

Outlaws are gone but not forgotten

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The Goodland Outlaws baseball team may have played only two seasons but the experiences and memories will stay with the players, their families and coaches forever.

Next spring, the high school will field its first ever team since and eliminate the void in boys sports the Outlaws helped fill. Perhaps the best legacy the Outlaws leave behind will be the experienced players who will play for the Cowboys in 2005.

Eleven of the 13 players on the Outlaws' roster this season will be attending Goodland High, with some bringing two seasons of experience with them. The other two, Brock Whitmore and Jared Doke, graduated in May and are headed to college.

The Outlaws finished 2-10 this year. The team scored 83 runs in 12 games and had five players who batted .400 or better, but errors, especially early in the season, gave too many runs for Goodland's opponents, said coach John Dautel.

Brandon Zelfer ended the season batting .700, including a triple and the team's only home run of the season. Wyatt Dautel batted .543, including five doubles and two triples.

Brett Laliker batted .500, Derek Fenner .412 and Andrew Pettibone .409. Nick Angelos batted .353, Tyler Hilmer .345, and both Cameron Morris and Kelly Lewallen averaged .313.

Doke and Tad Taylor both batted .286. Whitmore batted .257 including two triples. Josiah Goodley's average was .087.

"Although the Outlaws' record was disappointing," Dautel said, "the experience was great for all the kids. We could have very easily been 10-2, had we not given up so many unearned runs."

In 2003, the Outlaws finished 11-3 under coach Bud Rice. Dautel

served as an assistant that season.

Dautel credits Liz West, whose son Landon played both seasons, with the idea to form the Outlaws. West, who managed Goodland's American Legion team for several years, said the it was the players' love of the game and desire to play that got her to get involved with organizing a team for high school-age boys.

West said the dedication of some of the boys, including her son, led them to teams in Colorado. She also said there were boys who wanted to play college ball but had little chance of getting coaches to notice them much less getting a scholarship since there was no high school team in Goodland.

About four years ago, West and other parents went to the school board to ask for a high school baseball team but the proposal was tabled and no action was taken. However, she said, about a year later when she talked to high school principal Harvey Swager about bringing up the subject again, he advised against it because of the budget. He told her he would not object to the parents organizing a team on their own, which led to the Outlaws.

The Outlaws mostly played against high school junior varsity teams since varsity teams are limited on the number of games they can play in a season and games played against a non-sanctioned team, like the Outlaws, would count against that total but not in their official record.

Parents of the players later formed the Goodland Baseball Club to organize support for all baseball in Goodland which, Dautel said, it will continue to do even though the Outlaws have played their last game.



Whether in victory or defeat, it's all fun

Members of the Halde Redi-Mix team (above) met Cody Martins (right) at home plate after he hit a two-run homer during their game against the WalBangers at Centennial Park Wednesday. They beat the team from Wal-Mart 33-0.

Kevin Bohannon (right) pitched for the WalBangers against the Halde hitting machine in City/County Recreation's summer coed softball league.

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ball scores

July 6
Girls Major
Finley Motors 3
Kiwanis 7
Finley Motors 4
Helena 14
Boys Major
Bowladium Lanes 8
Dairy Queen 11
Unruh Chiropractic 14
VFW 7
Girls Rookie
KC Video 14
Dinkel Law Office 13
Goodland Yost Farm 8
Pi Eta Sorority 7
Goodland Yost Farm 8
Gambinos 11
Men's
B&K Pumping 8
Just Ponds 15
NSI/Budweiser 7
Goodland Sinclair 10
NSI/Budweiser 23
Just Ponds 4
Lonny's Quality Auto Body 17
Wayne's Carpet 5
Lonny's Quality Auto Body 12
DJ's Mobile Wash 8
Goodland Sinclair 15
Wayne's Carpet 10

Summer sports schedules

Girls Rookie	Tournament, Tuesday and Thursday
Girls Major	Tournament, Monday
Boys Rookie	Tournament, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
Boys Major	Tournament, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

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AFTERNOON
12:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Twister 300. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live) (CC)
4/6 ABC PGA Golf John Deere Classic — Third Round. From the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP ATP Tennis Campbell's Hall of Fame Championship — Semifinal. From Newport, R.I. (Live)
2:00 4/6 ABC WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm at Detroit Shock. From the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich. (Live) (CC)
7/11 CBS PGA Golf Champions Tour — Ford Players Championship — Third Round. From the Tournament Players Club in Dearborn, Mich. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP ATP Tennis Campbell's Hall of Fame Championship — Semifinal. From Newport, R.I. (Live)
54/57 ESPN2 MLS Soccer San Jose Earthquakes at MetroStars. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) (CC)
2:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC AVP Volleyball Belmar Open. From Belmar, N.J. (Live) (CC)
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
SUNDAY MORNING
10:30 22/56 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)
11:00 60/89 UNIV República Deportiva Estadísticas deportivas, entrevistas, situaciones deportivas divertidas y un completo resumen semanal deportivo. (En Vivo)
11:30 25/35 IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live)
AFTERNOON
12:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf John Deere Classic — Final Round. From the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (CC)
30/55 FXSP ATP Tennis Campbell's Hall of Fame Championship — Final. From Newport, R.I. (Live)
54/57 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Phoenix Mercury at New York Liberty. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) (CC)
12:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Pre-Race (Live) (CC)
1:00 99/36 WGN MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) (CC)
1:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — Tropicana 400. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live) (CC)
1:45 60/89 UNIV Fútbol Copa América: Brasil vs. Costa Rica. (En Vivo)
2:00 7/11 CBS PGA Golf Champions Tour — Ford Players Championship — Final Round. From the Tournament Players Club in Dearborn, Mich. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 Baseball Future Stars Game. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Live) (CC)
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
4:55 54/57 ESPN2 Soccer Poland vs. United States. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Live) (CC)
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