

Cowgirls win big over Scott City, Liberal

Girls get first wins of season last Friday

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The Goodland High School softball team destroyed Scott City in the home opener last Friday at Memorial Field, winning game one 34-5 and game two 25-1.

The Cowgirls lost their first two games against Hays High School. They were scheduled to play Hugoton on the road Thursday, but that game has been postponed to 3 p.m. April 27. The boys baseball home game was rescheduled to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Scott City started off big with a leadoff home run. Pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa got two straight strikeouts, however. A fly ball ended the inning.

With the score at 1-0, Brianna White hit a standup triple just over the head of the Scott City outfielder. Lindsay Bauman walked and stole second, the Hope Cochran walked to load the bases. Berkley White hit a ground rule double past the left field fence to bring in two runs, giving the Cowgirls a 2-1 lead.

Megan Siruta hit a standup double to left field, bringing in two more runs to make it 4-1. Gabby Rangel walked, bringing up Maddy Mayer, who also got on to load the bases. Natasha Gaydusek struck out, but DeLaRosa was hit by a pitch, forcing Siruta home for the fifth run of the inning.

Back at the top of the order, Brianna White got a base hit, bringing Rangel home. With the bases still loaded, Bauman walked to force another run. Cochran struck out, but Berkley White got a base hit to left field, bringing in two runs to make it 9-1.

Siruta got on base and Rangel walked, bringing home another run to make it 10-1. Mayer struck out to end the inning.

DeLaRosa picked up two more strikeouts in the top of the second. A ground out retired the side with no runs scored.

Gaydusek and DeLaRosa walked to put two runners on base right away in the bottom of the second.

Brianna White hit a double, scoring Gaydusek. DeLaRosa then came home on a wild pitch to make it 12-1. Bauman hit a base hit, bringing Brianna White home.

Cochran hit a grounder, but got all the way to third when the first baseman missed the throw. Bauman scored on the play. Berkley White picked up a triple, scoring Cochran



Stephani DeLaRosa headed toward third base during the Cowgirls' 34-5 win over Scott City on Friday.

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from third to make it 15-1.

Siruta walked and Rangel got a base hit, bringing Berkley White home. Sydnee Thornburg and Gaydusek both got out, but Gaydusek's fly ball allowed Siruta to score, making it 17-1.

DeLaRosa hit a double, scoring another run. With the batting order recycled again, Brianna White got a base hit, scoring DeLaRosa from second. Bauman hit a double, scoring White. Cochran got a single and reached second on an error. Bauman scored on the play, making it 21-1. Brianna Salinas struck out to end the inning.

Scott City began the top of the third inning with a line drive right to first baseman Siruta, who caught it for the out. A ground out to shortstop and a strikeout ended the inning.

Despite qualifying for the 15-run lead after three innings rule, the Scott City coach decided to continue the game.

Goodland coach Tess Smith played some of the younger players in the bottom of the third. Sarah Baker grounded out to the pitcher and Miranda Hernandez struck out. Thornburg walked and Amber Smith hit a fly ball that was missed by the second baseman. Gaydusek

came in to pinch run for her.

Brianna White hit another fly ball that was missed, allowing Thornburg and Smith to score, making the game 23-1. Bauman flew out to end the inning.

Selena Acosta came in to pitch in the top of the fourth. With one runner on, Acosta threw a strikeout and a walk. A wild pitch brought home Scott City's second run of the game. An illegal pitch allowed another run.

With two runners on base, Scott City hit into a fielder's choice, but the bases were loaded on the next play. A pair of walks forced two runs home, making the score 23-5. DeLaRosa came back in to pitch and retired the side without any further runs.

Cochran opened things up in the bottom of the fourth with a double. Berkley White and Siruta hit back-to-back home runs, bringing the score to 26-5.

Hernandez got a base hit, but Thornburg struck out and Gaydusek grounded out to the pitcher. DeLaRosa hit a fly to center field that was missed by the Scott City outfielder, allowing Hernandez to score.

Brianna White got a base hit, bringing DeLaRosa home to make it 28-5. Bauman and Cochran walked. Berkley White hit a grounder to the shortstop, but the throw went high. Brianna White and Bauman scored. Siruta hit a high fly ball that wasn't caught, loading the bases again. Hernandez was hit by a pitch, making it 31-5.

Thornburg walked, forcing home another run. Gaydusek got to second base on a hit to left field, scoring Siruta and Hernandez. DeLaRosa got out to end the inning.

DeLaRosa took the mound in the top of the fifth inning and retired the Scott City batters in order to end the game with a 34-5 win for the Cowgirls.

