

Cowgirls on 12-game winning streak

Trio of home runs lift Cowgirls up over Lady Longhorns in 10-4 and 15-5 wins

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In their last home games of the season, the Goodland High School softball team braved winds gusting up to 40 mph to get two wins over the Holcomb Lady Longhorns.

The Cowgirls got a 4-0 lead early in game one and never lost it, winning 10-4 after six and a half innings. In game two, the girls gave a up a grand slam in the top of the first inning, but came back with six runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead. They ended up winning 15-5 after five innings.

The girls played two makeup games in Hugoton on Friday and two more in Colby on Monday. They will end the regular season at 3:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Ellis on Friday, May 4.

Pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa picked up a strikeout in the top of the first in game one. A fly out and a ground out put the Lady Longhorns down in order. The Cowgirls, on the other hand, jumped out to a 4-0 lead in their half of the inning.

Brianna White got a lead-off base hit. Lindsay Bauman also got on base to put runners at the corners. Hope Cochran flew out to third base. Berkley White got a base hit that scored Brianna and Bauman, making it 2-0. Berkley stole second, then Gabby Rangel hit a grounder, but the throw to first was dropped by the Holcomb first baseman. Berkley moved over the third on the play. Rangel stole second to put two runners in scoring position.

Megan Siruta struck out, then Tasha Gaydusek hit a high fly ball that dropped in between three Holcomb players. Berkley White scored, and the throw to home plate to get Rangel out was dropped, resulting in another run for the Cowgirls. Gaydusek went to second on the play. Sydnee Thornburg got on base on an error, but DeLaRosa flew out to end the inning.

Down 4-0 going into the top of the second, the Lady Longhorns were not able to get anything going, despite a runner getting all the way to third on an error. DeLaRosa threw a pair of strikeouts and a grounder to Rangel at third left the runner stranded on base.

The Cowgirls added a run in the bottom of the second. Brianna White got another lead-off base hit. Bauman got on board on a dropped fly ball. Cochran got a base hit, but Brianna White ran into the third baseman, making her out on an interference call. Cochran and Bauman advanced on a wild pitch. Bauman came home on a sacrifice fly to make it 5-0. Rangel's fly ball was caught for out three.



Cowgirl third baseman Gabby Rangel goes back to catch a fly ball during game one of the doubleheader with Holcomb on Thursday. Rangel made the catch for the third out of the inning.

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The Lady Longhorns put their first runs on the board in the top of the third. A base hit and a double put runners in scoring position, then a line drive down the third baseline brought one home to make it 5-1. A fly out to Bauman, a strikeout by DeLaRosa and a grounder to third ended the inning.

The Cowgirls responded by jumping out to an even bigger lead in the bottom of the third. Siruta got a lead-off base hit. Gaydusek walked and Thornburg got a base hit to load the bases. DeLaRosa grounded into a double play, but Siruta scored and

Gaydusek moved to third.

With the score now at 6-1 and one runner on, Brianna White got a base hit to bring Gaydusek home. Bauman also got a base hit and Cochran walked to load the bases again. Berkley White brought in two runs with a base hit to make it 9-1. Rangel hit a grounder and was thrown out at first to end the inning.

After a lead-off base hit in the top of the fourth, shortstop Brianna White snagged a grounder and threw the runner out at second. The Lady Longhorns got another base hit to put two runners on, but fly outs to

Cochran in center field and Rangel at third base ended the inning.

Siruta got another base hit, but was thrown out at second after Gaydusek's fly ball was dropped in the outfield. Another two fly balls that were missed by the Holcomb fielder's helped the Cowgirls load the bases with Gaydusek, Thornburg and DeLaRosa. However, the second baseman caught a line drive from Brianna White and stepped on the bag for the double play.

