

# Goodland wins two, beats Imperial 1-0, 10-2

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Goodland's American Legion baseball team swept a doubleheader Wednesday night against Imperial, Neb., winning the first game 1-0 and the second 10-2.

The Legion team has won three of its last four games and is now 6-11 for the season. The team's next action will be a doubleheader at 6 p.m. Saturday in Wray, Colo.

The coaches agreed to play two five-inning games Wednesday. The first set featured a strong pitching performance by Landon West. In the top of the first inning, he struck out the first batter on three straight pitches. Brandon Zelfer then made a dramatic diving catch of a foul ball for the second out, followed by another strikeout by West for a "three-and-out" series.

Jake Alander started things off at the plate for Goodland with a base hit to left field. A double by Brock Lohr got Alander to third and a single by West drove him in for the game's first and only score.

In the top of the second inning, West struck out three of the four batters he faced and gave up one walk. Imperial's defense stiffened and kept Goodland from adding to its lead, even though the team got two runners in scoring position.

West gave up his first hit of the game in the third but two strike outs and a force at first base quickly ended Imperial's turn. In the bottom of the inning, Goodland again got two runners in scoring position but

Imperial's defense continued to be stubborn.

Imperial first batter of the fourth inning got a base hit, stole second, then got to third on a passed ball with one out. West struck out the next batter then threw out the one after that to end the threat. In the bottom of the inning, Imperial's alert defense was able to pick off two of Goodland's base runners to help shut down Goodland's turn at bat. A strikeout accounted for the third out.

In the fifth inning, Goodland held Imperial to another "three-and-out" series with West striking out the last two batters. He struck out 10 in five innings and drove in the game's only run to lead Goodland to a 1-0 win.

In the second game, Goodland held Imperial scoreless in the top of the first inning then, with the help of a pair of Imperial errors, scored four runs in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the second, with one out, Imperial got on the scoreboard with a solo home run over the center field fence by Matt Klima. Goodland's defense got the next two batters out holding Imperial to one run. In the bottom of the second, with the bases loaded, West hit a double to center field which drove in three runs to make the score 7-1 going into the third inning.

After holding Imperial scoreless in the top of the third, Torrey Elder led off Goodland's turn at the plate with a single. However a line drive

by Tyler Hilmer was caught by the Imperial shortstop, who was able to throw Elder out at first for a double play. Goodland later was able to score a run, then of its runners was caught off base for the third out.

Goodland held Imperial to a "three-and-out" in the top of the fourth. Goodland scored two in the bottom of the inning, the first on a double by Derek Fenner which scored West, who got on base with a double, and the second when a passed ball by the catcher allowed Fenner to score.

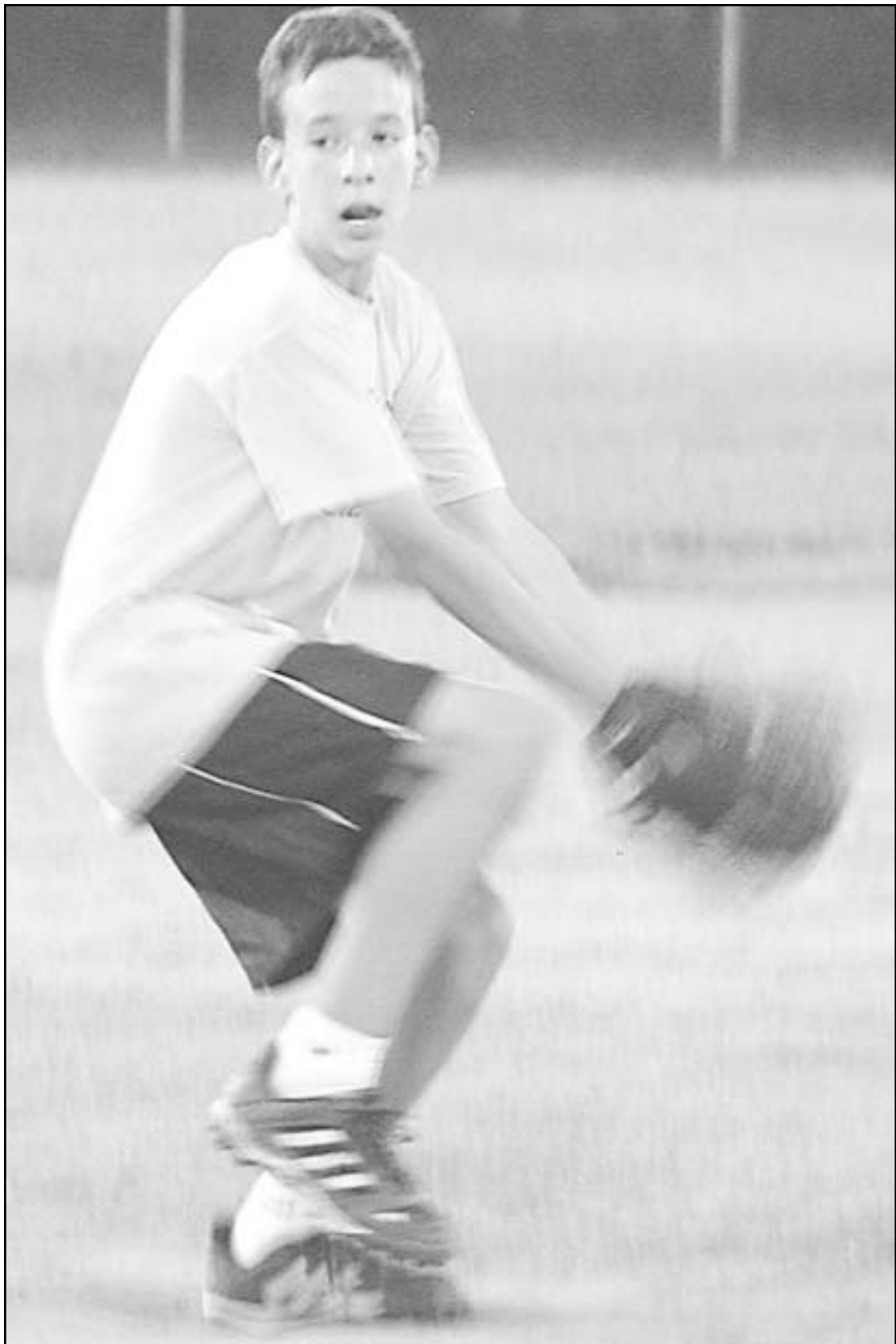
With Goodland leading 10-1 in the top of the fifth, Imperial's first two batters got base hits, which led to another run. Then Goodland's defense shut down the rest of the batting order to claim the win 10-2.

