



Senior Brandon Zelfer (left) hit the Cowboys' first home run of the season in the top of the sixth inning of Goodland's second game Monday in Burlington against the Cougars. Senior Wyatt Dautel took the mound in relief in the bottom of the fifth of the opening game but the Cougars prevailed 12-2 in six innings. The Cowboys won the nightcap 9-3.

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# Cowboys splits doubleheader in opener

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The Cowboys opened their baseball season Monday in Burlington by splitting a doubleheader against the Cougars, dropping the first game 12-2 in six innings then coming back to win the nightcap 9-3.

In the opener, Goodland scored a pair of runs in the top of the first and held a 2-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth, when Burlington picked up four runs on four hits.

The Cowboys went "three-and-out" in the top of the fifth, then the Cougars added two more runs before Goodland made a pitching change, sending senior Wyatt Dautel to the mound. The next batter hit a grounder for the third out ending the inning with Burlington leading 6-2.

Goodland again went "three-and-

out" in the top of the sixth and Burlington took its turn at bat. The Cougars went on to score six runs on four hits, a walk, and two batters hit by a pitch making the score 12-2 and ending the game on the 10-run rule.

"You could tell it was our first game of the year and that we hadn't been outside for a while," said Coach Steve Jimenez. "Our defense was solid but our timing wasn't there at the plate and Brandon Zelfer looked out of sync on the mound. We also didn't react very well in pressure situations."

In the second game, the Cowboys started the scoring with a double by junior Tyler Hillmer, who sent the ball to the fence in left center. That drove in senior Brett Lalicker, who was walked to open the game. After that, Burlington's pitcher settled

down and struck out three of the next four batters.

Sophomore Andrew Pettibone took the mound for Goodland, facing just four batters and giving up just one hit, and the Cowboys led 1-0 after an inning.

The Cougar defense held Goodland scoreless in the top of the second. Burlington got a couple of hits to score a run, tying the game at the end of two.

In the top of the third, the Cowboys' first three batters got on, loading the bases with no outs. Senior Brandon Zelfer hit into a fielder's choice with the runner forced out at home, but a throw to first went wild, allowing Hillmer to run home.

Senior Derek Fenner came up next, hitting a single to right field to drive home Pettibone for Goodland's third run and sending Zelfer

to third. A wild pitch a short time later allowed him to score, giving Goodland a 4-1 lead going into the bottom of the inning.

The Cowboys held the Cougars scoreless in the third, then scored three more runs in the top of the fourth for a 7-1 lead. Burlington picked up a run in the bottom of the inning to make it 7-2 heading into the fifth.

Both teams sent four batters to the plate in the fifth but neither scored.

In the top of the sixth, with two outs and no one on, Zelfer hit the Cowboys' first home run over the left field fence to make it 8-2. The next batter popped out to the shortstop for the third out.

After Pettibone walked a pair of Cougars, senior Brandon Hatfield took the mound with the bases loaded and just one out. Burlington

scored on a fielder's choice but also picked up its second out. The next batter was thrown out at first, ending the inning with the score 8-3.

With one out in the top of the seventh, senior Jase Herl went to the plate and sent the fourth pitch over the fence at left center field, giving Goodland a 9-3 lead. The Cougars got two of the next three batters out to retire the side.

After Hatfield struck out two and walked two, the fifth Burlington batter grounded out to the shortstop, sealing the Cowboys' first win.

"We looked much more comfortable in the second game," said Jimenez. "Derek had the best all around game of his career offensively and behind the plate, and we were again good on defense."

"I was happy with the way the kids bounced back after our first

game. We need to continue to focus on improving every game."

Pettibone earned his first win of the season working more than five innings of the second game. Zelfer picked up the loss in the first.

The Cowboys are 1-1 while Burlington goes to 4-2 for the season.

Goodland's home opener starts at 3 p.m. today at Memorial Field in Centennial Park with a doubleheader against the Buffaloes of Garden City.

"Garden City will be a big challenge for us, especially with a couple of key players being gone," Coach Jimenez said. "It will be a tough test this early in the season."

Fenner and Pettibone will be participating in this weekend's Science Olympiad at Wichita State University.

# Brewster starting boys all make all-league team

The entire starting lineup of the Brewster High School boys basketball team made this year's All-Western Kansas Liberty League team.

Five Bulldogs were among the 15 players named to the all-league team, led by seniors Jonathan Collett, Kyle O'Connor and Karman Selby.

O'Connor made the all-league team last year while Collett got honorable mention.

Brewster's Jance McKee was one of only two sophomores to make the team, and teammate Jeff Reid the only freshman.

The Bulldogs ended their season 26-2 and finished third at the Class 1A state tournament earlier this

month at Fort Hays State University.

Wallace County High of Sharon Springs had two players on the team and an honorable mention.

Senior Kyle Elder made it for the second straight year and his younger brother Taylor, a sophomore, made the team for the first time. Sophomore Jeff Hennick got honorable mention.

The Wildcats went 15-9, losing to Greeley County High of Tribune in the semifinals of the substate tournament in Russell.

Greeley County had three players make the team: seniors Chase Schneider and Henry Sloan, and junior Brett Crittenden. All three made the team for the Jackrabbits

last year. Greeley County finished the season 19-6, losing to Claflin in the substate finals.

Senior Weskan Coyotes Laken Steele and Jason Young made this year's team, as did senior Matt Norby of Healy. Junior Marty Lager of Grinnell made the team for the second straight year. Junior Shayne Schuster of Wheatland High of Grainfield rounds out the roster.

Others earning honorable mention this year were senior Kaler Bretz of Triplains High of Winona; junior Corey Kincaid of Wheatland; sophomore Lincoln Pochop of Cheylin High of Bird City; and freshman Chase Waldman of Grinnell.

## Monday Afternoon Ladies League

March 27

Callahan's tied Wheatridge Farms, Ltd. 2-2

Lonny's Quality Auto Body over Ginn Masonry 4-0

Medical Arts Pharmacy over Bowladium Lanes 3-1

Alcorn/Shelter Insurance over Clawson

Electric 3-1

High Individual Game: Nancy Kear 222

High Individual Series: Nancy Kear 523

High Team Game:

Medical Arts Pharmacy 642

High Team Series:

Lonny's Quality Auto Body 1,775

## Team Standings

No. 1 Lonny's Quality Auto Body 31 - 13

No. 2 Medical Arts Pharmacy 30.5 - 13.5

No. 3 Callahan's 28 - 16

Wednesday Night Scratch Classic League

March 29

Steve's Body Shop over Weber Kennels 17.5-2.5

Phil's Pro Shop over Floyd's Refrig. & AC 12-8

Fitzgibbon's, Inc. over T-Bone Feeders 15-5

Bowladium Lanes over Sigco 13-7

High Individual Game: Sam Zelfer 235

High Individual Series: Jerry Amthor 875

High Team Game: Bowladium Lanes 579

High Team Series: Bowladium Lanes 2,193

## League Standings:

Steve's Body Shop 80.5 - 19.5

Phil's Pro Shop 56 - 44

Bowladium Lanes 55.5 - 44.5

Floyd's Refrig. & AC 52 - 48

Weber Kennels 47.5 - 52.5

Fitzgibbons, Inc. 46 - 54

Sigco 39.5 - 60.5

T-Bone Feeders 23 - 77

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