Cowboys open with win over Imperial

home, but a snow storm delayed that, and with a win." Goodland had their first game instead against Chase County Longhorns in Imperial, Neb., on Friday where they had a strong showing, winning 57-

Tonight at 7 p.m., the Cowboys will play the Ulysses Tigers at Max Jones Fieldhouse — the game that was postponed on Thursday. Thursday the Cowboys open the 20th Annual

Topside Tip-Off at 8 p.m. against Wray, Colo. If they win, they will play at 8 p.m. on Friday against the winner of the McCook and Weskan game.

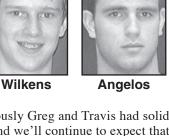
Eight Cowboys played on Friday and all scored in the game, with Greg Farris coming alive in the second half to lead all with 18 points. Senior Travis Angelos had 10 and sophomore Brock Wilkens had 12 to lead the Cowboys in double figures.

"Friday night I felt overall we had a solid game," said Cowboy Coach Brad Bergsma who is starting his second season as head coach. "We had a three to four minute legs were a little dead, and as a result, we did not execute as well as we needed to.

"Defensively we weren't as aggressive as we'll need to be and our free throw shooting was sub-par. That said, I was very excited a free throw.

for our kids, we threw five or six kids into nt.betz@nwkansas.com the game with virtually no varsity experi- horns, but they managed to cut the lead to The Cowboys were to open the season at ence — on the road — and came out of there





"Obviously Greg and Travis had solid games, and we'll continue to expect that from them as our senior leaders. I felt Brandon had a pretty good night considering he was giving up 7 to 8 inches to his man in the post. When we get a more favorable match-up for him, his numbers will improve dramatically.

"Finally, I was extremely pleased with our sophomore class as a whole. I got good minutes from all of them. They really limited their errors, which is a credit to their ability to adjust to that level of play."

stretch in the third when it looked like our early 2-0, but Rome tied the game at 2-2 and Wilkens put the Cowboys in front 4-2 on a lay-up in the first two minutes. The Cowboys went on a 10 point run to lead

The Cowboys put pressure on the Long-10-7 before Goodland scored again. The two teams traded baskets to end the first with Wilkens getting the final basket at the buzzer to give the Cowboys a 16-9 lead.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys again pulled away to lead 23-9 before the Longhorns got a basket. Goodland kept up the scoring to lead 31-19 at half-time. The Longhorns had height inside, and shots by Rome, Angelos and Farris got blocked.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys were out scored by the Longhorns 13-7 to narrow Goodland's lead to 38-32. The Longhorns cut the lead to four, 36-32, with 8 seconds left, but Farris hit two free throws to finish the quarter, giving the Cowboys a six-point lead.

Farris really found the range in the fourth quarter hitting from behind the three-point line, and he made crucial free throws down the stretch when the Longhorns got close. The Cowbovs had a stretch of scoring in the first half of the fourth to lead 51-38, but the Longhorns started a comeback and cut the lead to three, 51-48 with 60 seconds left.

The crowd tried to rattle Farris, but he hit both of the free throws to make it 53-48, and after another foul was called on the Longhorns, The Cowboys fell behind the Longhorns Farris hit a free throw. However, the referees called a conference and there was some question about who was to be shooting the free throws. After the conference, the referees talked to Farris and the point was taken away, 10-2 before the Longhorns got a point on and the referees determined that Angelos was the player who had been fouled.

made the first of two shots to make it 54-48. Wilkens got the rebound of Angelos' missed basket and was fouled by the Longhorns. Wilkens hit the first of two to make it 55-48 with 20 seconds left.

The Longhorns had a chance to close the gap when one of their shooters was fouled shooting a three-point basket. The Longhorn player hit one of the three free throws to make it 55-49 with 16.7 seconds left. Farris got the final two Cowboy points on free throws with five seconds left to give Goodland a 57-49 win.

Adam Duell started and had 1 point on a free throw in the first half, Rome had 7 points on two buckets and one threepointer. He had trouble at the free throw line missing all 7 attempts.

Coming in off the bench in the first half, Landon Brenner had 5 points on one field goal, a three-point basket and was 2 for 2 on free throws. Dave Murray and Robert Cowan each had 2 points on field goals.

