

Goodland team routes Holcomb

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The Cowgirls broke a six-game losing streak Thursday when they routed the Holcomb Longhorns in a doubleheader 13-3 and 21-1.

"We put together two great games," said Terry Daise, softball coach. "Our pitching, hitting and defense was excellent."

The Cowgirls now hold a 9-7 record. Early in the season they were 7-1.

The Goodland team got a strong lead in the first game. The Class 3A Holcomb pitcher couldn't find her control, and put most of her early pitches in the dirt in front of the plate. The first inning showed the Cowgirls up 2-0, and the second 7-0.

Jessica Osborn was one of the Cowgirls to get a hit in the second. She hit a grounder at the shortstop, who fumbled it after a high bounce. Colleen Koehler bunted on the next pitch, beating the throw to first and putting Osborn on second. Osborn stole third after a wild pitch, and was tagged out trying to steal home on another wild pitch.

At the end of the third inning, Goodland was up 11-0. The girls got 13 hits. Shanae Calkins was credited with two RBIs, and Alissa Schields, StevieLee Raymer, Britney Pettibone

and Tammy Weeter one each.

Pettibone allowed six hits in six innings, and only two of Holcomb's three runs were earned. She struck out nine and walked four. At the plate, she hit a double and drew two walks.

Schields hit a triple and a double, and Koehler a double and two singles. Osborn and Stephanie Fairbanks both hit a double and a single. Calkins got a double, and Raymer and Weeter a single. Adrienne Garcia drew two walks.

The second game stopped after five innings under the mercy rule. Schields pitched, allowing four hits, and no earned runs. She struck out 5 and walked none. She helped herself by hitting a home run, a single, and by drawing a walk. She had four RBIs.

Adrienne Garcia had three RBIs, Calkins two and Raymer one. Raymer hit a triple and a single and Garcia and Calkins both hit doubles. Fairbanks got two base hits, and drew a walk, and Weeter had a single and a walk. Koehler hit a single and a walk, and Osborne had a base hit. Jennifer Mentzer drew three walks.

The Cowgirls next play Thursday in Pratt.

They will play one game against the Pratt Thunderbirds, and one with the Russell Broncos.



Cowboy Matthias Goodley served the ball Thursday at the Goodland Invitational Tennis tournament. Results are not yet in from the contest.
Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Tennis teams face competition

Varsity earns sixth place in Larned match-up

The Goodland Cowboys varsity tennis team placed sixth at a meet in Larned on Tuesday, scoring a total 15 points.

The Cowboys played in Scott City on Saturday, but there were no team scores because the meet was cut short by rain.

At Larned, Ellinwood took first with 43 points; Quivera Heights, second, 30; Ellsworth, third, 27; Pratt, fourth, 20; Sterling, fifth, 17; and Larned, seventh, 2.

Cowboy Jordan Riebel's record was 3-2; Matt Hall went 1-4; Kyle Schulte and Jonathan Finley finished 0-5; and D.J. Sparks and Jake Johnson earned 2-4.

In No. 1 singles, Riebel beat Marcus Pitts, Sterling, 8-5; Blaze Mollhagen, Ellsworth, 8-7; and Dustin Sanborn, Pratt, 8-1; and lost to Ryan McQuire, Ellinwood, 2-8; and Lance Henne, Quivera, 1-8.

In No. 2 singles, Hall beat Carl Errebo, Sterling, 82; and lost to Aaron Wade, Ellsworth, 3-8; Jeremy Thomas, Ellinwood, 6-8; Sunny Hardcastle, Quivera, 2-8; and Curt Wilson, Pratt, 5-8.

In No. 1 doubles, Schulte-Finley lost to Humphreys-Britton of Sterling, 2-8; Williams and Donbrava of Ellsworth, 5-8; Waite-Read, Ellinwood, 3-8; Ringle-Gongalaz, Quivera, 1-8; and against Hollowell-Aschenbren of Pratt, 5-8.

In No. 2 doubles, Johnson-Sparks beat Brown-Brown of Larned, 8-3; and Ringle-Montoya of Quivera, 8-7; but lost to Plett-Smith of Sterling, 3-8; Winrich-Briggeman, Pratt, 3-8; Wesner-Ille, Ellinwood, 0-8; and Denning-Jewell, Ellsworth, 6-8.

In Scott City, Schulte had a 0-3 record; Matthias Goodley was 1-3; and Hall-Riebel, 2-1.

In No. 1 singles, Schulte lost to Tyler Harkness, Scott City, 1-6; Zach Anderson, Ulysses, 4-6; and Keith Pfannenstiel of Ness City, 4-6.

