

# Baseball team falls to No. 5 Lakin

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The Goodland High School baseball team took two more tough losses on Monday, falling 4-0 and 8-1 to the Lakin Broncs at Memorial Field.

Lakin is ranked No. 5 in the state by the Kansas Baseball Coach's Association. Thomas More Prep-Marian, who the Cowboys played last Friday, is ranked No. 3. The Cowboys held their own in the first on defense, holding the Broncs to just four runs. However the offense couldn't get anything going. They were able score a run in the second inning of game two on an RBI from Tyler Jones.

The Cowboys were scheduled to play at Holcomb on Thursday and will travel to Hays next Thursday for the Western Diamond Classic tournament.

With Gunner Helton pitching for the Cowboys in game one, the Broncs only got one runner on base due to an error in the first inning. He was left stranded by a fly out.

In the bottom of the second, Ryan Hillmer hit a line drive that was caught by the first baseman for the first out. Austin Avelar walked, stole second and was batted over to third by Ryder Kling, who was thrown out at first, but Laine Herl struck out to end the inning.

The first Lakin batter in the top of the second walked, but when the next batter tried to bunt, the ball was caught in the air by Kling for the first out. The runner moved over to second base, then was batted home on a base hit. A runner was caught stealing, but another made it to first on a wild pitch. A walk put another runner on, but a strikeout ended the inning.

The Cowboys went down in order in the bottom half of the inning. Taylen Smith hit a grounder to first base, Helton flew out and Jones struck out.

The boys prevented Lakin from scoring any more runs in the top of the third. The lead-off batter hit a grounder to Hillmer, who bobbed it but still made the throw to first in time to get the out. After a fly out to Cy Paxton in right field, a runner got two bases on an error and to third on a wild pitch, but a grounder to Herl at first base got the Cowboys out of the inning.

They were unable to put any runs of their own on the board, however. In the bottom of the third, Kyler Amthor got a low base hit up the middle, but Paxton grounded into a double play. Hillmer hit a grounder for out three.

In the top of the fourth, the Cowboys took down the Broncs quickly despite a base hit. One runner was thrown out at second on a fielder's choice, Helton threw a strikeout and the last batter grounded out to third.

The Cowboys had about as much luck as the Broncs in the bottom of the fourth. Avelar got out on an infield fly and Kling struck out. Herl walked but was left on base when Smith struck out.

The Broncs pulled ahead in the top of the fifth. One runner reached base on an error. A sacrifice bunt got him over to second and a walk put two runners on. A double to center field that was nearly caught by Amthor scored two runs, making it 3-0. A fly out to Hillmer and a mid-air catch by Jones ended the inning.

Helton, Jones and Amthor were retired with three straight strikeouts in the bottom of the fifth. In the top of the sixth, a runner got all the way to third on an error. After a grounder to Helton, a walk put runners at the corners. Helton threw out another runner at first on a bunt, but that still put two runners in scoring position. A Lakin batter hit a grounder to Hillmer, who's throw to first went high, forcing Herl to jump to catch it. This took him off the bag, allowing the runner to reach base and one run to score.

With the score now at 4-0 a walk loaded the bases, but a fly out to Amthor ended the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, Paxton struck out, but Hillmer had a standup double to left field. Avelar was hit by a pitch, putting two runners on, but Kling flew out and Herl was thrown out on a dropped strike three to leave them stranded.

After walking the Lakin lead-off hitter in the top of the seventh, Helton was replaced on the mound by Hillmer, who allowed a base hit to put runners at the corners. One fly ball was caught by Kling in foul territory and another by Jones. A strikeout ended the inning.



Cowboys outfielder Kyler Amthor slid back into first base to avoid being picked off during game one of a doubleheader against Lakin on Monday. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

with three strikeouts in the bottom of the inning to end the game with a 4-0 loss.

Hillmer stayed in for game two — his first start since the season opener — this time pitching a complete game. He starting strong, striking out Lakin's lead-off batter. He walked the next batter. The third batter hit into a double play opportunity, but after getting the force out at second, the throw to first went past Herl, allowing the batter to get to second. Avelar threw out the next batter at first to end the inning.

