

Cowgirls' streak comes to an end

By Tom Betz
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 Six was the length of the Cowgirls winning streak, and it came to a crashing halt Tuesday as the Colby Lady Eagles pounded them 60-39.

The Cowgirls have to bounce back from the defeat, as they travel to Hoxie Friday, and play Wray, Colo., on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The second loss to the Lady Eagles for the year dropped the Cowgirls' record to 12-5. Three games remain before the sub-state tournament, which will be in Pratt the last week of February.

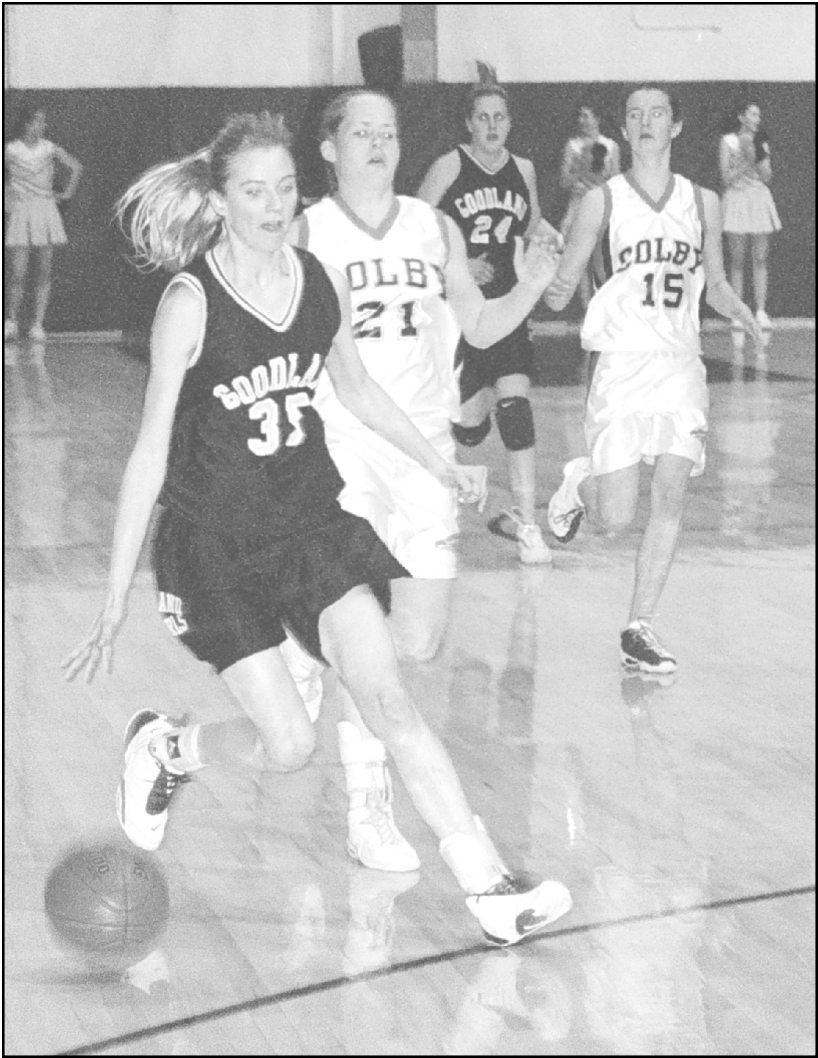
The Colby Community Building was not kind Tuesday, as the Cowgirls fell behind early. There was less than four minutes left in the quarter when StevieLee Raymer got the first Goodland points on two free throws. Raymer had 8 points for the game, 6 from the charity stripe.

The Cowgirls shot 66 percent from the line, 19 of 29.

Lacey Brenner and Jayci Stone each had a basket in the final minutes of the first quarter. The Lady Eagles played Stone tough, holding her to 5 points where she has been averaging nearly 16 a game. Brenner had 10, with 8 coming on free throws, and 6 of those in the fourth quarter.

The final point of the first quarter for Goodland was a free throw by Danielle Hellerud to leave the Cowgirls down 12-7.

Half way through the second period, the Cowgirls were down by 10, 21-11. A short 6-point run cut the margin to 5, and with 2:23 left the Cowgirls were



Cowgirl Lacy Brenner drove the length of the court after a steal for a layup Tuesday night. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

within 3, 24-21. That was as close as they got.

The Lady Eagles' Summer Stephens hit the only 3-point basket of the game, and Colby scored another 5 points to have a 10 point lead, 32-22, at halftime.

Turnovers prove costly to Cowboys in overtime

By Doug Stephens
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 The Goodland Cowboys pulled out a last-second play to put them into overtime with the Colby Eagles Tuesday night at the Colby Community Building, but a couple of turnovers left them with a 74-70 loss.

In a series of moves reminiscent off the last game Goodland played against the Eagles, Andrew Melia got an inside pass with 15 seconds and pulled the Cowboys within two. On the next possession, Don Raymer drove in to tie the game at 66 with 2 seconds remaining. In January against Colby, Melia hit a buzzer-beating drive which won the game. This time, the Cowboys wouldn't be so lucky.

Goodland could only come up with two baskets in the four-minute overtime. Colby's Clayton Kaiser started the period with a reverse lay-up to give his team 68 points. Melia scored from underneath to tie it. Goodland had two turnovers, which allowed the Eagles to pull ahead with a free throw and a bucket to put them at 71.

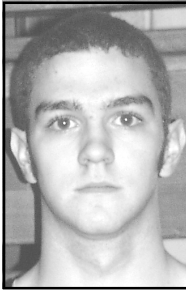
With 38 seconds left, Aaron

Gittinger intentionally fouled Landon Stover, who made both free throws. The Cowboys got the ball down court, where Jordan Riebel tried to put up a three-pointer, but it was blocked by Jordan Harris.

