

# American Legion starts baseball season

## Team plans first game this Sunday

The Goodland American Legion baseball team leads off its season on Sunday with a home doubleheader against Scott City.

First pitch will be at 2 p.m. at Goodland's Memorial Field, next to Centennial Park.

John Dautel is back for his third season managing the team.

"This year's team is going to be pretty solid defensively," he said, "and looks to be a lot stronger on offense."

"Our weak area will still be pitching."

Dautel has 18 players on this year's roster, including 10 back from last season's team.

"Returning players such as Jared Doke, Jake Alander, Wyatt Dautel and Derek Fenner will be expected to step up and bring the rest of the team along," Dautel said.

Also back from last year's team are Tyler Hillmer, Tadd Taylor, Andrew Pettibone, Kelly Lewallen, Josh Doke and Randy Young.

Six of the returning players — Alander, Fenner, Dautel, Hillmer, Pettibone and Josh Doke — played for the Goodland High Cowboys, who went 5-15 in their first season of high school baseball.

Three other players from the Cowboys' roster on this year's legion team are Tanner Smith, Preston Dautel and Tom Terry.

Also on the Legion roster are Brock Whitmore, Jake Johnson, Taylor Frazier, T.J. Freeman and Joel Weiss.

Whitmore is one of nine players on the team who played for the Goodland Outlaws last summer.

The team began practice last week and will be at it again at 6 p.m. tonight at Memorial Field.

"I would like to have everybody come out and support us," said Coach Dautel, "and see what a good program we have going and the improvement we are making on the field."

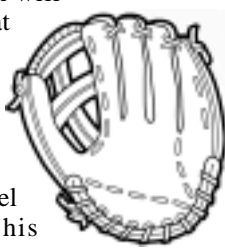
"Hopefully, by the Levi Hayden Tournament (June 24-26), we will have awnings over the bleachers."

Goodland will have a busy eight days to start the season.

On Tuesday, the team will play home games against Colby and Burlington.

The boys travel to Ellis on Thursday for a doubleheader.

Next Sunday, Gove County visits Goodland for a doubleheader.



## New team practices

Jake Alander (right) pitched a couple of innings during practice Wednesday at Memorial Field. Jake Johnson (left) fielded a grounder during a "gloveless" drill. Randy Young (above) got in some batting practice as Jared Doke did the catching chores and coach John Dautel umpired.

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## Summer sports schedules

**Girls Rookie** Tuesday, KC Video vs. Gambino's, 5:45 p.m.; Gambino's vs. Snappy Snack, 7 p.m.; Snappy Snack vs. Pi Eta, 8:15 p.m.

**Boys Rookie** Monday, Marshal's vs. Just Ponds, 5:45 p.m.; Richardson Construction vs. Crazy R's, 7 p.m.; Seamhead Sports vs. Crazy R's, 8:15 p.m.

**Girls Major** Monday, KKCI, KLOE, KWGB vs. Elks, 5:30 p.m.; KKCI, KLOE, KWGB vs. Yost Farm Supply, 7:30 p.m.

**Boys Major** Monday, Fontanelle Hybrids vs. Unruh Family Chiropractic, 5:30 p.m.; Wallace County vs. American Family Insurance, 7:30 p.m.

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## Cowboys fall at state

The Goodland High Cowboys sent two players to the state Class 4A tennis tournament last Friday in Wichita, but both had a tough time, losing all four matches.

Sophomore Josh Cech entered the double-elimination tournament with a 31-5 record after winning the regional tournament May 21 in Wichita.

In his first match, Cech lost to Scott Kramer of Marysville 5-7, 0-6. In the bottom bracket, Cech faced Van Winter of Collegiate High in

Wichita, losing 9-6.

Senior Juan Velasco went into the tournament with an 11-9 record after finishing fourth at the regionals.

He faced Sean McManus of Hayden High in Topeka, who won the state championship in 2003, in his first match, losing 6-1, 6-0. In his second match, Velasco took on Joe Carroll of Central High in Andover, losing 3-9.

The Wildcats of Hayden won the team championship with Collegiate as runner-up.

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## Sports television schedule

### SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 22/56 ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 7 — Teams TBA. From Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)  
10:30 54/57 ESPN2 SportsCenter From Paris. (Live) (CC)  
11:00 7/11 CBS Champ Car World Series Racing Time Warner Cable Road Runner 225. From the Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, Wis. (Live) (CC)  
13/7 FOX MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live)  
40/38 FX NASCAR Pre-Race (Live)  
11:30 40/38 FX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — MBNA America 200. From Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del. (Live)

### AFTERNOON

12:00 54/57 ESPN2 LPGA Golf Shoprite Classic — Second Round. From Galloway, N.J. (Live) (CC)  
12:30 22/56 ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 8 — Teams TBA. From Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)  
1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Conference Championship — Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)  
7/11 CBS PGA Golf Memorial Tournament — Third Round. From Muirfield Village Golf Club in Columbus, Ohio. (Live) (CC)  
2:00 4/6 ABC WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Sacramento Monarchs. From ARCO Arena in Sacramento, Calif. (Live) (CC)  
40/38 FX NASCAR Nextel Cup Happy Hour (Live)  
54/57 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Club Deportivo Chivas USA at Chicago Fire. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Live) (CC)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)  
5:00 22/56 ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 9 — Teams TBA. From

Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)  
5:30 30/55 FXSP Pregame Report (Live)  
54/57 ESPN2 Soccer 2006 World Cup Qualifier — Costa Rica vs. United States. From Salt Lake City. (Live) (CC)

### SUNDAY MORNING

10:30 22/56 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)  
40/38 FX NASCAR Pre-Race (Live)  
11:00 22/56 ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 11 — Teams TBA. From Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)  
11:30 40/38 FX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series — MBNA NASCAR RacePoints 400. From Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del. (Live)

### AFTERNOON

12:00 7/11 CBS PGA Golf Memorial Tournament — Final Round. From Muirfield Village Golf Club in Columbus, Ohio. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 SportsCenter From Paris. (Live) (CC)  
1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Conference Championship — Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 LPGA Golf Shoprite Classic — Final Round. From Galloway, N.J. (Live) (CC)  
99/36 WGN MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live) (CC)  
1:30 22/56 ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 12 — Teams TBA. From Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)  
5:00 22/56 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament Game 13 — Teams TBA. If necessary. From Oklahoma City. (Live) (CC)