

Surge lifts Cowgirls over Indians

The Cowgirls got back on the winning track Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, whipping the St. Francis Lady Indians 51-36 in a league match.

The win stopped a three game losing streak and gave the team a much needed win to begin the stretch to the sub-state. The win raised the Cowgirls record to 11-4, and they were ranked 10th in the Class 4A rankings by the Kansas Basketball Coaches.

"We started very slowly against Saint Francis," Coach Don Smith said Monday. "We came out in the second half and began to play better as the game went on. It was a game where I wished there had been more time in the second half to get the girls going stronger."

"I was glad to see our shooting turn around, and the win gave the girls a lift."

The Cowgirls and Lady Indians played pretty evenly through the first half, with Goodland leading 19-15 at the buzzer. The Cowgirls stepped up in the second half to outscore St. Francis 32-18 for a 51-33 win.

The first quarter was even, with both teams starting slowly and the

Cowgirls win on Friday, lose to Lady Red Demons

The Goodland Cowgirls went into the weekend ranked 10th in Class 4A despite a three-game losing streak, and got back on the winning track Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, beating the St. Francis Lady Indians 51-36 in a league match.

The victory gave the girls a much-needed boost as they head into the stretch to the substate tournament.

Saturday, though, the Cowgirls were unable to overcome a much taller Class 6A team, losing to the Lady Red Demons of Dodge City High 55-36 on the road.

The loss gives the Goodland High girls an 11-5 record starting the final month of the season.

The girls will be in action at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) tonight against the Lakin Lady Broncs for a makeup game in Lakin postponed by a snowstorm early in January.

The Cowgirls will be in Oakley on Friday to face the Lady Plainsmen, who have only one league loss, to the Colby Lady Eagles. That game also starts at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

score tied at 8. Goodland picked up the scoring a bit in the second period to lead 18-15 at the half.

The Cowgirls outscored St. Francis 16-7 in the third quarter to lead by 13, 35-22. In the fourth, the Cowgirls out scored the Lady Indians

16-11.

Whitney Archer led the Cowgirl in scoring with 15 points. She had 7 in the second quarter, including one of her three 3-point shots. The other two three-pointers came in the fourth quarter and she hit her two

free throws then.

Emily Murray had 13 points on 6 field goals and 1 free throw. Kaylee Billinger had 9 with 1 three-point basket and 3 field goals. Nicolette Clancy and Sammie Raymer each had 6 points, and Stephanie Sheldon had one field goal in the first quarter for her 2 points. Erika Gonzales had two free throw attempts in the fourth quarter missing both.

The Cowgirls hit 4 of 12 three-point shots for 33.3 percent, and 18 of 51 from the floor for 35.3 percent. The girls hit 3 of 9 free throws for 33.3 percent. The Lady Indians hit 1 of 3 three-point baskets for 33.3 percent, and 11 of 33 from the floor for 33.3 percent. The Lady Indians hit 8 of 11 free throws for 72.7 percent.

The Goodland girls out rebounded the Lady Indians, 33-23.

Archer also led the Cowgirls in rebounds with nine. Stephanie Sheldon had 6, Clancy and Raymer 4 each, Gonzales, Whitney Schields, Billinger and Murray each 2, and Lindsey Schields and Courtney Sheldon 1. Shelbi Herl and Chelsie Gausman played in the final quarter, but did not score.

Cowgirls fall to taller Dodge City, 55-36

The Cowgirls were unable to overcome a height deficit, losing to the Lady Red Demons of Dodge City High 55-36 in road game Saturday.

The loss gives the Goodland High girls an 11-5 record heading into the stretch.

"There were a lot more positives from the weekend," Coach Don Smith said Monday. "I was pleased with our first half of play at Dodge City. Dodge City has a fine basketball team, and their size ended up being a factor for us with their two tall girls in the middle."

"They were able to clog up the middle and stop a lot of our inside shots. We got some good shots, but in the second half, the Dodge City

team played tougher against our perimeter shots, and that sort of seemed to bother our girls."

"We had some good looks, but did not get the shots in. We were not able to sustain what we did in the first half. Luckily we won't see many teams with that kind of talent."

"It certainly doesn't get any easier facing Lakin which has three losses, then Oakley which has one loss."

"Our schedule was really tough this year. I said earlier in the season we need to put a winning streak together before sub-state."

Against the Lady Red Demons, the Cowgirls stayed close in the first half. They were down 2, 14-12, at the end of the first quarter, and down

4, 29-25, at halftime.

The Dodge City girl really put the pressure on in the third quarter, holding the Cowgirls to 2 points and extending their lead to 43-31. Whitney Archer, who led the Cowgirls with 14 points, had the only basket for Goodland.

