

Cowboys open baseball season in Burlington

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Major League baseball teams are playing pre-season games in warm places like Arizona and Florida, and the high school baseball season kicks off today for the Goodland Cowboys who will play the Burlington Cougars at Burlington.

The Cowboys will play a double-header with the first pitch at 3 p.m. for the first game and at 5:30 p.m. for the second game. That will be the same time for all the games the Cowboys will play this season, and the home games kick off on Tuesday when the Cowboys play Scott City at Memorial Field.

Coach Devlin Mull said he feels the Cowboys can improve on the 9-13 season from last year. He said he expects Scott City to be the pre-season favorite in the league, and is glad the Cowboys get a chance to see them early.

He said he is pleased with the 15 boys he has out for the team, and feels he has some good pitchers to help the team.

He said his top pitcher is Garth Helton and expects him to start the first game today. Coach Mull said he will likely start Dallas DeLaRosa in the second game.

Mull said he thinks Michael Pettibone will be the middle reliever and Ryan Hillmer will be his closer. He said he will have Austin Avelar pitch some as well as Taylen Smith one of the new freshmen team members.

"It is great to have some good arms on the mound," he said. "The pitching is a key to having a successful season."

Mull said Avelar will play at second and short stop, DeLaRosa will play at first when not pitching. Hillmer will play some at short stop. Devon Garrett will play at third base, and Ryder Kling will be the starting catcher.

He said Gunner Helton will play in left and Reed Bellamy will be a utility player. Robert Cowan will play at first with DeLaRosa. He said Pettibone will play in right field when not pitching.

He said the other members of the team will mostly play in the out field to start the season including D.J. Yarbrough, Billy Dehoyos, Spencer Smith and Sheldon Nelson.

The Cowboys will be off for spring break the last week of March, and will resume the season on Tuesday, April 5 with a home double-header with Burlington.



Coach Devlin Mull (center) huddles with his Cowboy baseball players before beginning practice on Tuesday afternoon. The Cowboys have 15 out for baseball, and open the season today at Burlington

with the first pitch at 3 p.m. The second game of the doubleheader is to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Cowboys will be at Memorial Field at 3 p.m. on Tuesday as they face Scott City.

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In the outfield the Cowboys practiced catching a fly ball and getting it to a relay man at second or trying to throw to other players at second or third base.



Cowboys practiced catching grounders and throwing to first base or home plate.



Coach Devlin Mull (above) hit fly balls out to the outfield (far left) and grounders (left) to the infield as part of the practice. He talked to the players about how to reduce steps and throw the ball.

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- Less candid
- Three-card monte, e.g.
- Dynamic start?
- New Hampshire college town
- Not a whit
- Quickly sketched memo addendum
- Oodles
- Studied carefully, as a "joint"
- "Circular files"
- "Dynasty" conniver
- Carnival oddball
- "The Postman Always Rings"
- Prior to, in dialect
- Historic times
- Gabor of "Green Acres"
- Big name in bleach
- Serving of white lightning
- Auxiliary proposition
- Look longingly at
- Happen to
- Forever and a day, seemingly
- Tie- (designs, hippie-style)
- Nominee list
- Quitter's throw-in
- Holiday precursors
- Explorer Vasco
- Lacking confidence
- Uta of the screen
- On the briny
- Wok owner's task
- Moore of "G.I. Jane"
- Cosmetician Lauder
- Threat ender, often
- Burn the surface of
- Needing caulking
- Caboose
- Author unknown: Abbr.
- Polo Grounds team of 1962-63
- Polish up, as copy
- Make sound
- "Phat!"
- "_ been had!"
- Bit part for a big name
- Bacchanalian blast
- Superman, to Reeve or Reeves
- Alimony receivers
- Recedes
- Film holder
- Italian auto, briefly
- Place for a rural family's outing
- Swatted with a switch
- Use a Toro
- Jeans maker Strauss
- Feared fly
- Cowardly Lion portrayer
- Classic Ford flop
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