

Cowgirls sweep Liberal at home

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The Cowgirls split a doubleheader in their season opener last Friday in Garden City, winning the first game 17-1 and losing the second 22-6 and swept a doubleheader at home against the Liberal Redskins on Monday.

The Cowgirls were scheduled to play at 3 and 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday at Scott City and will play at 3 and 5 p.m. today at Colby.

In the first game against Garden City, freshman Ashley Archer was the winning pitcher. She had seven strikeouts, giving up three walks, five hits and one run pitching the full seven innings.

Leading hitters were junior Erika Gonzales, who went 3-5 with a three-run homer; senior Sammie Raymer, 3-4 with three runs, one double and two singles; and senior Holly Kibel, 2-3 with three runs, one triple and one double.

In the second game, sophomore Lexi David was the losing pitcher. She had one strikeout, giving up four walks, eight hits and 12 runs, pitching only one inning. Archer pitched two innings and had one strikeout, giving up three walks, six hits and 10 runs.

Leading hitters were senior Andrea Wolak, 1-1 with two runs, one walk and one single; Raymer, 1-2 with one run, one triple, one walk and one strikeout; and junior Chelsie Gausman, 1-1 with one run, one double and one walk.

"I thought the girls came out fired up and ready to play," said Coach Tess Smith. "This was a good test to the start of our season — these games were a good way to judge how far we've come since the first couple practices and a good foundation to build from. We now know what we need to keep improving on to stay competitive and ahead of our opponents."

Monday, the Cowgirls beat Lib-



Freshman Ashley Archer pitched against the Liberal Redskins Monday at Centennial Park. The Cowgirls won 17-9. Archer was the winning pitcher for the Cowgirls' season opener, the first game

of the doubleheader last Friday in Garden City.

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eral 17-9 in the first game and 10-7 in the second. In the first game, Archer (2-0) was the winning pitcher. She had 10 strikeouts, gave up five walks, 13 hits and nine runs, pitching all seven innings.

Leading hitters were Gonzales, 3-5 with two runs, one triple, two singles and one run batted in; sopho-

more Angie Hillmer, 3-4 with three runs, one double, two singles and two runs batted in; and Kibel, 3-4 with two doubles, one single and two runs batted in.

In the second game, David (1-1) was the winning pitcher. She had nine strikeouts, gave up nine walks and seven hits, pitching all seven

innings. Leading hitters were Raymer, 3-5 with two runs, one double, three singles and two runs batted in, and Hillmer, 4-4 with three runs, one double, three singles and two runs batted in.

"We bounced back as a team from our first loss of the season against

Garden and took two wins from Liberal at home," Smith said. "These were two great wins for us, as our young pitching staff each picked up a win, Ashley her second, and Lexi bounced back from a rough start at Garden to regain confidence and composure."

The team's record is 3-1.

Coach returns to area

The new football coach, Kent Teeter, for Goodland High School is no stranger to western Kansas and Goodland High School Activities Director Don Smith.

"I'm excited to be moving back to western Kansas. I always liked Goodland," said Teeter. "I knew Mike Johnson and several of the other coaches and players."

Teeter said he is anxious to work with Smith again. Smith was his basketball coach when he went to high school in Lyons.

Teeter will teach physical education and health, be head football and track coach and teach weight training.

He graduated from Lyons High School and Bethany at Lindsborg. Then he was a graduate assistant at Fort Hays State University and an assistant football and track coach.

Teeter coached for Hays High School for 17 years. Currently he is an assistant football coach for Great Bend. The Panthers won eight games and lost three for the season.

Teeter's wife, Dixie, is a speech pathologist and they have two children, a fourth and first grader.

"Goodland has a class and very up front football program," said Teeter.

Cowboys split with Burlington, set to face Colby today at home

The Cowboys baseball team, which comes off a split with Burlington in their season opener, will face the Colby Eagles, who are 3-1 in early games, today at 3 p.m. at Memorial Field.

The Cowboys opened their fourth season last Tuesday in Burlington winning the first game 12-10 and narrowly missed winning the second 13-12 as they mounted a comeback in the seventh inning and had the winning run on base before the Cougars were able to get the final out to preserve their win.

The Eagles beat Scott City in a doubleheader last Monday and split a pair with Plainville on Friday.

Second year Cowboys Coach Devlin Mull said he was glad to get a win at Burlington, and felt the Cowboys played well and got some good hits and good base running to score runs.

"We did find ways to score," Mull said, "and that is what we have to do. Some of the kids did step up and really helped."

Mull said he was pleased with junior Rory Kling who had 5 hits in the 9 at bats in the two games and had 6 runs batted in.

"He is our best hitter," Mull said.

He said sophomore Kevin Anthor had a good day getting 3 hits in his 6 at bats plus two walks. Anthor had 3 runs batted in.

At Burlington senior Preston Dautel pitched in the first game being relieved by junior Rory Kling with one out in the seventh inning.

"I hope we can throw more strikes," Mull said. "Dautel threw a lot of pitches and we probably should have pulled him after five innings. He is the kind of kid when you ask him how is doing he will say he is OK."

Mull said he was surprised at the number of pitchers the Cougars used in both games.



Cowboys' senior Forrest Trachsel fouled off a pitch in the first game against the Burlington Cougars on March 25. The Cowboys won the game 12-10, but lost the second 13-12. The Cowboys face the Colby Eagles at 3 p.m. today at Memorial Field.

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"Burlington struggled more than we did," he said. "We hope to have a faster game today."

The first game at Burlington took more than three hours, and the

second game had to be played under the lights.

In the second game with the Cougars junior Brandon Rome started the game, but Kling came in to pitch

in the bottom of the fourth.

Mull switched pitchers again, bringing in freshman Michael Pettibone. He got a grounder to short and the Cowboys turned a double

play to get out of the inning. Pettibone finished the game for the Cowboys.

"I was proud of Pettibone coming in," Mull said, "and our defense started playing better too."

Mull said the Eagles did not lose much of their team from last year and said they have a couple of junior left handed pitchers who are really tough.

"They have a strong pitching core and junior Levi Schlick is tough on the mound and as a hitter," Mull said.

The Eagles opened the season winning the doubleheader at Scott City taking the first game 12-0 and the second 15-1. Kevin Lang pitched in the first game and Stephen Dinkel pitched the second game for the Eagles.

The Eagles split a doubleheader with a 2A Plainville team that is ranked eighth in the state losing the first game 3-2, but winning the second 12-0. Schlick was the pitcher in the first game and Lang pitched the second.

Mull said he expects to see some improvement today, and that he is thinking of starting junior Brandon Rome in the first game, and if he

can go he would save Dautel for the second game.

The Cowboys will be at home on Tuesday for a doubleheader against the Ulysses Tigers beginning at 3 p.m. and the second game expected to start about 5 p.m.

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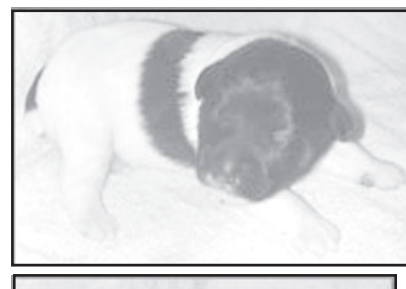
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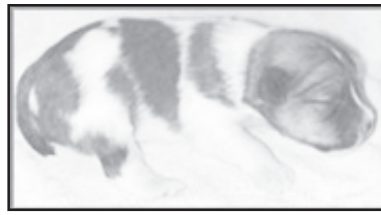
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