



Sophomore Greg Farris shot over the arms of taller Larned Indians on last Thursday in the Class 4A substate semifinal. Farris scored the final five points to give the Cowboys a 52-47 win.

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Season's highlight league championship

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The season ended Saturday for the Cowboys basketball team, with a 63-49 loss to Thomas More Prep-Marian in the substate championship, but the team members can look back on a 16-7 season that included a 7-0 run to win the Northwest Kansas League title.

"These kids had a great year," said Coach Jon McLean on Monday. "We struggled a little around the Orange and Black Classic, but the team bounced back to win 9 of their last 11 games.

"I am real proud of the way they finished the season."

Senior Nick Angelos led the team in scoring with an average of 14.2 points. He hit 60.7 percent of his field goals (136-224) and 57.9 percent of his free throws (55-95). Angelos averaged 9.2 rebounds a game with a total of 211 for the 23 games (71 offensive and 140 defensive). He blocked 28 shots, had 51 steals, 63 assists, and 72 turnovers.

Senior Mikey Doll averaged 13 points per game hitting 25 percent of his three-pointers (48-140), 53.7 percent of his field goals (107-248) and 54.5 percent of his free throws (35-66).

Doll averaged 3.6 rebounds a game with 82 on the season with 10 offensive and 72 defensive. He had 2 blocked shots, 39 steals, 58 assists and 58 turnovers.

Senior Nathan Linin averaged 1.6 points per game. He hit 75 percent of his field goals (15-31) and 58.3 percent of his free throws (7-12). He had 25 rebounds, 6 steals, 22 assists and 26 turnovers.

"Our three seniors are going to be missed," McLean said. "Linin provided this team with excellent lead-

ership. He was always very positive with his teammates. He always gave us just what we needed off the bench. He is a great kid.

"Doll just played his tail off all year. His leadership and outside shooting were very important for our team. He played solid defense and rebounded the ball well. He just did an excellent job for us all year. His Ottawa game is one for the memories."

"Nick Angelos had a solid year for us. He did a very good job rebounding. He provided us with a post presence both offensively and defensively."

Junior Tanner Smith averaged 11.7 points per game. He hit 52.2 percent of his field goals (108-207) and hit 64.6 percent of his free throws (53-82). Smith averaged 5.5 rebounds per game with a total of 128 for the season. He had 78 defensive rebounds and 48 offensive. He blocked 9 shots, 12 steals, 17 assists and 42 turnovers.

Juniors Josh Duke averaged 1.1 points per game; Preston Dautel .5; Grant Wilkens .3; and Spender Windell .5.

Sophomores Greg Farris averaged 8 points; Travis Angelos 6.8 points; Andrew Taylor 1.2; and Brandon Rome 1.2.

"Our underclassmen have a chance to have a solid team next year," McLean said. "Smith, Travis Angelos and Farris will be three returning starters and give us a good nucleus to build around.

Dautel and Windell finished the year playing very well in our junior varsity games. Duke, Taylor, Rome and Wilkens will all be battling for playing time and should add quality depth to our team.

"All our returning players need to

work hard in the off-season and be prepared to step up and perform next season."

The Cowboys averaged 57.7 points per game while the opponents averaged 53.1.

"Again, I want to thank these kids for a great season," McLean said. "It was exciting and a lot of fun."

The Cowboys started the season 4-0 with wins over Imperial 63-31, McCook 58-56 in overtime, Sharon Springs, 59-47, and Ottawa 64-62. Three of the wins were at the Topside Tipoff.

Hays High gave the Cowboys their first loss, 80-44. The Cowboys bounced back beating Quinter 74-71 and Atwood 57-44.

Weather upset the schedule before Christmas and the Cowboys lost to Scott City 63-46. At the Orange and Black Classic the Cowboys lost to Hays High again, 82-46, defeated McCook 67-44 and lost to Colby 49-44. The Cowboys lost to Norton 46-31 before they started getting on the winning track.

