

Goodland smashes Eagles in doubleheader

By Doug Stephens

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The Goodland High Cowgirls blasted the Colby Lady Eagles on Friday, sweeping a doubleheader at Centennial Park 13-3 and 18-3.

The junior varsity broke even, losing the first game 9-4 and winning the second 20-13.

The varsity came out strong in the first inning, with Alissa Schields and Tammy Weeter hitting back-to-back home runs. In the second inning, Shanae Calkins hit it over the fence, but missed third when she went around the bases. She was called out at home plate, but credited with a triple.

Both games were stopped by the mercy rule after five innings.

"The girls played well," Coach Terry Daise said. "They executed the plays they were supposed to, and they did really well on their hitting."

Britany Pettibone pitched both games. She allowed five hits and three runs in the first game, only one of them earned. She walked one batter and

struck out nine. She went to the plate four times, hitting a double and a single and driving in two runs.

Tomi Windell got a double and a single, batted in two runs and was walked in four at bats. Calkins got a double in addition to her ill-fated home run, and drove in one run in three at bats. Stephanie Fairbanks went to the plate four times and got a double, two singles, and batted in three runs. Schields had her one home run in three at bats, and Weeter also got a single and drove in two runs. Jessica Osborn got a single in three at bats, and Colleen Koehler drove in two runs. StevieLee Raymer didn't get on base in three tries.

In the second game, Pettibone allowed two hits and three runs, two of them earned. She struck out two and walked none. At the plate, she got three singles and drove in three runs in four tries.

Calkins got two doubles and a single in four at bats. She drove in three runs. Schields got two singles and two walks in four at bats, and drove in three runs.

Fairbanks got a double, two singles and drove in three runs in four trips to the plate. Jennifer Mentzer got a double and two walks and drove in one run in four at bats. Raymer hit a double and got a walk in four at bats, driving in one run. Weeter had a triple, a double and a walk in four tries, driving in two runs. Koehler and Adrienne Garcia both hit a double and a single, driving in one run in four at bats.

Lauren Gray was the losing pitcher in the first junior varsity game, and Aubrea Winter was the winning pitcher in the second.

The next games will be at 3 p.m. Mountain Time on Thursday, when the Cowgirls go to Garden City to take on the Class 6A Lady Buffaloes. Daise said it will be a tough game, especially with one of Garden City's returning pitchers

"Their team has been around for a few years," he said, "and they have a really strong program."

"I still like our chances, though. We have a good team."



Stephanie Fairbanks came up to first base after getting a hit against the Colby Lady Eagles in a Cowgirls' softball game Friday at Centennial Park. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Jayhawks unfazed by attention from national media

By Steve Brisendine

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LAWRENCE, — Jeff Boschee moved smoothly from a national radio interview to a press conference.

Kansas' shooting guard fielded questions ranging from 3-point shooting, to the Jayhawks' Final Four matchup with Maryland, to a couple who named their infant daughter "Deavynn Boschee Christine Schlessener."

"It's flattering," Boschee said. "I guess it's a credit to what I've accomplished here in my career and what the team has accomplished."

The Jayhawks have handled the media crush all season and are on their way to step onto a bigger stage, making their first Final Four appearance since 1993.

Kansas players have had a sampling of what to expect from the national media from their fans in Lawrence.

The Jayhawks are treated like a boy band—especially Boschee, the team's designated heartthrob.

"They crowd in on us, scream at us, grab at us," forward Nick Collison said.

"It's good to know that those people support you, but sometimes it's tough

when all those people are up in your face, screaming for an autograph from like a foot away," he said.

The Jayhawks have received plenty of national attention throughout the season with media reporting on the squad that spent a number of weeks as the top-ranked team.

"It seems like you just keep answering the same questions over and over," guard Kirk Hinrich said Tuesday. "It's a good problem to have, though."

In addition to basic statistical information, Jayhawks fans now know All-American forward Drew Gooden spends his summers in Finland with his

mother's family, and that coach Roy Williams once threatened to send him back to Oakland on a bus if he didn't buy into Kansas' game plan.

Gooden doesn't shy away from the attention—and if he gets a bit prickly fielding questions about the Jayhawks' inside toughness, he generally remains gracious even through long interview sessions.

"Coach told me that I was going to get a lot of media attention this year, and the media can either make you or break you," Gooden said. "So I try to get along with the media and not turn anybody down. I know everybody's

got a job to do."

Fans also know that Boschee and Hinrich have had dates interrupted by fans, and that there was a Boschee impostor was on the Internet—until the university tracked the culprit down and put a stop to it.

The Jayhawks, and even Williams, seem more amused than distracted by the offbeat questions and the spotlight.

"This team's composed of old guys and a couple of freshmen who have really handled themselves well this year," Boschee said. "We don't let the media hype get to our heads. We've still got a job to do."

Wrestlers get state send-off

Wrestling enthusiasts and the Goodland Ambassadors will send off kids from the Goodland Wrestling Club who qualified for the Kansas Kids state tournament. The send-off will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The public is invited.

The tournament will be on Friday and Saturday in Topeka. Goodland will be sending 28 wrestlers.

Colorado tops Sox

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Juan Uribe went 3-for-4 with three RBIs Tuesday as the Colorado Rockies defeated the Chicago White Sox 10-9.

Uribe, who leads the Rockies with 10 doubles this spring, had RBI doubles in the second and fifth.

His offense helped offset starter Denny Neagle's worst outing of the spring. Neagle gave up eight runs and 11 hits in five innings. He struck out two.

Neagle, scheduled to start Colorado's home opener against Houston on April 8, gave up a homer to Magglio Ordonez in the third and back-to-back homers to Sandy Alomar Jr. and Tony Graffanino in the sixth.

"I made some good pitches. The one Ordonez hit out was a pretty good pitch. He's just that good of a hitter," Neagle said.

The White Sox scored four runs off Neagle in the fifth and Paul Konerko added an RBI single in the seventh off reliever Kent Mercker.

Colorado scored four in the fifth, including a two-run homer by Jose Ortiz off starter Jon Garland.

Closer Jose Jimenez pitched one inning to pick up the save.

Chiefs get Saints' tackle

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Willie Roaf is headed from the New Orleans Saints to the Kansas City Chiefs.

Roaf was traded for a conditional fourth-round pick in 2003. Other terms of the deal were not disclosed. The draft choice could escalate to a third-round choice based on Roaf's playing time during the 2002 season, the Saints said in a news release Tuesday.

"William has been a great player for the Saints and we've always appreciated that," Randy Mueller, the Saints general manager, said. "He expressed a desire to play elsewhere this season, and we facilitated that move at his request. If we were going to lose a player of William's caliber, it was important to us to get a draft pick in return."

The deal was reached Monday night. The Saints had faced a deadline of midnight last Tuesday to pay Roaf a \$4.25 million roster bonus but the deadline was extended several times—the latest being midnight Monday—to allow the seven-time Pro Bowl tackle to work out a new deal.

The Chiefs and Denver Broncos both were negotiating with Roaf's agent, Peter Schaffer. Roaf said last month he would retire unless the Saints traded or released him.

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