

Slammers win three, finish seventh at state

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The Goodland Slammers fast-pitch softball team won three games and lost two at the state tournament last Friday through Sunday in Emporia.

The girls tied for seventh out of 18 teams in their first trip to state, losing in their final game to the eventual state champions.

Goodland played its first game on Friday, losing to the Chapman Lady Irish 7-4, but then beat the Salina Fusion 11-4, the Beloit Bomz 15-13 and the Clay Center B's 5-1. The girls lost their final game to the Garden City Spirit 4-3.

"The girls were really excited and pleased with our finish," Coach Andy Scheopner said, "especially since this was our first trip to state."

Against Chapman, Stephani DeLaRosa pitched all six innings, giving up three hits, seven runs and seven walks and having eight strikeouts.

Hope Cochran had a double, a walk, two runs scored and a run batted in. Berkley White had a walk and a run, Brianna White and Gabby Rangel each had a walk. Megan Siruta had a single, and Miranda Hernandez had a single and a run scored.

"We played well," said Scheopner. "We just couldn't get the big hit when we needed it. Losing the first game meant that we had to go through the losers' bracket."

Goodland's next game was at 11 a.m. Saturday, against Salina. DeLaRosa pitched all four innings, giving up two hits, four runs and eight walks with three strikeouts.

Cochran had a double, a walk, two runs scored and two runs batted in. DeLaRosa had a double, a walk, two runs and a run batted in. Berkley White had two singles, a run and two runs batted in, and Brianna White had a single and a run.

Gabby Rangel had two singles, a run and a run batted in, Kate-Lynn King and Jordan Siruta each had a run, Lindsay Bauman had a single, a run and two runs batted in and Selena Acosta had a single, a run and a run batted in.

"We hit the ball really well in the second inning," Scheopner said, "and scored seven runs with two outs. Our defense started to get into a rhythm in the third and fourth."

With the win, he said, Goodland had to go across to the other complex and play at 1 p.m. That put them up against

the Beloit Bomz, and a 10-run first inning set Goodland up for a 15-13 win.

Acosta pitched 3 2/3 innings, giving up 12 hits, 13 runs and five walks with three strikeouts. DeLaRosa pitched 1/3 of an inning in relief, giving up one hit and two walks.

"Hope started the game off with a home run," Scheopner said, "and we were playing really well in the first two innings. We kind of lost our focus in the last two innings, and we were lucky to hang on."

"They had the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, when we finally got the last out on a ground-out to Gabby at third."

Along with the home run, Cochran had a single, two walks, two runs scored and two runs batted in. DeLaRosa had a single, three walks and two runs. Berkley White had two singles, two walks and two runs, while her twin sister Brianna had a single, a run and a run batted in.

Rangel had a single, a walk, a run and a run batted in, Siruta had a double, a single, two runs and a run batted in and Hernandez had two singles, two runs and a run batted in. Smith had a single, a walk and two runs, and King had a walk, a run and a run batted in.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Goodland faced the Clay Center B's, winning 5-1. DeLaRosa pitched all five innings, giving up a hit, a run and seven walks with three strikeouts.

"This was probably one of our best games of the year," Scheopner said. "We hit the ball well, we played awesome defense, and Stephani pitched really well. It was really nice to see us rebound from the earlier game and play so well."

The win meant the girls got to play at 8 a.m. on Sunday, the coach added, and that was really exciting.

In that game, Goodland faced the Garden City Spirit, the state champions. DeLaRosa pitched all six innings; Garden City didn't bat in the bottom of the seventh, since they had the win. DeLaRosa gave up 10 hits, four runs but no walks with four strikeouts.



Gabby Rangel ran from first to second in one of the Goodland Slammers 12-and-under fast pitch softball games at the state tournament last weekend in Emporia.

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"This was a very exciting game!" Scheopner said. "After the first inning, we played great defense, and Stephani hit a big home run in the fifth to tie up the game. We had our chance in the seventh to tie it again, but we couldn't get the big hit."

Cochran had a single and a run, DeLaRosa had a home run, a single, a run and two runs batted in. Brianna White, Rangel and Bauman each had singles, Hernandez had a single and a run scored, Acosta had a walk and King had a run batted in.

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District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

May 22: Shane M. Holland, 35, Walnut Ridge, Ark., \$201 for speeding, 80/55.

Chad A. Miller, 23, Brighton, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Anthony K. Olsen, 32, Roosevelt, Utah, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no United Carrier registration.

May 23: Christopher A. Lauer, 19, Goodland, \$266 for purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage by a minor.

Willard Miller Jr., 55, Colby, \$108 for improper parking.

Waylon R. Rogers, 19, Black Rock, Ark., \$144 for speeding, 83/65.

Jolynna Voth, 34, Sharon Springs, \$120 for speeding, 79/65.

Cesar H. Zavala-Hernandez, 18, Parker, Colo., \$126 for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

May 24: Roger W. Langer Jr., 38, Northglenn, Colo., \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Diana S. Larue, 59, Denver, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Leslie Mendonca, 24, Daytona Beach, Fla., \$126 for improper parking.

Richardo Munoz-Yanez, 26, Thornton, Colo., \$114 for speeding, 83/70.

Darlene N. Trekell, 74, Dodge City, \$108 for speeding, 82/70.

May 26: Nithin C. Hassan, 25, Wichita, \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

Ronald J. Hill, 42, Pratt, \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Chris A. Jacobsen, 62, Arvada, Colo., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Brian K. Landy, 40, Highlands Ranch, Colo., \$132 for improper parking.

Timothy D. Miller, 51, Sterling, Colo., \$126 for speeding, 70/55.

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