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FOOTBALL

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

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The key for the Demons this season is for the players to grow up as quickly as possible. With two of the first three games in Wichita before the Homecoming game against Liberal, then going into the league schedule; getting and keeping the confidence for the kids who are trying to get varsity experience.
Cross Country Boys

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

It’s hard to look at the Dodge City High boys cross country and not miss what they don’t have, but it is something Demons’ head coach Buc Bolmer knows can’t be changed, so they must move on.

The squad looked like it was going to have its top three runners back from back-to-back Western Athletic Conference and Class 6A regional championships, but brothers Oscar and Luis Carmona moved to Texas after the season, leaving only Elden Colindres as the only returning varsity runner for this year’s campaign.

“Elder is the only returning varsity runner and he has worked very hard over the summer to get better,” Bolmer said. “He is a great team leader and the team is counting on him to help lead them in the right direction. Elder is a very vocal leader and also leads by example. He will help everyone on this team improve.”

As for the departure of the brothers, it actually has given this year’s runners a boost with a renewed chance of running in the varsity competition.

“The attitude of the team is good, they want to get out and compete and prove themselves,” Bolmer said. “They have all been working hard over the summer and are looking forward at the chance to earn a varsity spot.

“They have the attitude of next man up and this could be their shot. We are a team and do not dwell on the fact who is not here to represent the Red Demons, because their are several who would like to run varsity. We look to the future and not dwell on the past.”

The competition is still wide open with Bolmer still having a week to decide on a squad before the Demons’ first meet; and then has to try to reevaluate each week for changes between meets. A three-peat as WAC champions isn’t out of reach.

“I feel that we have the personnel to attain this goal as long as everyone is willing to work hard and push each other to the next level,” Bolmer said. “We have several of our top JV runners returning from last year and they look forward to representing their team on the varsity level.

“The team is looking forward to getting the season under way and see where they stack up and see what work they need to do to get better and improve. As long as we stay healthy and stay focused on the task at hand I think these young men are capable of surprising some people and teams and even maybe surprising themselves at what they can accomplish.”
By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Dodge City High School girls cross country team has gone through an attitude adjustment which could be the turning point in getting the entire team back to the state cross country meet in November at Rim Rock Farms.

“We have a good attitude and a good work ethic,” Lenz said. “Our attitude is because we have kids who want to be good and do as best as they can.”

Returning this season from last year’s state meet is sophomore Jasmine Duarte — one of two Lady Demons who qualified for the final meet of the season. Other varsity runners returning are junior Perla Neave and senior Maria Rodriguez. A number of junior varsity runners from last year have also worked hard during the offseason to fill in one of the other varsity spots this season.

“I don’t have a clue as to the rest of the team will be,” Lenz said. “We’ll probably decide that two days before the first meet.”

Lenz said the Lady Demons will be like they were last year with Duarte taking the lead and the rest of the team running in a pack.

“I think we’ll be the same, but we hope those people in the pack are more towards the front than they were last year. We just have to keep that good attitude and stay healthy.”

Garden City returns its top six runners from last year’s Western Athletic Conference and regional champion and Class 6A state runner-up squad. Liberal and Hays are expected to be better, and Great Bend is an unknown this season with all of the graduations from last year.

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Volleyball

By John Curtis
Dodge City Daily Globe

Dodge City High volleyball coach Krystle Gaswick had to deal with experience, but a lack of height. What was even worse was a lack of consistency through the season: win three matches one week, lose all four matches the next. The Lady Demons finished 15-21 last year, closing out the season losing all four of the matches in the WAC meet in Liberal and the sub-state first round game.

This year’s team has a lot of players battling for spots on the varsity squad, but a very young squad that lost six key players.

“In that aspect we are starting over. Returning we have a very experienced senior setter/right side attack, Katrina Roenfeldt,” Gaswick said. “She is no stranger to the varsity court and we are looking forward to her leadership and experience to raise the level of play. Additionally,
Breckyn Pike and Riley Lopp had some experience hitting outside for us last year.

“Each playing spot is up for grabs and the battle is very competitive which is very exciting. We have been working on fine-tuning fundamentals and skills on individual levels so that we can bring each together and work on the team as a whole.”

The head coach said she expects Liberal and Garden City to be the strong clubs this season. She said she also learned that any team can show up to play — or not show up — any certain day.”

