

Cowboys take charge in final minutes for win

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The Goodland Cowboys and Norton Blue Jays were tied 43-43 with two minutes to go and the Cowboys took control to outscore the Blue Jays to win 50-47 at Max Jones on Tuesday.

Norton had tied the game for the second time at 43-43 with two minutes to go and took a time out.

Goodland had the ball after the time out, and junior Greg Farris got a pass under the basket from senior Preston Dautel to give the Cowboys a 45-43 lead, and junior Brandon Rome added another basket to make it 47-43 with 1:15 left.

Farris was called for a foul with one minute left that gave Norton senior Logan Kats a chance to cut the lead back to two points. He made the first free throw, but missed the second. Norton got the rebound and the Cowboys knocked it out of bounds giving the Blue Jays another chance with 43 seconds.

Farris got a turnover and was fouled by Norton senior Jared Cox. It was the sixth team foul so there were no free throws, but on the next play Kats fouled Cowboys junior Travis Angelos with 17.6 seconds left. Angelos made the first free throw to make it 48-44 and take away the three-point tying shot.

Norton got the rebound, but the shot by Norton sophomore J.D. Gall was blocked and Goodland got the ball. Farris was fouled again by Kats with 5.7 seconds left. Farris made both free throws to give the Cowboys a six-point lead, 50-44.

Kats hit a three-point basket for Norton at the buzzer to narrow the Cowboys winning margin to three, 50-47.

The Cowboys started the game with a 12-1 scoring run and led 14-2 after the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Cowboys jumped out to a 16-4 lead before the Blue Jays seemed to begin to get the range and slowly started climbing back into the game.



Cowboys senior Tanner Smith looked for an opening to take a shot at the basket against the Norton Blue Jays at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday. The Cowboys won the game 50-47.

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The Cowboys went on another scoring run to lead 21-5 before Norton got a run of their own to start closing the gap with the Cowboys leading 26-18 at half time.

In the third quarter the Blue Jays kept slicing away at the lead cutting it to less than double digits, but the Cowboy were not making it easy leading 38-31 heading into the final quarter. Norton was pressing

the Cowboys most of the time, and got a few forced turnovers.

The Cowboys stayed out in front for the first half of the quarter, and the two teams were trading baskets. Norton cut the lead to four points with 4:52 left and took a time out.

Again Norton pressed and Cowboys senior Forrest Trachsel was called for his fourth foul. On the next play Norton's senior

Preston Herman cut the lead to two points, 41-39. After a miss by Farris, Norton's Cox tied the game at 41-41 with 3:16 left.

The Cowboys took a time out, and coming back on the court senior Tanner Smith gave Goodland the lead at 43-41 with 3:02 left. Kats took a shot to tie with 2:35, but it was no good and Farris got the rebound. Goodland turned the ball over to the Blue Jays with 2:15 left and Norton's senior Wes Georgeson hit the tying basket with 2:01 to go.

The Cowboys took control in the final two minutes to win 50-47. The win gives the Cowboys a 5-8 record.

"The kids played hard and for the most part stayed focused on execution," said Cowboys Coach Brad Bergsma. "I felt that was the difference between tonight and last weekend."

The officials called a number of charges on both teams and a couple of double fouls during the game and there was a technical foul on Smith late in the third quarter. At times it was rough on the floor and both teams played aggressively, especially when both teams began pressing in the fourth quarter.

"The officiating 'is what it is,'" Bergsma said. "The thing I try to reinforce with our kids is that each one of them will get a couple tough calls during the course of a game. We just want to make sure that we don't give away any cheap or silly ones and they end up sitting next to me."

"I thought for the most part, the fouls we got were hustle fouls, and some nights the judgment doesn't go in your favor."

Bergsma said he was proud of how the kids performed in the last minutes, and felt it was a great win against a team they had faced and lost to back in December at the Topside Tip-off.

