

Cowgirls open season with win, 71-56

The Goodland High girls came out running early Friday, controlling the opening tipoff and jumping out to an early 8-0 lead to whip the Lady Longhorns, 71-56, in the season opener Friday at Imperial, Neb.

Tonight, the Cowgirls will face the Burlington Lady Cougars at 5:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Thursday, the Cowgirls will face the Lady Cougars for a second time in the first round of the 15th Annual Topside Tipoff tournament.

"I think the Lady Cougars are a young team like ours," Coach Terry Daise said. "They put a lot of pressure on us last year and played a lot of man to man. We expect that this year."

The Cowgirls will attempt to defend their Topside championship from last year, when they defeated Ottawa High on their way to a 14-0 record before losing in January to

the Colby Lady Eagles. Ottawa is returning to the holiday basketball classic, joining teams from Weskan, Holyoke, Norton, McCook and Wray.

If the Cowgirls defeat Burlington in the opening round, they will face the winner of the McCook vs. Wray game at 6 p.m. on Friday. If they should fall to the Lady Cougars, they would play the loser of the McCook vs. Wray game at 6 p.m. on Friday. The winning game will be on the Max Jones floor while the other game is in the junior high gym.

Friday, the Cowgirls got the opening tip by Justeen Koehler. A few seconds later, Dani Bedore hit the first of 16 first-quarter points to give Goodland the lead.

"She really gave us a spark," Coach Daise said. "She is a good player and has a very good inside



Bedore



Koehler



Archer

shot. I expected her to do well, but probably not as well as 16 points."

Bedore hit on her next two baskets, and then a basket by Koehler gave the Cowgirls an 8-0 lead. A three-point shot by Imperial put them on the board, but Whitney Archer hit one herself to make it 11-3 with 5:20 left in the first quarter.

Archer hit the final basket of the quarter to make it 25-17. The Cowgirls only problem in the quarter was that they missed six straight

free throws, four by Koehler and two by Bedore.

"It was good to get the first few baskets and get our momentum going," Coach Daise said. "I was pleased with the number of points we scored, but thought we allowed too many points."

Midway through the first quarter the Lady Longhorns had cut the lead to four points, but the rally was short lived as Bedore hit twice and Melissa Swager hit her first basket to make it 19-11. Bedore was fouled on her last shot, and she broke the free-throw drought to complete a three point play and make it 20-13 with 1:30 left in the quarter.

In the second quarter, Emily Murray saw her first action of the season, and got her first points to make the score 27-19. Imperial cut the lead to five with 5:30 left in the half, but that was a close as they would get. The Cowgirls were in command 40-29 at the end of the half.

The Cowgirls shot 69 percent in the first half, but had 14 turnovers and finished the half with 45 percent of their free throws (7-16).

The third quarter started on a fast note. With less than two minutes gone, Archer hit her second three-point basket to give the Cowgirls a

14 point lead, 45-31.

Imperial put on a run of their own, and halfway through the quarter, they had cut the lead to seven, 45-38. With three minutes left, Koehler took a pass from Jordan Frazier and hit a shot to make it 46-38. Archer intercepted an Imperial pass, and Bedore hit the shot with an assist from Jessica Osborn. Bedore hit another basket, then Koehler hit from underneath and was fouled. She made the free throw to complete the three-point play and give Goodland its largest lead of the game at 16, 54-38. The quarter ended with Goodland leading 58-42.

The free-throw problems continued, as they missed several early in third quarter and the first part of the fourth quarter until Archer finally got two with 4:30 remaining to make it 60-49.

Bedore hit another basket and was fouled with 3:30 remaining. She made the free throw to make it 63-49.

Osborn got her first basket with a little more than two minutes remaining, and was fouled. She made the free throw. A few seconds later, Osborn was fouled again and made the first of her free throws to make it 66-54.