Gaswick said consistency is the first goal. The varsity and junior varsity squads are learning new things on a daily basis to get them caught up to the systems the coach wants to run.

“Weekly improvement and peaking late in the season are going to be the keys for us having a successful year,” Gaswick said. “I am making changes (as a coach) to help continue to learn more about the game that will help not only our team, but the overall experience.”

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Sept. 10—Home, 4 p.m.  
(Great Bend, Hodgeman Co., Kiowa Co.)

Sept. 12—Home, 4 p.m.  
(Hays, Sublette, Lakin)

Sept. 21—at Liberal tourney, 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 26—Home, 4 p.m.  
(Holcomb, Ulysses, Goddard)

Oct. 1—Home, 4 p.m.  
(Garden City, Liberal, Word of Life)

Oct. 5—at Lawrence tourney, 9 a.m.

Oct. 10—at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Oct. 12—at Scott City tourney, 9 a.m.

Oct. 19—WAC meet at DCHS Fieldhouse, 10 a.m.

Oct. 26—Class 6A substate, 2 p.m.

Nov. 1-2—Class 6A state at Topeka

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The Dodge City High boys soccer team was under a new coach who had a new philosophy of play. The result was a 7-9-1 record, although the team had opened the season with five straight losses.

Now DCHS coach Charles Johnson is in his second season with the Red Demons and things are looking up.

Johnson has five starters back from last season: senior midfielder/forward Mario Lopez, juniors Luis Cruz (defender) and Isaac Palma (midfielder), and sophomores Brandon Chavez (forward) and Leo Lopez (defender/midfielder).

Add 10 others with some experience from last year and 30 new faces, it makes it open season for spots on the varsity and junior varsity squads this season.

“I like our chemistry this year because we are more of a team,” Johnson said. “We lost in the first round last year at Wichita Northwest, but it was perfect end for us short of winning a state championship.

“The players began playing for each other rather than as individuals. They laid it all on the line for one another. We dominated possession and simply didn’t finish the chances we had. Northwest only had three shots on us but put two of them away. Northwest went on to be state champion runner ups. We’ve carried that sense of brotherhood to this season.”

Johnson hopes to establish a formation that will be successful for the Demons, but he admits he may again try to be creative to get the offense going this season. That will be a real challenge for a young team that will be looking for a new goalkeeper, as well.

The coach said there are two keys for success with Dodge City this season: create more chances on goal and shoot more and to believe in the team’s ability to play bigger than we’ve ever played before.

“Until our team is running at full potential, I don’t look at other teams or make predictions,” Johnson said. “I believe if we can play with the same intensity and passion that we finished with last season, we will be very difficult to beat.

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SCHEDULE
Sept. 2, 4, 7—at Titan Classic
Sept. 10—at Wichita South, 6 p.m.
Sept. 12—at Wichita Trinity, 4 p.m.
Sept. 17—Liberal, 4 p.m.
Sept. 19—at Hays, 4 p.m.
Sept. 24—Garden City, 6 p.m.
Sept. 26—at Great Bend, 4 p.m.
Oct. 1—Thomas More Prep, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3—at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Oct. 8—Hays, 6 p.m.
Oct. 10—McPherson, 6 p.m.
Oct. 15—Great Bend, 6 p.m.
Oct. 19—at Wichita Heights, 11 a.m.
Oct. 24—at Liberal, 4 p.m.
Oct. 29—Start of Class 6A playoffs

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It’s a dilemma that may frustrate the Dodge City High girls golf team this year as the season progresses.

All six varsity golfers from last year return — including state qualifiers Christina Clark and Alyssa Vazquez — and all have shown improvement and the Lady Demons still may not make the state meet as a team.

The main reason involves their regional, which is one of the strongest in the state with Garden City a very strong favorite again led by two-time WAC regional champion Abby Shaddix.

“We were playing our best golf at the end of the season and finished fourth,” said DCHS head coach Jim Mapel. “I think we’re going to be better just from that experience last year. When it comes to the WAC, I think Garden City is the favorite, then it’s pretty wide open after that. It’s still a tough regional and we’re going to have to improve more to get the entire team to state.”

Also returning Brandy Burns, Chelsie Hall, Whitney Winter and Logan Gleason. Mapel said some other golfers have come and are challenging to claim a spot on the varsity level in tournaments.

