

Cowboys drop two to Thomas More Prep

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The Goodland High School baseball team was swept by the Thomas More Prep-Marian Monarchs, losing 9-1 and 10-0 at Memorial Field on Friday.

The Cowboys got down 4-1 in game one and were not able to recover. It was even worse in the game two, when they got down 6-0 in the top of the second and were unable to score a run.

The team had a quick turnaround this week, playing Lakin at home Monday. They are scheduled to play at Holcomb on Thursday.

Austin Avelar – who is in the midst of a five-game hitting streak – pitched a complete game in game one of the home doubleheader. He and Cowboys held the Monarchs scoreless in the top of the first. In their half of the inning, however, the Cowboys went down 1-2-3 with a fly out from Ryan Hillmer and, a caught line drive to left field by Avelar a strikeout for Ryder Kling.

The Monarchs put the first run on the board on the top of the second. The lead-off batter got three bases after his hit to right field bounced up and over Cy Paxton. He came home on a base hit. Avelar got two straight strikeouts, then a ground out to end the inning.

All three Cowboys, Gunner Helton, Laine Herl and Taylen Smith, were struck out in the bottom of the second, but the Monarchs didn't fare much better with a fly out, a strikeout and a ground out.

Kyler Amthor struck out to open the bottom of the third. Tyler Jones walked, but was picked off at first. Paxton grounded out to second base.

The Monarchs pulled far ahead in the top of the fourth. After a lead-off single, The Cowboys got a force out at second on the next batter, but the new runner stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. One runner walked, and the runner at third came home on a passed ball to make it 2-0.

The Monarchs hit a triple, scor-



Cowboys' outfielder John Hendrich fired the ball in toward second base after fielding a base hit in game one of a doubleheader against Thomas More Prep-Marian on Friday.

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ing one run. A sacrifice fly brought another runner home to make it 4-0. Paxton made a running catch on a fly ball to end the inning.

Hillmer had a lead-off double to begin the bottom of the fourth. Avelar flew out to center field, then Kling hit a double to score Hillmer, making it a 4-1 game.

Helton walked and Kling stole

third. Herl walked to load the bases, but Smith grounded into a double play to end the inning.

With two outs in the top of the fifth, a Monarch double brought in one run to make it 5-1. A strikeout got the Cowboys out of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, Amthor grounded out to first, Jones outran a throw to first after a dropped strike

three and Paxton struck out. Back at the top of the order, Hillmer was thrown out on a dropped strike three for the third out.

The Monarchs got started in the sixth inning with a base hit and a walk. A sacrifice fly advanced the runners, and one would come in to score on a double to make it 6-1.

Two scored on a missed fly ball to

make it 8-1.

Later a runner got to third on a passed ball and scored on a fielder's choice. With two outs, a fly ball to Jones ended the inning.

The Cowboys were looking for a rally in the bottom of the sixth. Avelar and Kling got base hits. Helton had an infield hit. Kling was forced out at second base. With runners at the corners, Herl struck out and Smith grounded out to the pitcher.

The Cowboys held the Monarchs down in the top of the seventh with a strikeout, and two fly outs. They had one last chance to close the gap in the bottom of the seventh. With new pitcher in for the Monarchs, John Hendrich reached base on an error. Jones' line drive was caught for an out. Paxton grounded out to third, but Hillmer got a base hit to put runners at the corners. However, Avelar grounded out to end the game with a 9-1 loss for the Cowboys.

In game two, Smith started on the mound for the Cowboys. He started things out with two strikeouts in the top of the first, which helped retire the Monarchs in order.

Hillmer struck out in the Cowboys' first at bat of the game. Avelar got a single, but Kling and Herl each got out to end the inning.

In the top of the second, the Monarchs got a lead-off double. A walk put runners on the corners and a stolen base put them both in scoring position. Another walk loaded the bases with no outs. Two scored on a single up the middle to make it 2-0 in favor of the Monarchs.

Still looking for the first out of the inning, Smith walked another batter to load the bases. Coach Dev Mull called a conference on the mound, after which Smith threw a strikeout. However, the next Monarch batter got a base hit, scoring two to make it 4-0. Two more runners came home to make it 6-0. Smith was finally able to end the pain by striking out the 12th Monarch's batter to come to the plate in the inning.

Smith was the first batter up in the bottom of the second. He hit a grounder to second and was thrown

out. Helton and Jones also grounded out.

The Monarchs began the top half of the third with back-to-back singles. One runner scored on a fielder's choice to make it 7-0. Smith was called for a balk, then threw a strikeout. Hillmer tagged out a runner after a grounder was hit right to him to end the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Amthor and Paxton struck out. Hillmer walked and Avelar flew out in foul territory.

The Monarchs got a ground out to lead off the fourth inning. Smith threw a strikeout, but the Monarchs got a base hit to put a runner on base. Another runner reached base on an error that brought both to scoring position. Another runner walked to load the bases, but a grounder to Hillmer ended the inning without any points for the Monarchs.

In the bottom of the fourth, Kling struck out, but Herl walked. Smith struck out. Herl advanced to second on a wild pitch and Helton walked. Jones struck out, leaving both runners stranded.

