

Cowboys baseball team gets split with Scott City

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The Goodland Cowboys baseball team got a split against Scott City in the home opener on Tuesday losing the first game 4-1, but coming back in the second to win in five innings 11-1.

Coach Devlin Mull said it was great to the the win in the second game, but felt the Cowboys had an opportunity to take both games and were a bit uptight starting the first game.

Mull had said he thought Scott City had some great pitching, and Beaver sophomore Drew Kite made it look that way through the first five innings of the first game.

"He (Kite) had us on our front foot all afternoon," Mull said. "He had a good curve ball, but I think we were a bit uptight and not getting back and hitting him."

Kite only gave up one hit in his five innings of work, but when Beaver sophomore Brett O'Neil came in for relief in the sixth inning the Cowboys were getting a bit better at getting on base.

The Cowboys first sign of life in the first game came in the fifth when they got a hit with two out and managed to load the bases. However, a fly to center field ended the Cowboys threat.

Garth Helton was the Cowboys starting pitcher in the first game and gave up one earned run in his five innings, gave up 5 hits, struck out 6 and walked 5. Helton was the losing pitcher.

Mull said he felt Helton pitched well, but not as good as he had at Burlington. He said the other run that scored in the first inning was on an error.

Helton was able to pick off a runner at first, and Catcher Ryder Kling was able to pick off a runner trying to steal second.

Mull said Kling is getting better this year, and he can really get the ball to second. He is doing a good job on both sides. He said Kling was 7 for 8 in the two games.

Kling got on base in the bottom of the sixth the hard way as he was hit by a pitch. Scott City pitchers had a real problem in both games hitting at least eight Cowboy batters. Austin Avelar was hit three times, Helton was hit twice, Dallas DeLaRosa was hit twice and Kling was hit once.

The Cowboys looked like they were going to rally in the bottom of the sixth inning after Kling was hit by a pitch DeLaRosa hit a double to the fence scoring Kling from first to make it 3-1 with no one out.

The Beavers shut the Cowboys down and did not allow any more runs.

The Beavers got an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Michael Pettibone gave up a double to Michael McEachern. Helton caught a fly ball hit by Collin Ratzlaff in left for the first out. Austin Habiger walked, and Brenner Wells walked to load the bases.

Coach Mull went out to talk to Pettibone, and about that time the winds died down and the sun was peaking out.

Pettibone walked Braedon Robinson to score a run making it 4-1. With O'Neil batting DeLaRosa caught the ball and threw to Kling for the force out at home for the second out. Beaver Matthew Zilla hit a ball to Cowboys third baseman

Devon Garrett who threw him out at first for the final out of the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh the Cowboys again loaded the bases on a double by Reed Bellamy, Avelar getting hit by a pitch and Kling drawing a walk to load the bases with two out. DeLaRosa had a dropped ball on the third strike and headed to first, but the catcher got the ball and stepped on home for the force out to end the game giving the Beavers a 4-1 win.

Cowboy junior Ryan Hillmer was the pitcher for the second game, and the Beavers appeared to be starting the second game the way they won the first getting a run scored on a sacrifice fly to take a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Beaver senior Ron Baker was the starting pitcher for the second game, but had some control problems. Hillmer had an infield hit and was safe at first. The next Cowboy batter was Avelar who was hit by a pitch. Kling walked and Hillmer scored on a passed ball to tie the score at 1-1.

DeLaRosa then was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Cowboy designated hitter Gunner Helton struck out for the first out. Bellamy drew a walk for an RBI as Avelar scored to make it 2-1. Robert Cowan and Garrett both struck out to end the inning. The Cowboys had scored 2 runs on 1 hit, one error and left 3 on base.

Hillmer had some defensive help in the second inning and Kling was able to pick a Beaver off at second to keep the Beavers from scoring.

In the bottom of the second Beaver pitcher Baker started by hitting Helton. Hillmer hit to center and made it a double moving Helton to third. Avelar hit a sacrifice fly to score Helton making it 3-1.

Baker was done and the Beavers brought in Habiger came in for relief. His first batter was Kling who got a hit to center and stretched it into a triple sliding into third and called safe by the umpire to score Hillmer making it 4-1.

DeLaRosa was hit by a pitch to put him on first he advanced to second when Gunner Helton walked. DeLaRosa advance to third on a passed ball, but was thrown out allowing Kling to score to make it 5-1.