Riebel came up with the loose ball and threw it to Gittinger, who missed. Raymer got the big rebound and put it back to cut the Colby lead to 3 with 10 seconds left.

Riebel fouled Carson McKee on the inbound. McKee made one of his free shots, and Goodland got the rebound. Tedford threw it out to Gittinger, Gittinger to Melia, who shot a three-pointer, but couldn't make it go in.

Goodland and the Eagles were evenly matched teams in terms of their records (Goodland 7-9, Colby 6-11) and size. The scoreboard showed it. There were 24 lead changes and 12 ties. Goodland once led by seven points,



Jordan Riebel



Bryan Mai

and Colby's highest lead was five.

Melia led scoring for the Cowboys with 18. Bryan Mai, who averages about four points a game, stepped up by scoring 13 in the second half and 17 for the game. Raymer hit 15, all but two in the second half. Riebel made 5 buckets from the floor, four of them three-pointers, the only Cowboy to make a trey.

Both teams put 14 on the board in the first quarter, and the Eagles outscored Goodland 17-16 in the second for a one-point lead at the half. The Cowboys bested Colby 18-12 in the third. Colby came up with 23 in the fourth to the Cowboy's 18 to take it to overtime.

Coach Jon McLean said Mai had a great game. "We did a great job executing secondary breaks, and he got some good open shots."

The loss puts the Cowboy record at 7-10. With three games left in the sea-

There was a scare for the Cowgirls in the second quarter when Stone went down with an apparent twisted ankle, but she returned to the game before the half.

In the third quarter, things went worse for the Cowgirls, as the Lady Eagles outscored them 18-6 to lead 50-28. Colby's Stephens had 8 of her 25 points in the third quarter, and Ivy Ramsey had 6 of her 17.

Both teams got into some foul trouble in the second half, and Colby's Bethanie Linden fouled out in the final minutes. The Cowgirls made a valiant attempt to cut into the Lady Eagle in the final quarter, managing to outscore them 11-10.

Throughout the game, the Cowgirls were having trouble getting the ball to fall through the basket. There were several shots that rolled around and fell off, or bounced in and out. The Cowgirls hit 26 percent from the field making 10 of the 39 attempts.

Anny McCoy was the high scorer for the Cowgirls with 13 on 5 of 13 shots from the field, and 3 of 5 free throws.

Stephanie Fairbanks played in the second half, but was unable to score. Jessica Osborn was the only starter who failed to score. Erica Mann also did not score. Hayley Jarmin had one basket in the fourth quarter for 2 points.

In the last minute, Cowgirls Tess Schultz and Kendra Billinger checked in, but did not score.

The Cowgirls had 23 rebounds, 5 offensive and 18 defensive, and 26 turnovers. They had 8 blocked shots. Brenner had 3, McCoy and Mann 2 each and Jarmin 1.

son, they still have a chance to post a 50 percent average.

McLean praised both teams.

"It was a great high school game," he said, "just one that we lost."

"It came down to turnovers in overtime. Both teams played well; we just had some mental breakdowns."

Goodland plays at Hoxie about 7 p.m. Mountain Time on Friday and play Wray at Max Jones Fieldhouse about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. McLean said they will be two tough games.

"They'll be a lot like the one last night," he said. "They'll probably go down to the last few minutes, and we'll have a chance to win them."

Goodland wrestlers to head to regional tourney Friday

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pound weight classes.

"There's a lot of depth there," he said. "There's a lot of good kids in those weights."

Junior Kyle Schulte will wrestle for Goodland in 125 and sophomore Mike Zimmerman will fill the 140 spot. Schulte has a 21-13 season record and qualified for state last year, while Zimmerman is 2-4 this season.

Bahe said he also expects the 112- and 119-pound weight classes to be tough. Sophomore Blayze Bahe will represent Goodland at 112 and junior Mathias Goodley will wrestle at 119.

Blayze Bahe has a 26-6 season record and placed fourth in the 103-pound weight class at state last year. Goodley has a season record of 18-17.

Wrestlers with promising season records include senior Bryce Bahe, 130, 19-6; freshman Dexter Deeds,

103, 24-3; junior Taylor Brack, 152, 21-13; senior Thomas Tompkins, 189, 23-6; sophomore Jordan Bedore, 215, 18-4; and heavyweight junior Andy Phillips, 10-7.

Bryce Bahe took second in state last year and his sophomore year and placed sixth his freshman year.

Cowboys who have had good showings in recent matches include junior Dustin Klinge, 135, 19-16; junior Brandon Linden, 160, 3-9; and senior Chris Zimmerman, 171, 14-12.

Coach Bahe said Linden competed against L.J. VonLintel in a ranking match on Monday to decide which wrestler would represent Goodland at regionals.

The coach said he's confident the Cowboys will do well.

"I feel real good," he said. "Each week, I'm concerned they might let down, but that doesn't happen. They continue to work hard and have a great mental outlook."

Kansas State rebounds from loss

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—Kansas State, which gave up 99 points in last weekend's loss to Nebraska, got the message from coach Jim Woolridge and played some serious defense Tuesday night.

The Wildcats held Texas A&M to 13 points in the first half on the way to a 69-38 victory. The 13-point half was a

record low for Bramlage Coliseum, and the halftime and final score matched Big 12 record lows set in a Baylor victory over Texas two years ago.

"It was awfully good," Woolridge said of his team's first-half defense. "This was a much better defensive effort. A lot of things made a lot more sense out there tonight."

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