As a team team, the Cowboys had 28 rebounds with Farris getting 10, Rome 7, Angelos 5, Wilkens and Cowan 2 each and Duell and Brenner 1 each. The Cowboys hit 36 percent from the floor and were 14 of 28 for 50 percent on free throws.

Tonight the Cowboys face the Ulysses Tigers, and Coach Bergsma thinks it will be a good test for his young team.

"Tuesday we feel we will get another opyoung guys," he said. "We'd like to be able

Angelos went to the charity stripe and he to put 10 or 11 guys on the floor and force the game tempo.

"I feel we have the kids to accomplish that; however, right now we are trying to correct some fundamentals and find which groups work best with each other. Ulysses will have a young team not unlike our own, so Tuesday's game should provide plenty of opportunity to try some things."

The week is busy for the Cowboys with three games in the Topside Tip-Off beginning on Thursday.

"I feel exhausted just thinking about all the games we have in this eight-day window," Bergsma said. "Realistically, this year's Topside could be wide open. If you look back through last year's rosters you'll see just about every returning team lost a bunch to graduation.

"There are going to be a lot of unknowns for this year's 20th version. We feel we have a group of kids that can compete with just about anyone, so we like our chances. That said, anytime you are putting a large number of kids on the floor who have limited experience you have to live with the ups and downs as they grow into their roles.

"Thursday's game is one we'd like to win as Wray is very young this season. Then we can hopefully see where our kids are against a bigger school. I know McCook will bring a very athletic bunch to town, but I believe they are battling some early injuries."

The Cowboys would face McCook at portunity to feel out our rotations with the 8 p.m, on Friday if both teams win their

Cowgirls beat Longhorns 57-42 on the road

pjschiefen@nwkansas.com The Goodland Cowgirls started their season on a winning note Fri-

day night, beating the Imperial Lady Longhorns, 57-42, at Imperial. This was the

first game for the Cowgirls as a game on Thursday against Ulysses was snowed out and rescheduled for

5 p.m. tonight. Cowgirl Jade Herl made the game's first basket from the outside for three points. Nichole Dickey of Imperial followed with her own three pointer. Herl made the most

baskets with four three-pointers. made two three-pointers with ended up fouling out. Ashley Archer made two points Archer contributing two more from the free throw line and added baskets, ending the quarter with another basket in the first quarter.

The Lady Longhorns' Nichole Dickey scored the first three pointer and three baskets in the first Morgan Strand

adding two points. Karlee Palmer also made a leading 37-34.

The Longhorns would pull a point 7 points, Chelsie Gausman 5, Whitahead at the end of the first quarter, ney Schields 2 and Archer 6.

Goodland leading 27-24. The Lady Longhorns were beginning to have some foul problems. Dick-

Strand contributed two. Both teams came back from the for them. Dick- half with turn overs and fouls. Arey scored two cher for the Cowgirls made all of three-pointers Goodland's 10 points in the quarter. For the Longhorns, Dickey made

ey made five points and Morgan

six points, Morgan Strand two and quarter with Lexee Reichert two. Dickey fouled out in that quarter. The Cowgirls ended the quarter

In the fourth quarter, Herl scored

For Imperial, Kim Brophy scored

The Cowgirls won 57-42.

"A lot of things were really positive in the game," said Coach Don Smith. "It was a tight game through-

"It was fun for me to see the satisfaction the girls had in the victory. They talked about how different it was from the game last year."

"We are off to a good start," Coach Smith said. "The girls have a terrific attitude."

As a team, the Cowgirls had 27 rebounds with Archer making 10; Schields six; Jennifer Rome, Alexis Bateman and Gausman each three; and Courtney Sheldon two. They made 45 percent of their three-point and two-point shots and made 50 percent of their free throws.

Herl led the Cowgirls with 25 In the second quarter, Herl 5 and Morgan Strand made 3. Strand points, which included eight three-

Shields 2 and M'Lynn Hinger 1. The next action for the Cowgirls Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Crossword Puzzle

pointers followed by Archer with will be tonight against Ulysses, then 24 points, including eight twoin the first round of the 20th Annual pointers. Gausman scored 4 points, Topside Tip-Off at 6 p.m. on Thursday against the Ottawa Cyclones at

8. Stuffed with food

11. A set of principles or rules

16. Group of tennis games

26. Patti Hearst's captors

27. 60 seconds (abbr.)