Cochran pitched game two for the Cowgirls. Scott City got a base hit and a walk, but left runners on base when an infield fly ended the inning.

In the bottom of the first, Brianna White hit a grounder to the pitcher and was thrown out. Bauman walked then came home when Cochran picked up three bases on an error. Berkley White got a high base hit to center field, bringing Cochran home to make it 2-0.

With Bauman and Rangel on base, Siruta hit a three-run homer



Cowgirl slugger Megan Siruta took a swing in game one of last Friday's doubleheader. Siruta had a solo home run in game one and a three-run homer in game two.

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to make it 5-0. Mayer and Gaydusek grounded out to end the inning.

Scott City managed another base hit and walk in the top of the second, but Cochran threw three strikeouts to hold Scott City scoreless.

DeLaRosa began the Cowgirls' half of the inning with a ground out. Brianna White then belted a solo homer to center field to make it 6-0. Bauman hit a grounder, but was safe at first when the first baseman was off the plate. She rounded the bases and came home on three wild pitches to make it 7-0.

Cochran hit a standup double and Berkley White hit a triple to bring her home. Rangel was hit by a pitch and stole second. Siruta got a base hit, scoring Berkley White from third to give Goodland a 9-0 lead.

Mayer got an infield hit, scoring Rangel. Gaydusek hit into a fielders choice, with Siruta thrown out at third base, but DeLaRosa got a base hit, bringing home Mayer to make it 11-0. She and Gaydusek would come home when Brianna White then got another hit to center field. Brianna White scored as well after a throw intended to get Bauman out

at first went wide. Bauman went to second on the play and then home when Cochran belted a double.

Berkley White hit a grounder to the pitcher, who threw her out at first to end the inning with a 15-0 Goodland lead.

Scott City would finally get on the board in the top of third. A walk and a sacrifice grounder moved a runner over to third base. She was brought home by a base hit, making the score 15-1. The Cowgirls got out of the inning with no more damage done.

The Cowgirls would continue their score-fest in the bottom of the third. Rangel opened things up with a base hit. She got to second, third and home on wild pitches. Siruta got on base and over to second on a sacrifice fly by Mayer. She stole third and then home on an infield hit by Brianna White, who outran the throw to first. Gaydusek walked and DeLaRosa hit a long fly ball that was dropped.

With the score at 17-1, Gaydusek came home on a fielder's choice that saw Bauman thrown out at first. Cochran got a base hit and picked up two RBIs, bringing Brianna White

and DeLaRosa home to make the score 20-1.

Berkley White walked, then Rangel hit a base hit, scoring Cochran. Siruta got another base hit that brought Berkley White and Rangel home to make it 23-1. Mayer and Gaydusek each got base hits, which loaded the bases for DeLaRosa, who put one past the shortstop to bring Siruta home. Back at the top of the order for the third time in the inning, Brianna White hit a line drive that was caught, ending the inning with a 24-1 lead for the Cowgirls.

Cochran retired the Scott City batters in order in the top of the fourth with two ground outs and a strikeout.

The Cowgirls would put one more run across the plate in the bottom of the fourth. After Bauman had been caught stealing, Cochran hit a solo home run to center field. Berkley White and Rangel hit grounders to end the inning.

With one out, Scott City got a solo homer of their own in the top of the fifth, but an infield fly and a ground out to end the game with a 25-1 win for the Cowgirls.

Goodland team beats up on Liberal at home on Monday despite 45 mph winds

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The Cowgirls softball team rose above the windy conditions Monday afternoon to sweep the doubleheader against Liberal, 15-0 and 28-1.

The wind was blowing so hard – with gusts up to 45 mph – that if a batter hit the ball toward the pitcher it would blow into foul territory and in some cases into the next ball diamond. The first game ended after four innings and the second game ended after three.

"This was a very big win especially under the conditions," said Coach Tess Smith. "We played pretty good in the wind."

The winning pitcher for Goodland in the first game was freshman Stephani DeLaRosa and in the second game sophomore Hope Cochran.

In game one at the top of the first inning the Lady Indians had three batters up and three down. When the Cowgirls went to the plate Lindsay Bauman was out on a fly ball caught by the second baseman. Lead-off hitter Brianna White was thrown out at first on that play. Cochran made a base hit to left field. Berkley White's fly ball was caught by Liberal's Kaitlyn Ralson. Both teams remained scoreless at the end of the first.

