

Cowboys win opener of baseball era

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The Goodland Cowboys started their baseball tradition with an 8-4 win over the Burlington Cougars on Tuesday in their season opener at Memorial Field in Centennial Park.

Burlington took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and kept it until the bottom of the second, when the Cowboys exploded for six runs. Goodland added another run in the bottom of the third to make it 7-1.

The Cougars scored twice in the fifth to narrow the gap to four, 7-3. The Cowboys scored a run in the sixth and Burlington scored one in the seventh to make the final 8-4.

Senior Brock Lohr goes into the record books as the Cowboys first winning pitcher.

He pitched for 4 2/3 innings, giving up three hits and striking out five. Lohr walked just one, but hit two batters. Junior Brandon Zelfer picked up the save, striking out three.

The Cowboys had a shaky start. The Cougars' leadoff batter hit a grounder to the Goodland shortstop but was safe at first on an fielding error. He advanced to second on a balk by Lohr, then got to third on a sacrifice bunt. Three batters later, with two out, a passed ball allowed him to score, giving Burlington the game's first lead. The batter hit the next pitch to the mound and was forced out at first.

Burlington pitcher Brian Collins made quick work of the Cowboys initial turn at bat with three straight strikeouts. Goodland returned the favor with a "three-and-out" in the top of the second. Lohr got the first hitter to pop out to the shortstop, then striking out the next two.

In the bottom of the second, the entire Cowboys batting order got to the plate, producing six runs on six hits, highlighted by a double by Lohr. Junior Derek Fenner started things off with a base hit through the gap between shortstop and third. Lohr's double drove Fenner home, then a single by sophomore Tyler Hillmer drove Lohr home.

Hillmer was caught trying to steal second for Goodland's first out of the inning. Freshman Tanner Smith got a walk, advancing to third on a single to right by junior Bobby Miller.

Sophomore Andrew Pettibone



hit a single to right, scoring Smith and sending Miller to third.

Junior Brett Lalicker drove in Miller with a single to right center which got Pettibone to third.

Lalicker stole second, then junior

Wyatt Dautel got a hit, scoring both Pettibone and Lalicker. Dautel was tagged out trying to stretch his single into a double.

The next Cowboy hitter was forced out at first to end the inning



with Goodland leading 6-1.

In the top of the third, Lohr struck out the first batter, walked the second, who was thrown out trying to steal second, then struck out the third.

Freshman Tanner Smith (No. 19 above) slid safely into third during the second inning of Tuesday's game. He later scored on a single by sophomore Andrew Pettibone. Sophomore Tyler Hillmer (far left photo) hit a single to left center field during the same inning, driving in a run. Coach Steve Jimenez (right in left photo) gave some last-minute instructions to junior Brett Lalicker before he took his turn at bat in the third inning.

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With two outs in the bottom of the third, Miller hit a single up the middle, scoring Lohr, who got on earlier with a single. Later in the inning, the Cowboys had the bases loaded when Burlington made a

pitching change. The reliever was able to get the next batter out and the Cougars got out of the inning after giving up just one run.

Both teams suffered a "three-and-out" in the fourth.

Trailing 7-1 in the top of the fifth, the Cougars got their first two batters on base. Lohr struck out the third.

A fielder's choice got the second out, but now Burlington had runners on first and third. On the first pitch to the next batter, a passed ball scored the runner from third and advanced the other to second. A single to right drove that runner home to make the score 7-3.

In the bottom of the fifth, Lohr led off with a deep drive to center, but by Cougar center fielder Bobby Hodgkinson made an over-the-shoulder catch on the fly. Hillmer then flied out to right field, Smith walked then Miller flied to Hodgkinson to retire the side.

After Burlington endured another "three-and-out" in the top of the sixth, the Cowboys added a run when an overthrow to first while the Cougars were attempting a double play allowed Lalicker to score his second run of the game, making it 8-3.

Burlington added another run in the top of the seventh, but with two outs and runners on first and third, Zelfer struck the next batter out on three straight pitches to end the game with the score 8-4.

The Cowboys combined for 10 hits and were led by Lohr and Miller, both of who went 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Lalicker went 2-for-4 driving in a run. Dautel, Hillmer and Fenner each went 1-for-3. Dautel had two runs batted in and Hillmer had one.

