

# Cowboys' hot bats can't overcome Eagles

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The Goodland High School baseball team's batting was in fine form Tuesday, but the defense couldn't keep up with the Colby Eagles. The Cowboys lost both games of the home doubleheader 9-6 and 14-9.

In both games the Cowboys got good leads early in the game but allowed the Eagles to pull ahead late. In game one the Cowboys rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs to narrow Colby's lead to three, but they were unable to pull in any more runs. In game two Colby got up to a five-run lead going into the bottom of the seventh, and despite loading the bases, the Cowboys weren't able to get any runs.

The Cowboys play today at 3 p.m. at home against Ulysses.

In game one, pitcher Taylen Smith held the Eagles scoreless in the top of the first. In the bottom of the first, Austin Avelar walked and stole second, but was left stranded on base.

Colby took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Troy Quenzer batted in Macen Shull. The Cowboys didn't let them have it for long. In the bottom of the second, Laine Herl walked and Kyler Amthor hit a single to center field. Smith got a base hit to left field, scoring Herl. Amthor made it to third and then scored on a fielders choice that saw Sheldon Nelson thrown out at first. With the score now at 2-1 in favor of the Cowboys, John Hendrich struck out and Ryan Hillmer flew out to end the inning.

The Eagles tied things up in the top of the third. Trek Keck got all the way to third base on an error and then came home on a sacrifice fly. Another runner came home on a passed ball, giving Colby a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the third, Avelar got to second base on an error by the left fielder. Ryder Kling hit a single, driving Avelar across the plate to tie the game 3-3. Gunner Helton flew out, and Kling couldn't make it back to first in time and was thrown out for the double play. Herl grounded out to third base to end the inning.

In the top of the third Colby's Zack Stones got an RBI single to give Colby the lead again, 4-3. The



Austin Avelar pelted toward second base in game one of the Cowboys' doubleheader with Colby on Tuesday.

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Cowboys were unable to pick up any runs in their half of the inning. Amthor flew out. Smith got a base

hit to left field and Cy Paxton came in to run for him, but was unable to pick up any extra bases. He was left

stranded when Nelson and Hendrich struck out.

Smith held the Eagles in check in the top of the fifth, with two ground outs and a strikeout. One runner reached on an error but was unable to score.

In the bottom of the fifth, Hillmer grounded out, then Avelar belted a triple. Kling was thrown out at first, but Helton got a base hit, scoring Avelar to tie the game 4-4. Herl struck out to end the inning.

The Eagles pulled away in the top of the sixth after Smith loaded the bases with three straight walks. The Eagles would score two on a double, one on a wild pitch and two more on a passed ball to make it 9-4. Smith walked another two, but a fly out and a grounder ended the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, Amthor was thrown out at first. Smith hit a standup double to left field, but Nelson and Hendrich struck out to leave him on base.

Avelar came in to pitch in the top of the seventh and was able to hold the Eagles scoreless. The Cowboys had one last chance in the bottom of the second. Hillmer got a base hit, but was thrown out at second when Avelar hit into a fielder's choice. Kling flew out, but Helton hit a double, scoring Avelar. Herl hit another double, bringing Helton across the plate to narrow the score to 9-6.

It would not be enough, however, as Amthor grounded out to end the game with a 9-6 loss for Goodland.

Helton started on the mound in game two. Colby's lead-off hitter Jordan Rasmussen got things started in the top of the first with a ground rule double. Another base hit put runners at the corners. Rasmussen scored on a sacrifice fly to make it 1-0. Another two fly balls brought the inning to an end.

In the bottom of the first, Hillmer flew out. Avelar got a base hit to left field. Kling hit to center field, which would have driven Avelar in, but it bounced over the fence for a ground rule double. Avelar had to go back to third. Helton reached on an error to load the bases for Herl. Avelar

and Kling scored on wild pitches to make take a 2-1 lead.

Herl hit up the middle, bringing Helton across the plate to make it 3-1, but Herl was thrown out at first. Tyler Jones flew out to end the inning.

In the top of the second, Quenzer scored on a single by Rasmussen to tie the game at 3-3. Paxton caught a sacrifice fly in right field that scored another run to tie the game. Another fly ended the inning with no further damage.

In the Cowboys' half of the inning, Smith made it on base on an error. Amthor walked and Paxton struck out, but the runners were able to advance to scoring position. Back at the top of the order, Hillmer walked to load the bases.