29. Kept one occupied

32. Maintain security

33. Chocolate cookie with

filling

36. Bombastic declamation

and E

42. Roman moon goddess

43. Samoan monetary unit

34. One minus a cosine (trig.)

37. Point midway between NE

31. Swiss house

22. Related on the mother's

9. Key in again

13. A small inlet

14. Tills a garden

23. Yemen capital

10. Seldom

15. Hostelry

21. Tripod

24. Regions

side

white

Topside Tip-off action to begin Thursday

Basketball action at the 20th Anbegins Thursday and continues through Saturday.

The boys bracket begins at 2 p.m. Thursday with Ottawa vs. Norton in the junior high gym at Max Jones. Burlington will face Wallace County (Sharon Springs) at 4 p.m. in the fieldhouse, McCook faces Weskan at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym and Goodland will open at 8 p.m. against Wray, Colo., in the fieldhouse.

The Cowboys basketball team began the season 27 members strong with three returning starters, allleague players, and four returning

Seniors Brandon Rome and Greg Farris were all-league last season, senior Travis Angelos was allleague in football and senior Adam Duell returns as well. They are a good nucleus, said Coach Brad

Juniors Kevin Amthor and Landon Brenner are returning, Bergsma said, along with a solid sophomore class of nine, which includes Brock Wilkens and David Murray, who played in about half of last season's games, earning letters in their freshman season.

Sophomores Garth Helton and Dillon Trachsel are also expected to be major factors this year, the

Bergsma said he is excited about losers will play at 4 p.m. Friday in nual Topside Tip-off tournament the season. The Cowboys have been the junior high gym. making some changes, he said, and the team is capable of beating kan and Goodland vs. Wray will play everyone on their schedule. No one at 8 p.m. Friday in the fieldhouse, the team faces this year is drastically better, he said.

The girls bracket will begin with Wray vs. Wallace County at 2 p.m. Thursday in the fieldhouse. Mc-Cook will face Norton at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym, Goodland will face Ottawa at 6 p.m. in the Burlington at 8 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The Cowgirls started the season the junior high gym. with only 14 members and are working to gain experience and depth. Coach Don Smith hopes the team won't be judged on the early season but that fans will be patient and give support to help boost the girls' success as the season progresses.

The team is trying to fill holes from experience, he said; it takes time to gain experience and depth. The Cowgirls started last season with an inexperienced team, he said, and gained experience as the season went on, but unfortunately, some of last year's players chose not to join this year.

The winners of the boys' Ottawa vs. Norton and Burlington vs. Wallace County will play at 4 p.m. Friday in the fieldhouse, while the

The winners of McCook vs. Weswhile the losers will play at the same time in the junior high gym.

The girls winners of Wray vs. Wallace County and McCook vs. Norton will play at 2 p.m. Friday in the fieldhouse, while the losers play

in the junior high gym. The winners of Goodland vs. fieldhouse and Weskan will face Ottawa and Weskan vs. Burlington

The girls' fifth-place game will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the fieldhouse, and the seventh-place game will be at the same time in the junior high gym. The boys seventh-place game will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the junior high gym, and the fifthplace game will be at 3 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The girls third-place game will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the fieldhouse, and the boys third-place game will be at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The girls championship game will play at 6 p.m. Friday in the will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in the fieldhouse, while the losers play in fieldhouse, and the boys championship game will be at 7 p.m.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Sugarcoats 8. Harry's house

11. Coetaneous 12. Largest Pakistani city

16. One who arranges by size

17. Dark purplish-red

18. Tense

19. No variation 20. Conical tent

23. Total items sold

25. College admin. officers

27. Jesus' mother

28. Type of cracker

29. 2nd Greek letter 30. Civil Rights group

33. 1/2 of a seed's reproductive

structure

35. On land

38. Area units 39. ____ Ladd, actor

40. TV antenna 43. A salty solution

45. Citizen Kane's sled

47. Choose 48. Assign a designation to

50. Indemnity

CLUES DOWN 1. Type of chemotherapy

(abbr.)

2. From a distance

3. Ball playing team assoc. 4. Prefix meaning, "two."

6. Mild Dutch cheese

5. Cephalopod fluid

7. Porzana carolina

44. Expression of sorrow or pity

38. Swiss river 41. In bed

46. Actor DeLuise 47. ___ma: 18th Greek letter

49. 1/1000 of an ampere

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