The main key for the Lady Demons will be to not waste strokes when they are 50 yards or less from the hole.

“We don’t want to waste strokes around the green as we did last year,” Mapel said. “That’s going to be our main emphasis. We know what to expect from them right now and need for them to improve on their games.”
Tennis Girls

By John Curtis
Dodge City Daily Globe

The Dodge City High girls tennis team didn’t have any qualifiers for the state meet last year with the only player to earn more than a little success was Kelly Brauer, who graduated.

DCHS girls tennis coach Whitney Van der Kamp says three girls with varsity experience return from last year’s squad. Taylor Fischer and Sara Raugewitz are expected to be the two singles players for the Lady Demons this year, while Keysha Howard will probably play primarily in doubles.

“Taylor and Sara will have to step up their game and commit themselves to improving and competing at a high level,” Van der Kamp said.

Van der Kamp said there will be a lot of strategy worked on during practice in both singles and doubles, so she hopes to see improvement in both; but a new attitude among the players must also take place for the Lady Demons to be successful.

“We have to take practice serious and really focus on improving,” Van der Kamp said. “We may learn a new skill in practice, but we might have trouble applying it during matches. We will put ourselves in match play more often at practice to et the mindset of using practice skills everyday.”

The Lady Demons will open up with two tournaments at Western Athletic Conference champion Great Bend. Dodge City finished fourth last season in the final league standings.

SCHEDULE
Sept. 10—at Great Bend, 3 p.m.
Sept. 14—at Great Bend, 9 a.m.
Sept. 17—at Goddard, 3 p.m.
Sept. 19—Dodge City Invitational, 3 p.m.
Sept. 26—at Salina South, 3 p.m.
Sept. 28—at Garden City, 9 a.m.
Oct. 3—at Hutchinson, 3 p.m.
Oct. 7—WAC at Liberal, 10 a.m.
Oct. 12—Class 6A regional, 10 a.m.
Oct. 18-19—Class 6A state at Wichita, 11 a.m.
## Schedule

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(All games, 7 p.m.)
- Sept. 6: at Wichita
- Sept. 13: at North West
- Sept. 20: at Wichita Heights
- Sept. 27: at Liberal
- Oct. 4: at Great Bend
- Oct. 11: at Hays
- Oct. 18: at Hutchinson
- Oct. 25: at Maize
- Nov. 1: at Garden City
- Nov. 8: Class 6A Bi-district
- Nov. 15: Class 6A Regional
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### VOLLEYBALL
- Sept. 10: Home, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Home, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 19: Dodge City Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 26: at Salina South, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 28: at Garden City, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 30: at Hesston, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 2: at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 3: at Rim Rock meet, 8 a.m.
- Oct. 5: at Newton, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 12: at Salina Central, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 17: at Wichita, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 19: at Goddard, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 21: at Salina, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 24: at Liberal, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Start of Class 6A playoffs

### GIRLS TENNIS
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- Sept. 14: at Great Bend, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 17: at Goddard, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 19: at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
- Sept. 21: at Great Bend, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 23: at Goddard Eisenhower
- Sept. 26: at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 1: Home, 4 p.m.
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### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
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- Sept. 12: at Hays, 3:45 p.m.
- Sept. 17: at Goddard, 3 p.m.
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### BOYS BASKETBALL
(Games 7:30 p.m. unless noted)
- Dec. 6: Goddard Eisenhower
- Dec. 13: Manhattan
- Dec. 14: Junction City, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20: at Goddard Eisenhower
- Jan. 7: at Garden City
- Jan. 10: at Cimarron
- Jan. 17: at Great Bend
- Jan. 23: at Tournament of Champions
- Jan. 31: at Hays
- Feb. 4: at Liberal
- Feb. 7: at Colby
- Feb. 11: at Ulysses
- Feb. 13: at Colby
- Feb. 15: Wichita Collegiate
- Feb. 18: at Garden City
- Feb. 21: at Great Bend
- Feb. 25: at Hays
- Feb. 28: Liberal
- March 6: at Class 6A Sub-state
- March 12: at Class 6A State

### VOLLEYBALL
- Sept. 10: Home, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Home, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 19: Dodge City Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 26: at Salina South, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 28: at Garden City, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 3: at Hutchinson, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 7: at Liberal, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 12: Class 6A regional, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 18-19: Class 6A state at Wichita, 11 a.m.