Bellamy drew a walk, Cowan got a base hit to load the bases. Garrett got a walk to score Gunner Helton, and Garth Helton was hit by a pitch to score another run making it 7-1. Hillmer struck out for the third out, but Cowan scored on a passed ball to make it 8-1.

The Cowboys had 11 batters in the inning with Goodland scoring six runs.

In the top of the third inning the Beavers did not get a run and a great throw by Garth Helton to Kling got a Beaver runner trying to score at home plate.

In the bottom of the third a Beaver error got Avelar to second, and he scored when Kling stole second base. Kling scored when Gunner Helton reached based on a Beaver error making it 10-1.

A great double play from Garrett to Avelar to DeLaRosa ended the Beaver threat in the fourth inning.

The Beavers changed pitchers bringing in Zilla.

Garrett scored on a passed ball to give the Cowboys a 10-run lead 11-1. The Cowboys loaded the



bases, but were unable to get an insurance run.

In the top of the fifth the first Beaver batter popped out to DeLaRosa. Hillmer struck out the second batter. O'Neil got a deep hit that he stretched into a triple.

With the runner at third the next Beaver hit an infield ball to Cowboy third baseman Garrett who threw to DeLaRosa for the final out to give the Cowboys the 11-1 win.

Hillmer was the winning pitcher giving up 1 run on 3 hits and struck out 2.

Coach Mull said he was pleased with the way the Cowboys battled in the second game, and it was especially good to watch the Cowboys come out and take Baker out in the second inning. Mull said he knows Baker had some control problems, and knows it will probably be different when they see the Beavers again later in the season.

"The first two innings of the second game were very nice," Mull said.

Mull praised his pitchers and said Pettibone did good in relief. He said Pettibone is the middle relief guy, and did a good job at Burlington and against Scott City.

"I am not sure how long it has been since we were able to come back and win the second game," Mull said. "We have been showing more confidence."

The Cowboys are 3-1 on the early season and will be off a week for spring break before coming back to face the Burlington Cougars on Tuesday, April 5 at Memorial Field in a non-league doubleheader.

"We missed a really good chance to sweep," Mull said, "but we got a win and it will be important as we play in the league this year."

Mull said he expects to have some practice time over spring break, and said the kids are excited about how things are going and are asking about practice.



Cowboy pitcher Garth Helton (top No. 17) threw to First Baseman Dallas DeLaRosa in the first game on Tuesday to pick off a Scott City runner. Helton pitched (above) for five innings and gave up one earned run, but the Cowboys had trouble getting on base against a good Scott City pitcher Drew Kite and ended up losing the first game 4-1. The Cowboys came back in the second game to win 11-1 in five innings.

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- ___ salts
- Wisdom tooth, e.g.
- "___ Maria"
- Part of a ream
- St. Theresa's birthplace
- Card player's cry
- Hypnotized or anesthetized
- Part of SST
- Mixed-up headline?
- She raised Cain
- "Tennis, ___?"
- ___ up (bungled)
- Towel holder
- "Dallas" matriarch
- Test tube glass
- Mixed-up coward?
- Lawyer's take
- Tends to the socks
- "___ Lazy River"
- Mixed-up kaleidoscopic critter?
- Hell night heavy
- More reserved
- Little pooch
- Rita of "West Side Story"
- Post-review rewards
- DDE's arena
- Mixed-up night guard?
- Rich kid in "Nancy"
- Giarist Nin
- Done by
- Autograph hound's target
- On tenterhooks
- Sound from a Siamese
- Pothook shapes
- "Like a Rock" singer Bob

- ___K (toddlers' school)
- Still in the game
- Competed at Indy
- Party pooper
- "___ and ___ well"
- Reversal of direction, slangily
- Box score blemish
- Singer K.d.
- Rank below cpl.
- Thumbs-up vote
- Prot. or Cath.
- Fall out of contention
- Detergent brand of old
- Unlock, poetically
- Long-snouted fish
- "___ bone (protuberance behind the ear)
- Ab ___ (from day one)
- Diamonds, to hoods

- Shady deals
- More throaty
- In the thick of
- Pat on the back, e.g.
- Choreographer Cunningham
- Siouan speakers
- Kaiser and egg
- Rascal
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