

Cowgirls beat Colby

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The Goodland High Cowgirls closed out the regular softball season by splitting a doubleheader with Colby on Monday, handing the Lady Eagles their first loss of the season in a come-from-behind victory in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Cowgirls go into the regional playoffs as the No. 3 seed with a 9-11 record, facing the No. 6 Russell (6-14) at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Monday at the Green Sports Complex, 2007 E. Sixth in Pratt.

The winner will play the winner of the game between No. 2 Pratt (13-5) and No. 7 Kingman (2-18) at 5:30 p.m. Monday. The winner of that contest will move on to the finals at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

In the other bracket, No. 1 Colby (17-1) has a bye in the first round and will face the winner between No. 4 Hugoton (8-10) and No. 5 Ulysses (6-13), who will play at 2 p.m. Monday, at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

"We finished the regular season on a very positive note," said Goodland Coach Tess Smith. "Stealing a win from an undefeated team is a huge step for us as we start preparing for regionals the rest of this week."

"The girls played solid for the most part, though we still are letting mental and physical mistakes get in the way of being the team that we are very capable of being. We will work hard this week to eliminate those mistakes, and that will hopefully get us one step closer to our goal as a team, playing hard next week and earning a trip to Salina."

"Monday, May 12, is the start of a whole new season, and we plan to make the most of it."

The Cowgirls came back in the

final inning against Colby to win the first game 6-5 at home. They were down 5-3 going into the sixth and shut down an attempt by Colby to add to the score in the top of the inning. The Cowgirls were unable to get on the board in the bottom of the sixth, but shut the Lady Eagles down in the top of the seventh.

In the bottom of the final inning, a single by junior Chelsie Gausman got the Cowgirls' run started. Senior Jessica Swager followed with a single. Senior Sammie Raymer hit a single, moving Swager to second and Gausman to third.

Junior Julica Bonsall hit a double, scoring Gausman and freshman Kirsten Topliff, who was pinch running for Swager. With Raymer on third and Bonsall on second, senior Andrea Wolak hit a single to score the winning run.

Ashley Archer was the winning pitcher, giving up 10 hits, five runs and three walks with two strikeouts in seven innings.

Leading hitters were Raymer, 3 for 4 with three singles and a run; Archer, 2 for 3 with a double, a single and two runs; and Gausman, 2 for 3 with two singles, a run and a stolen base.

In the second game, Goodland lost 11-6. The losing pitcher was sophomore Lexi David, giving up five hits, eight runs and a walk in one inning. In relief, Archer gave up nine hits, three runs and two walks and struck out four in six innings.

Leading hitters were Raymer, 5 for 5 with five singles, a run and a stolen base; junior Bonsall, 3 for 4 with a double, two singles, a walk, a run and a stolen base; and junior Erika Gonzales, 4 for 4 with four singles and a run.



Senior Sammie Raymer (above) skipped across the plate with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh Monday as Colby catcher Tara Powell realized the throw from the outfield would come too late. Raymer had hit a single (right), which moved senior Jessica Swager to second and junior Chelsie Gausman to third.

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Baseball team to open regional against Hugoton

The Goodland High baseball team will face Hugoton at noon (Mountain Time) Monday in Russell in the first round of the Class 4A regional baseball tournament.

The Cowboys are seeded sixth seed with a 4-14 record while Hugoton

is seeded third with a 12-6 record. The games will be at Shaffer Field, 565 State St., Russell.

Coach Devlin Mull said he's pleased the Cowboys will be seeing a different team than he first expected, adding that his team has

been playing better in the past few games, giving them a chance against Hugoton.

Russell (18-1), as the top seed in the region, has a bye in the first round. Pratt (13-5), the second seed, will face Ulysses (3-13) on

Monday. Concordia (12-6), seeded fourth, will face No. 2 Colby (9-7) at 4:15 p.m. (Mountain time) in the first round.

Second-round games will be Wednesday, when Russell will face

the winner of the Concordia-Colby game.

Should the Cowboys win, they would face the winner of the Pratt-Ulysses game at 2:30 p.m. The championship will be at 4:30 p.m.

Mull said the boys have seen

some tough competition and he hopes playing that caliber of teams will pay off in the regionals.

The Cowboys were in Lakin on Thursday to finish the regular season against the No. 2 Class 3A team in the state.

Junior golf to start May 29

Children 8 to 17 can learn the fundamentals of golf and compete in tournaments around northwest Kansas this summer.

The Junior Golf program begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at Sugar Hills Golf Club, when kids can register and have their questions about the program answered.

Golfers can also get time schedules and information on the tournaments, said Connie Livengood, program organizer. Tournaments will be on Mondays during the summer, she added.

Parents need to turn in permission and emergency contact slips that day, she said, or before their child starts golfing. They can also give permission for their golfer to be in pictures on the Sugar Hills web site, she said.

There is a \$20 registration fee, Livengood said, that includes \$8 for the tournaments. Golfers will receive a card that needs to be shown to tournament directors, she said. If they lose it, a replacement can be issued for \$2.

Tournaments start Monday, June 2, in Colby, Livengood said, and the West Division will have tournaments June 9 at Atwood, June 16 at

Hoxie, June 23 at Goodland, June 30 at Oakley, July 7 at Oberlin and July 14 at St. Francis.

East Division tournaments will be at Smith Center, Russell, Ellis, Fort Hays Municipal Golf in Hays, Phillipsburg, Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays and WaKeeney the same days.

The Northwest Kansas Championships for both divisions will be

July 21 in Goodland.

After registration on the 29th, Livengood said, instructions on playing golf and rules will last about an hour. The program will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Call Livengood at 899-3482 or 821-4344, Nathan Linin at 821-4706 or Sugar Hills at 899-2785 for information.

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