

Any day is a good day at the ball field



Left fielder Lindsay Schields batted during the cold and rain Thursday as the Goodland Cowgirls faced the Colby Lady Eagles at Centennial Park. The Cowgirls lost the first game 6-0 (the second was canceled), leaving their record at 4-1. The team was to play Monday against Hays High at Centennial.

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Cowboys let lead slip away, lose to Colby, 6-5

The Cowboys had a 5-0 lead after two innings Thursday afternoon in Colby, but the Eagles turned Goodland errors into runs and won the only game the two managed to play, 6-5.

Getting ahead of Mother Nature, the teams managed to get the first game played, but canceled the second because it was raining and sleeting. The games had been scheduled for Friday, but with the threat of a spring snowstorm, the games were moved up to Thursday. Coach Devlin Mull said the Cowboys started the game in good shape

with Tyler Hillmer getting a base hit and Forrest Trachsel getting a walk.

"Rory Kling got a good single and scored both Hillmer and Trachsel to give us a 2-0 lead," Mull said.

Tanner Smith got a double and scored on a single by Kevin Amthor to give the Cowboys a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Preston Dautel pitched the whole game and Mull said he did a good job. Dautel gave up 13 hits, struck out one and gave up one walk.

The Cowboys added two runs in the top of the second on a two-run

single by Kling, scoring Hillmer and Trachsel who had hit back-to-back singles. That gave the Cowboys a 5-0 lead.

The Eagles started their comeback in the bottom of the second, taking advantage of six Cowboy errors to score four runs and close to 5-4.

Eagle pitcher Stephen Dinkel set the Cowboys down in order in the third, and in the bottom half of the inning the Eagles had three hits to tie the game at 5.

Hillmer got a single in the top of the fourth and stole a base to put

himself in scoring position, but Dinkel struck Trachsel out to end the threat.

The Eagles turned a leadoff single by Cade Carter into the winning run on two Cowboy errors.

Both teams got runners into scoring position in the sixth and the top of the seventh inning, but could not push anything across, giving Colby a 6-5 win.

Hillmer got his fourth hit of the game in the top of the seventh, and stole two bases to put the tying run on third. Dinkel then struck out Trachsel, Kling and Smith to end

the game.

Mull said one of the Cowboys' problems is striking out, especially with men on base. Goodland players struck out 10 times and had eight hits.

Mull said there have not been a lot of highlights for the Cowboys, but said the team is playing hard. He said the 2-5 record is not great, but feels good the team has been able to play some good games in face of bad weather.

"We need to get the bat on the ball," he said. "We have been in some close games, and just aren't

getting the hits when they can help us win."

He said he knew the Colby game was going to be tough, but was disappointed when victory slipped away.

Mull said there are some good things happening. Kling has a .475 batting average and 12 runs batted in. Trachsel has a .368 average, and Hillmer is hitting .333. Hillmer has 10 stolen bases, half of those coming against Colby.

The Cowboys will face Liberal at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Memorial Field.

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Wednesday Night Mixed League
March 21
Odd Couple over S & L 3-1
Guzzlin' Socializers over JanSon UWK 4-0
D, G & M Clan over Fun Lovers 4-0
Amack's Trucking over Phillip's Brothers 3-

4 Stars over Blind in Eyes 4-0
Shear Dimensions over The Pits 4-0

Team high score game: Guzzlin' Socializers 733
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izers 2026
Men's high score game: Melvin Crow 207
Men's high score series: Dale Samulson

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Women's high score game: Brenda Chatfield 213

Women's high score series: Julie Crow 520

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR APRIL 18 TO APRIL 24

Wednesday: Black Day; 8:30 a.m. Prison Tour, 7 p.m. Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking
Thursday: Gold Day; KSHSAA State Band and Choir at Colby TBA, Junior High Quad Track at Rawlins County at 2 p.m., Boys Junior Varsity Golf at Scott City at 2 p.m., Boys Varsity Tennis Goodland Invitational at 2 p.m., 5 p.m. GAC Youth Soccer at North
Friday: Black Day, Mid-Term, Track at Holcomb at 2 p.m., Varsity and Junior Varsity at Colby at 3 p.m., Varsity Baseball at Home at 3 and 5 p.m.
Saturday: Varsity Tennis at Scott City at 9 a.m., GHS Prom at the Elks Lodge at 6 p.m.
Monday: 9th & 10th Grade at Rawlins County at 2 p.m., Varsity Baseball at Home against Scott City at 3 and 5:30 p.m., Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball at Scott City at 3 p.m., Boys Varsity Tennis at Ulysses at 2 p.m., 5 p.m. GAC Youth Soccer at North, 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday: Black Day, 7 a.m. Boys Varsity Tennis at Larned at Noon, Boys Junior Varsity Golf at Hoxie 2 p.m., Varsity and Junior Varsity at Home against Ulysses at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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