## Sports.

## Slammers finish third at state tournament

nt.betz@nwkansas.com The Goodland Slammers 14 and under fastpitch team came close to taking it all at the state tournament in Emporia, but finished third and had a season record of 28-5.

Coach Andy Scheopner said state was tough with 18 teams in the double elimination tournament. He said the girls got off to a quick start defeating Mac Co Attack of Inman, 14-1 in the first round. Goodland won the game against the Wichita Freeze 7-3 in the second game.

The third game was a tough one against the Wichita Aces, but the Slammers came back to win 3-2.

In the fourth game the Slammers had to play the Great Bend Quicksilver team they had defeated in Dodge City to win the Super "C" tournament. However, on Saturday the Great Bend team was able to score two runs in the sixth inning to win the game 3-2.

The loss put the Slammers in the loser bracket on Sunday to play the winner for the chance to advance to the championship. The Slammers had to face the Wichita Aces, who they had defeated earlier in the tournament. However, this time the Aces were able to score two runs in the sixth to the one scored by the Slammers to win the game 8-7 and drop the Slammers into third place.

The Great Bend Quicksilver team defeated the Wichita Aces 7-3 to win the state championship.

In the first game against the Aces the Slammers fell behind 1-0 in the first inning and were held scoreless through five innings with the Aces scoring







glove in one of the game at the state tournament in Emporia. Stephani DeLaRosa in third place, and had a season record of 28-5. (center) was the pitcher and had some great games said Coach Andy Scheopner.

Goodland Slammer Lindsay Bauman (above) watches a ball come into the catcher's Hope Cochran (right) looked to advance to third in a game. The Slammers finished Photos by Harvey DeLaRosa/The Goodland Star-News

again in the fifth to make it 2-0.

Scheopner said the game was a real pitchers dual with Stephani DeLaRosa pitching for the Slammers and in six innings gave up 7 hits, 2 runs, 10 strike outs and gave up 2 walks.

Scheopner said the Aces scored in the bottom of the fifth and were about to run out the time limit leading 2-0. He said DeLaRosa struck out a batter and catcher Berkley White threw out a runner trying to steal second. On the next pitch DeLaRosa got the batter to pop out to her, and there was one minute left so they got to play the sixth inning.

In the sixth Hope Cochran got things started with a walk and stole two runs in the sixth to win 3-2. second, DeLaRosa walked and

White hit a dribbler she was able to game and scored one run. DeLa- Smith singled and scored Siruta. to win 8-7. beat out to load the bases.

With two outs and the bases loaded Megan Siruta was up to bat, Scheopner said. She worked the count to full (three balls and two strikes) and the hit the ball over the centerfielder's head to score all three runs to give the Slammers a 3-2 lead.

He said the girls retired the Aces three up and three down to win.

This brought them to the Great Bend Quicksilver and another tight game, but this time the Slammers were on the short end losing 3-2.

Goodland took a 2-0 lead in the first, but Great Bend scored in the fifth to make it 2-1 and then scored

Cochran had two singles in the

Rosa had a triple to score a run and then scored on a ground out by White to make it 2-0.

Great Bend put two triples together in the sixth to score the two runs to take the lead,

Scheopner said the Slammers got Cochran on base in the sixth, but were unable to bring her around to score losing 3-2.

He said they had to play the Aces again as they were the winners of the losers bracket on Sunday.

Wichita scored a run in the second and five in the fifth. The Slammers scored five in the fourth on a single by White, Siruta walked, Miranda Hernandez singled and White scored, Scheopner said. Amber two runs in the bottom of the sixth recovering well.

Cochran singled and Hernandez scored. Lindsay Bauman doubled and scored Smith and Cochran to give Goodland a 5-1 lead.

"In the bottom of the fifth every ball they hit seemed to find a place to land," Scheopner said. "They ended up scoring five runs to tie the game and send it to extra innings."

In the sixth inning each team starts with a runner on second base as part of the international tiebreaker, Scheopner said. Smith started on second and Carlee Cooper hit a sacrifice to move her to third where she scored on a long fly ball by Cochran.

"What a great season," Scheopner said. "The girls played very well, and it was great to come that close to taking it all. It was great to finish third at state. I expect a lot out of these girls in the future.

"They play well together and have a good time playing the game. and that is important. It was a great season with 28 wins and 5 losses. Three of those losses came in the last two tournaments, and two against the same team from Great Bend."

