

Cowgirls split with Longhorns

By Greg Stover

The Goodland High School softball team split a doubleheader against the Lady Longhorns of Holcomb High School on Thursday afternoon at Centennial Park, winning the first game 4-2 but losing the second 13-5.

In the first game, the Goodland took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when senior Tomi Windell hit a double that drove in sophomore Melissa Swager. Swager got on base on a single and advanced to second, then third on a pair of Holcomb miscues.



Windell



Shields

After a scoreless second, the Longhorns tied the score in the top of the third. Goodland responded with a run in the bottom of the inning to retake a one-run lead. Neither team scored in the fourth. In the top of the fifth, Holcomb

managed to load the bases with two outs but the Cowgirls senior pitcher Lauren Gray struck out the Longhorns' Andrea Linton to end the threat.

Holcomb tied the score at 2 in the top of the sixth inning then again loaded the bases this time with only one out. Gray struck out the next batter and then Holcomb's Allison Thayer hit a fly to left which Swager caught for the third out.

The Cowgirls scored twice in the bottom of the sixth. Senior Cortney Shields came in on a Longhorn error and senior Jennifer Mentzer scored on a single by sophomore

Chelsea Gray with the bases loaded.

In the top of the seventh inning, Lauren Gray faced just four batters, getting the third out on strikes, for the 4-2 win.

Coach Terry Daise said the Cowgirls played an excellent first game especially under the adverse weather conditions, and that their pitching was really strong.

The second game was a different story, as the Longhorns scored four runs in the first inning and five in the second for a 9-0 lead. Goodland got its first run when Lauren Gray drove Shields home in the bottom of the second. Neither team scored in the

third inning.

Holcomb scored three more runs in the top of the fourth and another in fifth to make the score 13-1. The Cowgirls responded with four runs in the bottom of the fifth, highlighted by a triple by freshman Whitney Archer.

The teams held each other scoreless in the final two innings and the Longhorns earning the 13-5 win.

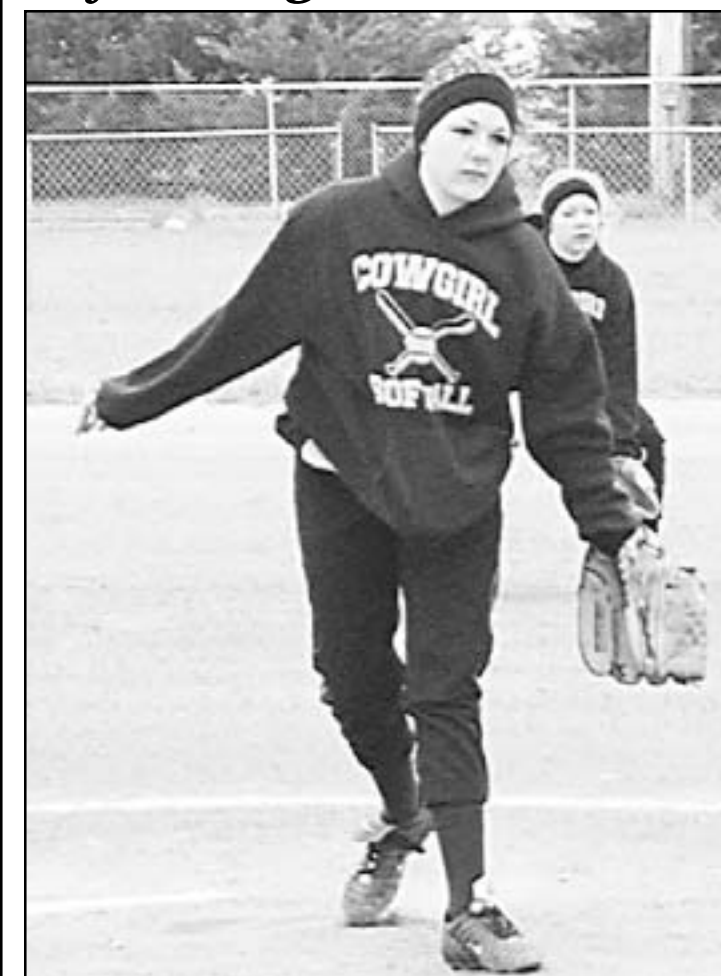
"We didn't play well at all in the second game," said Daise. "We allowed them a lot of runs in the first and second innings and just couldn't catch up."

Goodland's win in the first game

broke a six-game losing streak which started with a pair of losses April 20 against Hays High. Last Monday, Goodland dropped both home games of a doubleheader, 7-0 and 14-0, against Garden City and on Tuesday, they lost 7-2 and 13-3 at Ulysses.

The Cowgirls are now 4-10 overall. The varsity and junior varsity both will play a doubleheader against Colby Thursday at 3 p.m. at Centennial Park. Both teams will travel to Hays on Friday for a doubleheader against Thomas More Prep-Marian starting at 4 p.m. (Central Time).

Try hitting that one!



Freshman Nicole David pitched the second game of the Cowgirls' junior varsity doubleheader against Holcomb on Thursday at Centennial Park.

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Lady Trojans end season at district tourney

The Colby Community College softball team ended its season with a 23-42 overall record Saturday at the district tournament, played at the Two Rivers Softball Complex in Wichita.

The Lady Trojans won their first game 1-0 over Allen County Community College, then lost in the next round to Barton County 5-3. Saturday night, Colby got its second loss of the double-elimination tournament, 4-3 against Highland Community College.

"Overall, this was a disappointing year," said Coach Carl Adams, completing his 17th season with Colby. "We did have some highlights. We beat Johnson County for the second time in school history, and had three players selected to the

District C All-Region VI first team."

