

Golf team wins regional, on to state Monday

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The Cowboys golf team swung its way to victory at the regional tournament Monday in Russell, earning a trip to the state tournament as a team for the first time since 1994.

The team also won the Northwest Kansas League meet Friday in Oakley. They will play at the state tournament Monday at Wamego.

Andrew Taylor will begin at hole No. 9 at 8 a.m. Mountain Time, and Brandon Douglas will begin at No. 9 at 8:30. Mikey Doll will begin at hole No. 1 at 9 a.m., and

Darrick Ihrig will begin at No. 9 at the same time. Ryan Gausman will start at No. 9 at 9:40, and Nathan Linin will begin at 10 a.m. at No. 1.

Golfers are placed in ascending order, with regional medalists teeing off last.

At the regional, Goodland won with a team score of 338. Colby and Pratt tied for second with 340, and Pratt won the tie breaker. Ulysses was fourth with 343, followed by Thomas More Prep of Hays with 357, Nickerson with 369, Hugoton and Russell each with 377, Kingman with 403 and Larned with 468.

Linin tied for second in individual scor-

ing with Tyler Hallagin of Thomas More Prep and Zach Dunlap of Hugoton, each finishing in 77 strokes. Linin won the playoff, taking the medal for second.

Doll tied for fifth with Ryley Haas of Colby and Tolan Seger of Ulysses, each in 78 strokes. Seger won the playoff for fifth, Doll was sixth and Haas seventh.

Gausman was in a four-way tie for 15th at 89, Ihrig was in a tie for 25th in 94, Douglas in a four-way tie for 38th at 100 and Taylor was 45th with 105.

"I'm just happy for these guys," said Coach Jon McLean. "They had a goal at the start of the season to make the state golf

tournament as a team. To accomplish this by winning regional was a great experience for these guys."

Linin and Doll played tremendous golf, the coach said; to shoot 77 and 78 on a tough course with 30 mph winds was tough. They both struck the ball well and putted very well, he said.

"I have to give a lot of credit to Ryan and Darrick," McLean said. "They didn't play very well on the front nine. They could have cashed it in and quit. They both battled back and shot good second-round scores, Ryan 43 and Darrick 42. Ryan's 89, and Darrick's 94 got us to 338 and the team title."

Taylor and Douglas struggled, the coach said, but they will get another chance next week.

"It was just a very exciting last 45 minutes of the tournament," McLean said. "We were all on the edge of our seats."

Goodland's score at league was 312. Hoxie was second with 318 and Colby third with 320. Oberlin was fourth with 342, followed by Quinter with 348, Rawlins County with 382 and Oakley with 409.

Linin placed second with 75, Gausman third with 76, Douglas seventh with 79, and Ihrig tied for 10th with 82 but lost the playoff. Taylor shot 85 and Doll 92.

Cowgirls end regional drive with loss to Marian

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Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays put a stop to the Cowgirls' softball season Wednesday in the second round in the regional tournament at Colby.

The Cowgirls lost 10-0 to the regional champions on a windy, 73-degree day. Goodland advanced after a 6-0 win against Pratt on Monday at Centennial Park. The loss left the Cowgirls with a 13-7 record for the season.

Marian, with a 16-2 record, advanced to the second round with a 10-0 victory over 6-12 Larned. Marian was the No. 1 seed and Goodland was No. 4.

The Cowgirls batted first and had three up and three down in the top of the first inning. Nicole David was the starting pitcher for Goodland with an 8-2 record.

Kaylee Hoffman led off for Marian and struck out. Maddie Holub hit a single, then Chelsie Fieler fouled three times before taking a walk. Heidi Fieler hit a ball to center fielder sophomore Chelsie Gausman, who threw Chelsie Fieler out at second. That drove Holub in for Marian's first score.

Katie Gottschalk, up next, hit a triple to drive Heidi Fieler in. Alicia Hammeke hit a single and batted Gottschalk in, making the score 3-0 Marian.

At the top of the second, Archer

struck out, as did Gausman. Junior Andrea Wolak hit a single to center field, but sophomore Danielle Pettibone struck out to end the inning.

Hannah Schippers, the designated batter for Hays, grounded out to third baseman Wolak. Kelsey Flax batted next for Marian and walked. Hoffman was struck out. Chelsie Fieler made it to first on an error. Heidi Fieler hit a double and batted Flax in. The score was Marian 4-0.

Pitcher Maddie Mall hit a triple to right, driving in Chelsie and Heidi Fieler. The score stood at Marion 6-0.

In the top of the third, the Cowgirls had three up and three down. Pettibone went in to pitch for the bottom of the third.

Hemmeke batted first for Marian and walked but was tagged out at second trying to steal. Mall got a hit and went to second on an error by the third baseman. Schippers was up next for a single. Flax hit a single to right. Hoffman hit another single and the bases were loaded. Chelsie Fieler struck out, but Heidi Fieler hit a single and drove Schippers in. The score was Marian 7-0.

In the top of the fourth, Raymer struck out. Sophomore Erika Gonzales popped up to the catcher. Archer flied to right.

