



Keegan Smith (above) hit the ball in the second inning but was out at first base. Cameron Morris (right photo) pitched the losing game for the Goodland Elks K-18 team.



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K-18 team begins at regional tourney

The Goodland Elks K-18 baseball team opens regional play in Russell at 6 p.m. tonight against Russell.

Goodland goes into the tournament as the second seed after losing to Colby 10-0 on Monday at Memorial Field in the last game of the regular season.

Colby faces Norton in the first round of the tournament at 8 p.m. The other teams in the regional are Quinter, Hays, Phillipsburg and Ellis.

Scorekeeper Traci Waugh said the season is over if Goodland loses tonight. If they win, the next game would be at 6 or 8 p.m. on Saturday, against one of the winners from the first round.

The championship games would be at 6 or 8 p.m. on Sunday. The top three teams will move on to the state tournament Friday through Sunday, July 28-Aug. 1, at Lucas.

Monday, the team lost to the Colby No. 1 team 10-0 in a game called in the fifth inning.

Cameron Morris pitched for Goodland, and set Colby down in order in the top of the first inning. In the second, he got the first batter to pop out. He walked the next bat-

ter and gave up singles to the next two. Morris struck out Colby's Thomas Wieland for the second out, but gave up two more singles before Colby's Eric Blanton flied out, giving Colby a 4-0 lead.

Goodland had eight errors in the third and Colby took advantage, extending the lead to 9-0. Two more errors and a triple by Stephen Dinkel gave Colby the 10-0 lead in the fourth.

Goodland could only get one hit off of Colby's Dinkel, who struck out eight of the batters he faced. Dinkel gave up one walk in the third and one in the fourth, but Goodland was unable to get any runner in.

Goodland's Rory Kling got the hit, a single in the second.

Keegan Smith, Goodland catcher, got himself into scoring position by stealing second in the fourth, but was stranded. Vance Johnson got to first on a Colby error in the fifth with two outs, but Kevin Amthor popped out to end the threat and the game.

The Goodland team has a 9-4 record, with two of those losses to the Colby No. 1 team. One loss was to Quinter, the first game of the season.

Roughriders play in Salina tourney

The Goodland Roughriders 12-and-under A team defeated Colby 10-7 to win the upper division of the regional tournament in Hill City on Saturday.

It took two games against Colby to decide the champion, said Coach Steve Jimenez.

"We started the tournament on Tuesday with an 18-1 win over Norton," Jimenez said. "Next we played Hoxie, which defeated Colby 9-4."

"We beat Hoxie 13-4 to advance to the championship round."

Colby defeated Hoxie to advance, and had to beat Goodland twice because it was a double elimination tournament.

"Colby beat us 10-4 in the first game, but we came back to defeat them in the final 10-7."

Jimenez said the Roughriders B team finished third in the lower division. The team lost a close one to Norton, 6-4, in the opening round. Goodland came back to eliminate Colby's B team 13-5. Then Goodland lost a heartbreaker to Norton 8-7 in eight innings, Jimenez said.

"I was proud of the way both teams played," he said.

The Roughriders will play Saturday in the Salina Area Youth Sports Initiative tournament, Jimenez said.

Goodland will be in pool play at 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Mountain Time on Saturday.

"It will be fun for the kids to get some different competition," Jimenez said, "and to see how they respond."

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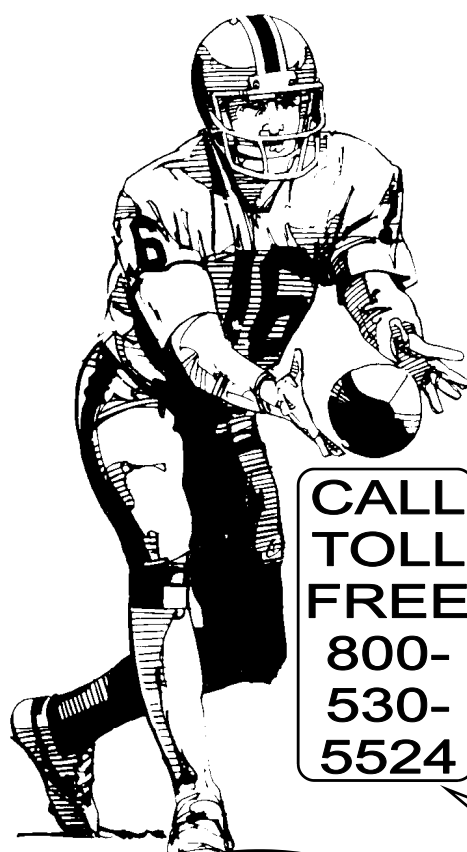
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