

Cowgirls display talents at scrimmage



Cowgirl Senior M'Lynn Hinger got ready to try her hand at making a basket at the basketball scrimmage held on Tuesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Coach Andy Scheopner divided the girls into two teams and they played each other. The first game for the Cowgirls and Cowboys is starting at 5:30 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Cowgirls, Cowboys open season tonight at home

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Tonight will be tough opening games for the Goodland Cowgirls and Cowboys as they face the Scott City Beavers at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls varsity game will tip-off at 5:30 p.m. and the Cowboys varsity game will tip-off at 7 p.m. at Max Jones. The Cowboys junior varsity will play in the junior high gym at 5:30 p.m. and the Cowgirls junior varsity will play in the junior high gym at 7 p.m.

Cowgirls

Cowgirls Coach Andy Scheopner said he does not know what to expect from his team, but knows they are young and will be learning in their first games.

He said he will be interested to see who steps up to be the scorers for the team this year.

The Cowgirls finished 11-10 last year and were 6-4 in league play. The Cowgirls opened with a win against the Scott City Lady Beavers 49-29 at Scott City.

Coach Scheopner feels the upcoming 23rd Annual Topside Tip-Off will be tough with the Cowgirls opening the tournament at 6 p.m. on Thursday against McCook. He said the tournament field will be tough with Burlington and Ottawa coming in ranked in the top 10 in their respective conferences.

In last year's Topside Tip-Off the Cowgirls lost the opening game 51-47 to Wray, but won the next two games defeating Weskan 59-49 and Norton 39-31 to win the Consolation Championship.

If the Cowgirls win the opening game on Thursday they will play the winner of the Burlington and Weskan game at 6 p.m. on Friday

at Max Jones. If the Cowgirls lose the opening game they will face the loser of the Weskan and Burlington game at 6 p.m. on Friday in the junior high gym.

Other teams participating in the 23rd Annual Topside Tip-Off include Wray, Norton and Wallace County.

Following the tournament the Cowgirls will be on break until January when they start a three-game road series at Colby on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Colby. The Cowgirls will travel to Hugoton on Friday, Jan. 6, and be in Oakley on Tuesday, Jan. 10. The Cowgirls return to Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday, Jan. 13 against Holcomb.

Cowboys

Cowboys Coach Don Raymer said he does not feel his team is physically ready for the opening game. He said he feels they will get a lot of quick experience against the Beavers.

Coach Raymer has been working the Cowboys hard to develop speed. He has been using special goggles to keep the boys from looking down at the ball making them concentrate on where they are going as they move the ball up and down the floor.

The Cowboys were 11-11 last year in Raymer's first year as head coach.

In the opener last year at Scott City the Cowboys lost 79-29, but Coach Raymer hopes they will have a better showing tonight on their home court.

The Cowboys will open the 23rd Annual Topside Tip-Off on Thursday at 8 p.m. against Weskan at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Last year the Cowboys won their opening game against Burlington 54-45. They lost the next game to McCook 71-63, and lost the third place game to Wray 45-38.

If the Cowboys win on Thursday they will face the winner of the McCook and Wray game at 8 p.m. at Max Jones. If the Cowboys lose on Thursday they will face the loser of the McCook and Wray game at 8 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Following the Topside Tip-Off the Cowboys will be on break until the new year when they will start the season at Colby on Jan. 3. The Cowboys will travel to Hugoton on Jan. 6, and Oakley on Jan. 10. The next home game at Max Jones will be on Friday, Jan. 13 against Holcomb.

Mustangs win one at Garden City

Grant Junior High Wrestlers competed at Abe Hubert Middle school in Garden City on Tuesday.

Goodland beat Hugoton 61-40, lost a close 51-48 dual to Abe Hubert, and lost 70-25 to Dodge City.

The next action for the team is at the Great West Activities Conference on Saturday at Colby.

"We have four open weights so we spot team 24 points before the match gets started," said Coach

James Myers. "Tate Withington went 3-0, Cade Mayer 1-2, Tanner Gastineau went 3-0, Tristen Copper 2-1, Austin Hernandez 3-0, Simon Bassett 1-2, Riley Lopez 3-0. Luke Avila 1-2, Kelby Smith 1-2, Cole Knitig 2-1, Nolan Deeds 2-1, Jacob Stasser 1-2, Drew House 2-1 and Alex Goodwin 0-3."

The other coach for the team is Gary Winter.

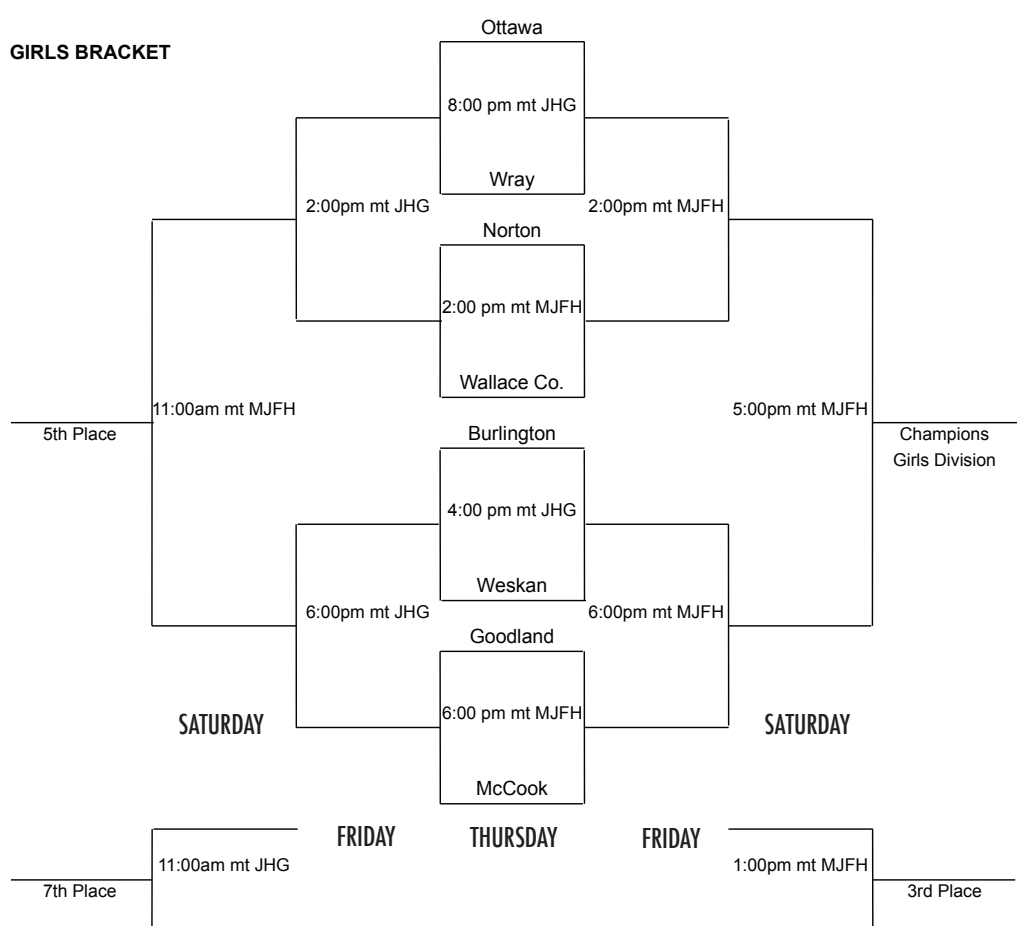
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