

Cowgirls get narrow wins over Garden City

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The Cowgirl softball team took on the goliath 6A Garden City and came out the winner, 3-2 and 4-3.

Coach Tess Smith said the games with Garden City would tell them how they were doing as a team.

Going into Tuesday's games, the Cowgirls had six wins and two losses this season. The girls are now on a streak, with six straight wins after dropping their opening doubleheader to Hays High. The Cowgirls play at 3 p.m. today at home against Ulysses.

Stephani DeLaRosa was the pitcher for the first game and Hope Cochran pitching the second.

In the top of the first inning of the first game the first batter for Garden City hit a line drive, but was out at first. The second batter Syndi Hernandez hit a double to center field after a two and two count, went to third and passed home plate when the next batter Leslie Ford also hit a double. Jennifer St. Clair was next, she hit right to Goodland shortstop Brianna White who threw St. Clair out at first. Garden City's McKayla Guerrero was hit by a pitch and went to first. Sierra Scott hit the ball to the pitcher DeLaRosa, which she fielded and threw to first for the third out. Garden City led by 1.

At Goodland's turn at bat Brianna White hit a fly ball to center field and was out. Lindsay Bauman struck out and Hope Cochran hit a grounder to the pitcher and was out at first.

At the top of the second inning Garden City had three up and three down. Goodland remained scoreless in the bottom of the second as well. Garden city led, 1-0.

At the top of the third inning Garden City added another run, but



Pitcher Stephani DeLaRosa fires one toward home plate in game one of the doubleheader against Garden City on Tuesday.

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when the inning ended there was a runner stranded on base. The Cowgirls were unable to get anything going in the bottom of the third.

At the top of the fourth Guerrero struck out. Scott hit the ball to center field for a base hit. Then Jamie St. Clair and Casey Curran struck out

leaving Scott stranded on second.

In Goodland's half of the inning, Cochran started out hitting a line drive and was safe at first. Berkley White hit to the second baseman, but Cochran was safe on second on an error. Gabby Rangel hit a fly ball that bounced off the fence

and earned an RBI when Cochran scored. Rangel then stole second. Berkley White rounded third and scored. Megan Siruta was out when her foul ball was caught by the Garden City catcher. Natasha Gaydusek walked.

With the score tied at 2-2, Garden City brought in a relief pitcher. Miranda Hernandez struck out. DeLaRosa hit a single to left field. Brianna White struck out leaving the bases loaded.

Garden City's Alyssa Greenlee was out at the top of the fifth when Cochran caught her high fly ball to center field. Kennedy Brunson and Syndi Hernandez struck out to end the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth Bauman and Cochran struck out. Berkley White was thrown out at first, keeping the score tied at 2-2.

In the top of the sixth Ford hit a ground ball to Berkley White, who's throw to Siruta at first was not in time for the out. Jennifer St. Clair got out when Berkley White caught her fly ball and Guerrero got out when Bauman caught her ball in foul territory. Scott's ball was caught by Bauman and she was out at first.

In the bottom of the sixth Rangel walked, went to second, third and scored when she was batted in by Miranda Hernandez, who hit a line drive to third. Siruta struck out. Gaydusek was thrown out by the second baseman. DeLaRosa hit a ground ball to the middle and was safe at first. Brianna White was out on her line drive to end the inning, but Goodland now had a 3-2 lead.

At the top of the seventh Garden City had three up and three down giving the Cowgirls the victory.

In the second game at the top of

the first inning Cochran struck the first two batters out. Leslie Ford made it to first but the next batter struck out. In the bottom of the second Brianna White got out when her line drive was caught. Bauman got out when her foul ball was caught by the catcher. Cochran got out when her line drive up the middle was caught.

At the top the second inning Guerrero hit a line drive and made it to first. Scott struck out and Guerrero was tagged out when she tried to return to first. Jamie St. Clair hit a double, made it to third and scored when Berkley White tried to tag her with an empty mitt; the ball was in her other hand. Kori Thornton hit a single but was tagged out at second.

Garden City led 1-0 going into the bottom of the second. Rangel had a base hit to first, made it to second and third. Siruta and Gaydusek struck out. Miranda Hernandez walked to first, went to second and slid to third. DeLaRosa hit a single, scoring Rangel, tying the score at 1-1. Brianna White hit a ground ball and was out at first.

At the top of the third Brunson made it to first on an error by Bauman and advanced to second. The next batter bunted and made it to first on another error by Bauman. Ford hit a line drive and batted Brunson in, giving Garden City a 2-1 lead.

In the bottom of the third Bauman made it to first on an error by Garden City's catcher. She was thrown out at second. Cochran flew out to center field. Berkley White also got out to end the inning.

At the top of the fourth Scott hit a line drive up the middle which was caught by Brianna White. Jamie St.

Clair walked to first and slid into second. Thornton was out when Cochran caught her fly ball. Greenlee struck out.

In the bottom half of the inning, Rangel was safe at first on an error by the second baseman. Siruta struck out. Gaydusek got out when the catcher caught a foul ball. Hernandez was the third out.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning, which kept Garden City in the lead, 2-1.