He said it is important for the Cowboys to get some wins in the next few games and feels they can be in good shape going into the first round of sub-state.

The Cowboys will face the Oberlin Red Devils (5-9) at 7 p.m. tonight in Oberlin.

Bergsma said the Red Devils numbers are down and they have a new coach. He said their starters all average around 10 points per game, but it doesn't look like they are playing many kids beyond the starters.

"Both of the Fortin kids (juniors Jacob and Logan) are pretty good athletes," he said, "but we'll need to get into their bench to be successful."

"Oberlin has always been a tough place for us to play, for whatever reason, so we'll expect a solid effort from the Red Devils."

Farris led the Cowboys with 17 points. He had 1 three-point baskets 5 field goals and was 4 for 5 on free throws. He is averaging 13.4 points a game, and 4.4 rebounds a game.

Senior Josh Duke was the other Cowboy in double figures with 10 points. He made 4 field goals and made 2 free throws. Duke is averaging 4.4 points per game and 3.4 rebounds.

Rome had 6 on 3 field goals (averaging 4.8 per game), Angelos had 5 (averaging 6.6 per game) on 1 field goal and 3 of 4 free throws including a key one in the last minute to put the game out of Norton's reach.

Dautel, Trachsel and Smith each had 4 on 2 field goals. Smith missed the front end of a one-and-one. Smith is averaging 9 points per game and leads the team in rebounds with 60 for an average of 6.7 per game.

Wrestling Enthusiast Meeting

Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 7:00 PM, in the Goodland High School cafeteria. Anyone interested in wrestling is encouraged to attend!



bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League
Jan. 14, 2008
Bowladium Lanes over 17th Street Barbershop, 4-0
Blind Team over Alcorn Shelter Ins., 3.5-5
MGM Lions over J&L Deliveries, 4-0
Women's high game: Rita Elfman, 170
Women's high series: Rita Elfman, 491
Team high game: Bowladium Lanes, 670
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes, 1,808

League Standings:
No. 1 Bowladium Lanes & J&L Deliveries 8-0
No. 2 MGM Lions 7-1
No. 3 J&L Deliveries 4-4

Monday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League
Jan. 21, 2008
Alcorn Shelter Ins. over J&L Deliveries, 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over MGM Lions, 3-1
17th Street Barbershop over Blind Team, 4-0

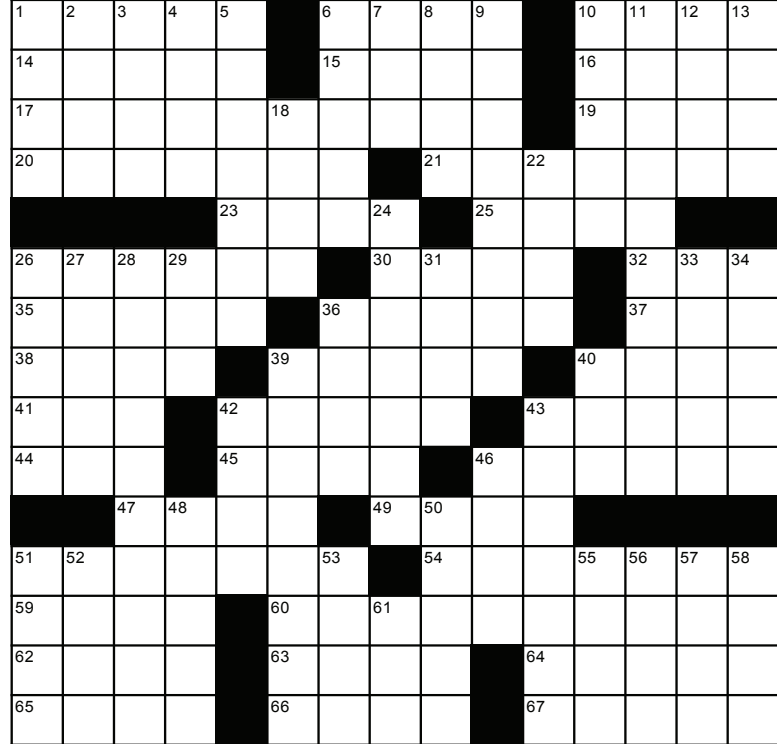
Women's high game: Calli McDaniel, 206
Women's high series: Lor Amthor, 541