Pettibone was 1-for-1 driving in a run and was walked once. Senior Jake Alander was 0-for-4 but had a run batted in. Smith went 0-for-0 officially but got on base three times, walking twice and once after being hit by a pitch. Zelfer went 0-for-1 at the plate.

The loss drops Burlington's record to 1-5 for the season.

The Cowboys travel to Garden City today for a doubleheader against the Buffaloes. Their next home action will be at 3 p.m. Monday against the Bulldogs of Syracuse High at Memorial Field.

All-Star games Sunday

The 12th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Classic will be Sunday at the Colby Community Building, with the girls basketball game at 4 p.m. (Mountain Time) followed by the boys game.

The teams are made up of outstanding senior players from northwest Kansas high schools.

The roster for the Light Jerseys girls team includes Emily Sloan of Colby, Jacie Hoyt of Hoxie, Ariel Dunker of Rawlins County, Mona Schaffer of Greeley County, Anna Irvin of LaCrosse, Karee Ubelaker of Osborne, Dayne Crawford of Natoma, Ashley Kraft of Western Plains and Monica Walker of

Lucas-Luray. Keith Wineinger of Waconda East will coach.

Girls playing for the Dark Jerseys are Andrea Horney of Brewster, Veronica Kuhlman of Oakley, Kaylaen of Greeley County, Courtney Riedel of Trego Community, Whitney Gieseck of Leoti, Darcel Gronewoller of Beloit, Staf Randa of Hays, Ashely Gasper of Tipton, Nichol Weigel of LaCrosse and Toni Fuller of Smith Center.

Their coach is Bill Braun of LaCrosse.

Playing for the Light Jerseys in the boys game are Matt Augustine and Irvin Dinkel of Colby, Heath Baird and Paul Flanders of Brew-

ster, Lance Fortin of Oberlin, Tyson Spears and Ryan Stoppel of Lucas-Luray, Jordan Vickers of Hoxie, Mark Johnson of Healy and Grady Kessler of Quinter.

Coaching is Brent Flanders of Brewster.

The Dark Jerseys' include Nolan Cox and Beau Cox of Weskan, Chad Baalman of Oakley, Ryan Maddy of Norton, Tyler Turner and Matt Koelsch of Phillipsburg, Jessie Miller of Golden Plains, Casey Miles of Hays, Austin Panter of Kensington and Wade Knapp of Trego.

Parker Christenson of Golden Plains will coach.

Sports television schedule

SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 7/11 CBS Tennis NASDAQ-100 Open — Women's Final. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live)

AFTERNOON

12:00 13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Sharpie Professional 250. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live) (CC)

1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC PGA Golf BellSouth Classic — Third Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live) (CC)

4/6 ABC MLS Soccer D.C. United at Club Deportivo Chivas USA. From the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. (Live) (CC)

1:30 7/11 CBS The Final Four Show Previewing the NCAA Semifinals. (Live) (CC)

2:00 54/57 ESPN2 MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners. From Las Vegas. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)

99/36 WGN MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners. From Las Vegas. (Live) (CC)

3:00 4/6 ABC Horse Racing Florida Derby. From Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Fla. (Live) (CC)

4:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball NCAA Tournament Semifinal — Illinois vs. Louisville. From St. Louis. (Live) (CC)

5:00 54/57 ESPN2 Horse Racing WinStar Oaks and WinStar Derby. From Sunland, N.M. (Live) (CC)

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Los Angeles Avengers at Orlando Predators. From Hummer Field at the TD Waterhouse Centre in

Orlando, Fla. (Live) (CC)

7/11 CBS Tennis NASDAQ-100 Open — Men's Final. From Key Biscayne, Fla. (Live) (CC)

10:30 13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — Food City 500. From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live) (CC)

22/56 ESPN Baseball Tonight From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Live) (CC)

11:00 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics. From the FleetCenter in Boston. (Live)

22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling World Championship. From Taylor, Mich. (Live) (CC)

60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana América vs. Atlante. (En Vivo)