Kansas City Kansas Community College defeated Johnson County Community College 6-0 in the championship game Sunday after defeating it 1-0 in the final of the winner's bracket. Johnson County, ranked No. 18 by the National Junior College Athletic Association, won the district tournament the past three seasons.

Colby freshman Shanae Calkins, a former Goodland Cowgirl, ended her first season leading Colby in home runs, with seven, and with runs batted in with 37. She was one of only three Trojans to hit a triple. Calkins was second on the team in doubles (13) and runs scored (33). Her batting average was .284 and

had 55 total hits; both figures are third best for the Trojans this season.

Calkins picked for the District C All-Region VI first team as a utility player and was a second team all-conference pick for the West Division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Freshman Alissa Shields, also a former Cowgirl, ended her season batting .264 getting 19 hits, including one of Colby's three triples, and driving in 14 runs. She scored eight runs.

Sophomore Alisha Leiss was named to the District C first team and the West Division all-conference second team as an outfielder. Leiss led the Trojans with a .388 batting average. She also led in to-

tal hits with 71 and runs scored with 41.

Freshman Lauren Jameson was the other player named to the District C first team, as an infielder. She ended the season batting .272 getting 41 hits, scoring 12 runs and driving in 18.

Freshman Samantha Wolf, a former Colby Eagle, was a West Division all-conference honorable mention as an outfielder. She batted .243 for the season and led the Trojans with 14 doubles. Wolf had 45 hits, scored 23 runs and drove in 28 others.

"This was a hard luck year for the players and coaching staff," Adams said. "The team never gave up during the season, and I am very proud of that."

Grant girls place fourth at Colby track meet

Both Grant Junior High School girls track teams finished fourth at a quadrangular meet in Colby on Thursday.

Seventh-grader Michelle Smith was the only first-place finisher for the Lady Mustangs, winning the discus with a throw of 92 feet and the shot put with a heave of 31 feet 2 inches.

Earlier this month, Smith set the school record in both events.

The seventh-grade 4x400-meter relay team of Courtney Sheldon, Linsey Owens, Erika Gonzales and

Shelbi Herl finished second.

Placing third for the seventh-grade Lady Mustangs were Hannah Blake in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter runs; Gonzales in the 200-meter dash; Herl in the 400-meter dash; and Whitney Shields in 100-meter hurdles.

Cassie Cooper was fourth in both the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run. Danielle Pettibone finished fourth in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the 100-meter dash. Chelsie Gausman was fifth in the triple jump.

The eighth-grade 4x400-meter relay team of Cassie Sandoval, Halli Stone, Andrea Wolak and Amanda Anthor placed second.

Third-place finishers for the eighth-grade girls were Samantha Raymer in the 100-meter hurdles, Anthor in the 400-meter dash, Stone in the 3,200-meter run and Heidi Yonkey in the 200-meter dash.

Ashley Christians was fourth in the long jump and the 200-meter dash. Stone finished fourth in the 800-meter run. Wolak placed fourth

and Sandoval fifth in the discus.

Colby won both team competitions. The seventh-grade Lady Eagles scored 65 points, followed by Oberlin and St. Francis, which tied for second with 63. Goodland scored 58. For the eighth grade, it was Colby with 92 points, Oberlin with 79, St. Francis with 37 and Goodland 32.

Grant will host a quadrangular meet at the high school track at 2 p.m. Thursday.

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Trojans baseball team loses fourth straight

The Colby Community College baseball team lost both games of a doubleheader Saturday against Seward County Community College in Liberal.

The Trojans dropped the first game 7-3 and the second 7-6 after leading 5-1 going into the bottom of the sixth.

Last Wednesday, Colby lost two games against Barton County Community College in Great Bend, 14-

2 and 9-1.

Last Tuesday, the Trojans won both games of a non-conference doubleheader against McCook Community College in Colby. They won the first game 15-1 in five innings, and the second 8-0.

Colby is now 24-26 overall and 12-15 in the West Division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The Trojans will be in Pratt today for a doubleheader postponed from April 24 due to rain. On Saturday, Colby will host Sew-

ard County for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. (Central Time).

The first round of the regional playoffs will be played next Friday and Saturday. The championship rounds will be played May 20-23 in Wichita.

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School calendar for May 5 - May 11

Wednesday - "Black Day"; Seminar - Red Cross youth group 11:15 a.m. in Ms. Elliott's room; Cinco de Mayo day at fieldhouse; National DECA Career Development Conference; achievement breakfast in high school gym 6 a.m.; project graduation 20 04 in cafeteria 5 p.m.; PDC meeting 3:45 p.m.; elementary bank day.
Thursday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; softball in Goodland against Colby 3 p.m.; golf in Colby 2 p.m.; tennis in Hays 2 p.m.; FCCLA Banquet in high school gym 7 p.m.; NEAG in ITV room 6 a.m. ; junior high track meet in Goodland 2 p.m.
Friday - "Black Day"; softball at Thomas More Prep 3 p.m.; track at Colby 2 p.m.; tennis in Goodland 2 p.m.
Saturday - Tennis in Garden City 7:30 a.m.; golf in Ulysses 8 a.m.
Monday - Band Picnic in the Park at Steever park dinner at 5 p.m. and concert at 5:30 p.m.; junior varsity tennis in Scott City 2 p.m.; Board of Education meeting at administration building 4 p.m.
Tuesday - "Black Day"; Seminar - Stuco and GRACE; softball against Concordia played in Hays 3:30 p.m.; Jessica Kannady dance group in the auditorium 4 to 8 p.m.; DECA banquet at the Elks Lodge 6:30 p.m.; West Site Council meeting 4 p.m.

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