

Talented Red Demons drop Cowboys

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Saturday afternoon the Cowboys faced their second test of the week against a larger class school losing to the Class 6A Red Demons of Dodge City, 64-39 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

On Tuesday the Cowboys faced the Class 6A Garden City Buffaloes at Max Jones losing 75-33.

Last year when the Cowboys made nearly back-to-back trips to Garden City and Dodge City they managed to upset the Buffaloes, 72-64, on their home court and took the Red Demons to double overtime before losing on a tip-in at the buzzer, 51-49.

The Cowboys sandwiched in a win on Friday over the St. Francis Indians, 56-43 to stay atop the Northwest Kansas League standings with a 4-0 record.

In the first quarter the Red Demons started quickly and it looked like the Cowboys were ready as junior Brandon Rome hit a three-point basket in the first minute to give the Cowboys a 3-2 lead. Junior Greg Farris and senior Josh Doke added baskets in the first quarter, but the Cowboys were down 17-7 at the buzzer.

In the second quarter the Cowboys tried to cut the lead, but every time it seemed they were gaining the Red Demons would take a time out, make an adjustment and extend their lead. Junior Travis Angelos broke through for two baskets at the end of the quarter, but the Cowboys were down 35-20 going to the locker.

In the third quarter Angelos broke a Dodge City scoring run with a basket to make it 41-22, and Rome hit another three-point shot to give the Cowboys a short run and cut it to 41-25. The Red Demons got several offensive rebounds and were able to outscore the Cowboys to lead 53-32 at the end of the third.

In the final quarter the Red Demons pulled away further as the Cowboys were unable to get shots to fall and did not score until Rome made two free throws with about 2:30 left to make it 59-34. Senior Preston Dautel hit a three-point shot and Rome got a field goal in the final minutes to give Dodge City a 63-39 win.

After the game Cowboy Coach Brad Bergsma said he was impressed with the way the Dodge City team played and especially in their rebounding as they out rebounded the Cowboys 37-24.

"The thing that impressed me the most," Bergsma said, "was the way they pressed the boards hard, and that is where they really beat us."

"They are an impressive team with an average of 6' 2" on the floor, and are well coached and well disciplined. They went to the glass



Cowboys junior Travis Angelos drove in and put up a shot that dropped in against the Dodge City Red Demons in the first half on Saturday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Angelos had two baskets before the end of the half to close the gap, but the Cowboys were down 35-20 at half time and lost 64-39.

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very hard." Bergsma said the Cowboys have been in a tough part of the season and it has been an emotional roller coaster. He said it will be good to have a few days of practice to get ready for the next games.

"I know they are sort of tired," he said.

For the second game Rome led the Cowboys with 15 points as he started for the injured senior Tanner Smith. Rome hit 3 field goals, 2 three-point baskets and was 3 of 4 on his free throws. Angelos, Dautel and junior Greg Farris each had 6, senior Josh Doke had 4 and senior Forrest Trachsel had 2.

The Red Demons hit 46 percent of their shots to 38 percent for the Cowboys. The Cowboys had 16 turnovers to 11 for the Red Demons.

The Cowboys will host the Oakley Plainsmen at 7 p.m. on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in a Northwest Kansas League game.

Goodland 4-0 in league play

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The Cowboys defeated the St. Francis Indians 56-43 on Friday in St. Francis to stay undefeated in Northwest Kansas League play at 4-0 with three big league games in the next 10 days.

The Cowboys finished the busy week with a loss to the Class 6A Dodge City Red Demons 63-39 at Max Jones Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon to make the Cowboys season record 7-10.

Friday the Cowboys played a close first half with the Indians leading 14-11 after the first and 26-19 at half time. In the second half the Cowboys out scored the Indians 13-6 in the third to lead 39-25. The two teams traded baskets in the final quarter with the Indians trying to cut the lead, but the Cowboys won 56-43.

On Saturday the Cowboys found themselves on the opposite end as the Dodge City Red Demons built an early 17-7 lead in the first quarter. The Cowboys tried to come back some in the second quarter, but were down 35-20 at half time. In the second half the Red Demons out scored the Cowboys 18 to 12 in the third quarter and 11 to 7 in the fourth quarter to win 64-39.