### GIRLS GOLF
- Sept. 3: at Hays, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 12: Dodge City Invitational, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 16: at Garden City, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 19: at Goddard Eisenhower, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 26: at Liberal, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 2: at Wichita North, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 3: at Hutchinson, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 8: at Great Bend, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Class 6A regional, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 21: Class 6A state, 9 a.m.

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- Jan. 10: Cimarron
- Jan. 17: at Great Bend
- Jan. 31: at Hays
- Feb. 4: at Liberal
- Feb. 7: at Colby
- Feb. 11: at Ulysses
- Feb. 13: at Colby
- Feb. 15: Wichita Collegiate
- Feb. 18: at Garden City
- Feb. 21: at Great Bend
- Feb. 25: at Hays
- Feb. 28: Liberal
- March 6: at Class 6A Sub-state
- March 12: at Class 6A State

### WRESTLING
- Dec. 5: at Colby, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7: at Gardner-Edgerton meet, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 12: at Great Bend, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 13: at Shaw.Msn.North duals, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14: at Shaw.Msn.NW meet, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 21: at Bishop Carroll meet, 8:15 a.m.
- Jan. 9: Pratt, 6 p.m.

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Jan. 11 — at Maize meet, 9 a.m.
Jan. 14 — Hays, 6 p.m.
Jan. 17-18 — at Newton TOC, 11 a.m.
Jan. 28 — Garden City, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31-Feb. 1 — at Welton meet in GC, noon
Feb. 6 — at Scott City, 6 p.m.
Feb. 13 — Liberal, 6 p.m.
Feb. 22 — Class 6A regionals, 9 a.m.
Feb. 28-March 1 — Class 6A state, 9 a.m.

**BOWLING**
Jan. 9 — WAC Bakers at Great Bend, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 — at Bishop Carroll Bakers, 11 a.m.
Jan. 14 — Dodge City triangular, 3 p.m.
(Great Bend, Goddard Eisenhower)
Jan. 21 — at Liberal, 3 p.m.
Jan. 28 — Dodge City triangular, 3 p.m.
(Garden City, Holcomb)
Feb. 1 — at Maize meet, 9 a.m.
Feb. 6 — at Great Bend, 3 p.m.
Feb. 11 — Dodge City triangular, 3 p.m.
(Liberal, Holcomb)
Feb. 13 — at Garden City, 3 p.m.
Feb. 20 — WAC at Great Bend, 12:30 p.m.

**BASEBALL**
(4 p.m., doubleheaders unless noted)
Apr. 1 — at Colby
Apr. 8 — Hays
Apr. 11 — at Wichita South
Apr. 15 — Garden City — (one game), 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 18 — Wichita Southeast
Apr. 25 — at Garden City
Apr. 29 — at Liberal
May 2 — at Wichita East
May 6 — Great Bend
May 9 — Wichita Heights
May 16 — Derby (two opponents, one game apiece), 2 p.m.
May 19-22 — Class 6A regionals
May 29-30 — Class 6A state

**SOFTBALL**
(4 p.m. doubleheaders)
Apr. 1 — at Hays Thomas More Prep
Apr. 8 — Colby
Apr. 10 — Hays
Apr. 17 — Wichita Heights
Apr. 22 — Great Bend
Apr. 25 — Wichita South
Apr. 29 — Elkhart
May 2 — at Garden City
May 9-10 — at Emporia tourney
May 13 — at Liberal
May 19-22 — Class 6A regional
May 29-30 — Class 6A state
Lady Aces hoping for three-peat appearance in state volleyball

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Bucklin Lady Aces came back twice to reach the Class 1A-Division I state volleyball tournament last season and came very close to reaching the bracket round in the second day of the meet.

The Lady Aces, however, lost their first two matches in three games before claiming the final match (also in three games) to get themselves a little momentum for this season.

Senior front line player Morgan Hood returns to lead the Lady Aces (25-11), but she will be without A.J. Costell due to graduation.

The Lady Aces said it was unselfish play that was the difference for the team in 2012 and it will have to be that way again for a chance to three-peat with a number of players having to change roles to keep Bucklin from being a one-dimension attack with only Hood.

Football

The Red Aces will be looking to end a 4 1/2 season losing streak that is up to 38 games. The last game won by Bucklin was in 2008 over Greensburg.

