

# Slammers 16 and Under fourth at state in Topeka

The Goodland Slammers 16 and under fast pitch team finished fourth at the state tournament in Topeka, and a season record of 13-9.

Coach Andy Scheopner said the team was lucky and got a first round bye on Saturday. Their first game was at 8 a.m. against the Augusta Thunder.

He said 13 teams qualified for state, and a lot of the teams were all-stars. He said Goodland was one of the few teams where all of the members came from the same town.

Teams included in the tournament included Spoiled Brats, Panthers, BLAZE, Kansas Heat, Wichita Aces, HAVOC, Topeka Riptide, Emporia Energy, Great Bend Quick-silver, Fusion, Midwest Storm, Augusta Thunder and Goodland Slammers.

The Slammers went 2-2 for the tournament winning two and losing one on Saturday. Four teams made it to Sunday in the championship round, but Goodland lost to BLAZE to finish fourth.

Scheopner said the two teams who beat the Slammers were First and Second in the tournament with Fusion taking the championship and BLAZE second.

In the game on Sunday Goodland and BLAZE were tied 1-1 after the first inning, but BLAZE scored five runs in the fifth inning to win 6-1.

In the first inning Stephani DeLaRosa singled, Berkley White walked, Brianna White grounded into a fielder choice at third, and Berkley scored on a single by Gabby Rangel.

Scheopner said the girls played hard, but had trouble getting hits when they needed them. He said the competition was strong and in many cases the other teams were able to make great defensive plays to keep the Goodland girls from scoring.

In the game Hope Cochran had two singles, DeLaRosa had two singles, Rangel had two singles, Megan Siruta had a double and a single, and Kaitlynn Raile had a single.

The losing pitcher was DeLaRosa who gave up 6 runs on 11 hits in five innings. She had 4 strikeouts and no walks.

In the opening game on Saturday Goodland took a 1-0 lead over the Augusta Thunder, adding 2 in the third and 5 in the fourth for a 8-0 win.

Scheopner said it was a good way to start off the tourney, and felt the Slammers defense played well.

In the first inning Cochran walked, DeLaRosa singled and Brianna White walked to load the bases. Rangel grounded out to short and Cochran scored.

In the third inning DeLaRosa singled and scored on a single by Berkley White, and Berkley scored on a passed ball.

In the fourth inning Paige Phillips singled, Raile had a bunt single to move Phillips to third. Phillips scored on a ground out by Hernandez. Cochran singled Raile home. Cochran stole second and scored on a single by DeLaRosa. Brianna White singled and both she and DeLaRosa scored on a triple by Rangel.



DeLaRosa was the winning pitcher going five innings and giving up no runs on 5 hits. She had 6 strikeouts and gave up 2 walks.

In the second game on Saturday the Slammers faced Fusion and lost 3-0. Fusion went on to win the championship on Sunday.

Scheopner said Goodland had the bases loaded in the third inning with one out. He said a girl hit a drive down the first base line that would have scored two runs, but the umpire called it a foul. He said the girls had their chance, but were not able to score.

DeLaRosa was the losing pitcher going 6 inning and giving up 3 runs on 5 hits. She had 4 strikeouts and no walks.

Goodland had singles by DeLaRosa, Brianna White, Rangel, Siruta, and Phillips. The loss put the Slammers in the losers bracket and they had to win the third game to advance to Sunday, and Goodland defeated the Midwest Storm, 4-1.

Neither team scored until the fourth inning when Goodland took advantage of a single by DeLaRosa, and Berkley White had a great sacrifice bunt to move DeLaRosa

to second. DeLaRosa scored on a ground out by Brianna White. Rangel singled, Siruta singled and Phillips singled to load the bases. Rangel scored on a single by Raile to give Goodland a 2-0 lead.

In the fifth inning Midwest Storm managed to score to make it 2-1.

