

# Cowboys lose three at Orange and Black

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The Goodland Cowboys lost all three games in the 23rd annual Paul Wintz Orange and Black Basketball Classic in Colby last week, falling to Colby, Beloit and Scott City.

Thursday, the team lost to the Colby Eagles 64-45, Friday to Beloit 42-30 and Saturday to Scott City 71-37 to finish eighth in the tournament.

Wichita South won the tournament, defeating Liberal in the championship Saturday. Colby finished third, defeating Ulysses, and McCook took fourth by defeating Beloit on Saturday.

"I felt like we could have played better all three nights," said Cowboys Coach Brad Bergsma. "The loss to Colby really seemed to get us off track."

"I told the kids, I think Colby is the team to beat in our Sub-State, and that the game would be a good indicator of where we were. Ethan Stover had a tremendous game, made a bunch of tough shots, and when that happens you have to just shake their hand and tell them 'Good game,' because on that given night they were better."

"Friday and Saturday, I really felt like we just had problems gelling. Foul trouble has forced us to use different rotations most of the year, and this group of kids are still trying to build that chemistry that is important to win. We continue to be a work in progress, but overall I've seen the intensity improve during the course of the season."

"I told them after Saturday that we want to be playing our best at the end of February, and that these games are a learning experience for us."

In Thursday's game at the Colby Community Building, the Cowboys faced the Colby Eagles and the score was tight in the first half. The Cowboys held a one-point lead after the first quarter, 17-16, and led 31-29 at half time.

The Cowboys continued to lead for the first half of the third quarter, but the Eagles went ahead 36-34 on one of senior Ethan Stover's eight three-point baskets. The Cowboys were behind by 10, 48-38, going into the final quarter.

The Eagles stretched the lead in the



Cowboys senior Forrest Trachsel tried to find a teammate to pass the ball to as he was being trapped by senior Anthony Pingel of the Beloit Trojans during the game on Friday at the Colby High School in the second round of the Orange and Black Classic.  
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first three minutes of the fourth quarter before the Cowboys could get a bucket and Goodland was down 56-40 with five minutes left. The Cowboys had trouble getting good shots, and when they got shots, the ball would bounce out or roll off the rim, giving the Eagles a 64-45 win.

Friday night, The Cowboys faced the Beloit Trojans at Colby High School. The boys took an early 2-0 lead on a steal by junior Greg Farris, but the Trojans' in-your-face defense, coupled with Cowboy turnovers, gave Beloit a 9-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Cowboys cut

the lead to two, but with a couple of three-point shots and the Trojan defense, the Cowboys were down 17-11 by the half.

The second half was no better for the Cowboys, as they could not get good shots and the Trojans kept getting turnovers to outscore the Cowboys 12-5 and lead 30-16 after three. The Cowboys tried to come back in the fourth, but the Trojans stayed with them nearly point for point as the Cowboys had 14 to the Trojans 13 points in the final quarter to give Beloit a 42-30 win.

Saturday morning, the Cowboys

were back at the Community Building to face the Scott City Beavers in the seventh-place game. The Beavers ran off 12 points in the first three minutes before the Cowboys got a three-point basket from senior Tanner Smith to make it 12-3.

The Cowboys fell further behind, but got a basket from senior Josh Duke and a three-point basket from senior Preston Dautel in the final 44 seconds to make it 20-8 at the end of the quarter. In the second period, the Cowboys stretched their scoring run to eight points before the Beavers got back on the boards at 22-11.

The Beavers went on a scoring run pushing the lead to double digits at 30-11 before the Cowboys would get a basket from junior Grant Wilkens with under three minutes left to make it 30-13. Junior Travis Angelos got a three-point basket to make the score 34-16, and junior Forrest Trachsel added a basket to make it 36-18 with less than 20 seconds left.

On the final shot, Scott City got a three-point basket at the buzzer from Chance Chelemados and he was fouled, giving him a chance to make a four-point play. He sank the free throw to give the Beavers a 40-18 lead as they headed into the locker room.

The shooting and turnovers did not get better for the Cowboys in the second half.

Scott City started the third quarter with another three-point basket, but Dautel answered right back with a three-point shot to make it 43-21. With six minutes to go, the Beavers had pushed the score out to 50-21, and the Cowboys were trying desperately to get a basket.

Junior Brandon Rome broke the Cowboys scoring drought with a three-point basket with three minutes left in the quarter making it 51-24. The Cowboys got a little spark of life at the end of the third, when Dautel hit a three-point basket to make it 55-29 to give the Cowboys a five-point run at the end of the quarter.

In the final quarter, the Cowboys got a basket from Smith to make it a seven-point run at 55-31, but Smith fouled out with seven minutes left. The Beavers kept the pressure on and outscored the Cowboys 16-9 in the final stanza to win 71-37.

This was the Cowboys' second loss to the Beavers after a 63-38 beating Dec. 18 in Scott City.

The Cowboys will return to home court at Max Jones Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. tonight when they face the Norton Blue Jays. Goodland and Norton faced each other in the Top-side Tip-off in December and played one of the lowest-scoring games ever, with the Blue Jays winning 35-29. Norton's record is 9-4, while the Cowboys are 4-9.

