

Cowgirls beat Indians 64-44 in St. Francis

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The Cowgirls won another league game on Friday beating the St. Francis Lady Indians, 64-44 on the road; but lost to the Class 6A Lady Red Demons, 57-28 on Saturday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

With the split the Cowgirls record is 7-10, but they are 3-1 in Northwest Kansas League action with the win over the Indians.

The Cowgirls will be in action on Friday at 5:30 p.m. against the Lady Plainsmen from Oakley at Max Jones Fieldhouse for a Northwest Kansas League match-up. They will travel to Colby on Tuesday to face the undefeated Lady Eagles and then be in Hoxie on Friday to face the Lady Indians.

Big win at St. Francis

Against the Indians the Cowgirls got off to a fast start running of eight points before St. Francis got on the scoreboard. The Cowgirls led 22-7 after the first quarter. In the second quarter the Cowgirls kept up the scoring outscoring the Indians 19-10 to lead 41-17 at half time.

The Cowgirls were hitting a blistering 77 percent in the first half and had out rebounded the Indians 22 to 11.

The third quarter was another high scoring one for the Cowgirls as they added 16 point to eight for the Indians to lead 57 to 25. The Cowgirls cooled off in the final quarter and Coach Don Smith put his younger girls on the floor to get some game experience.

The Indians mounted a comeback in the final eight minutes outscoring the Cowgirls 19 to seven, but the Cowgirls lead was large enough they won by 20, 64-44. The Cowgirls finished the game shooting 73 percent.

"I thought we played a little over three quarters of the best basketball we have all year," said Smith. "When the ball goes in the hole it seems to cover up some of the other things that are going on. Our shooting percentage was higher than we have had, and I'm not sure I've had a team with such a high percentage."

"We had our heads up, made good passes and had lots of assists. Everybody shot the ball well against St. Francis."

Freshman Jade Herl led the Cowgirls scoring with 17 points getting eight in the first quarter on 2 three-point baskets and a field goal. She had 2 field goals in the second quarter, a third field goal in the third and another three-point basket early in the fourth quarter.

Senior Sammie Raymer had 16 getting two field goals in each of the



Cowgirls freshman Ashley Archer got an inside shot, but it missed, against the Lady Red Demons of Dodge City on Saturday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowgirls lost 57-28.

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quarters, and missed her only free throw attempt.

Junior Erika Gonzales had 14 points getting eight on 4 field goals in the first quarter and 2 field goals in the second and 1 in the third quarter.

Freshman Ashley Archer had 6 on 2 field goals and hit two free throws. Junior Shelbi Hall had 6 on 2 field goals and two free throws. Junior Whitney Schields, who had been out ill had 4 on a field goal and two free throws. Sophomore Alexis Bateman hit one of two free throws. Junior Courtney Sheldon had one

rebound and missed her one free throw.

The Cowgirls hit 50 percent from three-point range (3 of 6), 73 percent from the floor (24 of 33), and 70 percent of the free throws (7 of 10).

The Indians hit 25 percent from three-point range (4 of 16), 30 percent from the floor (12 of 40), and 57 percent of the free throws (8 of 14).

The Cowgirls out rebounded the Indians 37-16.

Lady Demons drop Cowgirls

As good as things were for the Cowgirls on Friday it was the op-

posite on Saturday afternoon as they faced the Class 6A Lady Red Demons from Dodge City losing 57-28.

The Cowgirls stayed close in the first quarter behind the outside shooting of Herl with two three-point shots and Raymer adding another, plus a field goal from Archer to be down 13-11 at the end of the first.

The Red Demons outscored the Cowgirls 16-8 in the second to lead 29-19 at half time.

In the second quarter the Cowgirls had trouble getting shots as

they were outscored 18-2 in the third quarter and 10-7 in the fourth quarter to lose 57-28.

Coach Smith said it was a tough game, and felt the girls were competitive in the first half.

"We were competitive at half time," he said. "They made better adjustments at half time. We struggled on all phases of the game in the third quarter."

"It was the third or fourth time we have had that happen. We have a good game and then the third or fourth quarter is a disaster. It was all Dodge City in the third quarter."

"They were able to get up and get the rebounds. They have good athletes, and more of a running game than expected."

"They did not get easy buckets early, but got two or three early in the third quarter to break things open. We have to figure out how to learn from what has happened and where we can get better."