Hillmer got on base on an error in the bottom of the first. Avelar flew out to center field. Kling got out on a running catch by a Lakin outfielder, and Smith flew out to right field.

The Broncs got a lead-off single to start the second inning. The runner tagged and tried to advance on a fly out. Smith's throw to third got past Helton and the runner was safe. After a walk, Hillmer tried to pick-off the runner at first, but the ball got passed Herl. The runner scored from third to make it 1-0. With a runner on second, Hillmer struck out the batter to end the inning.

Helton laid down a base hit to center field to start the bottom of the second. Herl also got a single, put-

ting two runners on for Amthor, who grounded into a fielder's choice. Herl was thrown out at second, but Helton got over to third. Jones also hit into a fielder's choice that scored Helton to tie the game 1-1. Amthor was thrown out at second.

With a runner at first, John Hendrich came up for his first at-bat of the series. He got a base hit. The short stop tried to get Jones out at second, but the throw was not in time. Back at the top of the order, Hillmer grounded to the pitcher to end the inning.

The Broncs also got their lead-off man aboard in the top of the third. Smith caught a fly for the first out. The next batter got a base hit, putting runners at the corners. Another base hit scored the runner from third to make it 2-1. A third base hit got another runner across the plate to make it 3-1. The next batter grounded to Helton for out three.

Avelar grounded out to open the bottom of the third. Kling got on base and stole second. Herl and Helton were struck out to end the inning.

The Broncs got their third straight lead-off base hit in the top of the fourth. A sacrifice bunt moved the runner to second, and Hillmer

walked a batter to put two runners on. Jones caught an infield fly for the second out. A base hit scored the runner from second to make it 4-1. Smith caught a fly ball for the third out.

In the bottom of the fourth, Herl got a base hit. Amthor and Jones struck out. Hendrich flew out to end the inning. Hillmer ended the Broncs' lead-off single streak with a strikeout in the top of the fifth. Two runners nearly got on base through errors, but in both cases Avelar and Herl were able to recover and get the outs.

Hillmer and Avelar grounded out to open the bottom of the fifth. Kling got a base hit and Herl walked to put two runners on for Helton, who grounded into a fielder's choice to end the inning.

In the top of the sixth, two quick hits to Avelar at shortstop got two outs for the Cowboys. A running catch by Smith made for a quick inning. The Broncs made a pitching change in the bottom of the sixth. He was able to hold the Cowboys scoreless for the remaining innings. The Broncs picked up four more runs in the top of the seventh inning to end the game with an 8-1 loss for the Cowboys.

## Cowboy golfers win Hoxie meet

The Goodland High School varsity boys golf team won the Hoxie meet on Tuesday, finishing two strokes ahead of Trego County.

The Cowboys finished with a combined score of 335. Trego had 337 and Rawlins County had 368 to finish third.

Joel Linin got second place, shooting a 79. Gannon Ihrig got

third place with 80 and Tanner Jones got fifth with 82.

Thatcher Jones shot a 94; Cooper Slough, 102; and Jonah McClung, 102.

The junior varsity is scheduled to play at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) today in Oakley. The varsity team's next meet will be at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) Monday at Thomas More Prep-Marian.

## Mustangs find success at Scott City track meet

The Grant Junior High School track teams competed in a meet April 19 in Scott City.

### Seventh Grade Girls

Margaux Thompson placed first in the 200 meters with 30.94, first in the 100-meter hurdles with 18.77, third in the pole vault with 5 feet, 6 inches and second in the long jump with 11 feet, 9.5 inches.

Erin Floyd placed first in the 1,600 meters with 6:39.06 and second in the 800 meters with 2:59.17.

Kelsey White placed first in the 200-meter hurdles with 34.52, second in the 100-meter hurdles with 19.9 and second in the high jump with 4 feet.

Other results include: Kaylee Christensen, fifth in the 100 meters with 15.22 and second in the 200 meters with 32.48.

Chalee Luther, third in the 100-meter hurdles with 20.02, fifth in the 200-meter hurdles with 37.14 and third in the triple jump with 24 feet, 3 inches.