Scheopner said it was a great year and he appreciated all the help an support the team received. He said the only disappointment was the He said Wichita was able to score injury to Brianna White, but she is



First to third graders attended football camp on Wednesday morning at the Goodland High School practice field. Goodland High School football coach Kent Teeter leads the camp with the help of the other football coaches and high school players. Kids were taught how to catch, throw, block and how to get around a blocking player. Junior high aged kids had their camp at 6 to 7:30 a.m. and fourth to sixth graders from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The camps continues until today.

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#### Ready to Play Ball!



The Goodland Ambassadors hosted a Ribbon cutting at Memorial Field with the Goodland High School Baseball team. After receiving a generous donation for a grass infield, members of the Goodland Baseball Club, Goodland High School Baseball team, Goodland American Legion Baseball team, and the Goodland Elks K-18 Baseball team had a fundraiser to raise the balance of the funds needed to install an infield sprinkler system and the infield grass. There were so many members, and organizations of the community, former alumni/players that helped contribute to us, we couldn't have done it without their help. All of us involved in baseball are very proud of the field. We welcome you all to come out and see the field.

#### Junior golfers win at playoffs Goodland had two first place The two northwest divisions met In the boys 10-11 Evan Peters was

winners in the Northwest Junior Golf Divisional Tournament held Monday at Riverside Golf Course in St. Francis.

Goodland had 18 golfers in the the boys 8-9 division with a 41 for tournament that had the 53 top junior golfers from the two divisions said Coach Connie Livengood.

She said each division has seven tournaments and to qualify for the divisional playoff the golfer must place in the top three in one of those was second with 75. tournaments.

in St. Francis on Monday to play off for the top three spots of each junior golf age division. Goodland golfer Garin Ihrig won

nine holes. Brandt Mull was fourth with 53. In the girls 8-9 division Grace was ninth, 55.

Green was third with a 99, and Teyonna Aguirre was fifth with 104.

Logan Perryman won the girls 10-11 division with a 62. Katie Hayes

fourth with 51, Dawson Raymer, fifth, 55, Dillon Gillming, sixth, 56, and Aaron Artega, seventh, 57. In the girls 12-13 Emily Purvis

was third, 73, Selena Acosta, fourth, 79, and Shaina Varney, sixth, 90. In the 12-13 boys Thatcher Jones

In the 14-15 boys Tanner Jones was fourth, 83, and Gannon Ihrig was sixth, 86.

In the 16-17 boys Tyler Jones was fourth, 86.

#### **Crossword Puzzle** Wrecking Crew

#### **ACROSS**

- Gives a fig
  Recurring Woody
- Allen feeling -Caps (Nestlé brand)
- 14. Call off, in a way
- 15. Two-door auto
- 16. Soprano's boys 17. Item contemplated
- by Aristotle, in a
- painting 19. Broke fast
- 20. More intense, as
- a stare 21. Suitable for
- evening wear
- 23. Terhune dog
- 24. A Musketeer 25. Chicken's heart,
- e.g.
- 29. Online video source
- 32. Ohio rubber hub
- 33. Brett who was a Iongtime Packer
- "Alley
- 37. Vintner's sediment
- 38. Hobbes, in "Calvin and
- Hobbes" 39. Word before root
- or steak 40. High bond rating
- 41. Dish with onions
- 42. Pi, for one 43. Ruby of "42nd

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- 45. Mad critter, in a saying
- 46. About half of these clues
- 48. US fighters, in WWI
- 49. Friday signature line
- 51. Little Italy brew 56. Rat-a-57. Foul-mouthed
- hoopster, e.g. 59. "Evita" role
- 60. Derby entrant
- 8. Popular treat in a pack of baseball cards, once

9. Floored it

61. "Crazy" singer

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64. Looks after

1. Street fleet

illustrator

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5. Fruity German

6. Needed Tylenol,

7. Jordan's Queen

3. Climbed the ranks

4. Harper's Bazaar

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- 62. Kramden guffaw 11. "All Star" band
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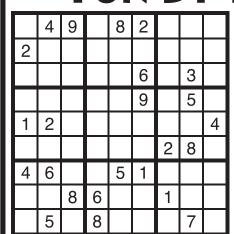
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  - window, say 30. "Did you \_\_\_?"
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  - many
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  - 38. Up to, colloquially 39. Persian or Siamese

- 41. Basutoland, today
- 42. Bend with a prism 44. Env. stuffer
- 45. Had a bawl 46. Deep-six
- 47. Cornhusker State
- 48. Visibly terrified 50. Cattle zapper
- 51. Flying "A" competitor, once
- 52. "Legally Blonde' role
- 53. Potato appetizer
- 54. Put on cloud nine 55. Prospectors'
- 58. "You \_\_ There"

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