After a pitching change Avelar hit a three-run double off the fence to put the Cowboys up 6-3. Kling hit a single, moving Avelar over to third. Helton hit a sacrifice fly to bring Avelar home to make it 7-3. Herl reached second on an error, but Jones grounded out to end the inning.

In the top of the third, two scored on an RBI double by Shull to make it 7-5. Shull later scored on an error to make it 7-6. Helton got a strike out, but Rasmussen hit a single to drive in another run to tie the game at 7 each. The Cowboys were able to throw out a runner at second on that play and got a ground out to end the inning.

The Cowboys went down in order in the bottom of the third. In the top of the fourth, the Eagles got things started with a ground rule double, the third of the game. Later, with bases loaded, Helton got a strike out, but a base hit brought one runner across the plate. The Eagles took an 8-7 lead. Two more runners scored on a base hit to make it 10-7. A fly out ended the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, Hillmer got a single. He was caught stealing second for the first out of the inning. Avelar got a base hit. Kling got out, but Avelar got all the way to third on a passed ball. He came home on a wild pitch to cut Colby's lead down to two runs.

Helton walked and Herl hit a single. Jones, got on base as well. Colby changed pitchers, putting Rasmussen on the mound. Helton came home on a wild pitch to make it a 10-9 ball game, but Smith struck out to leave two runners stranded.

In the top of the fifth, the Cowboys made a pitching change as well, replacing Helton with Hillmer. Kling caught a fly ball in foul territory. With one runner on, a line drive that went foul blew back into fair territory and the batter was thrown out at first. A grounder to the third baseman ended the inning with no runs for Colby.

The Cowboys were also held scoreless in their half of the inning. Amthor and Paxton struck out. Hillmer grounded out to end the inning.

In the top of the sixth, the Eagles had two quick fly outs, then Jake Thompson hit a single. The next batter hit a grounder to Helton at third who made the throw to first to end the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, Braden Sager came in to pitch for the Eagles. Avelar and Kling flew out. Helton grounded out for the third out.

In the top of the seventh, Colby was back at the top of the batting order. Hillmer struck Rasmussen out. Dalan Organ got a double and Luke Cox got a single, driving Organ across home plate to make it 11-9. Cox came home on a single by Sager. An errant throw allowed a runner to get to third, and then a wild pitch brought him home to make it 13-9.

With runners at the corners, one runner was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice, but one run came in to make it 14-9. A grounder ended the inning.

Trailing by five, the Cowboys nearly made a rally, but fell short. Herl struck out. Jones got a base hit to left field. Smith walked, then Amthor struck out. Paxton reached first base after a third strike got past the catcher.

The bases were loaded for Hillmer, but he grounded to third to end the ballgame.

## Golf team takes ninth at Hays

The Goodland High School golf team placed ninth at the Hays High Invitational on Monday.

The top finisher for Goodland was Gage Ihrig, who shot an 81, just one stroke off getting in the top 10. The winner was Barrett Perry of Topeka West, who shot a 75.

For the Cowboys, Joel Linin shot a 90; Gannon Ihrig,

93; Tanner Jones, 91; Thatcher Jones, 113; and Cooper Slough, 110.

The boys were to tee off next at Norton on Thursday. They will be in Hoxie at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday.

The junior varsity golf team held a home meet Tuesday.

## Cowgirls games postponed to April 30

The weather was drippy but when it turned into a downpour on Monday afternoon the softball game between the Cowgirls and the Lady Eagles at Colby was called off. They will pick up where they left off another day. The game is rescheduled for 3 (Mountain Time) p.m. on Monday, April 30, at Colby.

The next scheduled game for the Cowgirl softball team is 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Johnson City with Stanton County. The Cowgirls have not lost a game since the first two games with Hays High and have a record of 6-2.

In the top of the first inning the Lady Eagle pitcher was having to change balls about every two pitches to have a dry ball. Brianna White was the first batter for Goodland. She walked to first, went to second and third and eventually crossed home plate when there was a wild pitch. Lindsay Bauman was next and she also walked. She made it to second and third and stole home to score.

Hope Cochran was next. She hit a

popfly caught by Colby's shortstop. Berkley White walked and then advanced to second and third. Gabby Ragel also walked and advanced to second.

