

# Cowboys win Great Western Conference title

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Tuesday the Cowboys baseball team clinched the Great Western Activity Conference championship with a sweep of the doubleheader against the Ulysses Tigers at Memorial Field, 6-4 and 9-8.

The Cowboys finish the regular season with a 13-7 record and were 8-2 in conference play. The Cowboys were 8-2 at Memorial field and 5-5 on the road.

Monday the Cowboys will be in Hays at Thomas More Prep-Marian for the first round of the 3A Regional tournament and will face Lyons-Chase (3-17) at 2 p.m. If the Cowboys win they will face the No. 1 seed Lakin (17-1) at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the semi-finals. Lakin has a bye in the first round.

In the other half of the bracket TMP (14-4) has the bye while Scott City (12-6) plays Holcomb (1-16) in the opening round on Monday.

The regional championship game will be played at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The state 3A baseball tournament will be held at KSU Tointon Family Stadium, 1800 College Ave., Manhattan on May 27-28.

The Cowboys have improved over the past two seasons going from 4-14 two years ago and 9-13 last year to a winning season at 13-7 with a chance to advance in the regional tournament.

This was the first year for the Great Western Activity Conference and Coach Devlin Mull was pleased the Cowboys were able to sweep Ulysses for the first conference championship.

He had said last year being in a league would be a good thing, and the boys on the team would be playing some of the same teams, but this year there will be an all-conference team as well.

In the first game Tuesday the

Cowboys took a 2-1 lead after the first inning, and added three runs in the second to lead 5-1. Another run scored in the third inning when Cowboy Devon Garrett walked and advanced to second on a single by Dallas DeLaRosa. Garrett advanced to third on a wild pitch to Cowboy Garth Helton, and Garrett scored on another wild pitch to make it 6-1. Helton struck out, and DeLaRosa got caught off third and was out at home to end the inning.

Garth Helton was the winning pitcher in the game, but gave up two runs in the fourth and one in the sixth. He gave up three walks and struck out two in his six innings.

Ryan Hillmer came in to pitch the seventh inning. He gave up a single to Ulysses' Chase Newell, but the next batter, Andy Simpson hit a bouncer to Hillmer who turned and tossed to Austin Avelar at second to get Newell for the first out.

The next batter for the Tigers was Damien Chavez who hit the ball to Garrett who threw to Avelar who threw to DeLaRosa for the game ending double play. That win cinched at least a tie with Ulysses for the conference title.

In the second game Taylen Smith was the starting pitcher who pitched the first three innings giving up three runs on six hits and three strike outs. Michael Pettibone came in to pitch the final three innings giving up five runs on seven hits and two strike outs including the key one getting Chavez in the seventh inning for the final out to preserve the win.

The Cowboys took a 4-1 lead in the first, but the Tigers narrowed it 4-3 in the second inning. The Cowboys added two runs in the third to make it 6-3. In the fourth inning the Tigers had two runs, but the Cowboys added three to make it 9-5. The Tigers got going in the seventh inning scoring three runs



on two singles and a triple to cut the Cowboys lead to 9-8, but Pettibone was able to get a strike out to preserve the Goodland win.

Gunner Helton is the leading hitter for the Cowboys with a .442 average for his 16 games. Avelar has .368 for his 20 games and one home run. Reed Bellamy .308 for 14 games and one home run. Hillmer .317 for 20 games and one home run. Robert Cowan .273 for 15 games and has two home runs. Ryder Kling .344 for 20 games and one home run. Garrett .314 for 20 games and one home run. DeLaRosa .217 for 20 games. Pettibone .120 for 19 games. Garth Helton .170 for 19 games. Smith .083 for 13 games.

In the pitching Avelar had 1 win and 1 loss, Hillmer had 4 wins, 1 loss and 1 save, Garth Helton had 5 wins and 4 losses, DeLaRosa had 1 loss, Smith had 3 wins, and Pettibone had 3 saves.