Kaitlyn Daise, third in the 200-meter hurdles with 36.72 and fourth in the high jump with 4 feet.

Myrna Ruiz, fifth in the triple jump with 23 feet, 2.5 inches.

Kate Zelfer, second in the shot put with 24 feet, 5.5 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Ashley Anderson, Savannah Brighton, T.C. Ruhs and Alexi Vasquez placed third with 64.62.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Daise, Ruhs, Ruiz and Vasquez placed third with 2:16.32.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Daise, Luther, Ruiz and White placed third with 5:08.17.

### Seventh Grade Boys

Nolan Deeds placed first in the 100-meter hurdles with 16.4, first in the 200-meter hurdles with 31.25 and first in the long jump with 15 feet, 1.5 inches.

Other results include: Darian Kent, second in the 100 meters with 13.66 and second in the 200 meters with 29.09.

Hagan Hoss, fifth in the 400 meters with 66.25, fourth in the shot put with 27 feet, 8 inches and fourth in the discus with 72 feet, 5.25 inches.

Dillon Gillming, sixth in the 800 meters with 2:40.79

Michael Garza, second in the 100-meter hurdles with 18.55 and third in the 200-meter hurdles with 33.24.

Kasey Stramel, fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with 19.24 and sixth in the 200-meter hurdles with 36.03.

Dusty Johnson, tied for sixth in the high jump with 4 feet, 2 inches and third in the long jump with 13 feet, .5 inches.

Jacob Brown, tied for sixth in the high jump with 4 feet, 2 inches.

Cade Mayer, fourth in the triple jump with 27 feet, 11 inches.

Alex Goodwin, sixth in the shot put with 27 feet, 1 inch and sixth in the discus with 67 feet, 8 inches.

Anthony Hernandez, fifth in the discus with 71 feet, 8.75 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Jesus Dominguez, Garza, Kent and Stramel placed third with 58.89.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Simon Bassett, Dominguez, Tate Withington and Garza placed third with 2:12.65.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Deeds, Kent, Johnson and Hoss placed second with 4:40.51.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Gillming, Mayer, Johnson and Dominguez placed second with 11:13.16.

### Eighth Grade Girls

Kyndell King placed first in the shot put with 31 feet, 6.5 inches and first in the discus with 74 feet, .75 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Faith Biermann, Lacie Siruta, Grace Cole, Kaitlynn Raile placed first with 56.39.

Other results included: Raile, second in the 100 meters with 14.13 and fifth in the long jump with 12 feet, 4.75 inches.

Cole, third in the 200 meters with 30.57 and fourth in the long jump with 12 feet, 6.5 inches.

Logan Perryman, sixth in the 200 meters with 32.19 and second in the pole vault with 6 feet, 6 inches.

Lindsey Geeska, fourth in the 400 meters with 71.10.

Katie Hays, fifth in the 400 meter dash with 80.61.

Lexi Bergquist, fourth in the 800 meters with 3:04.02 and fifth in the high jump with 3 feet, 10 inches.

Biermann, fourth in the 200-meter hurdles with 35.19

Mary Schnabel, second in the high jump with 4 feet, 2 inches.

Siruta, fifth in the triple jump with 24 feet.

Amber Chaffman, fifth in the shot put with 20 feet and third in the discus with 53 feet, 6.5 inches.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Perryman, Cole, Jovanna Nunez and Schnabel placed second with 2:06

The 4-by-400 relay team of Geeska, Biermann, Raile and Siruta placed second.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Biermann, Geeska, Bergquist and Siruta placed second with 11:23.66, a new school record.

### Eighth Grade Boys

Trey Teeter placed first in the 100-meter hurdles with 15.60 and third in the 200-meter hurdles with 29.59.

Koal Artzer placed first in the high jump with 5 feet, 2 inches, second in the discus with 98 feet and fourth in the long jump with 16 feet, 3.5 inches.

Braxton Redlin, first in the pole vault with 10 feet, 6 inches.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Riley Lopez, Teeter, Redlin and Austin Hernandez placed first with 3:57.36.