Last Saturday, Goodland split its doubleheader with Stockton, winning the first game 6-2 but dropped the second 7-2. In the first game, Goodland scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning and three more in the fourth. Stockton was held scoreless until the fifth, when it scored its first run.

Stockton scored another in the sixth, but in the seventh, with one out, Goodland's defense came up with a double play to end the game and record a win 6-2.

Stockton dominated the second game, scoring four runs in the first inning, one in the third and two more in the fourth while its defense held Goodland scoreless until the seventh.

## Watch out! Here it comes.



Bowladium's Kuter Isaac sealed his team's 5-3 win over Kiwanis with three straight strikeouts in the final inning of their first-round game in city/county recreation boys major league Wednesday at Centennial Park. In the next game, Bowladium defeated Veterans of Foreign Wars 5-3 to advance to the final of the winner's bracket next Wednesday.

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## Athlete going to Junior Olympics

Goodland's Michelle Smith placed fourth in the youth girls discus at the Amateur Athletic Union's Region VIII track and field championship meet last weekend in Joplin, Mo.

Smith's best throw of the meet was 96 feet, 5 inches, just 16 inches short of the Grant Junior High

School seventh-grade girls record she set in April. Smith's throw qualified her for the 38th annual Junior Olympic Games in Des Moines on July 27-Aug. 7.

This is Smith's fourth straight trip to the Junior Olympics. Last year she placed seventh in the discus and 12th in the shot put in the midget

category.

Michelle, the daughter of Bobby and Sondra Smith of Goodland, qualified for the past six Junior Olympics but did not go in 2000 when it was held in Florida.

Smith's event is scheduled for the afternoon of Aug. 5 in the Drake University stadium in Des Moines.



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6. In pieces

11. Hi-\_\_ graphics

14. Take, as advice

15. Badlands plateaus

16. Duffer's delight

17. You can't get one at a bakery

19. Suffix for the White House's Web site

20. Living room piece

21. Greek N's

22. All there

23. Rural stopovers

25. \_\_ cards (fad collectibles)

27. Flowery ornaments

31. Half of Mork's sign-off

32. Carmakers' org.

33. Important age

34. Prefix with structure or red

37. Goblet feature

39. Marsh birds

42. Way out there

43. Bundle of grain

45. Place to graze

46. Big Blue

47. Stomped on

49. Crackers served with soup

52. Left-winger

55. Feline feet

56. Makes a boo-boo

57. A Stooze

59. Devonshire distances

63. Victory sign

64. You can't get one at a bakery

66. Santa \_\_, Calif.

67. Ready to pour

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68. Shinbone

69. McCarthy target

70. In a foul mood

71. Fresh-mouthed

11. You can't get one at a bakery

12. Low-budget prefix

13. A natural, in craps

18. Shaq's position

22. Cathartic-yielding plant

24. Blood fluids

26. Chiang \_\_-shek

27. Actor Tamblын

28. Inauguration Day highlight

29. You can't get one at a bakery

30. Goes boating

35. Broccoli \_\_

36. Weaponry

38. Stallions' mates

40. Clear a hurdle

41. Deli meat

44. Part of FYI

48. Singer Vic

50. Bird sounds

51. Adriatic peninsula

52. Burton of "Roots"

53. Peace goddess

54. Pillages

58. Coup d'\_\_

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