St. Francis win

The Indians took an early lead, but baskets by juniors Brandon Rome and Greg Farris gave the Cowboys the lead 7-4 with 5:30 left in the first. The Cowboys kept the Indians at bay to lead 14-11 with senior Grant Wilkens getting the last shot of the quarter.

The Indians retook the lead early in the second quarter before a three-point basket by senior Preston Dautel and a field goal by senior Josh Doke got the lead back 19-15.

The Cowboys went on a scoring run to lead 26-19 at half time. The Cowboys shot 42 percent in the first half to 35 percent for the Indians.

In the third quarter the Indians cut the lead to two points twice getting it to 27-25 with five minutes left. Junior Travis Angelos sparked a Cowboys run with a basket and Rome started hitting with a field goal, a three-point basket, an offensive rebound for another field goal and another three-point basket to give the Cowboys a 39-25 lead at the end of the quarter.

In the final eight minutes the Cowboys kept pace with the Indians on two baskets by Rome, a three-point shot and a field goal by Dautel and field goals by Angelos, G. Wilkens, Trachsel and one at the buzzer by junior Adam Duell to win 56-43.

After the win Cowboys Coach Brad Bergsma said he felt the team

played hard especially in the second half.

"We went in a half time and I did not think our defensive intensity was there," he said. "We played better in the second half. I felt we needed to adjust a bit and that we were settling for some soft shots. We attacked the basket better in the second half and got to the basket."

Rome started his second game at St. Francis in place of the injured senior Tanner Smith and led the Cowboys with 20 points. Rome led the Cowboys with 15 of their 31 rebounds getting seven offensive and eight defensive rebounds.

Coach Bergsma said Rome had done a good job, and that it was good to have him help fill in for Smith.

"We tell the kids to practice hard and play hard," he said. "You never know when you are going to get your chance. It was good to see him get his shots."

Senior Preston Dautel was the other Cowboy in double figures with 13. Senior Grant Wilkens had 6, junior Travis Angelos and senior Josh Doke each had 5, junior Greg Farris hit one three-point basket, and senior Forrest Trachsel and junior Adam Duell each had 2.

Coach Bergsma had his other players in the game for the final few minutes to give them some varsity action including senior Chris Irvin and freshmen Brock Wilkens and David Murray.

Smith injured his ankle in the Oberlin game on Jan. 25, and may be out the rest of the season, Bergsma said.

The Cowboys hit 46 percent from the field (18 of 39), 26 percent from long range (6 of 23) and 33 percent of their free throws (2 of 6).

The Cowboys will turn their attention back to the Northwest Kansas League as they face the Oakley Plainsmen (5-11) at 7 p.m. on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowboys are tied (4-0) in league play with the Colby Eagles, and will travel to Colby on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for a league match up. Next Friday the Cowboys will be in Hoxie to meet the Indians (6-10).

Coach Bergsma said he feels the Cowboys have a chance and that the next three games will be important.

"We are tied with Colby," he said. "We are at home against Oakley on Friday and have to keep our focus. We have a chance to win in the rest of the season, and I like our chances."

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Today: Gold Day. 4 p.m., Eight grade basketball at Burlington at and seventh grade against Burlington. 2 p.m., junior varsity wrestling at Cheyenne Wells. 7 p.m., third grade music program at Goodland High School auditorium.

Wednesday: Gold Day. PDC Screening. Elementary Bank day. 3:45 p.m., PDC meeting. 6:30 p.m., baseball/softball rules meeting.

Thursday: Black Day. 3:30 p.m., Seventh- and eighth-grade basketball at Hoxie. 3:30 p.m., junior high wrestling triangular at Oakley with Colby.

Friday: Gold Day. 5:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity wrestling against Oakley. 5:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity basketball at Oakley. 9 p.m., Snowball Dance in high school gym.

Saturday: State Scholars' Bowl. 8 a.m., junior varsity wrestling at Bill Voss Novice at Colby. ACT test.

Monday: 7 p.m., Board of Education meeting. 2:45 p.m., junior high scholars bowl at Quinter.

Tuesday: Gold Day. 3:45 p.m., high school basketball at Colby. 4 p.m., West Site Council meeting.

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