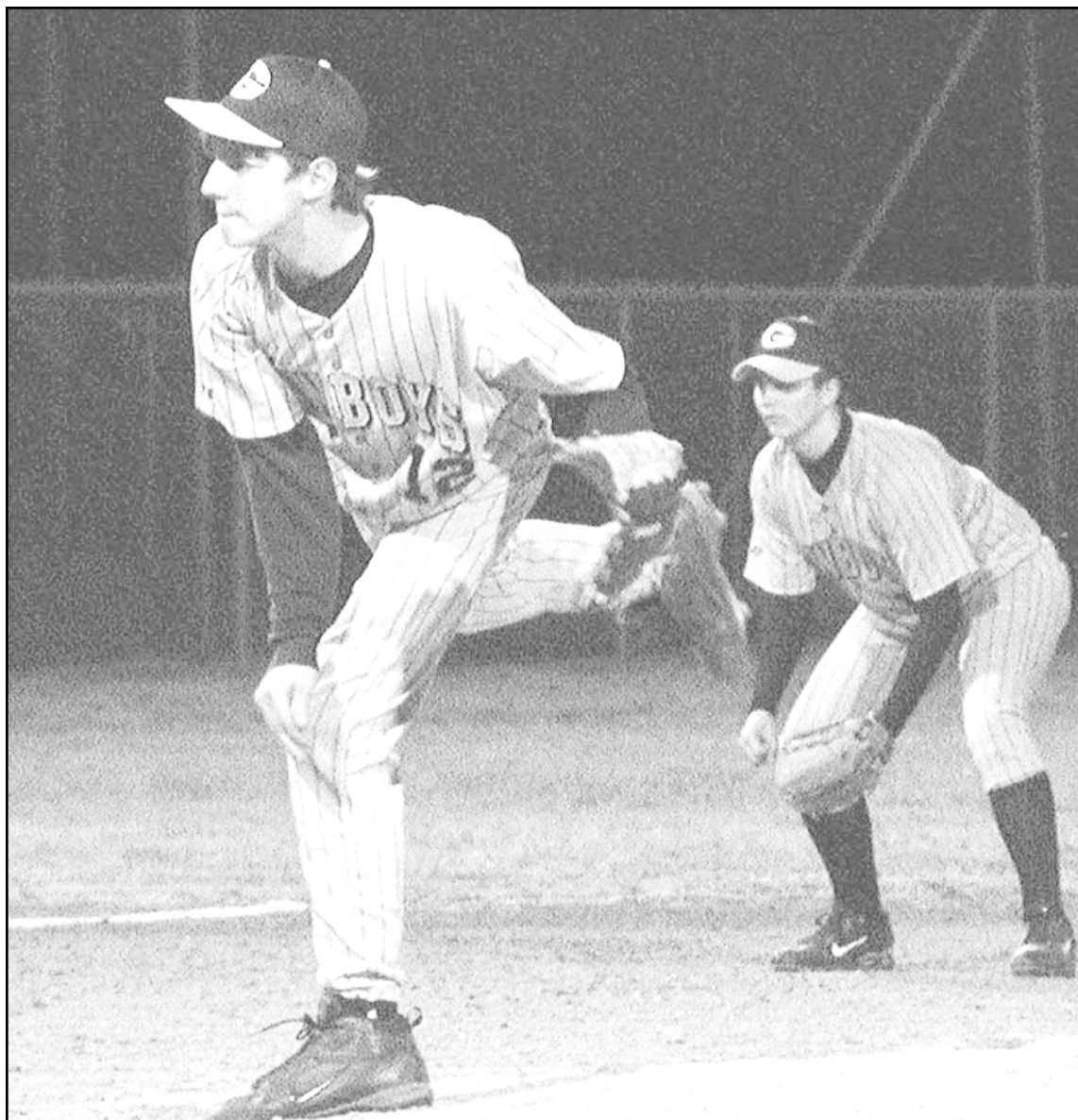




Coach Steve Jimenez (above) took a time out to talk with some of his players during the second game of the Cowboys' home doubleheader Friday against Garden City. Sophomore Preston Dautel took the mound in the fourth inning and closed out the game. The Buffaloes swept Goodland 10-0 in six innings, and 15-0 in five.

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Buffaloes stomp Cowboys in double-header

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News
The Cowboys got trampled by Buffaloes in their home opener Friday, losing both games of a double-header against Garden City 10-0 and 15-0.

Both games were called because of the 10-run rule, the first in six innings and the second in five.

"Garden City is a good team," said Cowboys coach Steve Jimenez, "but we probably wouldn't beat anyone on our schedule playing the way we did. It showed us how much work we have to do, but it's early in the season and I still

think we can be a good team.

"I could tell the kids were upset with our performance, which is a good sign."

In the first game, the Buffaloes took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Goodland senior Brandon Zelfer began the bottom of the inning with a double to right center field, then was able to get to third on passed ball. Then Garden City pitcher Dustin Lamb got three straight strikeouts to end the inning.

In the top of the third, the Buffaloes were able to load the bases with just one out, after which Lamb hit a

single up the middle, driving in two runs to make it 3-0. The next batter hit the ball to center field, and with the help of a fielding error, Garden City scored two more runs for a 5-0 lead with a runner on third. That runner scored on a sacrifice fly off the next pitch, making it 6-0.

