

# Cowboys end season second in regional

The Cowboys baseball team ended its first season Wednesday, losing to Ulysses 6-4 in the championship game of the regional tournament in Pratt after two playoff victories.

Except for one horrible inning, the Goodland High boys might have found themselves playing in the state class 4A tournament in the team's first year.

Instead, the Cowboys ended their season with a 5-15 record and second place in the regional.

Goodland jumped out to a 4-0 in the top of the first, forcing Ulysses to an early pitching change.

The Tigers came back to make it 4-2 in the bottom of the second, then both teams's defense dominated until the bottom of the sixth.

There the Tigers took advantage of several Goodland errors, scoring four runs and taking a 6-4 lead.

In the top of the seventh, junior Derek Fenner got to first on a hit that took a bad bounce, preventing Ulysses from making the play.

However, junior Wyatt Dautel then hit into a double play and senior Jake Alander flied out to the left-fielder to end the game.

The Cowboys went into the regional tournament with a 3-14 record and faced the top-seeded Colby Eagles in the first round Monday at Young Memorial Field in Colby.

The Eagles had already beaten Goodland three times during the season.

Neither team scored in the first two innings.

The Cowboys took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Dautel took advantage on an error by the Colby right fielder.

Dautel had led off the inning with a single, then was able to steal second and third before giving Goodland the lead.

Colby responded with two runs in the bottom of the third to take a 2-1 lead. Neither team scored in the fourth.

The Cowboys scored two runs, one by Alander and the other by sophomore Tyler Hillmer, in the top of the fifth, retaking the lead 3-2.

Goodland added another run in the sixth when Alander hit a single to drive in sophomore Andrew Pettibone.

Neither team scored in the seventh, making the final score 4-2.

Junior pitcher Brandon Zelfer got the win, throwing a complete game, striking out eight and walking just two.

The win snapped a 14-game losing streak for the Cowboys.

Two days later in Pratt, Goodland faced the Beavers of Scott City in the second round.

Scott City had swept a doubleheader from Goodland on May 9 in the teams' only other meeting this season.

This time, the Cowboys led 6-2



going into the bottom of the seventh when the Beavers mounted a comeback.

However, after a run made it 6-3, relief pitcher Brock Lohr was

able to shut down the Beavers' scoring threat with the help of the Cowboys' defense and secure the win.


The Cowboys ended the regu-

## Cowboys make plays

Goodland pitcher Brock Lohr tossed the ball to Andrew Pettibone in an attempt to catch a runner off of first. The Cowboys won the regional game in Colby on Monday, sending them on to a playoff in Pratt. Brandon Zelfer (left) hit a line drive later in the same game.

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