

K-18 loses first game to Hill City

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Goodland's K-18 baseball team hosted the regional tournament over the weekend. Even though the home team was eliminated in their first game Friday night, losing to Hill City 9-4, the tournament was counted as a great success.

"We won 27 games this season," coach Bill Knox said. "I have a hard time focusing on one loss. All the ball players improved. I see it as a successful season that ended too soon."

"I was disappointed that we lost on Friday, but we had a good year and won a lot of games," said Mark Starr, third basemen for the Friday game. "I am proud of our season."

Coach Knox watched games on Saturday and said the tournament went really well. Tammy Freeman and Jason Hickson from the City and County Recreation Department took on the job of running the tournament.

"I talked to the league commissioner, and he was really happy with it," Starr said. "Tammy and Jason deserve a lot of credit."

The weather changed as much as the teams on the field, from hot and windy to cooler with cloud cover. The players, coaches and spectators all seemed to enjoy themselves regardless of a win or loss.

"It turned out really well," said Freeman, who is secretary for the recreation program. "All teams were impressed with the field. A lot of businesses in town supported the tournament and benefited from the weekend."

Hickson, recreation director, said, "We had a lot of compliments of the facility. It was a good experience for everyone."

Otis-Bison won the tournament in the last game Sunday evening, prevailing 15-2 against Phillipsburg. Most Valuable Player of the tournament was Ryan Smith of Otis-Bison.



Third baseman Mark Starr reacted to Goodland's loss in the first K-18 regional Friday. Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News



Pitcher Matt Kuhlman tagged out a Colby player caught in a pickle between Kuhlman and Kyle Schulte playing second. Jake Alander backed up the play. Photo By Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Legion team still in the running for state tournament next week

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Goodland's American Legion team competed in the Zone 6 Tournament in Colby over the weekend.

Competition is still going and the team was scheduled to play a possible double header Monday night. If they beat Colby in the first game, they would immediately play them again to try and advance to the state tournament in Pratt.

Saturday, the boys beat Plainville 7-6. Landon West pitched and had fourteen strikeouts, nine hits and two walks. West threw a remarkable 134 pitches that game.

The seventh inning brought the victory. Matt Kuhlman hit a single, bringing in Jacob Alander and West to tie the game at 6. Wyatt Dautel

advanced Kuhlman with a sacrifice bunt, then Brock Lohr singled and stole second. Kevin Schulte came to bat with Kuhlman being the winning run on third. He hit a bouncing ball that went to third. Plainville's third basemen attempted to make the play at first, but Schulte beat it out to bring in Kuhlman for the win.

On Sunday, the team played two games, losing the first against Colby 7-1. This game gave Goodland their first loss.

Pitching this game was Kuhlman, with Kevin Schulte coming in at the sixth inning. Kuhlman had three strikeouts, three walks and six hits. Schulte had one walk, one hit and two strikeouts.

The only run came in from a home run hit by West to lead off the second.

Game 2 of the day was against Phillipsburg. Goodland hung on to win 13-11 and continue in the tournament.

West pitched, getting four strikeouts and giving up thirteen walks and four hits.

The first inning, Goodland brought in eight runs. One run came in the second, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Class AA State American Legion Tournament will start next week, July 31-Aug. 4, in Pratt.

Football, volleyball camps next week

Coach Tony Diehl will hold a summer football camp for Grant Junior High and Goodland High School players beginning Monday and lasting through the week.

Those who wish to attend should wear shorts, T-shirt and cleats.

The junior high session will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the high school session will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

The varsity camp is being sponsored by Unruh Family Chiropractic.

Goodland Volleyball Camp will be Monday to Friday next week at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Camp for girls in grades 5-8 will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with open enrollment in the morning. The fee is \$40.

The Goodland High School Team

Camp will be from 6-8 p.m. It is only open to Goodland High School players. The fee is also \$40.

The camp is designed to help all volleyball players get ready for the upcoming season. Workouts will allow players to improve all volleyball skills. It will be run by the Goodland High School coaching staff.

Brewster gets grant for drug force

Brewster has won a "federal formula" grant for almost \$39,000 to create a safer community, according to word received from Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' office.

"This year," said the governor, "the program has awarded more than \$6.1 million to 62 applicants throughout the state." There were 84 requests.

Brewster plans to use the money to help pay for continuation of the Quad County Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional drug task force serving Sherman, Thomas, Wallace and Logan counties.

"The task force works to reduce the supply of illegal drugs and identify, apprehend, and convict drug

offenders," Sebelius said.

The program, known as the federal Byrne formula grant program, is a partnership among federal, state and local governments to create safer communities and improved criminal justice systems.

The grant is awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice and its Bureau of Justice Programs. The bureau is authorized to award grants to states for use by state and units of local government to improve the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders and to enforce state and local drug laws.

The Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, created by the

1994 Legislature, reviews all the Kansas requests for these grants.

One of its duties is to develop and oversee reporting of all federal money available to the state or local units of government for criminal justice, including assuming the designation and administration of assistance grant programs.

Grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance and information systems for apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention and rehabilitation of those who violate drug laws. Grants also may be used to provide assistance (other than compensation) to victims of these offenders.

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