Colby changed their pitcher. Megan Shiruta was out when her hit to shallow left field was caught. Natasha Gaydusek walked to first to load the bases. Miranda Hernandez was out on a fly ball. At this point Goodland led, 2-0.

It was Colby's turn to bat. The Lady Eagles' pitcher, Kinsey Curaray, was first and she hit a double

and then advanced to third. Pitcher DeLaRosa was having problem adapting to a wet ball as did the Colby pitchers. Morgan Bell walked to first and advanced to second. The third batter never got to finish her turn when the game stopped.

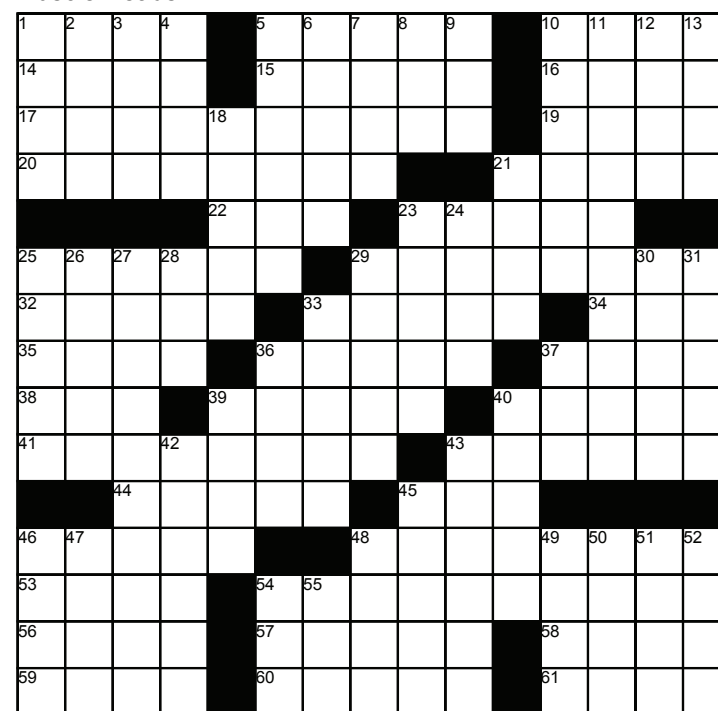
When the game was called for rain, Goodland led by two runs.

## Crossword Puzzle

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1. Plod through the mud
5. Ketch's pair
10. Places to shape up
14. "Damn Yankees" siren
15. China's Zhou
16. New Ager John
17. Edward VIII's action of 1936
19. Feel sore
20. Like most new drivers
21. Rainbow-shaped
22. Like a boiled lobster
23. "West Side Story" tune
25. More steamed
29. Indian nationalist
32. Thumb-turning critic
33. Orange variety
34. Out of sorts
35. One on your side
36. Tribal symbol
37. Ballet bend
38. Emeritus: Abbr.
39. Sleppped
40. Did some cobbling
41. Daddy-longlegs, for one
43. Blacks out
44. Short and sweet
45. Seashell seller, in a tongue twister
46. Beantown skater
48. Playing for time
53. O.K. Corral name
54. Passionate sort
56. Take a shine to
57. \_\_\_garde
58. Spelunker's spot
59. Some microbrews
60. Rundown and filthy
61. Had down pat



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2. Stud spot
3. Shoppe sign word
4. Put on a spare tire?
5. Piddling
6. Fed the kitty
7. Rode the banister
8. Lao-tse's "way"
9. Gluttony or sloth
10. Head the cast of
11. Small transgression
12. 1975 Wimbledon champ
13. Cast off
18. Insertion mark
21. Sea fed by the Amu Darya
23. Pulled up stakes
24. "Beg pardon ..."
25. Still's mate
26. More proficient
27. "Designing Women" costar
28. Like some martinis
29. Whipped, à la Kasparov
30. Little green man
31. Musers' vehicles
33. "\_\_\_ I can help it!"
36. Muscular fitness
37. Nanki-\_\_\_ of "The Mikado"
39. Like a dime
40. Blow up
42. "Gee!"
43. Crude digs
45. Scorpion attack
46. Composer Bartók
47. Third \_\_\_ (track adjunct)
48. Getz or Kenton
49. Canal feature
50. Dr. Pavlov
51. "Scream" actress
52. Shot up
54. Flight from justice
55. Ex of Mickey, Artie and Frank

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