In the top of the fifth, one runner reached base on an error. Another hit a line drive right to Brianna White,

who dropped it. The batter thought the ball had been caught and started back to the dugout, so White threw the base runner out at second, then Bauman made the throw to first for the double play. The Lady Longhorns responded with a solo home run to make it 9-2, then Gaydusek made a spinning catch in left field to end the inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, Bauman walked and got over to second on a fielder's choice that saw Cochran thrown out at first. Berkley White hit into another fielder's choice that advanced Bauman to third. Rangel got a base hit to bring Bauman home and make it 10-2. Siruta also got a base hit to put two runners on. Gaydusek hit a line drive that was caught by the center fielder to end the inning.

DeLaRosa struck out the lead-off batter in the top of the sixth. The next batter hit a grounder to third, but Rangel's throw was high and the runner was safe. After a fly out, a base hit would have put two runners on, but Coach Tess Smith challenged the call, saying the runner had interfered with the shortstop. The umpires conferred and made the interference call for out three.

Thornburg got two bases on an error by a Holcomb outfielder to open the bottom of the sixth. DeLaRosa grounded out to the pitcher, but Thornburg moved over to third. Brianna White hit a line drive that was caught by the center fielder. Bauman walked, but Cochran was thrown out at first to end the inning.

Down 10-2 with two outs in the top of the seventh, the Lady Longhorns got a two-run home run to close to 10-4, but a fly out ended the game with a win for the Cowgirls.

The Lady Longhorns exploded in the top of the first inning in game two. Facing Cochran on the mound, they hit three straight singles and then a grand slam to jump out to a 4-0 lead. Cochran, who had started the game by striking out the lead-off batter, then gave up a standup double and a single. Coach Smith put DeLaRosa back in, and she was able to get the Cowgirls out of the inning.

The Cowgirls quickly cut the Lady Longhorns' lead in half. Brianna White got a lead-off base hit. Bauman bunted and beat the throw to first. The catcher had moved away from home plate to help cover the bunt, and Brianna took advantage of the opportunity, rounding third and scoring.

Cochran struck out and Berkley White walked. Bauman stole home to make it 4-2. Rangel got on base on an error, but Siruta hit to the second baseman, who threw home

to get Berkley White out at the plate. Gaydusek struck out to end the inning.

DeLaRosa retired the Lady Longhorns in order in the top of the second. In the bottom half of the inning, the Cowgirls took the lead with a vengeance. With two outs, Brianna White got a base hit and Bauman walked to put two runners on for Cochran, who hit a three-run homer. On the next at-bat, Berkley White also hit a home run to make it 6-4. Rangel got a single, then Siruta hit the third home run of the inning to make it 8-4. Gaydusek flew out to end the inning.

The Lady Longhorns went down 1-2-3 again in the top of the third. Thornburg was again the lead-off batter for the Cowgirls in the bottom half of the inning. This time she got a base hit, followed by a single from DeLaRosa and a walk for Brianna White to load the bases. Bauman struck out, but Cochran hit a double to score two.

With the score now at 10-4, Berkley White walked. Rangel hit into a fielder's choice. The Lady Longhorns threw out Berkley White at second, but Brianna White scored, making it 11-4. Siruta's grounder was bobbled by the Holcomb fielder, allowing Cochran to score. Rangel then scored on a wild pitch to make it 13-4. Gaydusek flew out to right field to end the inning.

Looking to avoid the 10-run lead after five innings rule, the Lady Longhorns put a run across in the top of the fourth. Gaydusek caught a line drive to left field for the first out. One runner walked and another got a double to put runners in scoring position. A single brought one runner home to make it 13-5. DeLaRosa threw a strikeout, and a grounder to third ended the inning.

Thornburg hit a grounder to the pitcher to start the bottom of the fourth. DeLaRosa and Brianna White followed with back-to-back singles. Bauman's line drive was caught in the air by the third baseman for out two. DeLaRosa was driven home on a single by Cochran - her sixth RBI of the game - to make it 14-5. A grounder to the shortstop brought the inning to a close.