In No. 2 singles, Goodley beat out Kirk Ramsey of Scott City, 6-1; and lost to Joey Melnyk of Colby, 3-6; Jesse Humphreys, Ulysses, 2-6; and Ben Zimmerman of Garden City, 1-6.

In No. 1 doubles, Hall-Riebel beat Gabel-Pfannenstiel, Ness City, twice, 6-5 and 7-4; and lost to Prusa-Deeds, Ulysses, 1-6.

Reds' late comeback too much for Colorado

CINCINNATI (AP)—As the new ballpark takes shape beyond the outfield wall, the Cincinnati Reds are starting to feel sentimental about the old place.

A series sweep will do that. Todd Zeile's throwing error let in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning Thursday night and completed another late Reds comeback for a 4-3 victory and a sweep of the Colorado Rockies.

By taking three one-run games from the NL's worst team, the Reds started thinking that maybe Cinergy Field isn't so bad after all. They lost a franchise-record 54 home games there last season and got more cat-calls than curtain calls.

That's changing. "Last year's buried," manager Bob Boone said. "It's so deep and gone it's not even in my memory."

Cinergy Field will always be a place of dread in Rockies' lore. They lost their first seven games there as

an expansion team in 1993, and their last visit was just as gut-wrenching.

The stadium will be razed after the season, making room for the new ballpark that's more than half-finished. The Rockies don't visit again this season, so this was their Cinergy so-long.

"I'm looking forward to getting back home," manager Buddy Bell said.

Bell saw a lot of bad baseball out of his team during its first Cinergy sweep since 1993. Every game was the same — the Rockies wasted chances, then watched the Reds pull it out.

Left-hander Denny Neagle gave up Juan Encarnacion's first-inning solo homer into the new ballpark, a shot estimated at 454 feet. After that, Neagle settled in and the Rockies pulled ahead 3-1.

Brady Clark ended his 0-for-14 slump with a two-run pinch single in the seventh off Todd Jones.

Junior varsity takes third in Russell tournament

The Cowboys junior varsity tennis team scored 12 points at a meet in Russell on Tuesday, finishing third out of five teams.

Coach Wallace Hansen said the format was all singles matches and Goodland only entered five players because one was sick.

Hansen said Russell, which played its varsity team, won the meet and

Colby edged out the Cowboys to take second with 14 points.

Ellsworth placed fourth and Hoisington fifth.

In No. 6 singles, Cowboy Jeff Moore, 3-1, took the gold medal after beating a player with his same record. Moore beat Castor, Ellsworth, 6-4; Rogers, Colby, 6-1; and Gonzales, Russell, 6-4; and lost to Davidson,

Russell, 6-1.

In No. 5 singles, Dexter Deeds, 2-1, placed second after beating Barnum, Colby, 6-1; and Funk, Russell, 6-2; and losing to Smith, Ellsworth, 6-5.

In No. 4 singles, Matthew Hurst, 1-2, beat Haag, Ellsworth, 6-4; and lost to Dempewolf, Colby, 6-1; and to Anschutz, Russell, 6-1.

In No. 3 singles, Mark Pinalto, 0-

3, lost to Finnegan, Russell, 6-2; Huslig, Ellsworth, 6-3; and Yoon, Colby, 6-4.

In No. 2 singles, Brandon VanVleet beat Brown, Hoisington, 6-2; and lost to Melnyk, Colby, 6-3; and Laubhan, Russell, 6-0.

The junior varsity team will return to Russell on Tuesday for doubles action starting at 2 p.m.

Former NBA, Kansas player dies at home

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wayne Hightower, a basketball star who followed Wilt Chamberlain from Philadelphia's Overbrook High School to the University of Kansas and the NBA, has died.

Hightower died of a heart attack at his home Thursday. He was 62.

A thin, 6-foot-8 forward, Hightower was a first-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Warriors and one of the highest-profile players to jump to the American Basketball Association in its first season.

After Chamberlain left for Kansas, Hightower became Overbrook's big man and helped the team win consecutive city championships in 1957 and 1958.

His teammates on the 1958 team that was 22-0 included two other players who went on to the NBA, Wali Jones and Walt Hazzard.

A tenacious rebounder who didn't

always shoot well, Hightower played two years at Kansas, where he was named to the all-Big Eight team in 1960 and 1961. He finished his college career with 1,128 points, averaging 21.3 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

"He was a very good athlete, a very good player," said Jerry Waugh, a former assistant coach for Dick Harp.

"At that time to find a kid 6-8 who could move around like he could was pretty significant.

"Today almost all the kids can do that; not then."

"He was not a strong post player as we know today, but he was very nifty around the goal," Waugh said. "He could turn over, face up, jump and put it in. He could score."



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