AFTERNOON

1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC PGA Golf BellSouth Classic — Final Round. From Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. (Live) (CC)

1:30 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Regional Coverage — Dallas Mavericks at Cleveland Cavaliers or Minnesota Timberwolves at Sacramento Kings. (Live)

22/56 ESPN IndyCar Racing Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. From St. Petersburg, Fla. (Live) (CC)

4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)

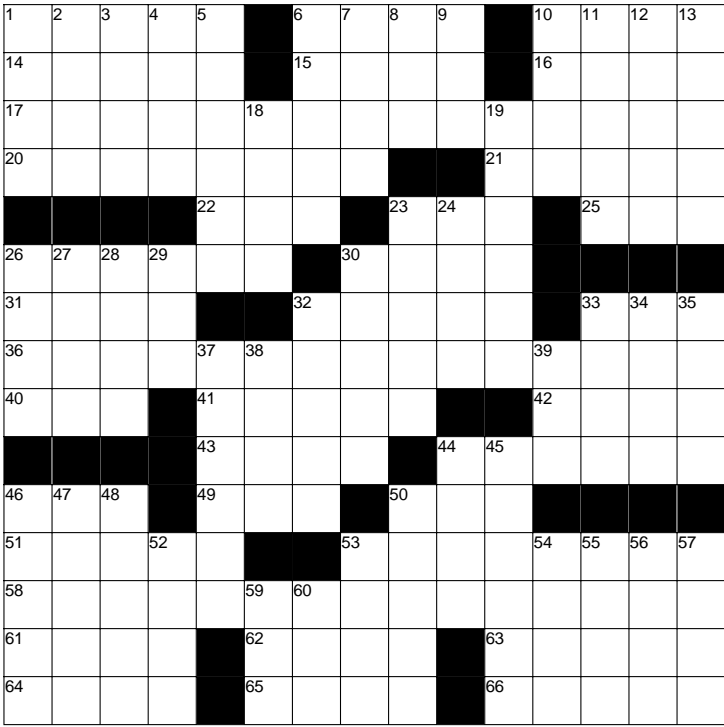
4:30 22/56 ESPN NCAA Women's Final Four Special From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)

5:00 22/56 ESPN Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament Semifinal — Teams TBA. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)

54/57 ESPN2 Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)

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ACROSS

- Coffee allure
- Rummy cake
- Column crossers
- Turn on a point
- Black, in verse
- Give off
- Where a cross-country runner may go
- Five to ten, e.g.
- Wedding seater
- To the ___ degree
- The whole shebang
- "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
- Nevertheless
- Fab Four name
- Lo-cal
- "G.E. College Bowl" host Robert
- "___, a mouse!"
- Secret teller's lead-in
- Bowl over
- Elizabeth of cosmetics
- Opposed to, hillbilly-style
- Like Aesop's grapes
- Washers' neighbors
- Lobster ___ Diavolo
- 1/6 oz.
- Icky stuff
- Get extra life from
- "Rashomon" director Akira
- 1953 Mitch Miller tune
- Israel's Golda
- Gung-ho
- Ankle bones
- Anti-fur org.
- Four six-packs
- Leaves in, editorially

DOWN

- Mil. addresses
- Tear apart
- Baker's need
- Humorist Sahl
- 2004 Olympics site
- Burp noisily
- Equal to the task
- Jungle crusher
- Raggedy doll
- Cincinnati nine
- Nebraska city
- Aviator ___ Post
- Shock jock Howard
- Division word
- "2001: A Space Odyssey" star Keir
- He slugged 755 homers
- "To Sir With Love" songstress
- Napoleon exile isle
- Penthouse feature
- Suffix with major
- Not the same-old-same-old
- Tab picker-upper
- Eventually become
- Outer border
- Gulf leader
- Ranges of knowledge
- Egg hunt time
- Bow-toting god
- Dissenting vote
- "Blonde bombshell" Diana
- Parrot perches
- Plain Jane
- Oscar winner Zellweger
- Taxpayer's nightmare
- Tour leader
- Blood fluids
- Mr. Kristofferson
- 3-handed card game
- Suffix with million
- Sunset direction
- Sale condition
- D.C. lobbying gp.
- Actress Gardner

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