Bucklin scored only 71 points and gave up 421 in 2012, including getting shut out in the final three games and scoring in only double digits in three contests. The problem is that all of the players who did the scoring have graduated, leaving another question mark for the Red Aces this season.

A win for Bucklin would likely come early with a possible upset of Spearville or South Gray, both of whom have to travel to Red Carlin Field for the game. The only other chance would be in week five when the Red Aces play at Ashland.
Bluejays change coaches just before start of football season

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Cimarron Bluejays looked to have a lot of promise going into the 2013 season with a number of players coming back from a 7-3 record and a playoff berth.

Then just before the start of fall practice, Bluejays head coach Doug Minneman resigned for personal reasons and assistant coach Ashley Seabolt, who primarily had worked with the special teams and the junior varsity, took over in charge to get the Cimarron boys ready for the upcoming season.

Cimarron returns eight offensive and five defensive starters from last season.

Senior running back Ty Clark ran for 1,312 yards and 17 touchdowns last year, and their could be another quarterback controversy as junior Caleb Fischer returns from injury to battle A.J. Cooper for the starting position.

Cooper was 50-of-100 for 784 yards, seven touchdowns and seven interceptions; while Fischer was 21-of-42 for 463 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions. Senior Christian Fischer is the leading returner in reception yards with 215 and three touchdowns.

Clark also is the leading returner in tackles with 67, but senior Cody Toothaker was right behind with 61 and led the team in sacks with three. Christian Fischer led the Bluejays in interceptions with four on the season.

Volleyball

The Lady Bluejays finished 26-10 and claimed the Hi-Plains League tournament title last season.

The leading returners from last season are senior Hailee Hoskinson and junior Eva Koopman. Hoskinson had 96 kills and a 36.2 kill percentage and also led the team in aces with 22. Koopman had 77 kills (a 44.3 kill percentage).

Senior Rebecca Dupre led the team in digs with 111, while seniors Amanda Burns and Anna George were a one-two combination in assists: Burns had 186 and George 184.

Cross country

The Lady Bluejays finished second in their 3A regional and have their top three runners back: junior Kari Blattner (second in regional), sophomore Isabella Koopman (fourth in regional, 11th in state), and junior Joisan Smith.

Four members of the Cimarron boys also look to return for the upcoming campaign: senior Jonathan Martinez, juniors Trenton Burch and Gabe Medina, and sophomore Jack Berry.

Girls tennis

Junior Morgan Ediger will be leading the Lady Bluejays after finishing third in last year’s Class 3-2-1A regional at Dodge City High School. The regional returns to the DCHS tennis courts and the two players who finished above her both graduated.

Girls golf

One of two state qualifiers from last year’s squad return this season. Senior Jessica Ast finished fourth in last year’s Class 3-2-1A regional.

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SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Sep. 6—at Wichita
Sep. 13—at Syracuse
Sep. 20—at Sublette
Sep. 27—at Meade
Oct. 4—Larned-Pawnee
Oct. 11—at Elkhart
Oct. 18—at Lakin
Oct. 25—at SW Heights
Oct. 31—at Holcomb

VOLLEYBALL

Sep. 3—at Cimarron
Sep. 5—at South Gray
Sep. 10—at Elkhart
Sep. 14—at Hugoton
Sep. 26—at Scott City
Oct. 1—at Cimarron
Oct. 5—at SW Heights
Oct. 8—at Stanton County
Oct. 15—at Syracuse
Oct. 19—Hi Plains League at SWH

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 5—at Meade

Sep. 14—at South Gray
Sep. 21—at Hugoton
Sep. 28—at Stanton County
Oct. 5—at Syracuse
Oct. 10—at Cimarron
Oct. 17—HPL meet at Stanton Co.
Oct. 26—Regional meet GIRLS GOLF

Sep. 3—at Cimarron
Sep. 10—at Goddard
Sep. 12—at Dodge City JV
Sep. 19—at Larned
Sep. 23—at Colby
Sep. 26—at Garden City
Oct. 5—at Lakin
Oct. 10—at Syracuse
Oct. 14—Regional GIRLS TENNIS

Sep. 5—at Cimarron
Sep. 12—at Cimarron
Sep. 19—at Dodge City
Sep. 24—at Meade
Sep. 28—at Garden City
Oct. 1—at Ashland
Oct. 5—at Dodge City JV
Oct. 11—Regional at DCHS

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Key skill players back for Goldbugs

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Fowler Goldbugs were probably the surprise team last season as they went 9-2 before getting knocked out of the playoffs by Wallace County.