Other results include: Hernandez, second in the 100 meters with 12.69

Andy Windell, fifth in the 100 meters with 14.5 and sixth in the 400 meters with 66.72.

Jacob Gerber, fourth in the 800 meters with 2:42.45, second in the high jump with 5 feet, 2 inches and third in the 1,600 meters with 5:46.7.

Brevin Bergsma, fifth in the 800 meters with 2:44.3.

Tristan Cooper, sixth in the 800 meters with 2:46.51

Yidam Mendoza, fourth in the 1,600 meters with 5:50.85

Lopez, second in the 100-meter hurdles with 15.82, second in the 200-meter hurdles and fourth in the pole vault with 8 feet

Orlando Wooten, fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with 18.01, fifth in the 200-meter hurdles with 32.87 and fifth in the pole vault with 8 feet.

Jacob Stasser, second in the pole vault with 9 feet.

Luke Avila, fifth in the long jump with 16 feet, 2.75 inches and third in the triple jump with 34 feet, 5 inches, a new school record.

Kelby Smith, fourth in the shot put with 33 feet, 3 inches.

Cole Knitig, fifth in the shot put with 32 feet, 10 inches and fourth in the discus with 93 feet, 8 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Hernandez, Avila, Redlin and Artzer placed second with 50.85.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Avila, Redlin, Wooten and Windell placed third with 1:54.03.

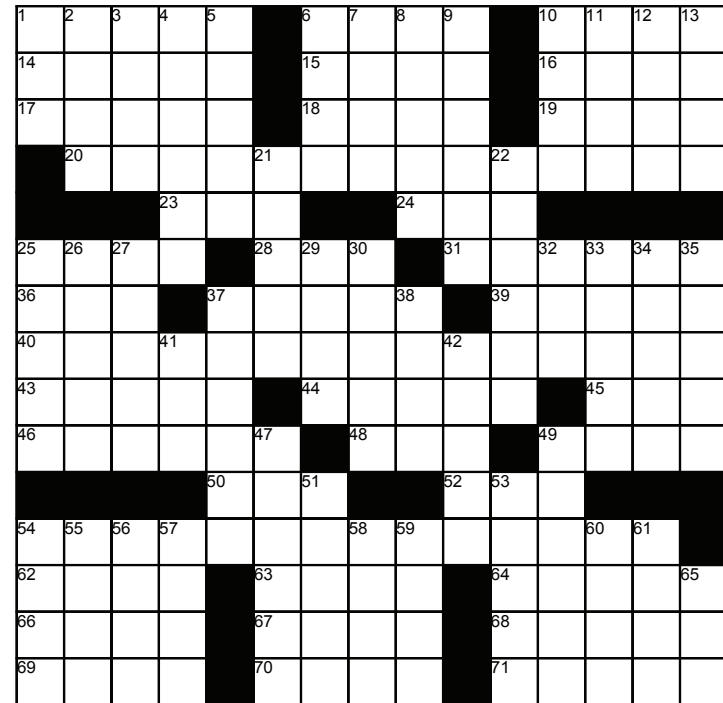
The 4-by-800 relay team of Bergsma, Cooper, Gerber and Mendoza placed third with 10:58.25.

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- "Guarding \_\_\_" (MacLaine movie)
- Pork serving
- The Who's "Tommy," for one
- The Beehive State
- Follow a trail
- Purge, Pied Piper-style
- \_\_\_ fide
- Spheroid hairdo
- 1976 Sean Connery film
- Gorcey or Durocher
- Jiffy
- Cartoon skunk Le Pew
- Diarist Anaïs
- Garlicky seafood dish
- Wolfed down
- High points
- Organizer's organization
- 1968 Richard Burton film
- Part of the giblets
- Russell who played Braddock
- Artist Gerard \_\_\_ Borch
- Pleasant to look at
- \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- It's right in an atlas
- "\_\_\_ you nuts?"
- Figs.
- 1984 Matt Dillon film
- Go hither and yon
- Mischievous spirit
- Periodicals, for short
- "\_\_\_ from Muskogee"
- Some sibs
- One of the Brontës



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