Smith said after the fantastic shooting at St. Francis on Friday the early shots for the Cowgirls did not go in against Dodge City, and he thought that might have been part of the let down on Saturday.

Raymer led the Cowgirls with 7 points, Herl had 6, Gonzales 5, Hall 4, Archer 3, Sheldon 2 and Bateman 1. Hall led the Cowgirls rebounding with 7, Archer had 5, Raymer 4, Gonzales and Schields 3 each,

Bateman 2 and Sheldon and Herl had 1 each.

The Cowgirls hit 33 percent from three-point range (3 of 9), 28 percent from the floor (8 of 29) and 25 percent of the free throws (3 of 12). Dodge City hit 13 percent from three-point range (1 of 8), 55 percent from the floor (25 of 45) and 40 percent of the free throws (4 of 10). The Cowgirls out rebounded the Red Demons 26-24.

Smith said the girls have a couple of days without competition this week.

"We are back to putting finishing touches on our game for the three league games ahead. We have Oakley on Friday then Colby the next Tuesday and then Hoxie the next Friday."

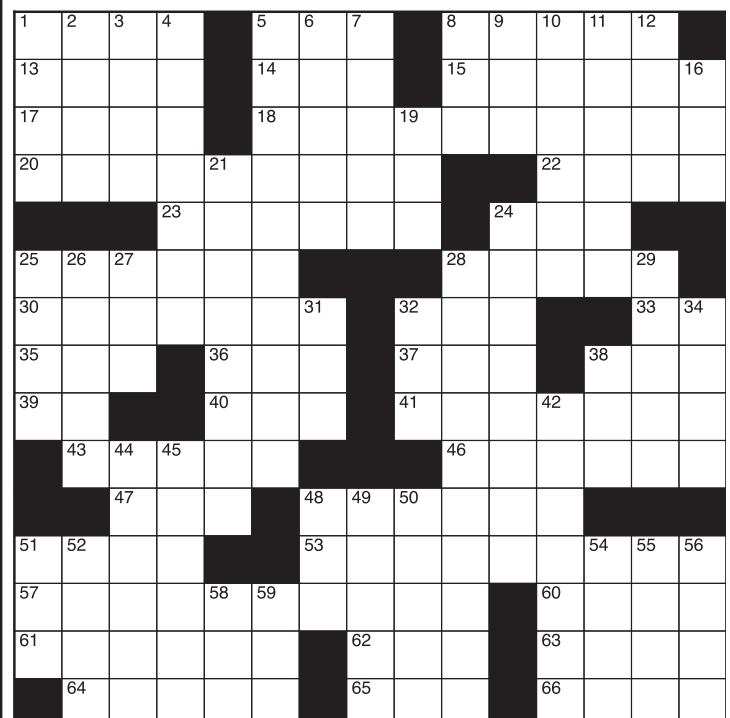
"There are not a lot of losses between them. We would like to add a few wins, and know it is going to be a challenge."

Smith said all the girls were in uniform on Saturday, and he hopes they are getting better so they can play more minutes.

"I have to give Assistant Coach Terry Daise credit for the work he does with our team," Smith said. "He has helped with our effort both offensively and defensively and his suggestions have been a great help."

"I know he is a good coach and he brings a lot to our program."

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. 12th Jewish month
5. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
8. Pitcher Satchel
13. Old Italian currency
14. Vietnamese currency unit
15. Engulf
17. Money owed
18. Former capital: Abidjan
20. With one's identity concealed
22. Cheese containing a mold
23. Stripped of anything of value
24. G. ___mler: engine inventor
25. An insane person
28. Apple centers
30. Morally admirable
32. Mama
33. One of the blood groups
35. Grey sea eagle
36. ___ Lanka: formerly Ceylon
37. Prizefighter Muhammad
38. Single Lens Reflex
39. Atomic #27
40. Browns QB 86 - 93 B. ___ar
41. Curving inward
43. Opening to the nasal cavity
46. Lathered
47. Agitate the air
48. Thicker in consistency
51. Farm building
53. Apparently reasonable and valid
57. Affording no ease or reassurance
60. Diagonal
61. A five iron
62. Before