The Cowgirls kept trying in the final quarter, with Archer hitting 5 of her points on a field goal and one of her two 3-point shots. The Cowgirls had 9 points, with Whitney Schields and Kaylee Billinger each getting a field goal.

The Lady Red Demons just kept it up, added to their lead to win 55-36.

Billinger had 8 points, Nicolette Clancy 4 in the first quarter and

Sammie Raymer 4 in the second. Lindsey Schields had a 3-point basket in the first quarter. Stephanie Sheldon had a field goal in the fourth quarter for her 2, and Emily Murray hit one free throw in the first quarter.

The Cowgirls hit three of 15 three-point shots for 20 percent, and 10 of 30 field goals for 33.3 percent. The Cowgirls hit 70 percent of their free throws, 7 of 10.

The Lady Red Demons hit one of six 3-point shots for 16.7 percent, and 24 of 40 from the floor for 60 percent. Dodge City hit 40 percent of their free throws, four of 10.

The Lady Red Demons out rebounded the Cowgirls, 29-16.



Kaylee Billinger put up a shot in the fourth quarter of the Cowgirls win Friday over the St. Francis Lady Indians, 51-36. Billinger had 9 points in the win for the Cowgirls.

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1. Scientiae Baccalaureus (abbr.)
4. Niches
9. Express gratitude
14. Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
15. Makes tractors
16. Rajah's wife
17. Ribonucleic acid (abbr.)
18. Degree to which surgery is possible
20. Putting green grass
22. About space
23. Grooms in India
25. Lieu
26. Digital audiotape (abbr.)
29. NW Algerian port city
31. Promotions
32. _____ phim Falls: Neeson film
33. Scaly skin
35. Tramp about
36. An insane person
37. Heavy spar
38. Fall flower
39. Corrupt payments
40. _____ port, PA - 19533
41. Manuscripts (abbr.)
44. Arrive
45. Norse god of war
46. Capture or seize
48. Supports mine roof
51. Highest ranking officer
53. New England river
54. Brunch refreshments
58. '____ death do us part
59. Myrmica l____: ant species
60. Lake in central Africa
61. Point midway between north-east and east
62. Skating moves
63. River in SE Russia

CLUES DOWN

64. Lacking in brightness
1. Bosnian ethnic group
2. NY amusement island
3. Accountant
4. Bustle and fuss
5. _____ i Cola: popular drink
6. Oozes
7. Print errors (latin)
8. Put into position
9. Ill
10. Dormitory
11. Black tropical American cuckoo
12. Remaining after all deductions
13. Device to open a lock
19. Diagonal to the grain of fabric
21. Towelings
24. 2nd Islamic month
26. Ruminated with others
27. A sharp narrow mountain ridge
28. Records
30. Never sleeps
32. Prawns
33. Blue pigment containing glass
34. CIA Director 81 - 87
35. _____ patak: town in No. Hungary
37. London radio station
41. Numerous
42. Tree diagram of a literary work
43. Poor handwriting
46. Surrenders possession of
47. Moved quickly
49. _____ de pepe: small pasta
50. A. Ellstein's opera The _____
51. Destination
52. Constellation containing Vega
54. The cry made by sheep
55. Illumination unit
56. A metal-bearing mineral
57. Our closest star

