

# Cowgirls end season with 62-38 loss

The Cowgirls basketball season ended Monday with a 62-38 loss to the Kingman Lady Eagles in the first round of the Class 4A substate tournament in Kingman.

The Cowgirls finish with a 6-15 record while the Kingman Lady Eagles (9-12) moved on to the second round.

Kingman had the unenviable task on Thursday of facing the undefeated Colby Lady Eagles (21-0), who defeated Russell (0-21) 97-25, at Colby in the first round.

The Colby Lady Eagles, the defending Class 4A state champions, are ranked second in the state behind Andover Central (21-0). Colby is riding a 28-0 winning streak, including the last part of last year. The last Eagles loss was Feb. 17, 2007, when the Cowgirls beat them 55-50.

Against Kingman, the Cowgirls got off to a slow start in the first quarter. Kingman's senior Lindsey Smith got hot and hit three three-point baskets in the quarter to give the Lady Eagles a 17-4 lead.

Smith kept up her scoring in the second quarter with another three-point basket, the fourth of the five she made, plus a field goal in the third quarter for 17 points. Smith had been averaging about 5 points a game, and Cowgirls Coach Don Smith said she was not one of the top shooters he was expecting to cause the Cowgirls trouble.

Coach Smith said when the Cowgirls did not get a good start in the first quarter this year, they have struggled. Games where the Cowgirls had good first quarters were much closer, and a couple of them came down to last-second shots.

The Cowgirls were down 29-10 at the half, being out scored 12-6 in the second quarter. In the half, the Cowgirls hit just 15 percent of their shots and made only 4 of 15 free throws.

For the Eagles, senior Andi Miller had eight of her 17 points in the first half. She was the team's leading scorer with an average of 12 points per game.

In the second half, the Cowgirls started to get to the basket, scoring 14 points in each quarter to finish with 38. However, the Eagles scored 18 points in the third and 15 in the fourth for 62.

"They played very well against



Senior Sammie Raymer shot under pressure from a Hays High Indian in the Cowgirls' game Saturday, Jan. 12. Playing in her last game as a Cowgirl, Raymer led the team Monday against the Lady Eagles in Kingman with 21 points on seven field goals and 7 of 14 free throws.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

us," Coach Smith said. "I thought we were well prepared, and had watched three films from their games. We have to give credit to the opponent, because they played better than what we saw on the films."

He said in the first quarter, the score was 8-2 in favor of Kingman very quickly.

"Their confidence soared," he said, "and it was the opposite from our standpoint. We struggled with about every aspect. Our timing was off and our shooting was terrible."

"They beat us in about every category, with the exception of the turnovers, which were about even."

Smith said the Cowgirls tried different defenses and tried to press, but the Eagles ran right through them.

"When she hit those first two threes, we were surprised," he said. "It was really her night, as she hit five of five for them."

Playing in her last game as a Cowgirl, senior Sammie Raymer led the team with 21 points on seven field goals and 7 of 14 free throws.

Freshman Jade Herl had 14, hitting 3 three-point baskets, one field goal and allegiance three free

throws she shot.

Freshman Ashley Archer hit her only field goal in the first quarter, and had a bad night at the charity stripe, missing all 10 shots.

Junior Courtney Sheldon had one point, hitting one of her two free throws. Junior Erika Gonzales missed her two free throws at the end of the third quarter.

The Cowgirls hit 30 percent of their three-point shots (3 of 10), 37.5 percent from the floor (9 of 24) and 35.5 percent of the free throws (11 of 31).

The Lady Eagles hit 83.3 percent of their three-point baskets (5 of 6), 47.6 percent from the floor (20 of 42) and 43.8 percent of their free throws (7 of 16).

The Cowgirls were out rebounded by the Eagles 33 to 21. Raymer and Archer led the Cowgirls with 5 rebounds each. Junior Shelbi Hall had 3 and Gonzales, junior Whitney Schields, Sheldon and freshman Alexi Bateman each had 2.

"It is hard to believe that they are that much better a team than we are," Smith said, "but that was their night. I felt we were better prepared than probably for any game of the year."

"This is one of those where you would like to have another chance to

play them to see how it would go."

He said it was really tough for the Cowgirls, who he felt played much better in the second half.

"We came out and played well in the first half of the third quarter," he said, "but when we looked up at the scoreboard, we were down by 17 points."

Looking at the statistics Smith said he felt the girls would have a good chance to get to the free throw line against the Eagles. The Cowgirls did get to the line for 31 shots, making 11 of them.

"I was disappointed that something that has been a positive for most of the season was such a disaster," he said.