Cowboy pitcher Garth Helton (top photo) tried to pick off a Tiger runner at first with a throw to Cowboy first baseman Dallas DeLaRosa. The Tiger runner barely made it back in time. In the sixth inning Catcher Ryder Kling (above) had a short talk with Helton as they worked to get the final out of the inning with Goodland leading 6-4. Cowboy Ryan Hillmer (above right) came in to pitch the final inning of the first game and got a quick out on a fielders choice with a bouncer back to the pitcher. The next Tiger hit to Devon Garrett at third base who threw to Austin Avelar at second who threw on to DeLaRosa at first for a double play to win the game 6-4.

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## Cowgirls finish with 17-3 mark

The Cowgirls finished their season with six straight wins and head into regional action at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Scott City against the winner of the Larned and Southwestern Heights game on Monday. Last Thursday the Cowgirls played Scott City winning, 3-2 and 8-1, and playing Ellis last Friday winning, 9-2 and 13-5.

In their games on Saturday against Johnson City the Cowgirls won 6-1 and 7-5.

At the top of the first inning Cowgirl pitcher Ashley Archer caught the first batters ball and threw her out at first. She struck out the next two batters.

Goodland was up next and Hope Cochran went to first after being hit by a pitch. Brianna White was also hit by a pitch. Archer was up next and she walked making the bases loaded. Berkley White hit a single and batted Cochran and Brianna White in for runs. Gabby Rangel hit a double and batted Archer in. Natasha Gaydusek walked and Berkley White crossed homeplate. Paige Phillips and Sydnee Thornburg ended the inning on first and second. Goodland led, 4-0.

Brianna White was the first batter and she made it to first. Archer followed and walked. Berkley White hit a double and batted Brianna White and Archer in to score. Gaydusek ended the inning on second. Goodland led at this point, 6-0.

At the top of the third the first batter for Johnson City struck out. The next batter made the first run for Johnson City. They ended the inning with runners on third and second. Goodland did not score in the inning but left Brianna White on second. The score was Goodland, 6-1.

The first two batters for Johnson

City in the top of the fifth hit singles but did not score when the next three were out. Goodland added no more runs to its score. In the sixth and seventh had three up and three out. The score remained the same with Goodland winning, 6-1.

Johnson City got off to a better start in the second game. At the top of the first inning they scored three runs. After two outs Archer hit a single. Following her was Berkley White who hit a home run and batted Archer in to score. Johnson City led 3-2.

Johnson City's first two batters at the top of the third inning were out when the pitcher caught a fly ball and threw another batter out on first. A batter was stuck on first with the next batter struck out. Archer and Rangel walked and ended up scoring. Gaydusek and Phillips were left on second and first. Goodland took the lead, 4-3.

At the top of the fourth inning Johnson City added two more runs to their score. Goodland had three out and a batter left on first base.

At the top of the fifth inning Johnson City had three up and three out. Goodland's Berkley White hit a single and Rangel hit a double. Phillips hit a double and batted Berkley White and Rangel in to score. Johnson City was not able to add anymore runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Brianna White added a run from her double in the sixth inning. Goodland won 7-5.

In Friday's first game against the Ellis Railroaders the Cowgirls won 9-2. At the top of the first inning the Lady Railroaders had three up and out. When Goodland turn came Cochran, Archer, Berkley White, Phillips and Rangel scored.

Goodland added two more runs from Brianna White and Archer. Berkley White hit a double was tagged out at second but earned an RBI. Phillips was left on second and Gaydusek on first.

At the top of the third the Ellis team had three outs and a runner left on third. Goodland's Megan Siruta hit a double and was batted in by Archer to score.

Ellis remained scoreless after the fourth and fifth innings. Brianna White added a run to Goodland's score in the fifth when she was batted in by Berkley White. The score was Goodland, 9-0.

At the top of the sixth inning Ellis scored two runs. Goodland first three batters were out from combination plays. Ellis had three up and out in the top of the seventh. The game ended with Goodland winning, 9-2.

In the second game at the top of the first inning the first batter for Ellis hit and double and was batted in. At their turn Cochran, Brianna White and Archer scored with Brianna White and Archer earning an RBI.

