



The Goodland High Cowgirls softball team left the field at the regional tournament after losing to No. 2 seed Pratt Monday in Pratt. The Colby Lady Eagles, who lost their only game of the season to

Goodland, beat Pratt 9-3 Tuesday to win the tournament.

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Cowgirls fall to No. 2 seed

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The Goodland High Cowgirls won the first round of regional softball against Russell but lost to the No. 2 seed, Pratt, in their second game, ending Goodland's season.

Goodland (No. 3 seed with a 9-11 record) won 11-7 against No. 6 seeded Russell with a 6-14 record in the first round. Against Pratt (13-5), the Cowgirls were shut out 7-0.

"We played very well against Russell," said Coach Tess Smith. "Once one started hitting the ball, they all followed suit which made for a fun game to watch. We were

hoping that the bats would stay hot for the next game as we faced Pratt, but offensively we could never quite make the adjustment to their pitcher throwing on the outside corner.

"We hit the ball, but it was just right to them and they made the plays to keep us off the bases. Defensively we made some errors which hurt us in the long run."

Against Russell, the winning pitcher was freshman Ashley Archer, who gave up 10 hits, seven runs, two walks and a home run and had three strikeouts in seven innings.

Leading hitters were senior Sam-

mie Raymer, 4-5 with a double, three singles, three runs and three stolen bases; Archer, 3-4 with a triple, two singles, two runs and two runs batted in; and junior Erika Gonzales, 3-4 with three singles, a run, two runs batted in and a stolen base.

Against Pratt, Archer was the losing pitcher, giving up 11 hits, seven runs and three walks with two strikeouts in seven innings.

Leading hitters were junior Julica Bonsall, 3-3 with three singles and sophomore Angie Hillmer, 2-3 with two singles.

The girls ended the season 10-

12.

"Overall I am very proud of this group of young ladies," Smith said. "Even though our record might not reflect it, we had a great season. We had to fill some holes from last year's team, and these girls stepped up and did a very good job."

"We have one of the youngest pitching staffs in the area, which will be fun to watch as both Lexi and Ashley keep getting better. We graduate seven seniors this year, which leaves our numbers small but still with lots to look forward to next year."

Cowboys lose after Hugoton's 11-run fourth

The Cowboys were in the game against Hugoton until the bottom of the fourth when the game got away and Hugoton scored 11 runs to win 18-3 on Monday at the Class 4A regional in Russell.

Coach Devlin Mull said the highlight of the game was a solo home run Rory Kling got in the top of the fourth inning.

"That got us going and we had four hits in a row," Mull said. "We got two runs out of that, but could not keep it going."

Junior Brandon Rome started the game, and Mull said he was pitching pretty well, but when he loaded the

bases in the bottom of the fourth he brought in senior Preston Dautel to try to close it out.

"It was a hitters ballpark," Mull said, "with the wind blowing about 40 mph straight out to left. Hugoton hit the ball pretty well. It was 7-3 going into the bottom of the fourth and Hugoton scored 11 runs."

"We were starting to get to their pitcher, but in the fourth we made a number of errors and just let the game get away. We dropped a couple of fly balls and had some errors in the infield."

The Cowboys finish the season with a 4-17 record and Mull said he

kept thinking the team was going to make a turnaround.

"We could not get it all together," he said. "They are good kids and fun to be around. We should have had a few more wins. They played hard for me."

Mull said the seniors, Dautel, Forrest Trachsel, Josh Doke, Tanner Smith and Tom Terry will be missed.

Looking ahead to next year Mull said he is thinks he will have a good team. He said he knows it will be tough to fill a couple of spots, but with the returning players and the freshmen getting better it will be an exciting year.

"The guys need to get in the weight room and play some summer ball," he said.

He thinks freshmen Garth Helton and Michael Pettibone will step up in their pitching.

"Kling and Rome will be our tough seniors next year," Mull said. "I am looking to Devon Garrett and David Murray, both freshmen, to step into starting positions, and Kevin Amthor will be a junior."

Others he expects to return are juniors Vance Johnson and Brad Geist, sophomores Kuter Isaac, Brook Redlin and Teather Dautel, and freshmen Robert Cowan.

Former Cowboy among 44 contestants for award

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A former Goodland Cowboy and senior co-captain for the Kansas State University Wildcat football team, Jordan Bedore, has been selected as one of the 44 players nationally watched by the award committee for the Rimington Trophy.

Bedore was named a co-captain for the Wildcats at the spring game in Manhattan. He was injured, and was unable to play in the game.

Bedore is one of seven Big 12

players in the hunt for the Rimington award. Other players from the Big 12 on the list include Colorado,



Bedore

Daniel Sanders, 6'3", 325 lbs., senior; Kansas, Ryan Cantrell, 6'3", 295 lbs., senior; Oklahoma, Jon Cooper, 6'2", 289 lbs., senior; Oklahoma State, Andrew Lewis, 6'5", 290 lbs., junior; and Texas, Chris Hall, 6'4", 300 lbs., junior.

The nine-year old trophy is given annually to the nation's top center. It is presented by the Boomer Esiason Foundation. Esiason was a National Football

League quarterback for the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Rimington award trophy has raised over \$1.3 million for the award's benefactor, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and to date has raised \$65 million for the Cystic Fibrosis research.

The Rimington award is named after Dave Rimington who was a consensus first team All-American Center in 1981 and 1982 for the Nebraska Corn Huskers. during that time, Rimington became the nation's first center to receive the John Outland Trophy as the nation's most outstanding lineman.

The winner will be honored at a

banquet at the Rococo Theater in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 17, 2009.

Golfers take seventh

The Cowboys golf team finished seventh at the regional tournament Monday at Pratt, and did not qualify anyone for state.

Coach Terry Daise said the scores for all the golf teams were higher at Pratt because of high winds gusting to 50 mph.

Buhler was first with a team total of 344 and Andale was second with 345. Both qualified teams to state Daise said. Goodland was seventh with 378.

Daise said Joel Weis came within a couple of strokes of qualifying for state with an 89. Daise said with the conditions any score under 90 was excellent.

Other Cowboys included Andrew Taylor, 93, Eric Linnell, 95, Darrick

Ihrig, 101, Ross Townsend, 104, and Drew Raile, 106.

The Cowboys were second at the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Friday losing to Colby. Colby won with a team total of 329, Goodland was second 335, and Hoxie third 347.

"Over all this was our best meet of the year," Daise said. "It was good to see three of our six get in the top 10."

"Joel had a great back nine to score in the 70s and get the second place medal."

Weis won second place with a 77, Linnell was eighth 84, and Ihrig was 10th with 85. Other Cowboys at the league tournament included Raile, 89, Taylor, 91, and Townsend, 99.

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