

Cowgirls wrapup even season

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The Goodland High School softball season is over. The Cowgirls ended up even for the season with a 10-10 record. They were knocked out of the regional competition Monday by Hugoton, after eliminating Colby.

Goodland started the season out strong, earning a 7-1 record, then the girls dropped their next six games. Last year the team was 9-11.

"As we went along, the schedule got tougher," Coach Terry Daise said. "If we had gotten a break here, a break there, we could have won three or four more games. That's what I was looking for."

"I did see improvement, though. That's the important thing."

Plus, with only two seniors on the varsity, Daise expects to have most of his players back next year.

Pitcher Britany Pettibone won seven of 13 games, pitching 82 2/3 innings. She allowed 64 hits, 37 walks, and 30 earned runs. She struck out 73 and had an ERA of 2.54. She averaged 6.18 strikeouts per game.

Alissa Schields pitched seven games for 38 2/3 innings. She allowed 44 hits, 10 walks, 19 earned runs. She struck out 17 and had an ERA of 3.44. Lauren Gray took the mound for one game, pitching seven innings. She struck out four, walked seven, and allowed nine runs and seven hits.

On the offensive side, Shanae Calkins played 16 games, getting 20 hits in 55 at bats for a .364 average. She struck out nine times and drew seven walks.

Jessica Osborn played in 18 games and batted .388, getting 19 hits in 49 at bats. She was walked four times and struck out six times.

Stephanie Fairbanks, played 14 games, getting 22 hits in 61 at bats, and drew three walks. She had one RBI and batted .361. She struck out seven times.

Pettibone played in 18 games, and got 20 hits in 60 tries for a .333 average. She drew eight walks and struck out eight times.

Adrienne Garcia played 18 games, getting 18 hits in 56 at bats. She was walked 10 times and had a batting average of .321, striking out seven times.

Tammy Weeter played in 17 games, and got 18 hits in 56 tries. She was walked seven times, and batted .321. She struck out 19 times.

Colleen Koehler played 18 games, and hit the ball 19 times in 59 at bats. She hit .322 and drew two walks while striking out six times.

Yvette Acosta batted twice in two games. She did not get a hit.

Tomi Windell played 11 games and got nine hits in 29 tries for an average of .310. She struck out nine times and was walked six times.

Jennifer Mentzer was in 20 games. She got eight hits in 27 tries for .296. she drew 12 walks and struck out seven times.

Cortney Schields played in three games. She hit twice in her three at bats for a .667 average. She drew four walks and never struck out.

Alissa Schields played 19 games and got 22 hits in 53 tries for a .415 average. She drew 14 walks and struck out 11



Cowgirl pitcher Britany Pettibone was met on the mound by teammates (from left) StevieLee Raymer, Alissa Schields and Shanae Calkins after an out at Centennial Park. The Cowgirls ended their season with a 10-10 record. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

times. StevieLee Raymer played in 17 games. she batted 53 times and got 13 hits for .245. She struck out 8 times and drew nine walks.

Gray played three games. She batted six times and got three hits. She was walked twice and did not strike out.

The team had a total of 193 hits in 569 at bats for a .339 average, drew 88 walks and had 99 strike outs.

Weeter had the longest hitting streak, eight games, followed by Calkins with five, and Mentzer with four.

Alissa Schields hit the most home runs with two, and Raymer and Weeter both had one. Alissa also led the team in getting hit by pitches. She was hit twice, and Weeter, Calkins and Osborn once.

Raymer and Fairbanks were the only seniors on the varsity team this year.

Hockey rivalry back as Wings, Avs meet

DETROIT — A rivalry once considered the nastiest in hockey resumes Saturday when the Detroit Red Wings and Colorado Avalanche meet in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

Detroit and Colorado, the West's top two teams in the regular season, will meet for the fifth time in the playoffs since 1996. The Avalanche have won three of those series, including the last two, in 1999 and 2000. The Wings beat Colorado in three of the four games the teams played this season.

"Detroit will be a great challenge for us, and we are excited to play that series," goalie Patrick Roy said after shutting out San Jose 1-0 in Game 7 on Wednesday night, sending Colorado to the conference finals for the sixth time in seven years.

Detroit, the regular-season leader, advanced to the conference finals by dispatching St. Louis in five games.

"We just know that it's probably the way it should be," Detroit's Brendan Shanahan said. "We were the top two teams in the Western Conference during the season, so it's only fitting that we're the last two standing."

Detroit and Colorado have combined to win four of the last six Stanley Cups — the Red Wings in 1997 and 1998 and the Avs in 1996 and last year.

Add to that a rivalry that has resulted in blood, brawls and broken bones, and the elements of a fiercely contested series are present.

"Detroit has been in the back of our minds all the time, and you watch them and see how well they are playing," Colorado defenseman Rob Blake said.

The Wings-Avs rivalry traces its roots to May 29, 1996.