Most of the players are back for another campaign to see if they can get even further by the end of the season.

Senior quarterback Taylin Bird completed 84-of-150 passes for 1,127 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, and also gained 399 yards and scored 11 times on the ground to lead the Goldbug offense.

Senior running back Luke Huelskamp ran for 509 yards and seven scores; while receiver Ty Clark caught 50 passes for 630 yards and nine scores.

One player the Goldbugs will have to find to replace is running back Tem Shetley. Shetley ran for 1,034 yards and 20 touchdowns last season, led the team in kickoff return yardage and also kicked field goals for the Goldbugs; but his family moved during the summer.

Clark dominated the game on defense as well with 126 tackles and three sacks.

Volleyball

The Lady Goldbugs had some up and downs during last season, but are going to need to find someone to take the place of setter Cassie Dressler. Consistency also will be a key for the team to move forward from last season.

Cross country

The Goldbugs return four back on the boys side with junior Tate Shumard (fourth at regionals) leading the way. Others back are seniors Marshall Morris and Dylan Duesing and junior Ulises Granados.

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Longhorns looking to regroup after losing most of skill player to graduation

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

This season is going to be a complete turnaround for the Hodgeman County Longhorns.

The Longhorns finished 8-3 last season and reached the regional round of the Class 1A-Eight Man I playoffs, losing 22-18 at Solomon in a game that came down to the Gorillas making two of their two-point conversions to none for Hodgeman County.

A slow start by the Longhorns was finished with a six-game winning streak before the Solomon loss, primarily with the trio of skill players (Austin Pfannenstiel, Blade Torline and Jared Borger). They accounted for most of the 45 points per game Hodgeman County scored on the season.

However, all three players graduated and Longhorns’ head coach Matt Housman will be having to look for new players to take over the scoring load this season.

One constant for the Longhorns has been defense and Zach Shiew will return to anchor the squad that gave up only 15 points a game last year. As long as Hodgeman County can keep opposing teams out of the endzone, they will always have a chance to win.

Volleyball

The Lady Longhorns were a surprise team in 2012 and have a number of players back to possibly make a run at the SFLAA tournament.

Hodgeman County was one match point away against Meade to playing in the sub-state final, but they couldn’t get the point and then fell in the third game.

Cross Country

The Longhorns cross country teams will be led by junior Christian Schuler. Schuler finished fourth in the Class 2A regional at Meade and 18th in the state meet at Wamego.
SCHEDULE
FOOTBALL
Sep. 6—at Fowler
Sep. 13—Ashland
Sep. 20—Trego Community
Sep. 27—at Ness City
Oct. 4—at Spearville
Oct. 11—at Satanta
Oct. 18—at Minnieola
Oct. 25—at Deerfield
Oct. 31—South Gray
VOLLEYBALL
Sep. 3—at South Central
Sep. 7—at Hodgeman County
Sep. 10—at Dodge City
Sep. 14—at Hodgeman County
Sep. 17—at Hodgeman County
Sep. 24—at Hodgeman County
Oct. 1—at Ingalls
Oct. 8—at Minnieola
Oct. 12—at SPIAA at Kiowa Co.
Oct. 15—at Otis-Bison
Oct. 22—at Minnieola
Oct. 26—Sub-State CROSS COUNTRY
Sep. 5—at Meade
Sep. 12—at South Gray
Sep. 26—at Larned
Oct. 3—at Ness City
Oct. 10—at Cimarron
Oct. 17—at Kinsley
Oct. 26—Regionals

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Coyotes have to find answers for top offensive player from 2012

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Kinsley Coyotes finished with a winning record last season but are having to find an answer to replacing quarterback Nathan Frame, who was the spark plug of the offense. Frame ran for 1,753 yards and 19 touchdowns and passed for 1,478 yards and 19 more scores.

It looks as if head coach Jeff Chambers will be going to younger brother Conner Frame as the new leader on offense; but it will be tough for the senior to try to accomplish what his brother did last year.

Conner Frame did lead the team in tackles with 43, while Brad Newsom recorded 41 tackles and two sacks.

The Coyotes will have to find a way to get by Eight-Man-Division I state champion Ness City, who is also a Central Prairie League member with Kinsley.