Megan Leonard went to the line with 1:51 remaining and hit the first one. A few seconds later, it was Lisha Tedford at the charity stripe, but she missed both.

Cortney Shields hit the final two baskets for the Cowgirls to give

them the 71-56 win.

"We have to work on our free throws for sure," Daise said. "I think a lot of the turnovers may be first game jitters, but we need to be more intense on defense."

"Every time they started to make a run at us we would come right back and extend the lead back to double digits."

Bedore was the high scorer with 23 points (10/14 from the field, 3/5 free throws), Archer 14 (1/7 fg, 3/3 three-point baskets, 3/6 ft) and Koehler had 13 (6/9 fg, 1/2 ft). Shields had 8 (3/5 fg, 2/3 ft), Murray 4 (2/5 fg, 0/2 ft) and Osborn 4 (1/7 fg, 0/1 3-pt, 2/3 ft), Swager 2 (1/2 fg) and Frazier 2 (1/4 fg) and Leonard 1 (0/3 fg, 1/6 ft). Koehler had one blocked shot and Archer had two.

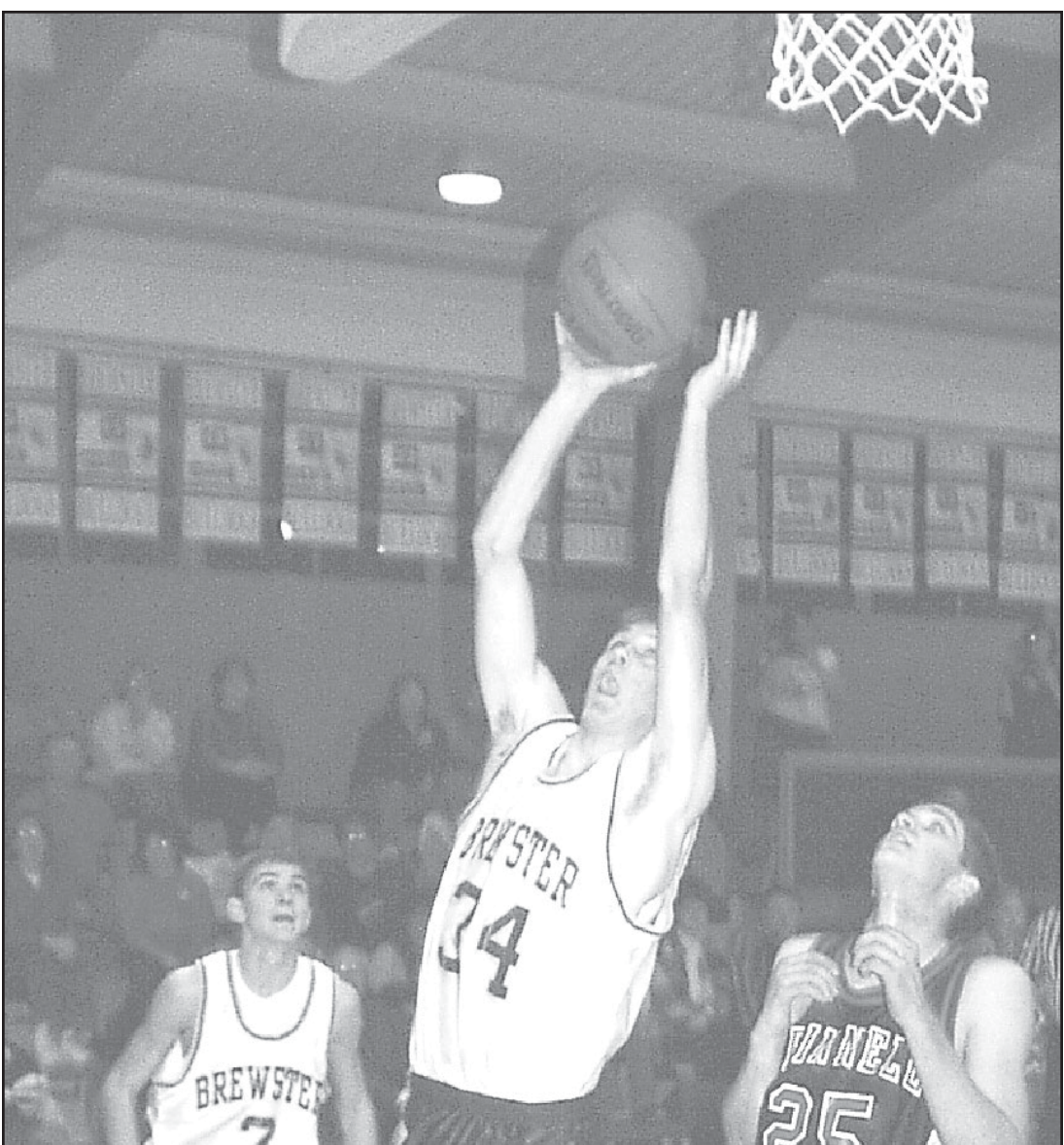
Whitney Carmichael saw action, but did not score. She missed her only free throw attempt. Kaylee Billinger played but did not score. Tedford played, but missed her two free throw attempts.

