

Cowgirls lose two close games to Lady Eagles

The Goodland Cowgirls lost two games Friday to the Colby Lady Eagles, who were able to capitalize on big late hits and splice in two solid pitching performances to sweep the doubleheader, 5-4 and 3-1, in Colby.

Two games that could have gone either way went to the Lady Eagles, who remained perfect at 4-0 for the season despite wasting many of their 21 hits.

In the first game, Colby's Chanelle Staats delivered a game-winning hit, driving in two runs with one out and Colby trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh.

Logan Wark got the Lady Eagle rally started with a double to left center that nearly ended in an out. Wark rounded second and had thoughts of taking third, but decided instead to head back to second. She dove in safely just before the tag.

Lindsey Frahm popped out, then Tara Powell smoked her second hit of the game to left, moving Wark to third. Powell took second on the throw.

Staats then delivered the third line drive base hit of the inning on the first pitch from Goodland starter Ashley Archer. She finished the game 4-4 and had four of Colby's five RBIs.

Only half an inning earlier, Goodland had rallied to take a 4-3 lead. With the team down to its last out, Cowgirls senior Andrea Wolak blooped a single into left with the bases loaded that scored the tying and go-ahead runs.

Despite surrendering those last two runs, Wark got the victory by giving up just two earned runs and six hits in six innings. She struck out 11 and walked none to improve to 2-0 this season.

Wark came through in the second

game, too, with an RBI double in the fifth that put Colby up for good, 2-1. She picked up her first save of the year after relieving starter Skyler Mengel, who worked the first six innings.

Kiri Kendrick finished 2-3 and drove in Colby's other two runs.

Kendrick tied the game at 1 in the fourth by driving in Caitlyn Wark. In the sixth, she provided a cushion for the Lady Eagles by singling in Caitlyn for a second time to make it 3-1.

After allowing a second-inning run, the Lady Eagles' freshman hurler held a Goodland team that had been averaging double-digits in runs scoreless. Lexi David took the loss for Goodland as the Cowgirls fell to 5-3 on the season.

Archer scored Goodland's only run after an RBI groundout by Adrienne West. She had started the inning with a triple.



Cowgirls Ashley Archer (above) threw the ball to first from her shortstop position during one of the two games against the Colby Lady Eagles on Friday. Cowgirls Lexi David (left photo) hit the softball during one of the games on Friday. Cowgirls Andrea Wolak (below) watched for a softball to be hit to her at third base.

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School calendar for April 8 to April 15

Today: Black Day. 4 p.m., West Site Council. 1 p.m., boys varsity golf. Noon, boys varsity tennis at WaKeeney. 3 and 5 p.m., varsity and junior varsity baseball against Ulysses.

Wednesday: Gold Day. 4 p.m., Central Site Council meeting 4 p.m.

Thursday: Black Day. 9 a.m., junior high track at Oakley Invitational. 4 p.m., junior varsity baseball at Colby.

Friday: Gold Day. 7:15 a.m., track at KT Woodman.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m., boys varsity golf at Oberlin. 9 a.m., junior high track at Goodland Invitational. ACT test.

Monday: 7 p.m., Board of Education meeting. 2 p.m., boys varsity golf at Hays High. 3 and 5 p.m., varsity and junior varsity softball at Hays High.

Tuesday: Gold Day. 7 p.m., 6th grade music program in high school auditorium. 8:30 a.m., varsity track at Scott City. 1 p.m., boys junior varsity golf. 2 p.m., boys junior varsity tennis at Colby.

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