Team high game: Alcorn Shelter Ins., 634
Team high series: Alcorn Shelter Ins., 1,788

League Standings:
No. 1 Bowladium Lanes & J&L Deliveries 11-1
No. 2 MGM Lions 8-4
No. 3 Alcorn Shelter Ins. 5.5-6.5

Crossword Puzzle

Bag It!



- ACROSS**
- Perry's aide
 - Powdery mineral
 - Martial arts actor Jackie
 - Celestial hunter
 - Tater topper
 - Saintly symbol
 - Rest stop part
 - Keen on
 - Getty of "The Golden Girls"
 - Pinch-hit
 - Jane Austen classic
 - Graceful steed
 - Tourist's take-along
 - Poster holder
 - Take steps
 - Out of whack
 - IOU's
 - Moo ___ pork
 - On deck
 - Does a KP chore
 - Related
 - Binary digit
 - "Mrs. ___ Goes to Paris"
 - Canyon of comics
 - Byrnes of old TV
 - Old pros
 - In heaven
 - Abrasive stuff
 - VCR supplanter
 - Tried to shoot
 - Snappy comebacks
 - Tennis score after deuce
 - Incriminating records
 - Editor's strikeout
 - Idyllic spot
 - Web mag
 - Circular word
 - Knock senseless
 - Meted out

DOWN

- Venetian magistrate
- Time line divisions
- Telemarketing aid
- Slim down
- Buck features
- Clan emblem
- Boxer Laila
- Some July births
- Job-seekers' ins
- Wedgwood offering
- Carrier for a small load
- Height: Prefix
- Time for a bite
- Soprano Gluck
- Clumsy boats
- O'Hair, for one

- Hiawatha's craft
- Modify, as a law
- Single-dish meat assortment
- Guinness suffix
- Has a bug
- Sour cream morsel
- In perfect pitch
- Gift doc.
- Recorded ahead of time
- ___ stroke (suddenly)
- Raring to go
- Like some kitchen spoons
- "As ___" (letter closing)

- Actress Zellweger
- Goddess of peace
- They come and go
- Brain wave
- Bit of mock vocal fanfare
- Rice-shaped pasta
- One way to travel
- Trident prong
- Iditarod entry
- Dispenser candy

The crossword puzzle brought to you by:

SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Saturday

10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Gonzaga Bulldogs at Memphis Tigers from The Pyramid

11 a.m. 7/11 CBS College Basketball Connecticut Huskies at Indiana Hoosiers from Assembly Hall

30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Maryland Lady Terrapins at North Carolina Lady Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center

12 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Texas A&M Aggies at Oklahoma State Cowboys from Gallagher-Iba Arena

1 p.m. 7/11 CBS PGA Tournament Buick Invitational: Third Round from Torrey Pines Golf Club

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Southeast Missouri State Indians at Murray State Racers from The Regional Special Events Center

1:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboarder X Men's and Women's Finals from Aspen, Colo.

2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Wisconsin Badgers vs Purdue Boilermakers from Mackey Arena

3/9 NBC Figure Skating U.S. Figure Skating Championships from Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.

2:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboarder X Men's and Women's Finals; SnoCross Round 2 from Aspen, Colo.

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Horse Racing Sunshine Millions from Santa Anita Park Arcadia, Calif.

30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball California Lady Golden Bears at Stanford Lady Cardinal from Maples Pavilion

3:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboard Slopestyle Men's Final from Aspen, Colo.