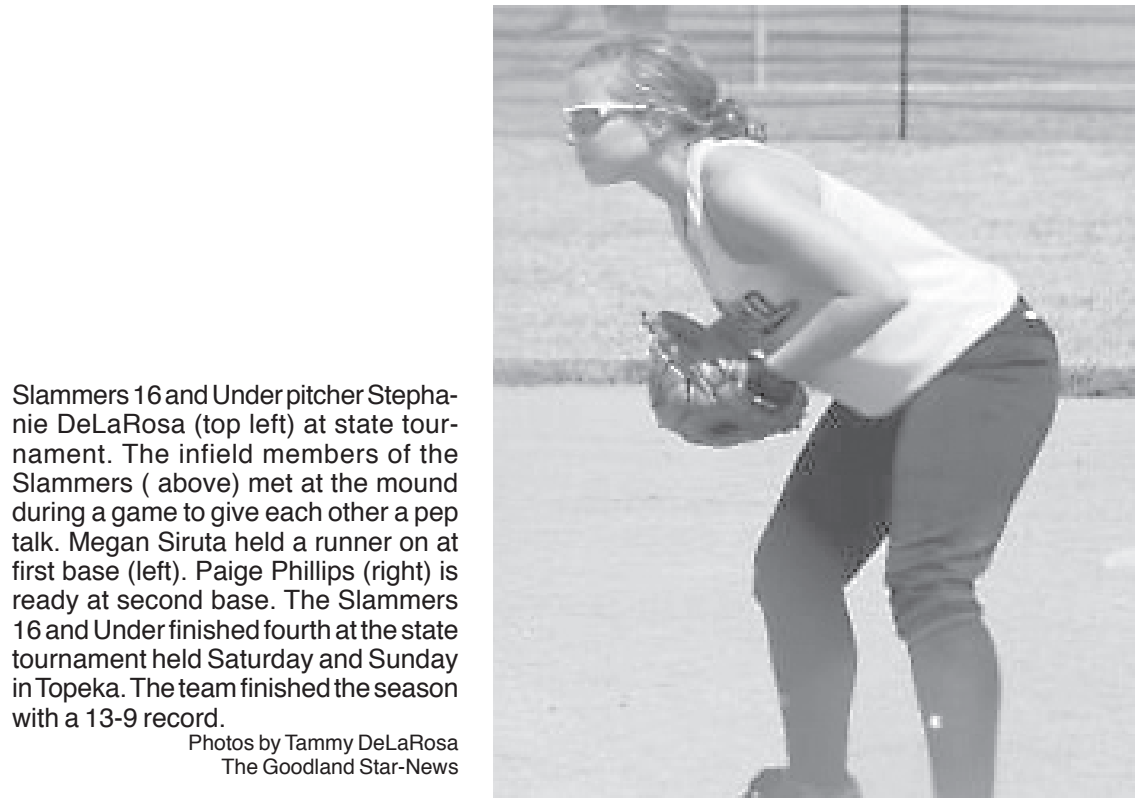
In the sixth inning Siruta tripled and scored on a single by Phillips. Phillips advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Raile to give Goodland a 4-1 win.

Scheopner said the defense played well, and Kate-Lynn King made a great catch in right field to get Goodland out of a jam in the fourth inning.

DeLaRosa was the winning pitcher giving up 1 run on 8 hits in six innings. She had 2 strikeouts and no walks.

DeLaRosa, Phillips and Raile each had two singles, Brianna White, Hernandez and Rangel each had a single, and Siruta had a triple and a single.

"We had a great season," Scheopner said, "and I would like to thank the girls for all their great hard work this year. A big thanks to all the parents for their support and dedication to their children."



Slammers 16 and Under pitcher Stephanie DeLaRosa (top left) at state tournament. The infield members of the Slammers (above) met at the mound during a game to give each other a pep talk. Megan Siruta held a runner on at first base (left). Paige Phillips (right) is ready at second base. The Slammers 16 and Under finished fourth at the state tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Topeka. The team finished the season with a 13-9 record.