The Cowboy defeated Oberlin 82-48, Garden City 72-64 and St. Francis 72-36. They lost their last game of the regular season to Dodge City 51-49 in double overtime.

They won the next six straight wrapping up the Northwest Kansas League title with a perfect 7-0 record.

The Cowboys beat Lakin, 57-52, Oakley 63-32, Hoxie 49-43, and Colby 49-43.

In Class 4A substate action the Cowboys defeated Russell 81-57, and had a great fourth quarter comeback to defeat Larned 52-48.

The Monarchs of Thomas More Prep-Marian handed the Cowboys their last defeat on Saturday, 63-49.

Wrestling club has half of team placing, two champs

The Goodland Wrestling Club had two champions, and about half of the team placing at the Western Kansas Classic Saturday in Hays. With 941 wrestlers signed up, most of the kids competed in 16-man brackets.

The club has 52 wrestlers signed up for sub-district Saturday at

Colby. The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Mountain Time, beginning with the younger age brackets. The top four in each weight division will move on to District tournament at Cimarron on Saturday, March 17.

Champions at Hays were Ian Bonsall, 120 pounds in the 10 and under age group, and Michael

Ledesma, 140 pounds in the 16 and under age group.

Other results:
6 and under: Tristan Weber, 43 pounds, fourth; Chase Johnson, 49 pounds, fourth; Tayton Weeter, 52 pounds, fourth; and Champ King, wrestled at 55 pounds.

8 and under: Tate Withington,

49 pounds, fourth; Simon Bassett wrestled at 55 pounds; Tanner Gastineau, 64 pounds, second; Evan Peter wrestled at 67 pounds; Nolan Deeds wrestled at 67 pounds; Austin Hernandez, 70 pounds, third; and Drew House, 125.

10 and under: Aaron Avelar, 58 pounds, third; Josh David wrestled at 61 pounds; Coy Johnson, 70 pounds, fourth; Colton Cooper

wrestled at 85 pounds; Connor Simpson wrestled at 90 pounds; John Peden, 95 pounds, second; and Tyler Gastineau wrestled at 100 pounds.

12 and under: Austin Avelar wrestled at 80 pounds; Brook Bahe wrestled at 96 pounds; Garrett Geist wrestled at 130 pounds; Laine Herl, 140, third; Josh Whisnant wrestled at 150 pounds; and Taylen Smith,

150, third.
14 and under: Jason Cowan wrestled at 125 pounds; Lorenzo Delgado wrestled at 130; Nathan Deeds wrestled at 130; and Paul Starr wrestled at 160.

16 and under: Brad Geist wrestled at 140; Fernando Martinez, 175, second; and Joel Osburn wrestled at 175.

Seawolves go to nationals; ex-Cowgirl all-conference

Former Goodland Cowgirl Jayci Stone and the Seawolves of the University of Alaska Anchorage have at least one more basketball game to play this season as they head into the NCAA Division II regional playoffs.

This will be the team's first trip to the national playoffs since the 1999-2000 season.

The Seawolves, ranked No. 4 in the West Region, will face the fifth-ranked Toros of California State University, Dominguez Hills today in San Diego, Calif. Anchorage finished the regular season 22-5 while Dominguez Hills went 16-10.

Stone scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds last Saturday in the Seawolves' 85-73 road win over Western Oregon University. During the regular season, she averaged 11 points and six rebounds per game, second on the team in both.

Stone, who played for New Mexico State University last season, was named the Great North-

west Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year on Tuesday and was a second team all-conference pick.

Anchorage's coach Tim Moser, in his first season with the Seawolves, was named Coach of the

Year. Anchorage finished second in the conference with an 11-5 record. The Falcons of Seattle Pacific University went 12-4 to win the title. The Falcons, 19-8 overall, are the No. 3 seed in the West Region.

Should the Seawolves get past Dominguez Hills, they will face either the host team, the University of California, San Diego, or Western Washington University on Saturday.

Anchorage has already beaten Western Washington twice this year.

Kansas teams earning spots in the Division II playoffs were Emporia State and Washburn.



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