The Goodland High team will be in Oberlin at 7 p.m. on Friday to

face the Red Devils in a Northwest Kansas League game. The Red Devils have a 5-9 record.

Tonight we have a rematch with a very defensively sound Norton ball club," Bergsma said. "Logan Kats, Norton's coach, is about as competitive as you'll find in this area. He has the ability to will that group to some wins. We expect a tough one at home tonight."

## Cowboys vs. Colby

Farris led the Cowboys in scoring on Thursday with 17 points on 2 three-point baskets, 4 field goals and 3 of 4 free throws. Dautel had 8 on 2 three-point baskets and 1 field goal all in the first half. Angelos had 8 on 4 field goals and was 0 for 5 on free throws; Rome had 7 on 1 three-point basket and 2 field goals. Smith had 4 on 1 field goal and 2 for 2 on free throws. Trachsel had 1 of two free throws.

The Cowboys shot 55 percent from the floor in the first half, but only 33 percent in the second half for a game average of 45 percent.

## Cowboys vs. Beloit

Farris led the Cowboys with 11 points against the Beloit Trojans. He had 2 three-point baskets, 2 field goals and was 1 of 2 on free throws. Angelos had 6 on 2 field goals and 2 of 2 free throws; Dautel had 6 on 1 three-point basket, 1 field goal and 1 of 1 free throw. Rome had 4 on 2 field goals and Smith had 3 on 1 field goal and 1 of 4 free throws.

The Cowboys hit 27 percent from the floor in the first half and 33 percent in the second for an average of 31 percent. The Trojans hit 30 percent in the first half and 43 percent in the second half for 36 percent. The Cowboys hit 39 percent of their free throws (5 of 13) while the Trojans hit 60 percent (15 of 22).

## Cowboys vs. Scott City

Dautel led the Cowboys with 11 points against the Scott City Beavers. Wilkens had 6, Rome, Smith and Angelos each had 5; Trachsel had 3 and Duke had 2. Farris did not score despite taking more than a dozen shots.

The Cowboys hit 31 percent from the floor in the first half and 20 percent in the second half for 26 percent.

# Cowboy wins Super Shot title; team wins sportsmanship award

Goodland High junior Greg Farris won the boys Super Shot title at the 23rd annual Paul Wintz Orange and Black Basketball Classic in Colby on Saturday. Farris shot 17 of 25 to get to the final round and 16 of 25 to defeat Marquez Patterson of Liberal in the championship.

Farris won the three-point shooting title on Saturday after having a frustrating game that morning in which he did not score a point on more than a dozen attempts during the Cow-

boys' 71-39 loss to Scott City.

Cowboys senior Josh Duke was the lone Cowboy named to the boys Academic All-tournament team.

Others on the team were Nash Smith of Beloit, Todd Ziegelmeier of Colby, Logan Maier of Liberal, Cory Gaston of McCook, Trace Kendrick of Scott City, Garrett Metcalf of Ulysses and Braden Kuhlman of Wichita South.

The all-tournament team included Patterson and Kevin Livingston of Liberal, Lance Russell

and Marky Nolan of Wichita South, Ethan Stover and Stephen Dinkel of Colby, Gaston of McCook, Michael Morales of Ulysses, Chance Chelemados of Scott City and Grant Brown of Beloit.

Russell was named the tournament's most valuable player. Livingston was named the best player off the bench and Dinkel was the most improved player. Goodland got the team/community sportsmanship award.

On the girls' side, Goodland se-

nior Sammie Raymer was named to both the all-tournament and academic teams.

Others on the all-tournament team included Lissa Mazanec, Tasha Wagoner and Paige Stephens of Colby, Brittany Moral of Ulysses, Christine Elliott and Megan Lassley of Wichita South, Melissa Lyster of McCook, Hannah Rotolo of Liberal and Shelby Kite of Scott City.

Others on the academic team were Taylor Miller of Beloit, Mazanec of

Colby, McKayla McPhail of Liberal, Austin Wilson of McCook, Amber Kuckelman of Scott City, Megan Zerr of Ulysses and Sarah Eldridge of Wichita South.

Wagoner was named the most valued player and Kayla Payton of Liberal was honored as the best player off the bench. Lassley was the most improved player and Rotolo won the girls Super Shot title. Colby took the sportsmanship award.

The cheerleaders academic all-

tournament team included Amanda Amthor of Goodland, Rebecca Howard of Colby, Erika Lamas of Liberal, Whitney Bracht of McCook, Erika Wright of Scott City and Mattie Higgins of Ulysses.

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## School calendar for January 22 to January 28

**Today:** Black Day. 5:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity basketball against Norton.

**Wednesday:** Gold Day.

**Thursday:** Black Day. 3:30 p.m., Seventh- and eighth-grade basketball at Quinter. 3:30 p.m., junior high wrestling triangular against Atwood with Oberlin.

**Friday:** Gold Day. 5 p.m., varsity and junior varsity basketball at Oberlin. 5:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity wrestling against Oberlin.

**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m., Northwest Kansas League wrestling at Colby

**Monday:** 3 p.m., junior high scholars' bowl. 5 p.m., boys junior varsity basketball tournament at Colby. 7 p.m., Goodland Board of Education meeting.

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