

Softball team ends season with pair of wins

The Goodland High School softball team matched last year's record of 17 wins and three losses with a pair of victories over Ellis last Friday.

The girls narrowly won the second-to-last game of the regular season 3-2, but jumped out to a big lead in the last game, winning 10-4.

The Cowgirls got a quick lead in the top of the first inning. Brianna White walked then came all the way home on a double by Lindsay Bauman. She was later thrown out at home plate. Hope Cochran walked and stole second, then was batted home on a triple by Berkley White to make it 2-0.

Gabby Rangel walked and stole second, but she and Berkley White were left on base when Megan Siruta struck out and Tasha Gaydusek grounded out to shortstop.

Cowgirl pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa started strong in the bottom of the first with two strikeouts and a ground out to third base.

The Cowgirls were also retired in order in the top of the second. In the bottom half of the inning an Ellis batter hit a double, but was left on base by two more strikeouts and a ground out.

In the top of the third, Cochran hit a single, but was left stranded. Ellis got their only runs of the game in the bottom of the third. One runner came home on a wild pitch and another on an RBI single.

With the score tied at two, the Cowgirls would be unable to score until the top of the sixth. They were retired in order in the fourth inning and got two singles in the fifth, but couldn't get anyone across home plate.

Ellis got two runners on in the bottom of the fourth, but DeLaRosa picked up two more strikeouts for outs two and three to get out of the inning. A runner reached base in the bottom of the fifth on a single, but she



Berkley White, seen here sliding into third earlier this season, scored the winning run in game one of the season-ending doubleheader with Ellis last Friday.

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was thrown out later at home plate.

The Cowgirls retook the lead in the top of the sixth when Berkley White came home. Rangel got a single and stole sec-

ond, but was thrown out. Siruta hit right to the pitcher, who caught it for the out, and Maddie Mayer flew out to right field to end the inning.

Ellis was unable to answer in the bottom of the sixth, despite a single. Sydnee Thornburg walked, then DeLaRosa hit a single, advancing her to second. Thornburg then

stole third, but both girls were left on base by three straight outs.

DeLaRosa ended the game with just seven pitches in the bottom of the seventh. Ellis batters hit two ground outs to second and one to shortstop to give the Cowgirls a 3-2 win.

The Cowgirls jumped out to another two-run lead in the first inning of game two. Brianna White got a lead-off single. Bauman walked and Cochran got on board on an error. Berkley White walked, forcing Brianna White home for the first run, then Rangel hit into a fielder's choice that got Bauman thrown out at the plate. Cochran scored, then Miranda Hernandez and Mayer hit grounders to end the inning.

With Cochran on the mound pitching, the Cowgirls held Ellis scoreless for three innings while adding four more runs in the top of the third. Rangel was hit by a pitch and was batted home by Mayer, who later came home along with DeLaRosa on a two-RBI triple by Brianna White. White was batted home by Bauman to give the Cowgirls a 6-0 lead.

After retiring the Cowgirls in order in the top of the fourth, Ellis finally got on the board in the bottom half of the inning, with one run scoring due to an error.

The Cowgirls added another four runs in the top of the fifth. Amber Smith walked, then DeLaRosa hit a double. Bauman walked, loading the bases Cochran, who hit a two-RBI single. Berkley White and Rangel walked and Hernandez was hit by a pitch. Bauman and Cochran were forced home to make it 10-1.

Ellis closed the gap a little in the bottom of the fifth with a two-run home run. The Cowgirls wouldn't score any more runs, and although Ellis added one more in the bottom of the seventh, it wasn't enough. The Cowgirls won 10-4.

Goodland baseball team goes 0-4 at Hays tournament

The Goodland High School baseball team traveled to Hays on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Diamond Classic tournament. The Cowboys lost all four games.

Cowboys vs. Hays Thursday afternoon

The Cowboys were scoreless in the top half of the first inning. Taylen Smith started the game on the mound for Goodland. With runners in scoring position in the bottom of the first, a base hit scored one for Hays. A popfly ended the inning, but the Indians had taken a 1-run lead.

Gunner Helton reached base on a passed ball in the top of the second, but he was left on base. In the bottom of the second, a runner came home on a wild pitch to make it 2-0. Two more runs scored on a wild pitch when the throw back to home got past Smith. A double scored another runner to make it 5-0.

John Hendrich picked up the Cowboys first hit of the day with a single in the top of the third, but he was caught in a double play along with Cy Paxton. Austin Avelar's line drive was caught to end the inning.

In the bottom of the third, a Hays runner came in to score on a wild pitch. The Indians picked up another run to make it 7-0.

