



# Softball team beats Syracuse

By Doug Stephens  
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Goodland's junior varsity softball team won their first games of the season Tuesday, traveling to Syracuse and creaming their varsity players in a double-header, 17-1 and 16-12.

Coach Terry Daise said he was pleased with the way his team played. "We really hit the ball well," he said, "especially considering the way Syracuse has improved its pitching."

The first game lasted for five innings. In Kansas high school sports, a game is stopped if one team is ten or more runs ahead after five innings.

Alissa Schields pitched. She allowed two hits, and had three strikeouts and two walks. She had a double and a single in four times at the plate, and was walked twice. She drove in three runs.

Tomi Windell had three hits in four at bats, including two doubles, and

scored three times. Lauren Gray had two hits in two at bats, a single and a double, and scored once. Jennifer Mentzer had a double and a walk in four trips to the plate, and drove in two. Adrienne Garcia hit a single and drew a walk in four at bats, and batted in two runs. Deanna Livengood got a base hit and drove in a run in three at bats. Joyce Armstrong hit a single and batted in two runs on three trips to the plate.

Cortney Schields was walked three times. Jody Armstrong, Aubrea Winter, Emily Burkett and Leslie Knitig all batted once and did not get on base.

Lauren Gray took the mound for the second game. She pitched a full seven innings and allowed eight hits and twelve runs, nine of them earned. She walked seven batters and struck out four. She also got a single and drew two walks at the plate, and drove in two runs. The team had nine errors.

Gray started out slow, Daise said,

and at one point the Cowgirls were down 10-6, before they came back.

Cortney Schields hit a double, a single, and was walked in four trips to the plate. She drove in two runs. Knitig got a double and a single and drove in one run in five at bats.

Mentzer got two base hits, drew two walks and batted in three runs in five at bats. Windell got two singles, got one walk and drove in two runs in five times at bat. Winter hit a single and drew a walk in five at bats.

Gami Cloyd drew two walks, Crisy Hernandez two, and Garcia one. Jody Armstrong, Alissa Schields and Burkett all had one turn at the plate and did not get on base.

The varsity girls host Colby at 3 p.m. Friday at Centennial Park, and Daise said the team is ready. Colby has excellent hitters, Daise said, and the Cowgirls will have to concentrate on their pitching and fielding to win.

## All-league chosen

All-league Western Kansas Liberty basketball players for 2001-2002 were chosen Wednesday. The league is made up of area Class 1A schools.

Results were:

**Girls: First team:** Brynn Williams, Wallace County; Kayle Beckman, Grinnell; Tanya Beckman, Grinnell; Jentri Dixon, Greeley County.

**Second Team:** Alicia Collett, Brewster; Andrea Siebert, Wallace County; Alisha Welsh, Weskan; Ashley Norby, Healy; Jordan Young, Greeley County.

**Third team:** Erin Barrett, Triplains; Erin Bixenman, Grinnell; Sara Moore, Cheylin; Tricia Sloan, Greeley County; Ashley Stevenson, Golden Plains.

**Honorable mention:** Sara Luckert,

Brewster; Lisa Wagoner, Wallace County; Sarah Meitl, Jennings.

**Boys: First team:** Keith Rhea, Wallace County; Troy Okeson, Weskan; Trent Peter, Greeley County; Shea Stewart, Greeley County; Devan Weiser, Grinnell.

**Second team:** Kellen Howard, Cheylin; Mark Johnson, Healey; John Krayca, Greeley County; Ryan Miller, Jennings; Kevin Schoendaler, Grinnell.

**Third team:** J.R. Baird, Brewster; Josh Gooch, Greeley County; Kevin Lager, Grinnell; Jesse Miller, Golden Plains; Ben Rhodes, Jennings.

**Honorable mention:** Corey David, Wallace County; Blake Bretz, Triplains; Casey Shaw, Golden Plains.

## Puck hits girl, causing death

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A 13-year-old girl hit by a puck at an NHL game died from a rare injury to an artery that was damaged when her head snapped back, a coroner said.

Brittanie Cecil died Monday, two days after she was struck in the forehead by the puck at a game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames.

The damage to the artery, which runs from the spine to the back of the brain, led to a "vicious cycle" of clotting in the artery and swelling of the brain, said Franklin County Coroner Brad Lewis, who performed the autopsy. He said the artery also might have been slightly torn.

The Columbus Blue Jackets will place Brittanie Cecil's initials on their helmets for the rest of the season. The franchise also will promote a fund set up in her memory.

The NHL is looking at arena safety in response to the tragedy said spokesman Frank Brown, although he did not provide details.



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## Most Rockies get day off

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Colorado right-hander John Thomson pitched six shutout innings against a team of Rockies Double-A prospects on Wednesday while most of his teammates on the big league roster got to take the day off.

Thomson, scheduled to be Colorado's No. 4 starter, allowed four

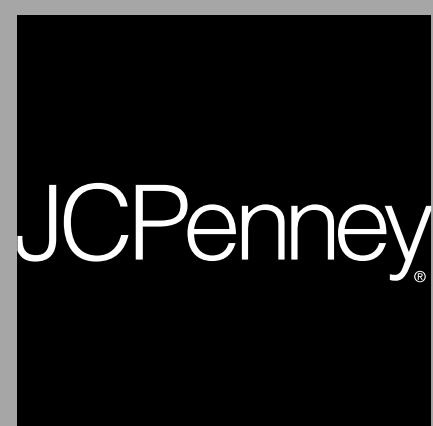
hits and no walks while striking out eight.

Catcher Ben Petrick was the only other player on the Rockies roster to play.

The rest of the team got to take a scheduled day of rest, their first since they started spring training in February.

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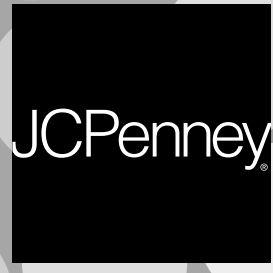
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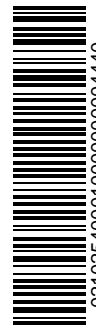
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