At the top of the second, Liberal pitcher Jaycee Darroch struck out. The second batter Amanda Love walked to first. The next batter was out at first and the last batter struck out.

In the bottom half of the inning Gabby Rangel hit a grounder to the short stop and was out at first. Megan Siruta hit a fly ball but made it on base. Sydnee Thornburg walked and Natasha Gaydusek got out. DeLaRosa hit a triple, driving in Siruta and Thornburg for two RBIs, giving the Cowgirls a 2-0 lead.

Brianna White then hit the ball to right field, went to third earned an RBI. Bauman hit the ball to center, went to second and drove in Brianna White. Cochran hit a fly to the shortstop Cynthia Cisneros. Berkley White was the last out. The Cowgirls led 4-0.

At the top of the third Liberal's Lynka Phan was out when Goodland's catcher Berkley White caught her foul ball. Ramey



Goodland third baseman Gabby Rangel fired the ball toward first baseman Lindsay Bauman after fielding a grounder in game one of Monday's doubleheader against Liberal.

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Petty and Kaitlyn Ralson struck out.

In the bottom of the inning Rangel walked to first, stole second, went to third and stole home on a wild pitch by Liberal. Siruta walked and was driven home by a base hit to left field by DeLaRosa. Brianna White hit a line drive down the middle, earned two RBIs for driving in Thornburg and Gaydusek. Bauman hit the ball, made it to second but was out at the plate.

Liberal changed pitchers to Ramey Petty. Cochran hit a ground ball, advanced to the other bases and stole home. Berkley White hit a ball up the middle off second and made

it to first. Rangel was hit by a pitch, then Siruta hit a line drive on the left side getting a double and driving Berkley White and Rangel in to score for two RBIs. Thornburg struck out to end the inning with a 12-0 lead for the Cowgirls.

In the top of the fourth Liberal's Caity Hinnergard hit a ground ball and was out at first. Emily Bayouth hit a double to right center field, but Darroch and Amanda Love were out at first on line drives.

In the bottom of the fourth Gaydusek hit a line drive to third and advanced through the bases to score. DeLaRosa hit a base hit

to center and eventually scored. Brianna White hit a line drive to first and was tagged. Bauman had a base hit to third, circled the bases and scored. Cochran hit a line drive and ended the inning on second. The game ended there with Goodland winning 15-0.

Cochran took over as pitcher in the second game. At the top of the first Bayouth struck out. The second batter, Ralson, scored on an error. Darroch struck out and Love flew out to Cochran. Liberal led, 1-0.

With Liberal leading 1-0 going into the bottom of the first, Brianna White walked, stole second but was thrown out at third.

Bauman hit a line drive, circled the bases and scored. Cochran got a base hit. Berkley White hit a ball that went off the glove of Hinnergard to make her safe at first. When Cochran slid into second the baseman's hand got in the way and was spiked but Cynthia Cisneros returned to play. Rangel made a base hit, Siruta walked and Gaydusek also went to first. Miranda Hernandez hit a double to the left and earned three RBIs when Rangel, Siruta and Gaydusek scored.

DeLaRosa then hit a line drive, earned an RBI and scored herself. Brianna White hit a fly and was driven in by Cochran. Bauman hit an infield single and was also driven in by Cochran. Cochran hit a single, went to second on an error, earned two RBIs but was out at third. Berkley White walked and eventually scored. Rangel scored. Siruta hit a line drive and scored. Liberal put in a new pitcher. Gaydusek walked to first, made it to third and was batted in when Hernandez hit a line drive to the right. DeLaRosa walked and was left on second when the inning ended. Goodland led 14-1.

In the top of the second had three up and down. Bauman lead off the batting for Goodland. She walked, went to second and was tagged out at third. Cochran hit a ball to third, made it around the bases and was batted in. Berkley White hit the ball on the ground to the left and scored. Rangel hit a triple off the fence, earned two RBIs and scored. Siruta walked to first and was driven home by Gaydusek, who earned an RBI and later scored. Hernandez hit a base hit to the right, DeLaRosa walked and Brianna White hit a ball toward second. Bauman hit a line drive, made it to third, earned three RBIs and scored. Cochran hit a ground ball to third. Berkley White hit a ball to left field and scored. Selena Acosta walked to first and scored when Hernandez hit a double and earned three RBIs. Siruta hit a ground ball to the short stop. The short stop threw a wild pitch. She scored and earned an RBI. The Cowgirls earned one more run. The Cowgirls led 28-1.

At the top of the third Liberal left one batter on second. The game ended due to the 15-run rule. The Cowgirls won 28-1.