



**By Shari Friedel**  
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With every participant finishing the race, the Perkins County cross country team started their season on a positive note at the Goodland Invite Thursday, Sept. 3.

“Goodland is hilly and the first meet is as much a mental challenge as a physical one,” said Coach Paula Wurst. “I was really proud of all of them.”

The Goodland meet has two divisions, the freshmen and sophomores run separately from the juniors and seniors. “This is nice especially for the younger runners not to be thrown in with the veteran runners right away,” said Wurst.

The finishing placing times from both divisions are added together for the overall score.

With not enough girls on the roster this week, Perkins County girls were unable to score as a team.

Sophomore Ashley Kemling led before the first mile in the freshman/sophomore race, and finished over a minute before her contenders. Freshman Jessie Hoffert medaled 10th with a good time for a first race, said Wurst.

In the boys’ freshman/sophomore race, freshman Rassel Hausman broke into the 19 minute zone, and medaled sixth. “A tremendous accomplishment,” said Wurst.

Also participating in the freshman/sophomore division were Erica Howard, Seth Burge, Jake Sexson and Mark Hanson.

In the junior/senior division, Lady Plainsman senior Brooke Poppe finished just outside the medals, in 11th place. She was in the top 10 at the mile, but struggled with the second half.

“She showed me how tough she is to push through, exhibiting tremendous effort not only to finish the race, but to hang on to 11th place as well,” said Wurst.

Senior Josh Sexson also exhibited great endurance, finishing the race in spite of a hip injury.

Junior Krystal Gaar was unable to participate due to illness.

Other participants were Brian Krajewski and Zac White.

“I was really pleased with everyone’s efforts,” said Wurst. “They have all been working hard in practice, and it was nice to be able to compete and to get some times on which to build.”

Goodland Invite

1. Ulysses 52

No team scores:

Goodland

Colby

Lakin

Perkins County

Wallace County

Ogallala

Oakley

Scott City

Quinter

Girls Medalists (20 finishers)

Freshman/Sophomore:

1. Ashley Kemling PC 17:30
2. Jeneel Davis SC 18:37
3. Cally Albers Oak. 18:42
4. Chelsi Hess SC 18:58
5. Stephanie Hager Ulys 19:12
6. Hayley Ribordy Oak 19:17
7. Addie Johnson Quin 19:29
8. Grace Hammer WC 19:50
9. Jaden Bolmer Lakin 20:11
10. Jessi Hoffert PC 20:30

Other Finishers:

19. Erica Howard PC 24:27

Girls Medalists: (20 finishers)

Junior/Senior:

1. Janni Meierhoff Ulys 16:49
2. Katrina Kaus Colby 17:12
3. Katherine Kaus Colby 17:53
4. Julia Rosales Lakin 18:11
5. Caitlin Beckman SC 18:18
6. Francesca Perosa Ogal 19:00
7. Kalea Barlow Ulys 19:11
8. Sara Martin Colby 19:47
9. Katelin Murphy SC 19:51
10. Alex Geis Ogallala 19:54

Other Finishers:

11. Brooke Poppe 20:33

Boys Team Results:

1. Ogallala 28
2. Ulysses 59
3. Scott City 106
4. Colby 118
5. Lakin 140
6. Perkins Co. 180
7. Goodland 181

No teamscore:

Oakley

Wallace

Quinter

Boys Medalists: (42 finishers)

Freshman/Sophomore:

1. Israel Mendosa Ulys 18:05
2. Harry Adams Ogal 19:03
3. Dillon McKeag Ogal 19:06

4. Kyle Zerr Ulys 19:26
5. Shad Krajewski Ogal 19:43
6. Rassel Hausman PC 19:47
7. Carlos Galindo Ulys 19:50
8. Jordan Nally Colby 20:02
9. Dustin Reed Colby 20:05
10. Emilio Duran Ulys 20:21

Other Finishers:

19. Seth Burge PC 22:26
20. Jake Sexson PC 22:27
33. Mark Hanson PC 25:26

Boys Medalists: (45 finishers)

Junior/Senior:

1. Kayson Matthews Lakin 17:39
2. Chance Miller Ogal 17:52
3. Sam Adams Ogal 17:52
4. Greg Nawyn Ogal 18:31
5. Sam McDaniel SC 18:42
6. Miles Pearson SC 18:46
7. Kevin Siersema Lakin 18:58
8. Cort Malone Ulys 19:08
9. Spencer Ewert Ogal 19:41
10. Curtis Stevens Ogal 19:48

Other Finishers:

26. Josh Sexson PC 22:39
33. Brian Krajewski PC 23:31
43. Zac White PC 30:20

Next Action

The next meet will be in Imperial Thursday, Sept. 10 (today) at 3:30.