

Roughriders begin regional play today

The Goodland Roughriders traveling baseball team is in Hill City to begin the regional tournament that ends on Saturday.

Coach Steve Jimenez said Monday he did not know who the team would face. He said the Goodland A team finished with a record of 4-2 and the B team's season record was 7-2.

Jimenez said the teams traveled to Colby on Friday, losing 5-1 and 10-9.

"In the A game, we couldn't get anything going offensively," Jimenez said. "The Colby pitcher did a great job of throwing strikes and keeping us off balance. Dallas DeLaRosa pitched well for us and kept us in the game, but we couldn't put together any hits.

"In the B game, we took an 8-5 lead into the fourth but couldn't hold on. Colby scored two runs with two outs in the fifth to beat us.

"They were two tough losses, but I think we learn from them. We can get more out of tough games like this than we can out of beating teams 15-0."

On June 30, the Roughriders played Colby at home. The A team won 6-5, but the B team lost 5-4.

Jimenez said the A team win came on a hit by Garth Helton with two outs in the fifth. Reed Bellamy hit a two-run home run in the first inning, and Michael Pettibone got the win as the pitcher.

"Our B team lost 5-4 in another close game," Jimenez said. "We had



Roughrider Reed Bellamy touched home plate and received the congratulations from his teammates for a two-run home run in the first inning against Colby on June 30.

a chance to tie it in the fifth, but Connor Gray was thrown out on a close play at the plate.

"Overall I'm proud of the way the kids have progressed and of what they've learned since the first day

of practice. I am confident we'll do well in the upcoming tournament.

"If they all stick together and stick with the game, we'll have some great players and great teams in the future."



Pitcher Michael Pettibone threw to Dallas DeLaRosa at first to try to pick off a Colby runner during the game on June 30. Pettibone pitched the whole game, and the Goodland Roughriders won 6-5. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Elks K-18 falls to Colby 9-1

The hitting and scoring dried up for the Goodland Elks K-18 baseball team Thursday as they traveled to Colby and lost 9-1 to a tough Colby No. 1 team.

Monday, the Goodland team was in Oberlin for a rematch, and a chance to notch another win. Thursday, the Colby No. 2 team will be at Memorial Field for a rematch, and Monday, Goodland it host to Colby No. 1 in the final game of the regular season.

Thursday, Colby out hit Goodland 14 to 2 as the Elks went down in order in five of the seven innings.

The one Goodland run came in the third. Colby pitcher Levi Schlick struck out Adam Duell and Michael Pettibone, then walked Dillon Trachsel. Vance Johnson

got a single to move Trachsel into scoring position, and Trachsel advanced to third on a passed ball.

Schlick walked Goodland's Cameron Morris to load the bases, and Trachsel scored when Schlick hit Brandon Rome. Schlick then ended the inning by striking out Keagen Smith.

Goodland's only other scoring threat was in the sixth, when Colby brought Tanner Kriss in to pitch. Rome got a walk with one out and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Smith. Rome then stole third, but Kriss struck out Kevin Amthor to end the threat.

For Goodland, Morris gave up a lead-off triple to Colby's Cade Carter, who scored on Eric Blanton's bunt single for a

1-0 lead.

Blanton scored to make it 2-0 on hits by Stephen Dinkel and Schlick. Morris got Brent Arnberger to fly out, struck out Kriss and a fielder's choice on B. Rasmussen to get out of the inning.

In the third, Schlick got a leadoff single and stole second. He scored on a single by Arnberger. Arnberger and Kriss each scored to give Colby a 5-1 lead.

Dinkel and Schlick scored in the fifth to make it 7-1, and another run by Schlick and Cory Sager made the final score 9-1.

Goodland had three errors to two for Colby.

The loss gives the K-18 team an 8-2 record, ending the winning streak at eight games.

Legion wins two over Wray

The Goodland American Legion baseball team won two close games against Wray this weekend.

In the first game, Goodland trailed Wray, 1-2, into the sixth inning. Wyatt Dautel was hit by a pitch, stole second and third and scored on an overthrow to tie the game at 2-2.

In the top of the seventh, Randy Young led with a double and scored on a bunt by Torrie Elders. That gave Goodland the lead, 3-2. The team held Wray scoreless to the bottom of the seventh.

Dautel pitched the entire game for the victory.

The team's confidence was up and in the second game against Wray, and they played great defense.

Preston Dautel did a great job pitching, walking no batters and throwing a complete game for a 5-3 victory.

"This weekend, the kids played really well," said Coach John Dautel. "They scored runs on great sacrifices."

The last game of the regular season will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Colby.

The zone tournament will start on Sunday at Osborne. Times will be announced later.

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