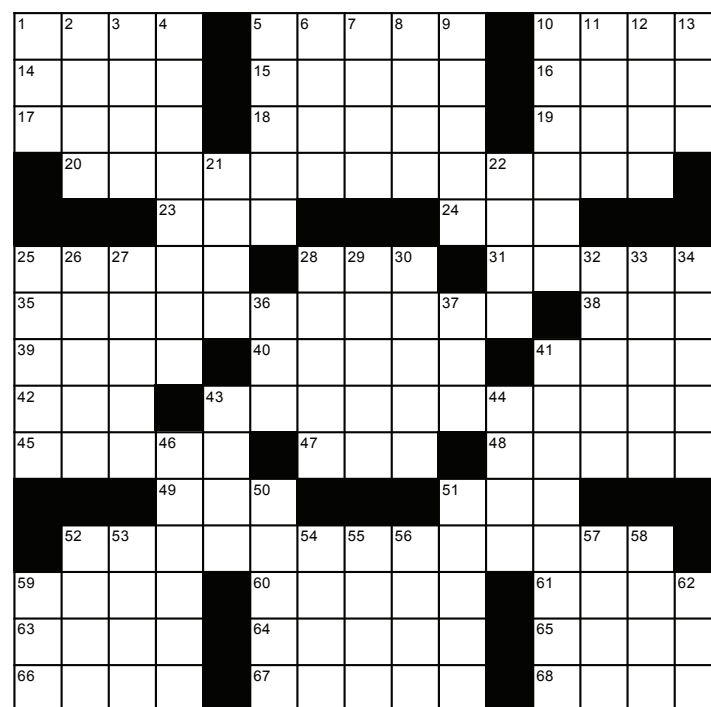
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Hart and Sole

**ACROSS**

1. Place for a cup of joe
5. Stretch of land
10. Monk's hood
14. Small brook
15. "One of Ours" novelist Cather
16. They try harder
17. Boer's migration
18. More slippery
19. Dweeb
20. HART
23. Audiophile's stack
24. Singer Sumac
25. Granny Smith, for one
28. Speaker systems, for short
31. Feeling for Woody Allen
35. SOLE
38. All right, informally
39. Mary's follower
40. Rock bottom
41. The Shirelles' "Him on a Sunday"
42. Wolfed down
43. HART
45. Puccini heroine
47. Med. specialty
48. Vital vessel
49. Like some lots and socks
51. Have the blahs
52. SOLE
59. Inside info
60. "All in the Family" spin-off
61. Gung-ho feeling
63. Jacob's twin
64. Invite to enter
65. "Or" follower
66. High-energy snack mix
67. Quickie Halloween costume
68. Did in



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**DOWN**

1. Obsolescent PC hookup
2. Suffix for the well-to-do
3. Show off one's bod
4. Fraternal bunch
5. Doublemint hucksters
6. Costa
7. Touched down
8. "Pinocchio" goldfish
9. Procrastinate
10. The Promised Land
11. [see other side]
12. Like an Airedale's coat
13. Letters for Leary
21. First place?
22. Fed
25. Black key
26. Aristotle's teacher
27. 25-Acrosses, pears, et al.
28. Portraitists' family name
29. "Our Miss Brooks" actress
30. Sidestep
32. Pal of Andy and Barney
33. Airborne targets
34. Aquarium dweller
36. Kind of "fingerprinting"
37. Ill temper
41. Places on a pedestal
43. Whipped up
44. Roaster's spot
46. Keep confined
50. Creator of Athos and Aramis
51. "You \_\_\_ kidding!"
52. Eliciting a shrug, perhaps
53. Icy coating
54. He rhymed "talcum" with "walcum"
55. Home of the Blue Devils
56. Emmy winner Falco
57. Secluded valley
58. Mitigate
59. Cribbage board insert
62. "Ben-Hur" author Wallace

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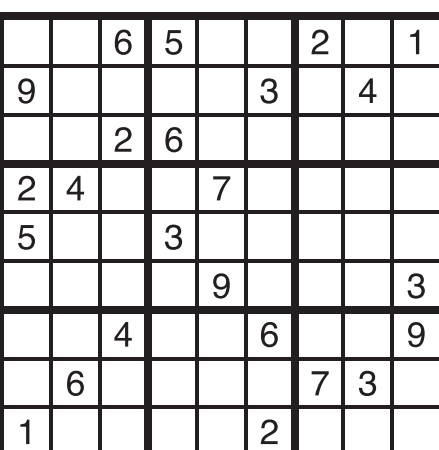
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