

# Goodland Cowgirls drop two to Ulysses

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The Cowgirls softball team lost two to Ulysses at Centennial Park on Monday, 7-6 and 15-14, leaving their season record at 10-5.

The first batter, senior Lindsay Schields hit a double, but the next two were out with flies caught by the Ulysses' first baseman. Both Ulysses and Goodland remained scoreless until the third inning.

In the third, Ulysses scored two runs. Krystal Resse hit a single, then scored on a sacrifice by Krista Reese. The second run was made by Branon when she walked to first and made it to second on an error by the catcher.

In the fourth, Goodland sophomore Sammie Raymer hit a single. Sophomore Erika Gonzales hit a double and then senior Whitney Archer hit a single. All three scored, with Holly Kibel driving Archer in. Ulysses scored a run by Courtney Anthony tying the score at 3.

In the fifth inning, Schields walked and Raymer hit a single and stole from second to third. Gonzales drove Schields in and sophomore Chelsie Gausman drove Raymer in. Ulysses' Krista Reese, Melissa Archuleta and Branon hit singles and Branon and Langley got RBIs.



Senior Whitney Archer (center) watches at third to see if she has a chance to run on to home plate in the first inning of the second game on Monday at Centennial Park. Cowgirls softball coach Tess Smith (left) signals for her to stay put. The Cowgirls lost the game 15-14 to Ulysses.

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Ulysses led 6-5.

In the sixth, Ulysses got its final run by Krystal Reese with Branon getting the RBI to made the score 7-5. Goodland did not score in the sixth. Gonzales hit a single in the

seventh with senior Whitney Archer driving her in with a double. The Cowgirls lost the game, 7-6. Senior Nicole David was the losing pitcher with her record at 5-3.

The second game started off with

six runs for Cowgirls. Schields, Raymer, Gonzales, Archer, sophomore Chelsie Gausman and junior Andrea Wolak scored. Gonzales drove Schields and Raymer in and Wolak drove Archer in. Ulysses did

not score in the first.

Gonzales hit a single, Archer a double, Gausman a single and Wolak a single in the second inning. The pitcher, sophomore Danielle Pettibone drove Archer and

Gausman in.

Krista Reese of Ulysses, Archuleta, Langley and Zerr scored runs in the third. Cue got two RBIs and Chavez one. The score at the end of the third was 10-4 Goodland leading.

In the fourth inning Krista Reese, Branch, Langley, Cue, Chavez and Anthony scored runs. Langley and Krystal Reese got one RBI and Cue two.

The Cowgirls did not score in the fifth. Ulysses' Archuleta and Langley scored runs. Raymer and Gonzales earned runs after Raymer's single and Gonzales' double in the sixth inning. Sophomore Julica Bonsall batted Gonzales in.

In the seventh inning Lexi David walked and Schields hit a single with both scoring runs and Raymer batting David in. Ulysses' Archuleta, Langley and Cue scored runs giving Ulysses the win at 15-14.

"The younger girls got some time playing which was good," said coach Tess Smith. The losses shouldn't hurt us that much for the season.

The Cowgirls played Scott City at Centennial Park on Thursday and will play Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hays on Friday starting at 3 p.m. at Centennial Park.

# Cowboys lose two close ones

**By Tom Betz**  
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The Cowboys played the Colby Eagles a close doubleheader at Memorial Field on Tuesday, but came out on the losing end of identical 7-6 scores.

The losses drops the team's record to 3-11 with four games left to be played today and tomorrow in Hays.

"We couldn't get the hits when we needed them," said Goodland Coach Devlin Mull, "and we could not get our runners into scoring position to get the wins."

The Cowboys led 3-1 at the end of the first inning with a double by Tanner Smith scoring Tyler Hillmer.

Hillmer hit a leadoff single and advanced to second when Brandon Rome was hit by a pitch.

Rory Kling was out at first, but was credited with an RBI as Rome scored. Forrest Trachsel got a single, and stole second to be in scoring position when Andrew Pettibone got a base hit.

The Eagles scored when Trenton Powell got a leadoff single and stole second, then came in on a long out by Levi Schlick.

In the top of the second, the Eagles got four runs to take a 5-3 lead. Joe Heier started the Eagles

with a leadoff double and scored on a single by Brandon Rasmussen. Brent Arnberger's single scored Rasmussen and tied the score at 3.

Powell hit to the third baseman and was out at first, but Cory Sager scored to give the Eagles the lead. Cade Carter reached first on an error that scored Arnberger to make it 5-3.

Josh Duke led off for the Cowboys in the bottom of the second, reached first on an error, and stole second to be in scoring position when Rome hit a single. A minute later, Rome scored to tie the game at 5 on a double by Smith.