Volleyball

The Lady Coyotes play in one of the toughest leagues in western Kansas and most of them also play each other in the postseason. Kinsley’s record may not show how well they are considering their competition, but they are still one of the stronger teams in the area.

Cross country

The Coyotes bring back two runners on the girls side: senior Laurin Wagner and junior Kate Gleason.
**SCHEDULE**

**FOOTBALL**
- Sep. 6—at Ness City
- Sep. 13—at Wilson
- Sep. 20—at Fairfield
- Sep. 27—at Kiowa County
- Oct. 4—St. John
- Oct. 11—Macksville
- Oct. 18—Word of Life
- Oct. 25—at South Central
- Oct. 31—Pratt Skyline

**VOLLEYBALL**
- Sept. 3—at Kiowa County
- Sept. 10—at Kinsley
- Sept. 14—at Otis/LaCrosse
- Sept. 17—at Fowler
- Sept. 21—at Pawnee Heights
- Sept. 24—at Kinsley
- Sept. 26—at Larned
- Oct. 1—at Ellinwood
- Oct. 8—at Otis-Bison
- Oct. 15—at Kinsley
- Oct. 19—CPL tourney
- Oct. 26—Regional

**CROSS COUNTRY**
- Sept. 5—at Meade
- Sept. 12—at Skyline
- Sept. 19—at Stafford
- Sept. 26—at Larned
- Oct. 3—at Ness City
- Oct. 10—at Cimarron
- Oct. 17—at Kinsley
- Oct. 26—Regional

Payment: (Kinsley)
- Nov. 2—State (Wamego)

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Buffaloes get chance to second chance to repeat as football state champions

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Meade Buffaloes have been one of the top 11-man football teams on the season.

Meade recorded the second state championship in three years at Fort Hays State University when Jett Little caught a pass from Chris Hardaway in the final minute of regulation.

If the Buffaloes are going to make a fourth straight trip to the state championship game, they are going to have to do it without their top two offensive threats — Hardaway and running back Trevin Wiens — who they lost to graduation.

That doesn’t mean the Buffaloes still don’t have any weapons. Little is back and could move into leading the offense. The senior ran for 843 yards and 10 touchdowns and led the team in receiving with 379 yards and seven scores. He was second in all-purpose yards with 1,387. Little led the team in interceptions with eight and also had two fumble recoveries for the Buffaloes last year.

Another threat is senior Morgan Davis. Davis caught for 307 yards and five scores in 2012; while is the leading returning tackler from last year.

Volleyball
The Lady Buffaloes fought through a tough season to get one match win to recording a surprising berth in the Class 2A state tournament before losing to Kiowa County in the final.

Meade went 13-18 and lost only two players from last season. The Lady Buffaloes are going to have to look for a setter with two younger players moving to a middle blocker. Consistency is going to be key for the Lady Buffaloes to be more successful this season.

Cross country
The Buffaloes return three runners from both squads.

The three girls who should return this season include juniors Jacqueline Clawson (third at regional), Taylor Davis and Maggie Bobo.

The three boys returning for the Buffaloes are Lelan DeLissa (10th at regional), Ryan Koons and Oryan Munson.

Girls tennis
The Lady Buffaloes won last year’s regional thanks to their doubles squads.

Hope Harshberger, who teamed with Kristy Flowers to win the regional title, must find another player to partner with, or move over to singles. The other doubles team of Kayla Green and Rachael Larvick placed fourth last year.
Wildcats have to regroup from last year’s dominant team

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The Minneola Wildcats were one of the top teams in the area last year with quarterback Matt McClaren leading the offense to an 8-1 regular season.

They still had to win their final regular season game against Spearville to reach the Eight-Man I Division I playoffs, where they lost to eventual state champion Ness City in the bi-district game.

Now the Wildcats and head coach Reigo Hahn have to find answers on how to overcome the loss of McClaren and defensive leader Brandy Shumate to graduation.

McClaren scored 39 touchdowns and 2,172 yards as the leading scorer. This year may be a score by committee as seniors Jason Britt (445 yards, six touchdowns) and Jerrod Lies (264 yards, four touchdowns), along with junior Joey Harrington (259 yards, three touchdowns) will share the offensive load.

It will be even tougher on defense as the top seven leading tacklers all graduated. Britt recorded 37 tackles to lead the returning players in that category.

