Nebraska team wins Levi Hayden tournament

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Saturday was an unusual day – as baseball tournaments go – with clear skies in the morning when the tournament started at Memorial Field, in the afternoon winds and clouds came in to drop a bit of rain and cool things off before the North Platte Nationals won the championship game over Colby 13-2.

Andrew Armstrong of North Platte was named the most inspirational player of the tournament by the coaches, umpires and tournament officials.

At the opening of the first game between Goodland and Borders of Wray, Colo., the Levi Hayden Memorial Scholarship was presented to Goodland's Kevin Amthor by Bill and Rhonda Hayden. The tournament and scholarship are named for their son Levi who died in an accident on Feb. 21, 1997.

The Nationals reached the championship game by defeating Colby 10-0 in the first game while Goodland defeated Borders 9-1 to reach the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals North Platte defeated the Outlaws 18-9 to reach the championship.

Colby defeated Border in their game 15-5. and Colby had to play Goodland to determine who would be in the championship game with Colby winning 15-0.

The Nationals were in command early in the championship and won 13-2.

Goodland Coach John Dautel said the Outlaws played a great first game against Wray and did not have any errors, but that was not the case in the next two games as the Outlaws fell behind and could not manufacture enough runs to pull out a win.

Strong winds blowing north across the field helped several hits make it over the fence for home runs. Dautel said Ty Baker of the Nationals had four home runs, and there were a total of eight or nine in the tournament, he said.

The first score for North Platte in the championship was a home run by Dalton Pattera to make it 1-0.

The Nationals added a run in the second to make it 2-0 while Colby went down in order.

In the top of the third National's Barker hit one of his four home runs to make it 3-0. In the top of the fourth the Nationals added 3 runs including another 2-run home run by Barker to take a 6-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth Colby started with a walk and added a second base runner on a throwing error by the Nationals. The next batter struck out, and the Colby runner on second was thrown out trying to steal third. The next batter got a double and two runs scored on a National throwing error. The Colby threat ended with a fly ball deep to center field leaving it 6-2.

In the top of the fifth the Nationals loaded the bases on two walks and a hit batter. Colby changed pitchers. The Colby pitcher got the next batter to fly out, but allowed two runs to score for the Nationals making it 8-2. Colby's pitcher walked the next two batters to score another run making it 9-2.

The Nationals got three hits to score two runs on each hit making it 13-2. Finally the Colby pitcher got a batter to pop up for the third out.

In the bottom of the inning Colby got a hit and the next batter was safe at first advancing the first batter to second with one out. On the next play the Colby batter hit right to the short stop who flipped the ball to second base and then it was thrown to first for a double play to end the game and give the Nationals the championship.

Outlaw Kevin Amthor was called out at home as he tried to score in the opening game against Borders from Wray, Colo. Goodland won the game 9-1. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland Outlaws win opening game of Levi Hayden tourney

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The rescheduled 12th Annual Levi Hayden Memorial tournament got off to a rousing start for the Goodland Outlaws American Legion baseball team as they won the opening game 9-1 over the Borders from Wray, Colo.

Before the ball game the teams lined up and recited an American Legion pledge and saluted as the American national anthem was played.

The Borders got a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Outlaws came back to tie it 1-1 in the bottom of the first.

With Ryan Hillmer pitching for Goodland the Borders did not get anything in the top of the second, and were unable to score against the Outlaws to lose 9-1.

The Outlaws loaded the bases in the bottom of the second and scored a run when the Borders pitcher walked a run in to make it 2-1. After a pitching change Outlaw Devon Garrett was thrown out trying to score on a passed ball.

Outlaw Austin Avelar was safe at first on an infield hit and another run scored to make it 3-1. Another Outlaw run scored on a passed ball to make it 4-1 at the end of the second.

In the bottom of the third Outlaw Garth Helton was safe at first on a fumble by the Border pitcher. Garrett got a base hit moving the runner to third. Garrett stole second, and two runs scored when Kutter Isacc was safe at first on a Borders error to make it 6-1.

In the bottom of the fourth the Borders brought in another pitcher who got Avelar out at first. However, Ryder Kling was safe at first and advanced to second and third on passed balls. Outlaw Teather Dautel walked and advanced to second. Outlaw Reed Bellamy hit out to the pitcher for the second out. Outlaw Mikail Freeman got a hit to score a run making it 7-1. Outlaw Garth Helton got a hit to score two runs making it 9-1 at the end of the fourth inning.

In the top of the fifth the Outlaws put the Borders down in order to win 9-1.

The win put the Outlaws in the semi-final game against the winner of the Colby and North Platte, Neb. game.

In the Outlaws game against the North Platte Nationals had a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but Goodland came back in the bottom to take a 4-2 lead.

Outlaw Ryan Hillmer walked to open the inning followed by hit by Austin Avelar, Ryder Kling and Reed Bellamy to score two runs. Teather Dautel had a sacrifice fly to score Kling for the third run. Bellamy scored on a passed ball to make it 4-2.

Unfortunately Ty Barker hit one of his four home runs in the tournament with a man on base to tie the score 4-4. The next National to batter hit a home run to give them a 5-4 lead.

The Outlaws turned a great double play to get out of the inning. In the bottom of the second the Outlaws got a runner to third, but were unable to get him home.

In the top of the third the Nationals first two men went down in order, but the next batter walked and the next batter was safe at first. A single scored another run to make it 6-4. The bases were loaded when a throw hit a batter, and the Nationals scored another run on a passed ball to make it 7-4.

In the top of the fourth the Nationals batter got a single and then stole second and went to third on a passed ball when the pitcher tried to pick the runner of at first base. The runner at third scored on a passed ball to make it 8-4.