Neither team scored in the third inning. Sager walked with one out in the top of the fourth, and scored when Rome made an error on a long fly ball hit by Powell, giving the Eagles a 6-5 lead.

The score remained the same until the seventh, when the Eagles scored a run on a single by Mitchell Gatz and a double by Stephen Dinkel to make it 7-5.

The Cowboys' Preston Dautel had a single to lead off the seventh, but got picked off for the first out.

Hillmer and Duke got back-to-back singles to move Hillmer into scoring position. A single by Smith scored Hillmer make the score 7-6, but Duke was forced out at third and

Pettibone struck out to end the game.

The Cowboys had 11 hits, 1 error and left 7 on base. The Eagles had 7 hits, 4 errors and left 8 on base. Hillmer and Rome each had 2 RBIs and Duke and Trachsel had 1 each.

In the second game, the Eagles jumped out to a 5-1 run lead after two innings, scoring 1 in the top of the first and 4 in the second.

The Cowboys run came on a double by Kling, who stole third and scored on a passed ball.

Colby added two runs in the top of the fourth to lead 7-1.

Hillmer had a triple to lead off the bottom of the sixth, and scored when Rome reached first on an Eagle error. Rome stole second, then scored on a single by Trachsel.

Kevin Amthor was hit by a pitch, putting him on first and advancing Trachsel to second.

Trachsel scored on a single by Duke and Amthor scored on an Eagle error to close the score to 7-6.

The Cowboys kept the Eagles from scoring in the seventh, but went down without a runner reaching base in the bottom of the inning to give the Eagles the win.

The Cowboys had 8 hits, 2 errors and left 4 on base. The Eagles had 11 hits and 1 error.



Cowboys Brandon Rome ran for home plate in the bottom of the second inning to tie the score 5-5 against the Colby Eagles in the first game of a doubleheader at Memorial Field on Tuesday. Colby catcher Mitchell Gatz covered home waiting for a throw from the outfield. Rome scored on a double by Tanner Smith.

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the team will be in Hays for the Western Diamond Classic. The Cowboys were to face Salina Central on Thursday. They will play two games today at 2:45 p.m. against

Hays High and at 5 p.m. against Liberal. Goodland will play at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday against Word of Life Traditional School, a religious school from Wichita.

The Cowboys' Class 4A regional

tournament will be May 14 and 16 at Legends Field in Hugoton with Colby, Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hays, Hugoton, Larned, Pratt, Russell, Ulysses and Goodland.

# Sherman County Speedway racing season opens Saturday night

Racing returns to the Sherman County Speedway on Saturday with races beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The opening night will feature the BST (blood, sweat and tears) modified cars, with about 30 entries expected. The modified cars will be racing this as an International Motor Contest Association race for season points.

Alex West, Speedway Association president, said this will be the only IMCA race scheduled for this year. He said a lot of the modified

cars come out of the Denver area, but some race track favorites are expected.

He said he thinks there will be more cars and drivers this year, and there will be more local Econo-class drivers to watch. He said he thinks there will be four or five more from Goodland and a couple coming from St. Francis.

West said in the Mini-Stock Class, the Kleines of Burlington, who won last year, will not be here, but they sold their cars in the

Burlington area.

West's daughter Adrienne, 16, is in her second year, and she will be racing with some new sponsors. He said she ran her first race on her birthday last year, on June 3.

He said they re-cut the track a bit to help the water drain and fixed the guardrail that got torn up at the Flatlander Fall Classic in September.

There will be races in the mini-stock, econo, bombers, stock and modified classes, and West said de-

pending on the number of modified cars, they may run that class first.

The pits will open at 3 p.m. and hot laps are planned to begin between 5 and 5:30 p.m. The first race is scheduled to be at 6:30 p.m.

West said the association was saddened when the homes of Mike and Monty Nordyke of Holly, Colo., were damaged in the tornadoes in March.

The brothers have been familiar names around the speedway for years. Dr. Gary Smith of Prairieland

Animal Clinic of Goodland and his wife Debbie (Nordyke) Smith are Holly natives. Smith said the home of brother-in-law Mike and wife Sandy Nordyke about a mile north of the Colorado town had to be torn down. He said brother-in-law Monty's house to the northeast had minor damage.

Nine more nights of racing are scheduled at the Sherman County Speedway, on May 19; June 2 and 16; July 7 and 21; Aug. 18; and Sept.

1 and 28 and 29.

The 1200 Outlaw Sprints are scheduled to be on the track on July 21, and the 305 Sprint cars are expected to be part of the 14th annual Bill Gray Memorial on Aug. 18. The 18th annual Flatlander Fall Classic will be Sept. 28 and 29.

West said he hopes the weather is a bit warmer for the classic than the near freezing temperatures last year.

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