CLUES DOWN

63. RC Church calendar
64. Vertically challenged
65. ___sex: English county
66. Gorse genus
1. Norse goddess of old age
2. Big cat
3. Russian card game D ___
4. Wool grease
5. Ceratotherium simum
6. Crane
7. Andrew __, Union commander
8. Cancel or discharge a debt
9. National Network
10. Isopiestic
11. Man who guards the net
12. Av ___: antipathetic
16. British thermal unit
19. A long thin implement
21. Type of leather
24. Table game
25. Millisecond
26. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
27. ___compoop
28. Behemoths
29. Ointment
31. Roman god of the underworld ___ Pater
32. A waterproof raincoat
34. Mated
38. Raw material for maple syrup
42. Am. arctic deer
44. Once more
45. Spanish farm
48. Dots per inch
49. P ___: son of Tantalus
50. Pacific island republic
51. Beats per minute
52. River in NE Turkey
54. Spin a floating log
55. Take on cargo
56. Genus of the family Esocidae
58. What we breathe
59. Moisten or soak

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Brewster girls beat St. Francis 65-48

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The Brewster Lady Bulldogs showed in the first half Tuesday they can be vulnerable to full court pressure.

In the second half, Brewster also proved they know how to make adjustments.

Ahead 32-28 at the half, Brewster moved through St. Francis's press with ease throughout the second half and pulled away from the Indians for a 65-48 victory.

"The first part of the game we turned the ball over and stood around," said Brewster girls head coach Dean Anderson. "We knew we could do much better than we did in the first half. We made some adjustments at halftime that allowed us to get open on the backside."

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for Brewster, who improved to 9-6.

Nichelle Erskine led the way for the Lady Bulldogs with 20 points. Melissa Baird also had a big night with 15 points on 7-10 shooting. She grabbed seven rebounds and had five assists as well.

Baird scored 8 of her 15 in the third quarter which saw the Bulldogs lead by as many as 14 points. St. Francis cut the deficit to 52-42 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Brewster pushed the lead back to 57-43 after a Melissa Crumrine layup, but the Indians went on a 5-0 run to get within nine with a little under 5:30 to play.

Elizabeth Gienger's free throw that cut it to 57-48 was the last point of the game for St. Francis.

"I thought our team was in better shape than theirs," said Anderson. "It paid off later."

Brewster closed the game with an 8-0 run. Britt Kammer provided the dagger on her only three-pointer that made it 61-48 with 4:10 to play.

"That was a big one," said Anderson.

Brewster won despite turning the ball over 20 times, but St. Francis was even more careless with ball, finishing with 22 turnovers.

"They flat out had a better team tonight," said Lady Indian head coach Ted Busse. "We didn't do the things we needed to be successful."

The Indians fell to 2-12. St. Francis was led by Sidnee Crabtree with 17 points. No other Indian scored more than seven.

Things looked good for St. Francis early, as they held a 16-12 lead after the first quarter. Brewster responded with a 20-point second quarter to grab the lead, which they held on to for the rest of the game.

Abbie Allen also finished in double-figures for Brewster with 10 points. Kammer had seven, Crumrine finished with six, Amanda Albers scored four and Baylee Westover scored three.

Brewster wound up 10-14 at the free throw line. St. Francis was just 4-11.

Not only was the victory important to snap the losing streak, but Anderson also noted it's a little extra special to beat a Northwest Kansas League team.

"They're a little bigger school than us, so yes it does mean something extra to beat them," said Anderson. "The bigger they are, the harder you have to play. It's special to beat a bigger school."

Saturday

Brewster fell behind early and could never regain the momentum in their 69-34 loss at Thomas More Prep-Marian Saturday.

The Monarchs jumped out to a 19-5 lead after the first quarter and built the lead to 34-13 at the half. Things only got worse for the Bulldogs in the third quarter, as they fell behind 56-25.

Melissa Baird led the way with 10 points. Melissa Crumrine added eight. Nichelle Erskine had six,

Abbie Allen scored five, Baylee Westover tacked on three and Britt Kammer added two.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Feb. 5 to Feb. 11

Today: 6:30 p.m., high school basketball against St. Oakley in Oakley.

Thursday: 3 p.m., junior high basketball against Grinnell-Wheatland.

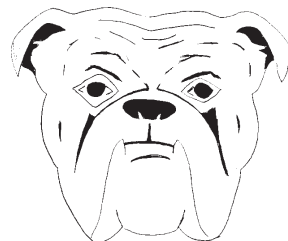
Friday: 6:30 p.m., high school basketball against Wallace County at Sharon Springs.

Saturday: High school state scholars bowl

Monday: 6:30 p.m., high school basketball against Triplains at Winona.

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