The Eagles were to face the undefeated Colby Eagles on Thursday, but Smith said he did not think Kingman would be in awe, as they have played the top-ranked Class 4A team, Andover Central (21-0), and lost twice.

"The Kingman coach said he felt his team plays in a very competitive league," Smith said, "and thinks they will be ready to play. Kingman has a good group of juniors and seniors who start for them."

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## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

### Saturday

**10 a.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball Duke Blue Devils at North Carolina State Wolfpack from RBC Center

**22/28 ESPN** College Basketball Pittsburgh Panthers at Syracuse Orange from The Carrier Dome

**11 a.m.** 4/6 ABC AFL Football Dallas Desperados at Georgia Force from The Arena at Gwinnett Center

**3/9 NBC** Gymnastics Tyson American Cup from New York

**12 p.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball Georgetown Hoyas at Marquette Golden Eagles from The Bradley Center

**22/28 ESPN** College Basketball Texas A&M Aggies at Oklahoma Sooners from The Lloyd Noble Center

**30/27 FXSP** Women's College Basketball Baylor Lady Bears at Texas A&M Lady Aggies from Reed Arena

**1 p.m.** 3/9 NBC PGA Tournament The Honda Classic: Third Round from PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

**1:30 p.m.** 4/6 ABC College Basketball North Carolina Tar Heels at Boston College Eagles from Silvio O. Conte Forum

**2 p.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball Texas Longhorns at Texas Tech Red Raiders from United Spirit Arena

**22/28 ESPN** College Basketball Big 10 Wildcard Ohio State Buckeyes at Minnesota Golden Gophers from Williams Arena

**30/27 FXSP** College Basketball Washington State Cougars at Stanford Cardinal from Maples Pavilion

**2:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Nationwide Series Sam's Town 300 from Las Vegas Motor Speedway

**6 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Baseball Urban Invitational UCLA Bruins at USC Trojans from Compton, Calif.

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Kansas State Wildcats at Kansas Jayhawks from The Allen Fieldhouse

**9 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Baseball Urban Invitational Southern Jaguars at Bethune-Cookman Wildcats from Compton, Calif.

### Sunday

**10 a.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball Kentucky Wildcats at Tennessee Volunteers from Thompson-Boling Arena

**10:30 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling 2008 Don Johnson Buckeye State Classic from Columbus, Ohio

**8/8 NBC** NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers from Madison Square Garden

**11 a.m.** 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers from Quicken Loans Arena

**60/79 UNIV F**bol Liga Mexicana Pachuca Tuzos vs Toluca Diablos desde Bambonera

**11:30 a.m.** 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Texas Lady Longhorns at Oklahoma Lady Sooners from The Lloyd Noble Center

**12 p.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball Big Ten Wildcard Indiana Hoosiers at Michigan State Spartans from Breslin Events Center

**1 p.m.** 8/8 NBC PGA Tournament The Honda Classic: Final Round from PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

**1:30 p.m.** 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers from Staples Center

**30/27 FXSP** Women's College Basketball Louisiana State Lady Fighting Tigers at Mississippi State Lady Bulldogs from Humphrey Coliseum

**2 p.m.** 7/11 CBS College Basketball UCLA Bruins at Arizona Wildcats from McKale Center

**3:30 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP Women's College Basketball Duke Lady Blue Devils at North Carolina Lady Tar Heels from The Dean Smith Center

**5:30 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Clemson Tigers at Maryland Terrapins from Comcast Center

**6 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Houston Rockets from Toyota Center

**8 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Oregon Ducks at Oregon State Beavers from Gill Coliseum

### Monday

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Pittsburgh Panthers at West Virginia Mountaineers from The WVU Coliseum

**23/29 ESPN2** College Basketball Rutgers Scarlet Knights at Connecticut Huskies from The Hartford Civic Center

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Texas Tech Red Raiders at Kansas Jayhawks from The Allen Fieldhouse

**23/29 ESPN2** AFL Football San Jose Sabercats at Chicago Rush from Allstate Arena

**9:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Santa Clara Broncos at Gonzaga Bulldogs from The Martin Centre

### Tuesday

**12:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer 1/8th Finals, Leg 2

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Purdue Boilermakers at Ohio State Buckeyes from Value City Arena

**23/29 ESPN2** College Basketball Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks at Kent State Golden Flashes from The MAC Center

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Arkansas Razorbacks at Mississippi Rebels from Tad Smith Coliseum

### Wednesday

**11 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Spring Training Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees from Tampa, FL

**12:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 UEFA Champions League Soccer 1/8th Finals, Leg 2

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Duke Blue Devils at Virginia Cavaliers from University Hall