One Holcomb runner got to third on an error in the top of the fifth, but three strikeouts from DeLaRosa ended what would prove to be Holcomb's last opportunity.

Rangel doubled start the bottom of the fifth. Siruta struck out and Gaydusek walked. Thornburg then hit a line drive to left field. Rangel held at third, but a throw got away from Holcomb, and Rangel decided to go for it, coming home to end the game with a 15-5 win.

Pitching duo of DeLaRosa, Cochran keeps Stanton County under control Tuesday

The Goodland High School softball team picked up a pair of wins over the Stanton County Lady Trojans on the road Tuesday.

Pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa held the Lady Trojans to two runs on four hits in game one, throwing six strikeouts while the offense cleaned house. A three-run homer by Megan Siruta helped propel the Cowgirls to a 7-2 win. In game two, the Cowgirls got off to an early lead and held it, winning 10-5. Both games went the full seven innings.

The Cowgirls started out slowly. Brianna White flew out to left field. Lindsay Bauman walked and made it over to second, but she was left stranded when Hope Cochran and Berkley White got out. Things didn't go much better for the Lady Trojans. One batter walked, but two fly outs and a ground out ended the inning.

Siruta, Maddie Mayer and Miranda Hernandez for the Cowgirls were retired in order in the top of the second. The Lady Trojans also went down 1-2-3 in the bottom half of the inning, with DeLaRosa throwing two strikeouts.

The Cowgirls first runs came in the top of the third. DeLaRosa and Brianna White got back-to-back singles. Bauman struck out, but Cochran belted a three-run home run. Berkley White got a single, but she was left on base when Rangel grounded out to the pitcher and Siruta flew out to left field.

The Lady Trojans kept pace in the bottom of the third, scoring two runs on a double and a fielder's choice to make it 3-2. However, those proved to be their only two runs of the game.

The Cowgirls added a run in the top of the fourth. Mayer got a lead-off single and stole second. Hernandez grounded out, then Mayer came home on a sacrifice fly by DeLaRosa to make it 4-2. Brianna White got a double, but was left stranded when Bauman struck out.

The Lady Trojans got one runner on with a single in the bottom of the fourth. DeLaRosa picked up another pair of strikeouts

and a ground out.

Cochran got things started in the top of the fifth with a base hit. Berkley White got a double to put two runners in scoring position for Gabby Rangel, who batted both of them home to make it 6-2. Siruta flew out and Mayer and Hernandez each grounded out to end the inning.

DeLaRosa retired the Lady Trojans in order in the bottom of the fifth, fielding two grounders herself and throwing a strikeout. As the lead-off batter in the top of the sixth, DeLaRosa got a single and stole second. She was batted home on a single by Brianna White, who was thrown out at second base. With the score now at 7-2, Bauman and Cochran got out to end the inning.

It was three up, three down again for Stanton County in the bottom half of the inning. DeLaRosa picked up another strikeout. The Cowgirls weren't able to pad their lead any more in the top of the seventh. Berkley White and Rangel got out. Siruta hit a single and stole second, but Mayer got out to end the inning. The Lady Trojans got a base hit of their own in the bottom half of the inning, but were unable to capitalize on it. The game ended in a 7-2 win for the Cowgirls.

In game two, Brianna White got a lead-off single in the top of the first. Rangel was thrown out at first, but White advanced on the play. She was batted in on a single by Cochran for the Cowgirls first run. Berkley White walked to put two runners on. Siruta flew out to left field. Sydnee Thornburg batted two runs in, but was thrown out at second base to end the inning with an early 3-0 lead for the Cowgirls.

Cochran started on the mound for the Cowgirls. The Lady Trojans also got their lead-off runner on base, this time due to an error. She got to second on a passed ball and came home on an error to make it 3-1. Two more runners got on base, but were left stranded.

DeLaRosa opened up the top of the second with a single. She would come

home later on a hit by Amber Smith. Tasha Gaydusek and Brianna White got out, but Rangel hit a double, driving in Smith to make it 5-1. Cochran grounded out to the pitcher to end the inning.