In the bottom of the inning, Maddie Holub flied to Gonzales at



Cowgirls junior Holly Kibel stretched to catch a ball in the semifinals for the Class 4A Regional Tournament against the Monarchs

of Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays. The Cowgirls lost 10-0, ending their regional hopes. Photo by Tisha Cox/Colby Free Press

Center. Gottschalk hit a single. Hemmeke struck out, but Mall hit a single, giving Hays runners on first and second. Hays scored two more runs, making the score 9-0.

At the top of the fifth, the Cowgirls had four up and three down. Marian's Hoffman made it to made it to first on an error. Brittany Lang struck out. Hoffman was now on

third. Heidi Fieler drove her to give Hays a 10-0 lead and end the game early.

The girls had fun playing, said Coach Tess Smith.

Marian beat Colby later that day, 4-1, in the finals to take the regional championship and go on to the state tournament Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, in Mulvane.

Colby end Cowboy season with 9-5 win

The Colby Eagles took the Goodland Cowboys out of the Class 4A regional baseball playoffs with a 9-5 win on Monday in Colby.

The Eagles used three home runs by pitcher Levi Schlick to build an 8-0 lead before the Cowboys could get two runs across in the sixth inning. The Eagles added another run in the sixth, but the Cowboys tried to come back in the top of the seventh, scoring three. That still left the Cowboys on the short end of a 9-5 score.

Schlick got the win with 10 strikeouts in the 6 1/3 innings he pitched.

The loss ends the Cowboys season with a 4-15 record.

The Eagles took a 3-0 lead in the first inning behind the first Schlick home run and two other hits. Things looked up for the Cowboys when they picked off one runner at first and another trying to steal third.

In the bottom of the second, the Cowboys got a lift with a great throw from Senior Tyler Hillmer to first to get the third out without giving up any runs.

The Eagles got a tally in the third when a runner scored before Lang tried to steal third and was called out to end the inning with the Eagles leading 4-0.

The Cowboys got two runners on base in the fourth on walks, but Schlick struck out junior Tanner

Smith and sophomore Brandon Rome to end the threat.

Schlick hit his second home run in the bottom of the fourth, and the Cowboys got two more runs to lead 7-0. The Cowboys turned a double play to get out of the inning.

In the top of the fifth, junior Preston Dautel lead off with a base hit, but was out at second on a fielder's choice when senior Andrew Pettibone hit to the shortstop. Junior Josh Doke got a walk and Hillmer walked to load the bases. Schlick seemed to be having some control problems, but after a talk with his coach, he settled down and struck out junior Forrest Trachsel to get out of the jam and keep the Cowboys off the scoreboard.

Dautel started for the Cowboys, and Pettibone came in to pitch in the bottom of the fifth. Pettibone struck out the first two Eagle batters, but then Schlick hit his third home run to make it 8-0.

The Cowboys broke through to score two runs in the sixth. Smith led off and got hit by a pitch, then sophomore Rory Kling drew a walk. Sophomore Brandon Rome was thrown out at first but advanced Smith to third and Kling to second. Dautel struck out for the second out, then Pettibone hit a long double to right to score Smith and Kling.

The Eagles added one run in the sixth to make it 9-2.

In the top of the seventh, freshman Kevin Amthor, the final batter to face Schlick, drew a walk. The Eagles brought Stephen Dinkel in for relief, and Hillmer hit a double to move Amthor to third with no outs.

Trachsel walked to load the bases for Smith. Smith hit a ball to third, but Kevin Lang bobbled it, and Amthor scored from third while Smith was safe at first.

Kling popped out to Dinkel for the first out, and Rome hit a long sacrifice fly to center, scoring Hillmer to score making it 9-4 with two out.

Dautel hit a ground ball that got through for a base hit to score Trachsel and cut the margin to 9-5.

Colby changed pitchers again, bringing in Lang to pitch to Pettibone. Pettibone walked to load the bases and bring Doke to the plate as the tying run. Doke struck out to

give the Eagles the win 9-5.

"I was disappointed," said Cowboys Coach Devin Mull. "We did not play our best. I thought we had a better chance, but we got down early and could not come back."

Mull said his seniors, Pettibone and Hillmer, played hard, and each one had a great throw in the game to get an out.

"The seniors are going to be missed," Mull said. "It was a fun season, and the record does not reflect our performance."

"I was pleasantly pleased about how hard they played this year. Who knows about how we will do next year."

The Eagles lost to Ulysses, 4-3 in nine innings, in Hugoton on Wednesday in the second round of Class 4A regional play. Ulysses lost to Russell, 13-10, in the regional championship.

Races scheduled Saturday

The next race for the Sherman County Speedway will be Saturday, with the pit gate opening at 2 p.m. at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Mini stock, econo,

bomber, stock and modified classes will run. Hot laps should start at 5:30 and the races at 6:30 p.m.

student of the week



Name: Brandon Douglas
Parents: Gloria Douglas & Tim Douglas
Grade: Senior
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: he is a hard working student and very enjoyable to have in class.

classmates, but I'm glad it is over.
Activities involved in at school: FCCLA, Golf, Wrestling
My choice of movies, books, and games: Action and comedy such as Happy Gilmore, rap and rock, don't read much, guitar hero.
After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: go to Fort Hays State University.
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Student Comment: I will miss all of my est.

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