In Game 6 of the conference finals, Claude Lemieux's blind-side check on Kris Draper sent the Red Wings forward into the boards face-first. Draper sustained a fractured jaw, a broken nose and severe facial lacerations and had to undergo surgery.

Colorado won the game, which eliminated Detroit and sent the Avs to their first Stanley Cup title.

The Red Wings exacted a bloody revenge in March 1997, when Lemieux, playing his first game in Detroit since the hit on Draper, was hammered by Darren McCarty in a first-period brawl.

"Obviously it's changed over the years, because players have come and gone," Draper said Thursday. "I don't think the rivalry is what it was at maybe four years ago, because there was the hatred there."

"Now I think the bottom line is it's two good hockey clubs going at one another and both teams want to advance on to the Stanley Cup finals."

Roy and the Wings are well acquainted. After all, Detroit is indirectly responsible for bringing the star goalie to Colorado.

Then with Montreal, Roy lashed out at the team's management after an 11-1 loss to the Red Wings in 1995. Roy was upset coach Mario Tremblay left him in a game in which he was being shelled. He was traded to the Avalanche less than a week later.

Roy has recorded many fine performances between the pipes in Detroit-Colorado games, but the NHL's leader in playoff goalie victories also has had his share of infamous moments.

He lost a pair of fights to Red Wings goalies — to Mike Vernon in 1997 and Chris Osgood in 1998 — and has incurred the wrath of Hockeytown residents, many of whom still harbor a healthy dislike for him.

Roy and Dominik Hasek — two of the most acclaimed goalies in NHL history — likely will be the focus of the upcoming series.

Roy bolstered his already well-documented reputation as a big-game goalie by winning a pair of Game 7's this postseason.

Hasek, a six-time Vezina Trophy winner, was brought to Detroit this year with one goal in mind — winning the Cup.

Rockies hammer Marlins, 10-3; Estalella hits fourth homerun

DENVER (AP) — Mike Hampton might be starting to feel comfortable again — it's taken only about a year.

Hampton allowed four hits in eight innings for his second strong start at Coors Field, and the Colorado Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 10-3 Thursday.

"I think his comfort zone is obviously increasing," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "I think the important factor is that progress is being made. Improvement is being made."

"He's finishing his pitches. He's pitching to the glove. There's no second guessing on his part."

Hampton started his Rockies career 9-2 after signing a \$121 million, eight-year contract before last season. Since then, he has won just seven of 23 starts and has allowed the most earned runs (37) in the National League this season.

In his last two starts at Coors Field,

Hampton has allowed three earned runs and seven hits in 15 innings. Against Florida, he allowed three runs, struck out six and walked five. He also had two of Colorado's 12 hits.

"I'm not going to give in," said Hampton, who improved to 7-1 against Florida. "When I start giving in, that's when I start giving up a lot of runs and hits. I'm just going to stay aggressive, try to make my pitch."

Florida's Julian Tavarez (1-3), making his second start after coming off the disabled list with a shoulder strain, allowed a career-high 10 runs, nine hits and four walks in four innings.

Colorado scored six runs in the first off Tavarez and coasted from there. Larry Walker had a run-scoring double, Todd Zeile and Todd Hollandsworth hit RBI singles and Bobby Estalella capped it with his fourth

homer in as many games.

"He looked terrible, but he wasn't," Florida manager Jeff Torborg said of Tavarez. "I am not trying to look for a silver lining either. He threw the ball well against a pretty good hitting ballclub over there."

Zeile didn't play Wednesday night because Hurdle said he might be pressing too much, but he responded well to the day off. Zeile finished 3-for-5, including a three-run homer in the fifth that put the Rockies up 9-0, and scored twice. The home run was his eighth.

"The day off helped," Zeile said. "I

was a little bit fatigued. I think Clint saw that I was dragging a little bit and gave me a day."

The Rockies won three of four against Florida to win three straight series for the first time since last June. Colorado won two of three from the Mets and Montreal the previous two series.

"I think we're finding a little better groove offensively," Todd Helton said. "Once we score some runs we're really not stopping like we did on the road last time in Philly."

Florida has lost three straight after winning seven of eight.

baseball scoreboard

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American League
Thursday's Games
Minnesota 14, Kansas City 5
Today's Games
Kansas City (Byrd 6-2) at Cleveland (Finley 2-4), 5:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Kansas City (Affeldt 1-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 11:05 a.m., 1st game
Kansas City (May 0-0) at Cleveland (Drese 3-3), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game
Sunday's Games

Seattle at Boston, 11:05 a.m.
Oakland at Toronto, 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 11:35 a.m.
Texas at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago White Sox, 12:05 p.m.
National League
Thursday's Games
Colorado 10, Florida 3
Today's Games
Atlanta (Glavine 5-2) at Colorado (Thomson 5-2), 7:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 2-4) at Colorado (Stark 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 1:05 p.m.
Florida at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 2:35 p.m.
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