**23/29 ESPN2** College Basketball Syracuse Orange at Seton Hall Pirates from Continental Airlines Arena

**7 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets from Pepsi Center

**23/29 ESPN2** College Basketball Texas A&M Aggies at Baylor Bears from The Ferrell Center

**30/27 FXSP** Women's College Basketball Missouri Lady Tigers at Colorado Lady Buffaloes from The Coors Events Conference Center

### Thursday

**11 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Spring Training Los Angeles Dodgers at Boston Red Sox from Ft. Meyers, FL

**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Connecticut Huskies at Providence College Friars from The Providence Civic Center

**28/40 TNT** NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls from The United Center

**6:30 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Oklahoma Sooners at Texas A&M Aggies from Reed Arena

**7:30 p.m.** 28/40 TNT NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks from American Airlines Center

**9 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Teams TBA from Site TBA

### Friday

**11 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Spring Training New York Mets at Cleveland Indians from Winter Haven, FL

**6 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics from TD Banknorth Garden

**7 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Thomas Mashada vs Cristobal Cruz from Foxwoods Casino Ledyard, Conn.

**8:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball

## Crossword Puzzle

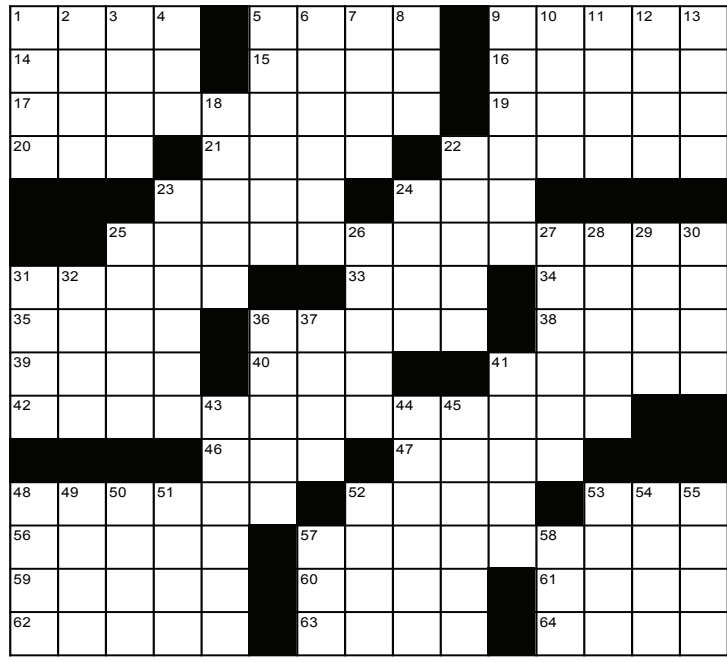
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#### ACROSS

- Part of a fight card
- Home furnishings chain
- Competed in "Bee Season," say
- Lhasa (Tibetan dog)
- Not windy
- Lecturers' spots
- Joe Six-pack's overhang
- Tick off
- "Not to mention ..."
- Irish Rose's lover
- Full of fervor
- Ugly duckling, ultimately
- Hobby farm critter
- West Coast ballpark
- Like rich soil
- Meadow female
- TV's Dame Everage
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Punished with a stick
- Fizzy drink
- Tea leaves reader
- Tread the boards
- Metric weights, for short
- 1932 Marx Brothers classic
- \_\_\_ out (canceled)
- "Alice" actress Martha
- Strongly desires
- "A \_\_\_ formality!"
- Businesses: Abbr.
- Drink garnish
- \$400 Monopoly property
- Of a bygone era
- Voting no on

#### DOWN

- Rummy treat
- Ready for business
- Like thrift shop goods
- Anderson's "High \_\_\_"
- Swelling reducer
- Tigers great AI
- Model Macpherson
- Judge in a TV title
- Ancient foe of Athens
- Habitat for koi, often
- Barely defeat



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- Keystone State
- Put a coat on
- Sunbathers catch them
- Give a little
- Creditor's claim
- Like a sourball
- Off-color
- Fed the kitty
- Suzanne of "Three's Company"
- "Even \_\_\_ speak ..."
- Library stamp
- Words before cop or car
- Hanker for
- Fanzine subjects
- Reverse the effects of
- "Serpico" author Peter
- Place for mascara
- Cookie introduced in 1912
- Java purveyors
- Got 100 on
- \_\_\_ up (excited)
- Full range
- Hostilities ender
- Pollster Louis
- Hen's home
- \_\_\_ podrida (spicy stew)
- "Veni, \_\_\_, vici"
- Roulette bet
- "\_\_\_ Lisa"
- Give a hoot
- Lena of "Chocolat"
- Timetable, for short
- Candy unit
- Surfing spot

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