Volleyball

The Lady Wildcats won only one game last season and there are still a number of question marks. Most of the team will be back with a year of varsity experience; but considering the league, wins may still be hard to come by.

Cross country

The Lady Wildcats have five runners back from their state qualifying team.

Junior Jayda Minor finished as the regional runner-up and 12th in the state) to lead Minneola. A senior (Sarah Wilczek) and
Minneola Cross country continued

three sophomores (Miranda Giessel, Maria Gonzales and Sydney Jaeger) should also return to help the Wildcats return to Wamego.

Minneola will also have two boys runners should return this season: seniors Aaron Pinkerton and James Eaton.

Rebels hope to regroup with new head coach

By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

The South Gray Rebels finished 4-5 last season but lost three of their last four games, all of them district games. The Rebels showed some offensive power, but their defense gave up a number of points, not a characteristic South Gray had shown in the past.

The young Rebels have changed coaches with Aaron Law taking over the reins of the squad and will be looking for the team to clamp back down on the defense that has helped them succeed.

Law will have most of the team back from last year with only four players gone due to graduation.

Volleyball

The Lady Rebels had a number of underclassmen on last year’s team, but they lost their top player to graduation in Dusty Watkins. South Gray is going to have to find someone to take charge of the team, especially in attacking opposing defenses at the net.

Cross country

The Rebels have three runners back in junior Tate Skinner and sophomores Josh Griebel and Cade Watson. South Gray’s only girl runner returning for the campaign this season is junior Megan Unruh.
By John Curtis | Dodge City Daily Globe

It was a case for Spearville of getting close to their goals but falling a game short of their ultimate goals for the Lancers’ fall sports teams.

The Royal Lancers football team finished 5-4 after going winless in 2011, but a 64-18 loss at Minneola to close out the season cost Spearville a chance at postseason play. The Lancers had won their last three games before losing to the Wildcats to put themselves in what would have been an unlikely position after starting the season 2-3 (with wins over Bucklin and Ashland).

Spearville will have another chance to challenge again with both of its quarterbacks and top three returning rushers back for this year’s campaign.

Sophomore Nathan Stein ran for 1,057 yards and 12 touchdowns and also completed 16-of-32 passes for four touchdowns. Senior quarterback Matthew Kerschen was 21-of-54 for 341 yards passing and ran for 354 yards and eight touchdowns; and freshman running back Brandon Davis ran for 665 yards and 13 touchdowns for the Lancers last season.

Stein also led the team in tackles (74) and interceptions (4) last season, while linebacker Eric Slattery also averaged seven tackles a game for the Lancers.

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**Football continued**

The year of varsity experienced gained from the 2012 campaign, as well as the disappointment of falling a game short of the playoffs, should make the Lancers a very strong team for the upcoming season with a good chance of earning that elusive playoff berth.

**Volleyball**

The Lady Lancers probably were even more disappointed as they had a state berth in their hands only to lose it in a three-game match at Bucklin in the Class 1A-Division I sub-state final.

Spearville had a mostly easy time going through the regular season and the Southern Plains-Iroquois Activities Association meet on the way to building a 31-6 record; but lost its edge midway through the third game against the Lady Aces after building a12-5 lead.

Two of the main players from last year’s squad should make strong influences this season with Cody Offerle and Rachel Slattery leading the net attack and blocks this season.

Offerle recorded 12 kills and Slattery had eight kills and four blocks for the Lancers in last year’s sub-state final.

**SCHEDULE**

**FOOTBALL**

- Sept. 6—at Bucklin
- Sept. 13—Ingalls
- Sept. 20—at Fowler
- Sept. 27—at Ashland
- Oct. 4—Hodgeman County
- Oct. 11—at Deerfield
- Oct. 18—at Satanta
- Oct. 25—at South Gray
- Oct. 31—Minneola

**VOLLEYBALL**

- Sept. 3—at Bucklin
- Sept. 7—at Satanta
- Sept. 10—at Cimarron
- Sept. 17—at Hodgeman Co.
- Sept. 21—at Dighton
- Sept. 24—at Kiowa County
- Oct. 1—at Spearville
- Oct. 8—at Kiowa Co.
- Oct. 12—SPIAA League at Kiowa Co.
- Oct. 15—at Larned
- Oct. 26—Regionals