In the second Goodland Siruta and Brianna White scored with Berkley White earning two RBIs. Goodland led, 5-1.

Ellis scored three runs at the top of the third. Goodland added four runs from Brianna White, Rangel, Thornburg and Siruta. Goodland led, 9-4.

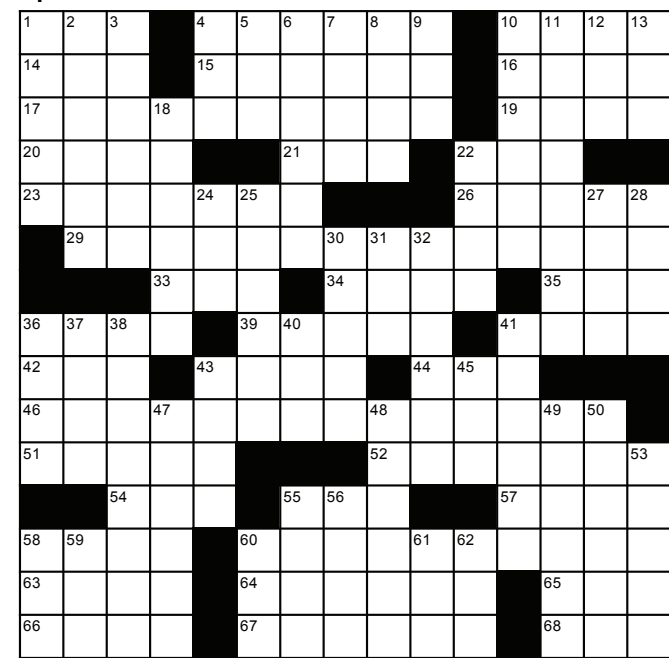
At the top of the fifth Ellis added a run. Goodland replied with three runs of their own by Thornburg, Siruta and Archer with Siruta earning an RBI. Goodland still led, 12-5.

Goodland added one final run by Gaydusek at the bottom of the sixth. Goodland won, 13-5.

## Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- "Quiet on the \_\_\_"
  - Former NFL Coast NFLers
  - Toy pistol ammo
  - Numero \_\_\_ (first-rate)
  - Shoelace hole
  - Lhasa \_\_\_ (Tibetan dog)
  - 1993 Jeremy Irons movie
  - Shoe-shiner's application
  - Prefix with dynamic
  - Gobble up
  - \_\_\_-El (Superman's birth name)
  - Spock, Sulu, McCoy, et al., to the Enterprise
  - Make ashamed
  - 1977 Ron Howard movie
  - "... the grace of God \_\_\_"
  - On sabbatical
  - \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - Dental woe
  - Schlepper
  - Weight-and-fortune cost, once
  - US/Canada's \_\_\_ Canals
  - Campus mil. org.
  - Equi- relative
  - Self-righteous
  - "Maria \_\_\_" ('40s hit)
  - She flaunted a conical-cupped bra
  - In a blue funk
  - SHO rival
  - Fam. tree folks
  - Where to order a stack
  - DJ who dubbed himself "The Fifth Beatle"
  - Philandering fellow



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- Air pump abbr.
- Sufferer of the d.t.'s
- Wrecker's fee
- "K-K-K-\_\_\_"
- Telephonic 6 trigram
- Tabloid staffer
- Getz of jazz
- Gibson of old oaters
- Concoct, as a plot
- Meadow mom
- Hot breakfast fare
- Queens's Arthur \_\_\_ Stadium
- Partner of calm and collected
- Sinks one's putt
- Autostrada auto, for short
- Disappear à la the Wicked Witch
- Pig's digs
- Cantaloupe kin
- Sign flashed in TV studios
- Not knowing right from wrong
- \_\_\_ wonder (musical flash in the pan)
- Except if
- "Don't \_\_\_!" ("I haven't the foggiest!")
- On the disabled list
- Con \_\_\_ (vigorously)
- Rankle
- Weed whacker
- McKinley, Hood, et al.: Abbr.
- Improve, as whiskey
- Cash on the Ginza

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