

New year brings return of sports action

Goodland students return to the classroom on Tuesday, and the Cowboys and Cowgirls sports action will begin the same day.

Cowgirls and Cowboys basketball teams will travel to Colby on Tuesday for games with the freshman games beginning at 3:45 p.m. The Cowgirls will play at 5:30 p.m. and the Cowboys will play at 7 p.m.

The Cowboys wrestling team will have another dual with Colby at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams will be on the road again when they goto Hugoton for games on Friday.

Saturday the Cowboys wrestling team will be split with the varsity at Rossville and the junior varsity at WaKeeney. Action for both tournaments will start at 9 a.m.

The Grant Junior High Lady Mustangs will travel to Burlington for a game at 4p.m.on Thursday.

The Northwest Tech students return on Tuesday and the Maverick Wrestling team will start second semester action at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Keirns Fitness Center when they have a rematch with Western Wyoming Community College.

The Mavericks will be at the Colby Community Building at 6 p.m. on Saturday for a dual with Colby Community College.

Action returns to Keirns Fitness Center at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 when the Mavericks had a dual with Minnesota West Community College.



Cowboy Ryan Hillmer got a rebound against Norton in the Cowboys win at the Topside Tip-Off.
Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

K-State Wildcats face Razorbacks in Cotton Bowl on Friday

Arkansas and Kansas State aren't playing in the BCS national championship game. In fact, they're not even participating in a BCS bowl.

Their meeting in the Cotton Bowl, though, figures to be one of the more entertaining postseason games.

The Razorbacks and Wildcats finished in the top eight in the final BCS standings, but losses to powerhouse programs—and other circumstances—have them playing at Cowboys Stadium on Friday, Jan. 6, instead of higher-profile bowls.

Arkansas went 10-2 to finish sixth in the BCS and No. 7 in the AP rankings. The Razorbacks' only losses were to SEC rivals Alabama and LSU, who will be meeting in the BCS title game three days after the Cotton Bowl.

Kansas State went 10-2, good for eighth in the BCS and 11th in the AP poll, losing to Big 12 foes Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The Sooners were in the national title hunt until late November, while the Cowboys lost only once and finished third in the BCS to earn a spot in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Razorbacks were left out of a BCS bowl due to a rule that precludes three teams from a single conference from making a BCS game, and the Wildcats because the Sugar Bowl preferred Michigan and Virginia Tech.

"If we're going to have other games that are defined as the best because they're part of that system, then we probably ought to have a little bit better connect to what those rankings actually are," Kansas State athletic director John Currie said. "So either have them and use them, or just don't have them. I would be fine if we did away with the thing."

Kansas State went 7-6 in 2010 and lost 36-34 to Syracuse in the Pinstripe Bowl, its first postseason appearance since falling 37-10 to Rutgers in the 2006 Texas Bowl.

The Wildcats were picked to finish eighth in the conference this season, but Snyder led them to their most wins since an 11-4 finish in 2003 and was the runaway pick for Big 12 coach of the year.

The success of Coach Bill Snyder's counterpart, Bobby Petrino,

has led to other teams in the country hiring away his coaches.

Some of the upperclassmen Petrino will be relying on are quarterback Tyler Wilson, wide receiver Jarius Wright and safety Tramain Thomas.

Wilson led the SEC with 3,422 passing yards while completing 63.1 percent of his passes and throwing 22 touchdowns to six interceptions. His favorite target is Wright, who led the conference with 11 receiving

TDs and was second with 63 catches and 1,029 yards.

Thomas tied for 10th in the FBS with five interceptions.

"I know (the Razorbacks) are a very talented football team," Snyder said. "They probably have the same feelings we do and feel like they've accomplished a great deal this year. They throw the ball around extremely well. They have some extremely talented wide receivers."

The Wildcats may not put up passing numbers like Arkansas, but Snyder has no complaints about his quarterback. Collin Klein only threw for 1,745 yards and 12 TDs, but he rushed for 1,099 yards—a Kansas State quarterback record—and a school-record 26 scores, which were second-most in the FBS behind the 32 by Heisman Trophy finalist Montee Ball of Wisconsin.

"He's not underappreciated by

me nor his teammates," Snyder said. "... There just isn't a category for him ... he's kind of that utility guy. He can do quite a few things. We have such a great appreciation for him here."

The Razorbacks are well aware of what Klein means to Kansas State's offense.

"He's going to create for us a great challenge," Petrino said. "He's first, very talented, a tremendous runner,

has really shown he can throw the football with anybody in the country. We're going to have to be very disciplined on defense, do a great job with our eyes, be able to tackle well."

"We're really excited about the matchup between Arkansas and Kansas State, two top-10 teams," Cotton Bowl chairman Tommy Bain said. "I might add there are only two other bowls that feature higher-ranked teams."

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ACROSS

1. Chaotic scene

4. Salsa band percussion

11. Mattress problem

14. Corporation called "Big Blue"

15. Mother-of-pearl source

16. Status chaser?

17. Avoid a trial

19. Sturm ___ Drang

20. Truth twister

21. Rush-hour subway rarity

22. Barbecue rods

24. Barbarous

26. Snookums

27. Put a stop to

28. Italia's capital

31. Brownish songbird

32. Accommodations in parks

35. Attendance fig., often

36. Diamond coup

38. Enzyme suffix

40. Epitome of slowness

41. Ready for the dentist's drill

43. Disavow

44. Windows screenful

48. Vacuum tube type

50. Like an easy grounder, maybe

51. Jewel

52. Copernicus's sci.

55. Big Board initials

56. Bowie collaborator Brian

57. Hotel room plus meals plus transportation, say

60. "That's nice"

61. On the square

62. The whole schmear

63. JFK debater in '60

13. Particularly timely

18. Noble Brit

23. Family patriarch, in dialect

25. Red Cross supply

26. Sudden moves

28. Lunar feature

29. Ersatz fat brand

30. Rancorous, as a divorce

33. Digs, so to speak

34. Greet at the door

36. Wickerwork-encased bottle

37. Approach the summit

38. Aardvark

39. South American land, as it was once spelled

42. "You stink!"

45. "Sez who?"

46. Cash register key

47. Takes part in a bee

49. Super conclusion?

50. Hammond B-3, for one

52. Needing kneading, maybe

53. Glance over

54. Crunchy munchie

58. "Now ___ theater near you!"

59. Antiquity, once

64. TV character whom everybody loves

65. Cocks and bulls

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1. Freezer bag name

2. Do a favor for

3. 1998 Masters winner Mark

4. Shelley queen

5. Put to shame

6. On-in-a-million

7. Bit of pond scum

8. Assembly of minks?

9. Singer DiFranco

10. Feel in one's bones

11. Rocky of cartoondom, for one

12. Mame and others

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