4 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Utah State Aggies at New Mexico State Aggies from The Pan American Center

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Georgetown Hoyas vs West Virginia Mountaineers from The WVU Coliseum

6 p.m. 8/8 NBC Figure Skating U.S. Figure Skating Championships from St. Paul, Minn.

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Winter X Games 12 from Aspen, Colo.

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Creighton Bluejays at Southern Illinois Salukis from The SIU Arena

3/9 NBC Figure Skating U.S. Figure Skating Championships from St. Paul, Minn.

1:30 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Australian Open Tennis Tournament Men's Final from Melbourne, Australia

Sunday

10:30 a.m. 22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling 2008 H&R Block Tournament of Champions from Las Vegas

11 a.m. 60/79 UNIV F'tbol Liga Mexicana Atlante Potros vs UNAM Pumas desde Universitario

12 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Winter X Games 12 from Aspen, Colo.

12:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Kansas State Lady Wildcats at Oklahoma State Cowgirls from Gallagher-Iba Arena

1 p.m. 7/11 CBS PGA Tournament Buick Invitational: Final Round from Torrey Pines Golf Club

22/28 ESPN Winter X Games 12 from Aspen, Colo.

1:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboarder X Men's and Women's Finals Cleveland Cavaliers at Los Angeles Lakers from Aspen, Colo.

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2:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboarder X Men's and Women's Finals; SnoCross Round 2 from Aspen, Colo.

30/27 FXSP College Basketball Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Virginia Cavaliers from University Hall

3 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Winter X Games 12 from Aspen, Colo.

23/29 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Georgia Lady Bulldogs at Oklahoma Lady Sooners from The Lloyd Noble Center

3:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Winter X Games 12 Snowboard

Slopestyle Men's Final from Aspen, Colo.

4:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets vs Dallas Mavericks from American Airlines Center

30/27 FXSP College Basketball Duke Blue Devils at Maryland Terrapins from Comcast Center

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Connecticut Lady Huskies at Notre Dame Lady Fighting Irish from The Joyce Center

8/8 NBC Figure Skating U.S. Figure Skating Championships from Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul, Minn.

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Winter X Games 12 Snowmobile Freestyle Final; Snowboard SuperPipe Men's Final from Aspen, Colo.

Monday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Louisville Cardinals vs Connecticut Huskies from The Hartford Civic Center

23/29 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Tennessee Lady Volunteers at Duke Lady Blue Devils from Cameron Indoor Stadium

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Oklahoma State Cowboys vs Oklahoma Sooners from The Lloyd Noble Center

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Cal Poly Mustangs at Pacific Tigers from The Spanos Center

Tuesday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Ohio State Buckeyes vs Penn State Nittany Lions from The Bryce Jordan Center

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Virginia Commonwealth Rams at George Mason Patriots from The Patriot Center

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Tennessee Volunteers vs Alabama Crimson Tide from Coleman Coliseum

12 a.m. 22/28 ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.

Wednesday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Virginia Cavaliers vs Maryland Terrapins from Comcast Center

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Cincinnati Bearcats at West Virginia Mountaineers from The WVU Coliseum

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers vs Portland Trail Blazers from The Rose Garden Arena

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Texas Longhorns at Texas A&M Aggies from Reed Arena

Thursday

5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Boston College Eagles vs North Carolina Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Providence College Friars at Notre Dame Fighting Irish from The Joyce Center

6 p.m. 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs Boston Celtics from TD Banknorth Garden

7 p.m. 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Indiana Hoosiers vs Wisconsin Badgers from The Wisconsin Field House

23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball North Carolina State Wolfpack at Duke Blue Devils from Cameron Indoor Stadium

8:30 p.m. 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs Phoenix Suns from US Airways Center

Friday

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Track & Field 101st Millrose Games from Madison Square Garden

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets vs Miami Heat from American Airlines Arena

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Monty Mexa-Clay vs Eric Aiken from Monroeville, Pa.

8:30 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs Portland Trail Blazers from The Rose Garden Arena