Goodland went three-and-out in the bottom of the third, and neither team scored in the fourth.

Garden City added a run in the top of the fifth and picked up three more in the top of the sixth for a 10-0 lead. Junior Tyler Hillmer led off the bottom of the inning with a single to left field that got past the shortstop.

Next senior Wyatt Dautel fouled out to the first baseman.

Zelfer came up next hitting a single through the gap between the shortstop and third, advancing Hillmer to second. However, senior Jase Herl hit into a double play to end the game.

Lamb earned the win striking out seven of the 14 Cowboys he faced in his four innings on the mound without giving up a walk. Chase Carlin pitched the final two innings for the Buffaloes. Garden City's defense completed two double plays.

Goodland senior Brandon

Hatfield got the loss in his first decision of the season.

In the second game, Garden City sent nine batters to the plate in the top of the first, getting six runs on four hits, a walk, and a batter hit by a pitch.

Goodland was held to one hit, a double by Dautel, and a walk in the bottom of the inning.

Neither team scored in the second or third innings. The Buffalo offense exploded in the top of the fourth with nine runs on eight hits and a pair of walks. Goodland went three and out in the bottom of the inning. Neither team scored in the

fifth, making the final 15-0.

Ryan Stimatze got the win, getting seven strikeouts in three innings of work. Dautel struck out four in picking up the loss.

The Cowboys were 1-3 heading into Monday's road trip to Syracuse. The team returns to home action at 3 p.m. Friday for a double-header against the Colby Eagles at Memorial Field.

"We beat Syracuse twice last year, but they were young and have some guys returning for this season," Jimenez said. "We'll have to play much better than we did Friday if we want to get two wins."

Goodland graduate runs for Trojans in relays at Hays

The Colby Community College track and field team opened its outdoor season Saturday at the Alex Francis Relays in Hays.

Former Cowboys runner Espirion Aguilar, a middle-distance runner for the Trojans, finished ninth in the 1,500-meter run in 4 minutes 23.93 seconds and 10th in the 800-meter run in 2:08.19.

Aguilar, a 2004 graduate of Goodland High, ran cross country at Hutchinson Community College before transferring to Colby this year.

Colby native Zach Brown, a senior sprinter for Fort Hays State University, was a double champion for the Tigers on Saturday, winning the 100-meter dash in 10.51 seconds and the 200 meters in 21.08.

Oakley's Katie Kersenbrock, a sophomore at Fort Hays State, won the 800-meter run in 2:26.48. Her

teammate, junior Joy Zumbahlen of Bird City, finished seventh in 2:55.66.

Tiger sophomore Jered Sloan, a graduate of Norton Community High, won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.67 seconds. Sloan also placed third in the high jump, clearing 6 feet 4.25 inches, and as eighth in the long jump at 19 feet, 11.75

inches.

Other Lady Tigers from northwest Kansas competing Saturday were Amanda Poore of Bird City, Abby Ream of Oberlin and Samantha Juenemann of Rexford.

Poore, a junior, placed second in the high jump, clearing 5 feet 7.25 inches. Ream, a sophomore, placed third in the pole vault, clearing 10

feet, while Juenemann, a freshman, was fifth at 9 feet 6.25 inches. Ream also placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 107 feet, 2 inches.

Bird City's Sara Moore, a sophomore at Colby, finished eighth in the discus at 120 feet, 1 inch; ninth in the shot put at 34 feet, 8.35 inches and was 14th in hammer throw at 101 feet, 10 inches.

Freshman Megan Unruh, a graduate of Weskan High, competed in the pole vault for the Lady Trojans, finishing in a tie for seventh at 8 feet, one-half inch. Teammate, freshman Lauren Kaiser, a Colby High graduate, was seventh in the 200-meter dash in 27.43 seconds.

The University of Nebraska at

Kearny won the women's team title with 222 points, with the Lady Tigers finishing second with 194. Colby was fourth with 28.

The Tiger men won their competition with 221 points. The Lopers of Nebraska-Kearney were a close second with 217. Colby was third, scoring 39 points.

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School calendar for April 4 - April 11

Wednesday - "Gold Day"; Bank Day at Elementary Schools; NWKL Art Show - Oberlin; NWKL Meetings; PDC Meeting 3:45; 6 p.m. Thornberg Basketball practice at HS Gym;

Thursday - "Black Day"; NWKL Art Show - Oberlin; JV-V SB @ Scott City 3 pm

Friday - "Gold Day"; JV-V SB @ Colby 3 pm; V Baseball (H) Colby 3 pm; Track @ Norton 2 pm; V Golf @ Norton 8 am

Saturday - Touchstone Electric Car Race @ KSU-Salina; 8:30 Varsity Golf - Oberlin Invitational Tournament.

Sunday - FCCLA State Leadership Showcase - Wichita

Monday - FCCLA State Leadership Showcase - Wichita; 9-10 Track (H) 3:45 pm; JH Track @ Oakley Invitational 9 am; 7:00 pm Board of Education

Tuesday - "Gold Day"; FCCLA State Leadership Showcase - Wichita; V Golf (H) 1 pm; V Tennis @ Larned 12 pm; West Site Council Meeting - 4 pm; 6th Grade Music/Band Concert @ HS Auditorium 7:00 pm. V Baseball @ Ulysses 3 pm.

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