The Monarchs got a runner on quickly in the top of the fifth, but he got out on a fielder's choice. The Monarchs got two more on, one on an error. A walk loaded the bases. Smith threw a strikeout but walked a batter to force one home, making the score 8-0.

Jumping up for a high throw to first by Smith, Herl collided with a runner, who was called safe. Two runs scored on the play to make it 10-0. Smith got one more strikeout to end the inning.

The Cowboys would have to score one run to extend the game to the full seven innings otherwise the game would end due to the 10-run rule. Amthor got a lead-off base hit. Sheldon Nelson struck out when he came in to pinch hit for Paxton. Amthor went to second and third on wild pitches. He was thrown out at home on a fielder's choice hit by Hillmer. Avelar struck out to end the game with a final score of 10-0.

Goodland High School track teams take sixth place at Scott City

Coming off good showings in Atwood and Norton, both the Goodland High School boys and girls track teams couldn't come up with first place finishes at the Scott City Relays last Tuesday. Both teams finished sixth out of nine teams in the 3A-4A division. Colby won on the girls side, while Ulysses took the top spot among the boys.

Girls

Mara Kling placed fifth in the 400 meters with 1:04.94.

Carlee Cooper, 13th in the 400 meters with 1:16.40.

Taryn Bedore, fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with 53.97 and fifth in the high jump with 4 feet, 2 inches.

Chantel Coates, second in the high jump with 4 feet, 6 inches and fourth in the pole vault with 7 feet, 6 inches.

Kate-Lynn King, third in the high jump with 4 feet, 4 inches, 13th in the long jump with 11 feet, 11.5

inches and 13th in the triple jump with 27 feet, 3 inches.

Jordan Knitig, sixth in the pole vault with 7 feet.

Nicole Sederstrom, eighth in the long jump with 14 feet, 1 inch and sixth in the triple jump with 21 feet, 8.5 inches.

Sydney Winston, third in the discus with 94 feet, 5.25 inches, eighth in the javelin with 75 feet, 8 inches and seventh in the shot put with 29 feet, 4.25 inches.

Courtney Cowan, sixth in the discus with 89 feet, 10.5 inches, 14th in the javelin with 66 feet, 1 inch and sixth in the shot put with 19 feet, 8.5 inches.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Kling, Sederstrom, Coates and Bedore placed fifth with 4:39.19.

The 4-by-800 meter relay team of Kling, Cooper, Sederstrom and Bedore placed third with 11:33.66.

Boys

Dax Ruhs placed sixth in the 100 meters with 12.25, tied for 11th in the high jump with 5 feet, 4 inches and third in the javelin with 149 feet, 8 inches.

Colton Cooper, fourth in the 400 meters with 54.37 and tied for ninth in the high jump with 5 feet, 4 inches.

Xavier Foust, 10th in the 400 meters with 57.75.

Ricky Milke, 14th in the 400 meter dash with 58.69.

Gerell Miller, ninth in the 800 meters with 2:20.65.

Reed Bellamy, fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with 17.71 and third in the 300-meter hurdles with 42.33.

Aaron Avelar, fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with 18.24 and 10th in the 300-meter hurdles with 48.83.

Ace Arteaga, 13th in the 3,200 meters with 12:18.45.

Ian Bonsall, seventh in the 110-meter hurdles with 18.37 and ninth

in the 300-meter hurdles with 48.58.

Blaine Luther, tied for ninth in the high jump with 5 feet, 4 inches and eighth in the long jump with 18 feet, 6 inches.

Drew Dautel, 14th in the long jump with 16 feet, 8 inches and 15th in the triple jump with 33 feet, 10.5 inches.

Gage Owens, 16th in the long jump with 16 feet, 4.25 inches and 13th in the triple jump with 35 feet, 6.5 inches.

Tyler Gastineau, ninth in the triple jump with 37 feet, 3 inches and 16th in the discus with 112 feet, 3 inches.

Jeff House, 22nd in the discus with 87 feet, 9.5 inches and 14th in the javelin throw with 116 feet, 1 inch.

Jason Cowan, 25th in the discus with 82 feet, 1 inch and 23rd in the shot put with 28 feet, 9 inches.

Josh Whisnant, 16th in the shot put with 35 feet, 10.25 inches.

The 4-by-400 meter relay team of Bellamy, Riley Oharah, Cooper and Todd Snethen placed sixth with

3:43.06.

The 4-by-800 meter relay team of Foust, Gerell Miller, Josh Whisnant and Arteaga placed fifth with 9:27.05.

Stratton High golfer to join Lady Mavericks

The Northwest Tech Mavericks have accepted a letter of intent from Crystal Tatkenhorst to play on the golf team.

Tatkenhorst is from Stratton, Colo., and will graduate from Stratton High School this May. Her parents are Sheldon and Donna Tatkenhorst from Stratton.

Tatkenhorst is enrolled at Northwest Tech in the cosmetol-

ogy program for the fall. Her hobbies are golf and volleyball, and is an active member in youth group, as well as a waitress at GPI.

"I am excited to have Crystal on the Lady Mavericks team," said golf Coach Travis Jones. "She brings a lot to the table and I can't wait to get the season started with her."

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Thursday: Gold day
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1 p.m.: Boys Junior Varsity Golf at Oakley
Saturday: State Solos and Ensembles

Monday: NO SCHOOL-TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DAY
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