At the top of the sixth Guerrero walked, made it to second and third when Scott hit a double. Scott was thrown out at second, but Guerrero scored. Jamie St. Clair got out when Gaydusek caught her fly ball. Thornton had a base hit to left field, made it to first and second. Greenlee struck out, but Garden City had increased its lead to 3-1.

In the bottom of the sixth Cochran had a base hit to make it to first and second. Berkley White hit a double, advancing Cochran to third. Rangel had a single to left field, was out but batted Cochran in. Siruta was out on a line drive to the left. Gaydusek batted in Berkley White to tie the game. Miranda Hernandez was out at second. The score was tied, 3-3.

In the top of the seventh Brunson hit a fly to Cochran, who threw the ball to Siruta and tagged her at first. Syndi Hernandez walked. Ford was out on a ground ball to first. Jennifer St. Clair hit a ground ball to the short stop and was out at first.

At the bottom of the seventh DeLaRosa got out when her line ball was caught in foul territory. Brianna White got out on a ground ball. Bauman on on base and eventually scored to win the game for Goodland 4-3.

Baseball team splits makeup games with Hugoton Eagles

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The Goodland High School baseball team split a pair of makeup games with the Hugoton Eagles 6-5 and 3-0 on Tuesday at Memorial Field.

The doubleheader had originally been scheduled for April 5, but were postponed because of rain. The Cowboys are on the road today, playing Ulysses at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Starting game one on the mound for Goodland was Gunner Helton. The first three Eagles at the plate were retired in order with two grounders and a fly out.

Ryan Hillmer started things out in the bottom of the first by getting on base, followed quickly by Austin Avelar. Both players would come home on a single by Helton to make it 2-0. Helton, along with Ryder Kling and Laine Herl, would load up the bases for Taylen Smith, who hit a two-run ground-rule double to put the Cowboys up 4-0.

Tyler Jones, Kyle Amthor and Cy Paxton would each strike out to end the inning.

The Eagles put their first run on the board in the top of the second. Helton walked Hugoton's Reid Davis, who advanced on a fielder's choice, stole third and came home on a balk, making it 4-1. A grounder to the third baseman and a fly to right field ended the inning.

The Cowboys, back at the top of the order with Hillmer, Avelar and Helton, were retired in order in the bottom of the second. The Eagles added another run in the top of the third. Cody Frederick of Hugoton hit a double and came home on a single from Yates Sutton.

Kling struck out to open the bottom of the third. Herl got a single, but was left on base when Smith flew out to center field and Jones

struck out.

The Eagles took the lead in the top of the fourth. Reid Davis hit a double and got to third on a passed ball. He was brought home on a single by Chalen Talbert that loaded the bases. Ross Davis would score the tying run after being forced home by a walk. Jeison Rodriguez scored on a sacrifice fly, giving Hugoton a 5-4 lead. Helton got the Cowboys out of the inning with a strikeout.

Goodland was unable to respond in their half of the inning. Amthor grounded out to the pitcher and Paxton struck out. Hillmer belted a triple, but was left stranded when Avelar grounded out to third.

With Hillmer replacing Helton on the mound, the Cowboys were able to hold Hugoton's lead at one run. Despite a single, three ground outs ended the top of the fifth with no damage done.

Goodland tied things up 5-5 in the bottom of the fifth when Kling scored. The Eagles got a runner in scoring position on a passed ball in the top of the sixth, but two straight strikeouts from Hillmer ended the inning.

The Cowboys were retired in order in the bottom of the sixth and returned the favor in the top of the seventh, keeping the game tied 5-5 going into the final inning half.

Avelar got on base on an error, moved over to second on a passed ball, stole third and came home on an error to win the game for the Cowboys 6-5.

Game two didn't go so well for the Cowboys. With Smith on the mound for Goodland, the Eagles got things started with a lead-off home

run from Cody Frederick. James Persinger came home on an error giving Hugoton a 2-0 lead.

After Hillmer struck out to open the bottom half of the first, Avelar got over to second on an error. Helton grounded out and Kling flew out to end the inning.

Smith got two strikeouts and a grounder to retire the Eagles in order in the top of the second, but the Cowboys were unable to get anything going. Herl reached base on an error, but was stranded when Smith, Jones and John Hendrich were all struck out.

Smith helped shut down the Eagles again in the top of the third, forcing two ground outs and striking out Reid Davis.

Sheldon Nelson struck out in the bottom of the third and Hillmer grounded out. Avelar hit a single to center field, but Helton was struck out to end the inning.

The Eagles added a run to their lead in the top of the fourth. Nic Frederick came home from second on a single by Cody Frederick. Sutton was thrown out at first to end the inning with the Eagles up 3-0.

The score would stay there for the rest of the game. The Cowboys would only get one runner in scoring position when in the bottom of the sixth, Avelar hit a double to left field and moved over to third. He was left on base, however, when Kling struck out and Herl was thrown out at first.

The Cowboys kept the Eagles scoreless as well. Both teams fell in order in the seventh inning to end the game with a 3-0 loss for Goodland.



Cowboys' first baseman Laine Herl slid into second base during Goodland's 6-5 win over Hugoton in game one of a doubleheader on Tuesday. The Eagles' second baseman dropped that was meant to get Herl out and he was called safe.

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