

Cowboys end regular season at Lakin

The Goodland High baseball team finished the regular season Thursday by losing a doubleheader to Lakin, the No. 2 ranked team in Kansas in Class 3A, 9-2 and 15-0.

Monday, the Class 4A regional tournament started in Russell with the Cowboys facing Hugoton and seeded sixth seed with a 4-16 record. Hugoton was seeded third with a 12-6 record.

Coach Devlin Mull said Lakin had a lefty who threw well in the first game, and while the Cowboys are hitting the ball pretty well, they couldn't get anything going. "They threw the big guns at us" he said.

"They are a good team. We had one bad inning, but other than that we played with them."

Mull said Brandon Rome started the first game and pitched 4 1/2 innings. He said Rome threw well, he said, but gave up three earned runs.

Michael Pettibone came in to finish the game, giving up three earned runs.

"We started to play better," Mull said, "but then the wind began to blow hard and it was really hard to score and even to throw the ball."

He said the Cowboys got down early in the first inning, giving up 11 runs.

"We made about four errors in the first

inning," he said, "and the wind was blowing about 50 mph, making it hard to throw the ball."

He said Garth Helton was the starting pitcher for the second game, and as light as he is, was being thrown around by the high winds as he tried to pitch.

"We had one out and dropped a fly ball in right," Mull said. "The next batter got a home run. We dropped a ball in left and missed a ball at second base. We gave up 11 runs in the first inning."

Preston Dautel came in to pitch the next three, and Mull said he threw pretty well, but Lakin scored four more runs to win 15-0.

"I believe we have a chance against Hugoton on Monday," Mull said. "I think we have improved. We are a different team at the plate. We are not scoring runs, but we are getting the bat on the ball and getting good hits."

"We are keeping a positive attitude, and believe we have a chance to extend our season."

Mull said he planned to start with Rome in the first game.

"We will try to get four innings from him," he said, "and hope to be leading or close before he comes out."

"You have to have three pitchers for the three games. I am trying to save Dautel

some, as his arm was getting tired. I hope to be playing on Wednesday."

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

Concordia (12-6), seeded fourth, was to face No. 2 Colby (9-7) in the first round.

Second-round games will be Wednesday, when Russell will face the winner of the Concordia-Colby game.

If the Cowboys won, they will face the winner of the Pratt-Ulysses game at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Wednesday. The regional championship will be at 4:30 p.m.

Bombs away!



Chelsea Phillips kicked a soccer ball at one of five goals in the under-8 division of the Elks "Soccer Shoot" program held at North Elementary School on Monday and Friday evenings, sponsored by the Goodland Elks Lodge. Coordinator Grady Bonsall said the division winners will be announced at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Elks Hall. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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- Tuesday:** Gold Day. Junior high band/vocal concert in high school auditorium. 6 p.m., American Field Service social. Regional baseball and softball.
- Wednesday:** Black Day. Last Day for Seniors. Regional baseball and softball.
- Thursday:** Gold Day. 7 p.m., X-Presso Guest Night in high school auditorium.
- Friday:** Black Day. Regional Track.
- Saturday:** 2 p.m., Goodland High School graduation at Max Jones Fieldhouse.
- Monday:** Boys state golf. 7 p.m., high school vocal concert in high school auditorium.
- Tuesday:** Black Day. 6:30 p.m., Goodland Athletic Association and G-Club Banquet.

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