Ryan Hillmer nearly scored in the top of the fourth, but was thrown out at home plate.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Cowboys made a pitching change, putting Avelar on the mound. One run scored on a triple to center field to make it 8-0. Another came in on a double to make it 9-0.

After two strikeouts in the top of the fifth, the Hays pitcher threw eight consecutive balls to put two runners on, but they were left stranded when Avelar grounded out.

The Cowboys were in danger of losing due to the 10-run rule in the bottom of the fifth, but Avelar was able to keep the Indians from scoring. The Cowboys couldn't narrow the gap any in the top of the sixth, however, despite getting one runner on base on a walk.

The boys were able to hold the Indians at 9 again in the bottom half of the inning. They would have one more chance to score some runs in the top of the seventh, but they were retired in order to end the game with a 9-0 loss.

Cowboys vs. Goddard Friday afternoon

The Cowboys had trouble with allowing extra bases on errors in the game against Goddard on Friday afternoon, allowing 12 runs.

Gunner Helton was the starting pitcher. He held the Lions scoreless in the top of the first. In the bottom of the first, Ryder Kling was the first base runner of the day for the Cowboys with a single. He got to third when Taylen Smith's line drive was bobbled and dropped by the Goddard outfielder. A grounder from Helton ended the inning.

Goddard got the first run in the top of the second on a double that dropped over the head of John Hendrich. Helton kept the damage to a minimum with a strikeout to end the inning. Down 1-0, the Cowboys couldn't put anything together in the bottom of the second, going down in order.

The Lions scored again on a double in the top of the third. Another run scored on an error to make it 3-0. Goddard would score two more runs in the inning to make it 5-0. Austin Avelar got a hit in the bottom of the third, but he was left on base.

In the top of the fourth, one run scored on a fielder's choice to make it 6-0. Another two runs would score after a single turned into a double on an error. Avelar caught a line drive and stepped on base for the inning-ending double play.

Smith reached base in the bottom of the fourth, but like Avelar he was left stranded.

In the top of the fifth, a run scored on a dropped fly ball to make it 9-0. Another scored on an RBI single to make it 10-0. The Cowboys were in danger of an early end due to the 10-run rule. The Lions' 11th run came on a wild pitch, and their 12th came after a throw got past Laine Herl at first base.

The Cowboys would have to score at least three runs in the bottom of the fifth to keep the game going, but they were retired in order to end the game with a 12-0 loss.

Goddard ended up winning the tournament with a victory on Saturday against Hays High School.

Cowboys vs. Colby Friday Evening

The Cowboys didn't fare much better against Colby later Friday



Goodland Senior Ryan Hillmer (above), seen here in action earlier this season, had the Cowboys first hit in the Friday evening game against Colby. Gunner Helton (right), pitched in the Friday afternoon game against Goddard. Photos by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

evening. They were retired in order in the top of the first, then gave up three runs in the bottom half of the inning on consecutive base hits and errors, giving the Eagles an early lead.

Taylen Smith got on base on a walk in the top of the second, but Gunner Helton grounded into a double play. A strikeout ended the inning.

The Cowboys held Colby scoreless in the bottom of the second and third innings, but were unable to score themselves. In the top of the fourth, pitcher Ryan Hillmer got Goodland's first hit of the game. Tyler Jones came in for Hillmer as a courtesy runner, but was left stranded on base at the end of the inning.

Colby would leave two runners on base at the end of the fourth. After retiring the Cowboys in order in the top of the fifth, they scored two runs to make it 5-0.

The Cowboys scored their first

runs of the tournament in the top of the sixth. Austin Avelar hit a single, then Hillmer turned a double into a triple on an error. Avelar came in to score, then Hillmer came home on a sacrifice fly to make it 5-2. Smith hit a double, but was left on base at the end of the inning.

The Eagles added two runs on three hits in the bottom of the sixth, extending their lead to 7-2. The Cowboys would need to tie the game in the top of the seventh, but Laine Herl, John Hendrich and Cy Paxton were retired in order to end the game.

Cowboys vs. Salina Central Saturday Morning

The Cowboys suffered their last loss of the regular season in the final game of the Diamond Classic, falling 14-4 to Salina Central on Saturday.

The game lasted five innings, ending because of the 10-run lead rule. The losing pitcher was Taylen Smith.



With the losses, the Cowboys finish the regular season at 5-14. They play next at the regional tournament on Monday in Lakin. Other teams assigned to Lakin in-

clude Thomas More Prep-Marian, Holcomb, Lakin, Natoma/Plainville, Russell and Scott Community.



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