The Outlaws changed pitchers bringing in Avelar. He got the next batter to hit to the shortstop and was out a first. The next batter got a hit over third base. The next batter got a hit, but the Outlaws got the second out by taking down the runner at second. The next batter flied out to right field to end the inning.

In the top of the fifth the Nationals went back to the long balls with a 3-run home run to make it 11-4 and a solo home run to make it 12-4. Avelar was able to get the next batters out to end the scoring.

In the bottom of the fifth the Outlaws got a triple by Avelar, and Ryder Kling got a double to score Avelar. Bellamy followed with a hit to score Kling. A balk called on the Nationals moved Bellamy to third, and he scored on a hit by Amthor to make it 12-7.

In the top of the sixth the Nationals had a quick pop out for the first out, but came back to get a walk and back to back hits with an error on the Outlaws to make the score 14-7. The Outlaws caught a National runner off first base, but in the run down the runner was safe on a throwing error and the runner at third scored.

A walk turned into a run when the runner advanced to second and third on passed balls, and then a run scored followed by a hit to score two more runs making it 18-7.

The Outlaws changed pitchers again bringing in Kutter Isacc who got the batter to hit to the infield and was out a first base to end the scoring.

In the bottom of the sixth the first two Outlaws went down to leave Goodland down to their final out. Isaac was safe as he beat out a throw to first, and advanced to second. Kling got a double to score Isaac, and Bellamy got a hit to score Kling making it 18-9, but Freeman struck out to end the rally and the game.

A rain shower with some nearby lightning caused a delay in the Goodland and Colby game. Colby led the game at the rain break 1-0. The pitchers mound and home plate were covered with tarps while everyone waited about 20 minutes for the shower to pass.

When play resumed the Outlaws had the bases loaded and no outs. Amthor and Devon Garrett struck out and Gunner Helton hit back to the pitcher for the third out to end the inning with Colby leading 1-0.

In the top of the second inning Colby took a page out of the Nationals play book and Caleob Carter hit a 2-run home run to make it 3-0.

In the top of the third back to back doubles by Colby scored a run to make it 4-0. Another double scored a run followed by a 2-run home run to make it 7-0.

The Outlaws changed pitcher bringing in Amthor who got a pop out to first base and a strike out to end the inning.

In the top of the fourth Colby had two batters walk and then two hits to score five runs, and a deep hit to center field scored three more runs to make it 15-0.

The Outlaws went down in order in the bottom of the sixth to end the game 15-0 and advance Colby to the championship.

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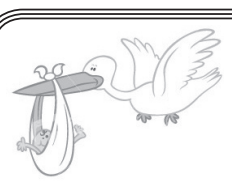
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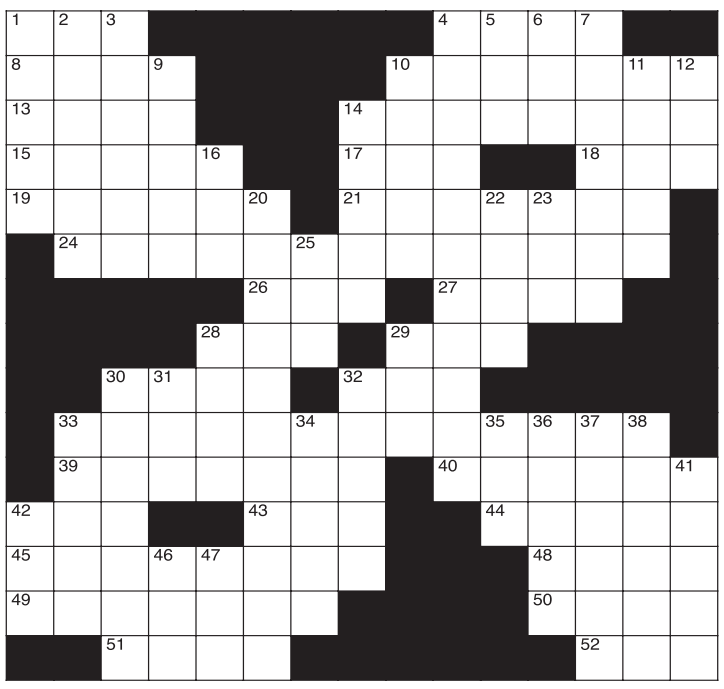

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1. Doctors' group
4. WordPerfect's home
8. Physiques (slang)
10. Exaggerate
13. Lined up for review
14. Smartly
15. Insert mark
17. Space above the ground
18. Tobacco smoke residue
19. Largest Syrian city
21. Prescribed amounts
24. Any large organization
26. Actress ___ Taylor
27. Affirmative votes
28. A brother or sister
29. Package (abbr.)
30. A long narrow cut
32. Language of Laotians
33. The Oscars
39. Matadors
40. Sacred Egyptian beetle
42. Hill (Celtic)
43. Plural present of be
44. Benign muscle tumor
45. Impart motion to
48. Selfs
49. Many origins
50. Denoting two
51. Apply gold leaf
52. Midway between NE and E

CLUES DOWN

1. Manila hemp
2. Esprit de corps
3. Feels deep affection for
4. Dominates
5. Increase motor speed
6. Before
7. Fisher cats
9. Brushed
10. Miscelleaneous collections
11. Constituent fragment of rock
12. Norse God of War
14. SW Spanish port city
16 Yearly tonnage, abbr.
20. Blotted out
22. From pentane (Chemistry)
23. Command right
25. Women's ___ movement (abbr.)
28. Surface of a solid figure
29. The cry made by sheep
30. A way of notching
31. Household god (Roman)
32. Hemodia_____: blood cleanings
33. Turn away from sin
34. Normal conventions
35. Academy of Country Music (abbr.)
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