As a team the Cowgirls hit 49 percent from the field (25/51), 75 percent of their 3-pointers (3/4) and 40 percent of their free throws (12/30).

The Lady Cougars hit 34 from the field (24/70), 100 percent of their 3-pointers (1/1) and 36 percent of their free throws (5/14). The Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady Cougars 35 to 28.

The Cowgirls had 15 steals to 20 for the Lady Longhorns. Goodland had 34 turnovers to 28 for Imperial.

Bulldogs on the move



Brewster forward Josh Ryan (center) goes up for two of his four points against Grinnell Friday. The Bulldogs defeated the Warriors 63-59. Heath Baird led Brewster with 28 points. The Lady Bulldogs lost their game against Grinnell 57-51.

Photo by The Colby Free Press.

Topside Tipoff Tournament starts Thursday at Max Jones

Eight high school boys and girls basketball teams will compete for their respective championship trophies at the 15th annual Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament beginning Thursday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Three states will be represented at the tournament. Joining Goodland are three other schools from Kansas: Weskan, Ottawa and Norton Community.

From Colorado are Burlington, Holyoke and Wray, and from Nebraska come the Bison of McCook High School.

Tip-off for the first game for both the girls and boys will 2 p.m., Thursday with the boys team from Holyoke taking on Ottawa in the junior high gym. The first girls' game will be between the Weskan Coyotes and the Norton Bluejays on the main court.

The first game for the Cowgirls will be at 6 p.m., on the main court, against the Burlington Cougars. The Cowboys will follow that game at 8 p.m., also against Burlington. This will be the second time in three days these teams will face each other.

Each team will play one game on all three days of the tournament

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School calendar for Dec. 10 - Dec. 16

Wednesday - "Black Day".

Thursday - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco and Grace, Junior varsity and varsity wrestling at Atwood 5:30 p.m., Topside Tip-off basketball starts at 2 p.m., Cowgirls play at 6 p.m., Cowboys play at 8 p.m., seventh and eighth grade basketball at St. Francis 3:30 p.m., "C" basketball at Benekleman 6:30 p.m.

Friday - "Black Day", Topside Tip-off basketball starts at 2 p.m., Cowgirls play at 6 p.m., Cowboys play at 8 p.m.

Saturday - Varsity wrestling at Burlington 10 a.m., ACT Test in Goodland 8 a.m., Topside Tip-off basketball starts at 11 a.m.

Monday - Junior varsity basketball tournament in Goodland 3 p.m., first round League junior high basketball tournament.

Tuesday - "Black Day", High school band and vocal concert 7 p.m., wrestling at Oberlin 5:30 p.m., Technology Committee meeting 3:45 p.m.

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