The Lady Trojans picked up another run in the bottom of the second. Two straight walks put two runners on. One came home on a fielder's choice to make it 5-2, but a ground out and a strikeout helped the Cowgirls maintain their lead.

Berkley White flew out to begin the top of the third inning. Siruta also got out and Thornburg walked. She was driven home on a double by DeLaRosa, who would later cross home plate make it 7-2. A ground out for Gaydusek ended the inning.

The Stanton County batters went down in order despite a lead-off single in the bottom

of the third. The runner made it all the way to third but was thrown out. A ground out and a helped the Cowgirls quickly bring the inning to a close.

Lead-off batter Smith struck out in the top of the fourth. Brianna White got her second single of the game, but she was thrown out. Berkley White got a two-RBI triple, batting in Rangel and Cochran. Siruta grounded out to end the inning with a 9-2 lead for the Cowgirls.

Cochran retired the Lady Trojan batters in order for the second straight inning in the bottom of the fourth with a strikeout, a ground out and a fly out, but the Cowgirls fare no better in the top of the fifth. Thornburg, DeLaRosa and Gaydusek each got out without reaching base.

The Lady Trojans got a run in the bottom

of the fifth. Their lead-off runner got on base on an error and later scored on a fielder's choice to make it 9-3. The fly outs ended the inning without any further damage.

The Cowgirls were retired in order again in the top of the sixth. Smith struck out, Brianna White flew out and Rangel grounded out. The Lady Trojans closed the gap a little more in their half of the inning. One batter got on base with a double and was brought home with a base hit to make it 9-4.

The Cowgirls would add one more run in the top of the seventh on a home run from Siruta. In their last half-inning, the Lady Trojan would get one more run, not enough to overcome the Cowgirls' lead. The game ended with the Cowgirls on top 10-5.

JV track team gets nine first places

The Goodland High School junior varsity track teams cleaned house at the Rawlins County meet on April 23, getting nine first place finishes.

Girls:

Danielle Doyle placed first in the 400 meters with 1:15.26 and Sierra Estes placed first in the 3,200 meters with 16:27.84. Estes also placed third in the 1,600 meters with 7:09.9.

Other results included:
Kate-Lynn King, second place in the high jump with 4 feet, 2 inches and fifth in the triple jump with 27 feet, 6 inches.
Amy Floyd, sixth in the 100 meters with 14.81.
The 4-by-100 relay team of Doyle, Floyd, King and Estes placed second with 1:02.14.

Boys:

Christian Dominguez placed first in the 200 meters with 26.09. Dominguez also placed third in the 100 meters with 12.86.
Gerrell Miller placed first in the 800 meters with 2:23.35 and in the 1,600 meters with 5:30.52. He also placed fifth in the discus with 88 feet, 4 inches.
Jesse Cooper placed first in the 3,200 meters with 16:03.14

Zach Miller placed first in the 110-meter hurdles with 19.27 and in the 300-meter hurdles with 47.75. He also placed third in the high jump with 4 feet, 10 inches and sixth in the shot put with 30 feet, 11 inches.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Ricky Milke, Jaime Ross, Cameron Synder and Gerrell Miller placed first with 4:08.

Other results included:
Ross, sixth in the 200 meters with 28.50 and sixth in the 100 meters with 13.43
Snyder, fourth in the 800 meters with 2:35.22.
Aaron Avelar, second in the 110-meter hurdles with 20.92.
Milke, second in the 400 meters with 59.62.
Asger Nickelsen, fourth in the 400 meters with 62.09.
Josh David, second in the triple jump with 29 feet, 6 inches and sixth in the long jump with 14 feet, 4.5 inches.
The 4-by-100 relay team of Dominguez, Ross, Milke and Tanner Schmidt placed second with 51.58.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Avelar, Gerrell Miller, Snyder and Milke placed second with 11:03.38.