



Sophomore Andrea Wolak (above) caught a piece of the ball in the bottom of the fourth inning Monday against Pratt at Centennial Park. Freshman Danielle Pettibone (right) pitched the first four innings to earn the win, striking out four Lady Greenbacks, as the Cowgirls won 3-2.

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# Cowgirl softball team ends season at regional

The Cowgirls softball team ended its season Wednesday after losing to Colby 3-0 in the semifinals of the Class 4A regional tournament in Ulysses.

Stubborn defense by the Lady Eagles, highlighted by a pair of double plays, and a strong pitching performance by Sarah Redmond got Colby its third win in five games this season against Goodland. The teams split a double-header in Colby on April 13 and split again eight days later in Goodland.

The Cowgirls started Wednesday's game by going "three up, three down" in the top of the first inning. Logan Wark led off the bottom of the inning with a single into right field.

A Goodland throwing error on the next play put Eagles runners on first and third with no outs. Lauren Cox hit an infield grounder, driving in Wark and sending the other runner to third. Cox beat the throw to first and Colby again had runners at first and third with no outs.

After the next batter grounded out to the shortstop, Cierra Rous hit a dribbler towards shortstop, driving in a run to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead. Goodland junior Nicole David got her first strikeout for the second out and on the next pitch, the batter fouled out to the catcher to end the inning.

Redmond struck out the Cowgirls' first batter in the top of the second, then senior Melissa Swager hit a grounder that got past the second baseman for a single. Junior Lindsay Schields hit the ball over the second baseman's head for another single, sending Swager to second.

Junior Amber Cowan hit a sacrifice bunt, advancing both runners, but Redmond struck the next batter out to strand two runners and keep Goodland off the scoreboard.

In the bottom of the second, Colby's first batter popped out to shortstop, after which David gave

up her only walk of the game. However, senior catcher Chelsea Gray, playing heads-up defense, threw to first on the next pitch, picking off the runner for the second out. The batter then hit a fly ball to center which was caught by senior Justeen Koehler for the third.

The Eagles got Goodland's first two batters out in the top of the third and, after freshman Erika Gonzales got on with a single, Redmond struck out the next batter to retire the side. The bottom of the third went even faster, as the Cowgirls needed just five pitches to inflict a "three and out" on Colby.

Junior Whitney Archer led off the fourth inning with a single to center field, but after Swager struck out, Gray hit into a double play which sent the Cowgirls back out on defense.

Colby did not fare much better in the fourth, as the Eagles' first two batters made outs. Although Leah Cox was able to get to second on a Goodland fielding error, the next Colby batter grounded out to short to end the inning with the Eagles still leading 2-0.

The fifth inning saw just three batters take the plate for each team. The Cowgirls went "three and out" and although the Eagles managed to get their first batter on base, Goodland came up with a double play on the next pitch. The third Colby batter grounded out.

Goodland went "three up, three down" in the top of the sixth. Lauren Cox started the bottom of the inning with a stand-up double to left center field. Ashley Barnes followed that with a hit to center, driving in Cox. The Cowgirls managed to get three of the next four batters out without giving up any more runs, but the Eagles now had a three-run lead going into the seventh inning.

In the top of the seventh, Redmond struck out Archer for the first out. Swager got on with a single, but two pitches later Schields hit the ball to second base where Barnes

was able to field it, make the tag and throw to first for the double play.

Colby went on to face Thomas More Prep-Marian in the regional championships. Both teams went scoreless for the first three innings then the Monarchs took a 1-0 lead over the Eagles in the fourth. Thomas More Prep-Marian added three more runs in the fifth going on to win 4-0.

The Monarchs, who defeated Larned 8-0 earlier in the other semifinal, advance to the state tournament which starts next Friday at the Burke Sports Complex in Salina.

Goodland made it to Wednesday's semifinals by defeating the Lady Greenbacks of Pratt High 3-2 Monday at Centennial Park in Goodland.

After a scoreless first inning, the Cowgirls fell behind 1-0 in the second, with Pratt taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the third. In the bottom of the third, Archer hit a double with the bases loaded, driving in senior Janelle Wolak and Gray to tie the score at 2.

Swager next hit a fly ball to center which allowed Gonzales to tag up and score from third base for what turned out to be the winning run. Neither team scored during the rest of the game.

Goodland ended the year 14-8 under first-year coach Tess Smith. For five seniors, Wednesday's game was their last in a Cowgirl uniform: Swager, Gray, Koehler, Wolak and Jordan Frazier will graduate Saturday.

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## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

| Saturday   | Sunday  |
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| 9 a.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.   | 11 a.m. ABC IRL Racing Indianapolis 500 time trials                                 |
| 10 a.m. ESPN CITGO Racing to the Kentucky Derby Today at The Preakness from Baltimore      | CBS Auto Racing American Le Mans in Lexington, Ohio                                 |
| ESPN2 Women's College Softball NCAA Regionals Game #3                                      | 12 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox from U.S. Cellular Field |
| 11 a.m. FOX MLB Baseball Teams TBA   | 1 p.m. CBS Golf The Colonial  |
| 12 p.m. ESPN CITGO Racing to the Kentucky Derby  | ESPN2 LPGA Tournament Sybase Classic: Final Round from New Rochelle, N.Y.           |
| ESPN2 LPGA Tournament Sybase Classic: Third Round from New Rochelle, N.Y.                  | NBC Arena Football Wild-card game   |
| NBC Stanley Cup Playoff A conference final   | 2 p.m. ESPN Track & Field Addidas Track Classic from Carson, Calif.                 |
| 1 p.m. CBS Golf The Colonial   | 2:30 p.m. IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Arizona Diamondbacks from Chase Field  |
| 2 p.m. ABC WNBA Basketball Phoenix at Sacramento   | 3 p.m. ESPN2 Indy Racing League Indy 500 Time Trials: Bump Day from Indianapolis    |
| ESPN2 MLS Soccer Chicago Fire at Houston Dynamo from Robertson Stadium                     | 4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  |
| 2:30 p.m. FOX Volleyball AVP Santa Barbara Open  | 6 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets from Shea Stadium        |
| 3 p.m. ESPN Indy Racing League Indy 500 Qualifying   | 9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  |
| NBC Preakness Stakes From Pimlico Race Course  | Morning   |
| 4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.   | 8 a.m. ESPN2 Cold Pizza from New York   |
| ESPN2 Women's College Softball NCAA Regionals Game #6                                      | <b>Monday</b>   |
| 5 p.m. ESPN Indy Racing League Indy 500 Qualifying   | 3:30 p.m. ESPN2 SportsCenter At the Indianapolis 500 from Indianapolis              |
| 5:30 p.m. FX NASCAR Nextel Cup NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge from Lowe's Motor Speedway | 4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  |
| 6 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Softball NCAA Regionals Game #7 (If Necessary)                | 5 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox from Fenway Park        |
| FXSP MLB Baseball Blue Jays at Rockies   | 6 p.m. TNT NBA Basketball Playoffs - Teams TBA                                      |
| 7:30 p.m. IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Arizona Diamondbacks from Chase Field         | 8 p.m. FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Dodgers   |
| 8:30 p.m. HBO World Championship Boxing Barrera vs. Juárez; Barrios vs. Nagy               | 9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  |
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