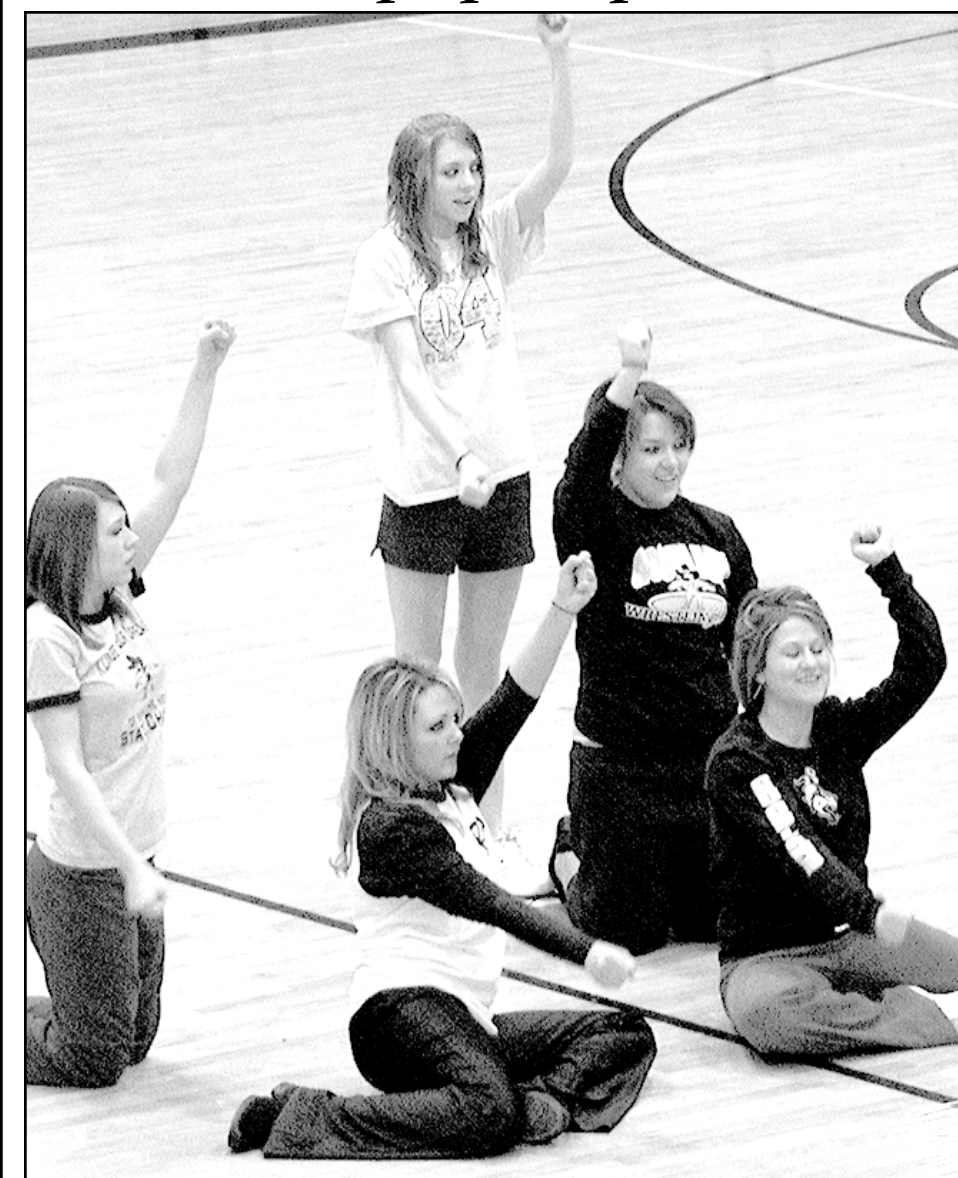
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Cheerleaders prepare special dance



Goodland High wrestling cheerleaders rehearsed a dance routine they will perform for senior night Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse when the Cowboys face Oakley in a league dual. The girls are seniors Candice Meisinger (left), Nicole David (center front) and Shandel Simon (right front), plus Hannah West (center top) and Julica Bonsall. Savannah Schlink was absent. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Lady Mustangs defeat Scott City

The Grant Junior High eighth grade Lady Mustangs whipped Scott City 35-26 for their fourth win of the season last Tuesday at the junior high gym.

The win brought the Lady Mustangs A team's record to 4-1, and the girls are 2-0 in Northwest Kansas League play.

The Lady Mustangs led 11-10 after the first quarter but the score was tied at 18 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Goodland girls outscored Scott City 13-2 for a 31-20 lead. Scott City got 6 points in the final quarter to 4 for the Lady Mustangs, but the Lady Mustangs won 35-26.

Jade Herl led the girls with 17 points on 3 field goals, two 3-point shots and 5 of 6 free throws.

Ashley Archer had 12 points on 5 field goals and 2 of 3 free throws. Jennifer Fontenot, Christy Studer and Kirsten Topliff each had 2 points on a field goal. Others playing for the Lady Mustangs included Katlyn Topliff, Day Waugh, Katlyn Lammers and Andrea Roeder.

The Lady Mustangs' B team came from behind to beat Scott City, 25-20, bringing their record to 3-1-1 for the season and 0-1-1 in league play.

The girls fell behind 12-8 in the first quarter, and were down by 3 at the end of the half, 16-13.

In the third quarter, the girls outscored Scott City 12-4 for a 25-20 win in three quarters.

Studer led the scoring with 12 points. She got three field goals in the first quarter and three in the third. Lammers and Herl each had 4 points, while Archer and Waugh each had a field goal for 2 points. Kirsten Topliff hit 1 of 2 free throws for 1 point.

The seventh grade Lady Mustangs lost to Scott City 46-2 in the A game and 17-11 in the B game last Tuesday in Scott City.

Thursday the seventh grade A team lost to Rawlins County, 32-16, and lost the 5th quarter 5-4.

The Lady Mustangs will be in action at 4 p.m. today against Burlington. The seventh grade is playing at the Junior High Gym at Max Jones while the eighth grade will play in Burlington.

The Lady Mustangs will face Hoxie at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, with both seventh and eighth grade games at the junior high gym.

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