This will give a message to the young adults of Sherman County about the penalty for drinking and driving and killing a person."

Next was Harlan House who walked up to the podium with a portrait of his son Andrew and his family.

"Mr. Urban killed my son," House said. "He defied laws about consuming alcohol and about using marijuana."

House said Urban was not in condition to be driving when he was on that country road and drifted across the center of the road.

"All Andy had time to do was raise his arm to protect his face,"

House said. "I have to accept his apology and try to forgive him. Nothing today will bring Andy back. I feel the maximum sentence is appropriate. I think probation for an extended time would be appropriate he needs to be monitored for any time he fails a test."

Following the family statements Judge Schiffner asked Barrett if he had any closing argument.

Barrett said the judge has a daunting task of deciding what the appropriate sentence is. He said they agree nothing will bring Mr. House back, and no one was trying to minimize the loss.

"Mr. Urban has had a difficult time since the loss of his father," Barrett said, "again we do not want to minimize what he did."

Barrett said Urban did not seek a long drawn out trial. He plead guilty. He came to the realization he needs to be punished, and in his own words he needs to be sent to prison.

"We are asking for a departure from the sentencing guidelines," he said. "I feel he will not receive the good guidance in prison because those programs have been cut. The message we should send to the community to deal with those who have an abuse condition. We should send them to prison, but the term of confinement should not be so overburdening it is not good for the future of the young person's life.

"He will learn as much in one month as he would learn in four years. We ask the court to approve a downward to 24 months that sends a message and give him more of a chance for rehabilitation. It is unfortunate it takes an event like

this to bring it to the attention of the community."

Barrett asked to yield a few minutes to Attorney Chesler.

"Judge I want to address you as two men, one to another, who have dedicated their lives to the justice system," Chesler said. "I believe the sentencing function in a criminal case is the hardest task we invest in our judges. It is hard on us emotionally and hard on use as human beings, because we weigh so carefully and balance how much is needed so we do not send a bad message to those who may read what is reported of the facts of the case and the pronounced sentence of the court.

"I am not so naive that if you give him the top of the presumptive range that it will likely deter him. Someone who is not yet of age and trying to fit in with their peers, and when liquor or substances are made available that they will not fail to appreciate the seriousness or consequences simply because of the newspaper article they have read. I think it is important that we send a message to the community in general that we are a country of laws and expect people to comply.

"He has had a problem dealing with his problems from the day I met him for those of as a 14 year old and today as a 19 year old."

Chesler said he had counseled Urban and made suggestions about arguing for probation, but he had said he should pay a price.

"If he does not desire and does not feel it is right," Chesler said, "he is not an appropriate candidate for probation.

"The sooner we can get him to a parole phase he will be able to get the treatment he needs and give some assurance of safety to this and other communities."

Judge Schiffner said he was addressing Urban and everyone in the courtroom.

"The most difficult thing to do is deprive someone of their liberty," he said. "This is not as difficult here as the legislature has decided they should be determining the sentencing. They have set up the guideline chart and the court is expected to follow that."

He said to allow the departure the defendant has to show substantial and compelling reasons.

"Those are the rules I am bound by," Schiffner said. "I tell juries they cannot allow emotions to influence their decision. I feel empathy, but not sympathy.

"I feel you (Urban) have made a major step forward taking responsibility and admitting you should spend time in prison.

"I have read the brief and cannot make a decision there is a reason to approve your departure motion."

Judge Schiffner said based on the pre-sentencing report he was sentencing Urban to a term of 41 months and while serving he would get good time credit not to exceed 15 percent, and a parole term of 36 months.

Judge Schiffner told Urban if he could ask to be sent to Norton Correctional Facility Urban could find Colby Community College has a program to help with his education.

# matters of record

## Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Sept. 7 - 2:45 p.m., 224 E. First, arrested Hector Sarinana, Crystal

Bueno, Ricardo Valdez and Christopher Castenada for burglary, theft, and possession of stolen property. Case referred to county attorney.

2:48 p.m., 1209 Harrison Ave., warrant arrest of Christopher Castenada, Ricardo Valdez, Crystal

Bueno and Hector Sarinana. Case referred to county attorney.

Sept. 8 - 10:31 a.m., 1104 Cherry Ave., Brittany Lynn Johnson reported aggravated burglary and criminal damage to property.

Sept. 10 - 9:28 p.m., 1307 Harrison Ave., arrested Carol D. Thompson for domestic battery against James Thomas Garner. Case referred to city attorney.

Sept. 11 - 7:42 a.m., 301 Center Ave., emergency detention. Case re-

ferred to High Plains Mental Health.

Sept. 12 - 7:55 a.m., 714 E. Business U.S. 24, Ihrig, Inc. reported burglary and theft.

11:13 a.m., 1220 Main Ave., Apt. 4, Pamela West reported violation of Protection from Abuse order. Case referred to county attorney.

9:19 p.m., 825 W. Business U.S.

24, Apt. B4, Monica Ford reported burglary and theft.

Sept. 13 - 12:29 p.m., 204 W. 11th, Richard Szanto reported theft.

Sept. 14 - 11:52 a.m., 715 Clark Ave., arrested William Pearsall on warrant. Case referred to city attorney.

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