

Cowboys at Holcomb to begin road schedule

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The home stand for the 3-3 Cowboys is now over, after the Plainsmen from Oakley chose to postpone the Tuesday game due to weather, and Goodland now looks to the Holcomb Longhorns at 7 p.m. tonight at Holcomb.

The Longhorns hold a 5-3 record, and are undefeated 2-0 record in league play. Holcomb began the season at home playing Liberal, to whom they lost 69-66. The next game was versus Greeley County, who beat Holcomb 55-39. At the Scott City Invitational the Longhorns earned their first win of the season versus the Wichita Defenders 63-60. The win was overshadowed then by a loss to Lakin 62-59.

Since the loss to Lakin, the team has been on a roll. A 4 game winning streak has put head coach Scott Stegman's team on a roll; wins at Hugoton 58-46, the rematch against Lakin 66-36, at Spearville 61-31, and versus Colby 77-44.

Holcomb has an offense that can score. To date they have scored 489 points, but the defense has allowed 403.

For the traveling Cowboys, they are now 3-3, a mark of .500 for the first time in 3 years, they look to take down Holcomb to match the total wins from a year ago.

Goodland was successful against Hugoton last week as they won 50-43. Goodland is now averaging 48 points a game, 6 assists, 31 rebounds, and 10 steals.

The leader in points is also a leader of the team. Senior Robert Cowan averages just less than 13 points per game and almost 1 block. Another Senior Brock Wilkens helps the team out with right at 7 rebounds per game and puts up an average of 6 points. Junior Ryan Hillmer runs the offense with nearly 3 assists and 3 steals. Hillmer does his part shooting; he averages almost 12 points per game.

Hillmer's 88 percent shooting at the free throw line is a mark Head Coach Donald Raymer can be proud of from his point guard.

The Cowboys have 111 turnovers on the season so far, which has been down in the past week.

The trip to Holcomb is the start of a lengthy road schedule for the Cowboys with five road games over the next two weeks.

The Cowboys and Cowgirls will travel to Hillsboro Monday for the opening round of the 17th Annual Trojan Classic Basketball Tournament. The Cowboys seeded seventh will play the second seed Hays Thomas More Prep (5-2) in the first round beginning at 2 p.m. at Hillsboro High School. The teams will return to Goodland after the games on Monday, and will go back to Hillsboro on Friday and Saturday for the second and third rounds of the Trojan Classic.

If the Cowboys win on Monday they will play on Friday at 7:15 p.m. against the winner of the Hesston (5-2) and Republic County (4-4) game. Hesston is the third seed and Republic County the sixth seed. If the Cowboys lose on Monday they will play at 3:45 p.m. on Friday against the loser of the Hesston and Republic County game.

The Trojan Classic includes Riley County (6-1) as the top seed, Wamego (5-2) fourth seed, Hillsboro (4-4) fifth seed and Winfield (1-5) eighth seed.

After the tournament the Cowboys will travel to Norton on Jan. 25 for a match up with the Blue Jays. The Cowboys return to Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday, Jan. 28 for a rematch with Holcomb.

The games with Oakley postponed on Tuesday because of weather will be played on Thursday, Feb. 10 at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowboys will travel to Colby on Friday, Feb. 11, for a rematch with the Eagles.

Cowgirls hope to keep winning at Holcomb

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The Cowgirls face a big challenge at 5:30 p.m. tonight as they play the Holcomb Lady Longhorns in a Great Western Activity Conference game in Holcomb.

The Cowgirls got to 4-2 with a win on Friday over the Hugoton Lady Eagles, 44-25, but the Holcomb Lady Longhorns have an 8-1 season record. Both teams have a 2-1 record in league play.

Coach Andy Scheopner was pleased with the play of the Cowgirls against Hugoton as he felt the Cowgirls played a lot more consistently than they had the game before.

"We had several other girls step up and score points for us," he said, "and that will be important as the year goes on."

The Cowgirls were to play the Oakley Lady Plainsmen on Tuesday, but the games were postponed by weather and rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10.

Monday the Cowgirls will be in Hillsboro for the 17th Annual Trojan Classic.

The Cowgirls will play at 3:45 p.m. on Monday against Republic

County (6-2).

This will be the first trip to the Trojan Classic for Goodland, and they will drive to Hillsboro and back on Monday for the opening round.

The second and third rounds will be on Friday and Saturday, and the Goodland teams will travel to Hillsboro on Friday and will stay over for the final round on Saturday.

It was reported at the school board meeting that Ron Lucas of Goodland Greenline was paying for the rooms for the two Goodland teams to stay overnight in Hillsboro.

If the Cowgirls win the opening game they will play the winner of the Riley County (6-1) and Wamego (1-5) game or if the Cowgirls lose on Monday they will play the loser of the Riley County and Wamego game.

Other teams in the Trojan Classic include Hillsboro (7-1), Winfield (0-6), Hesston (5-2) and Thomas More Prep of Hays (5-2).

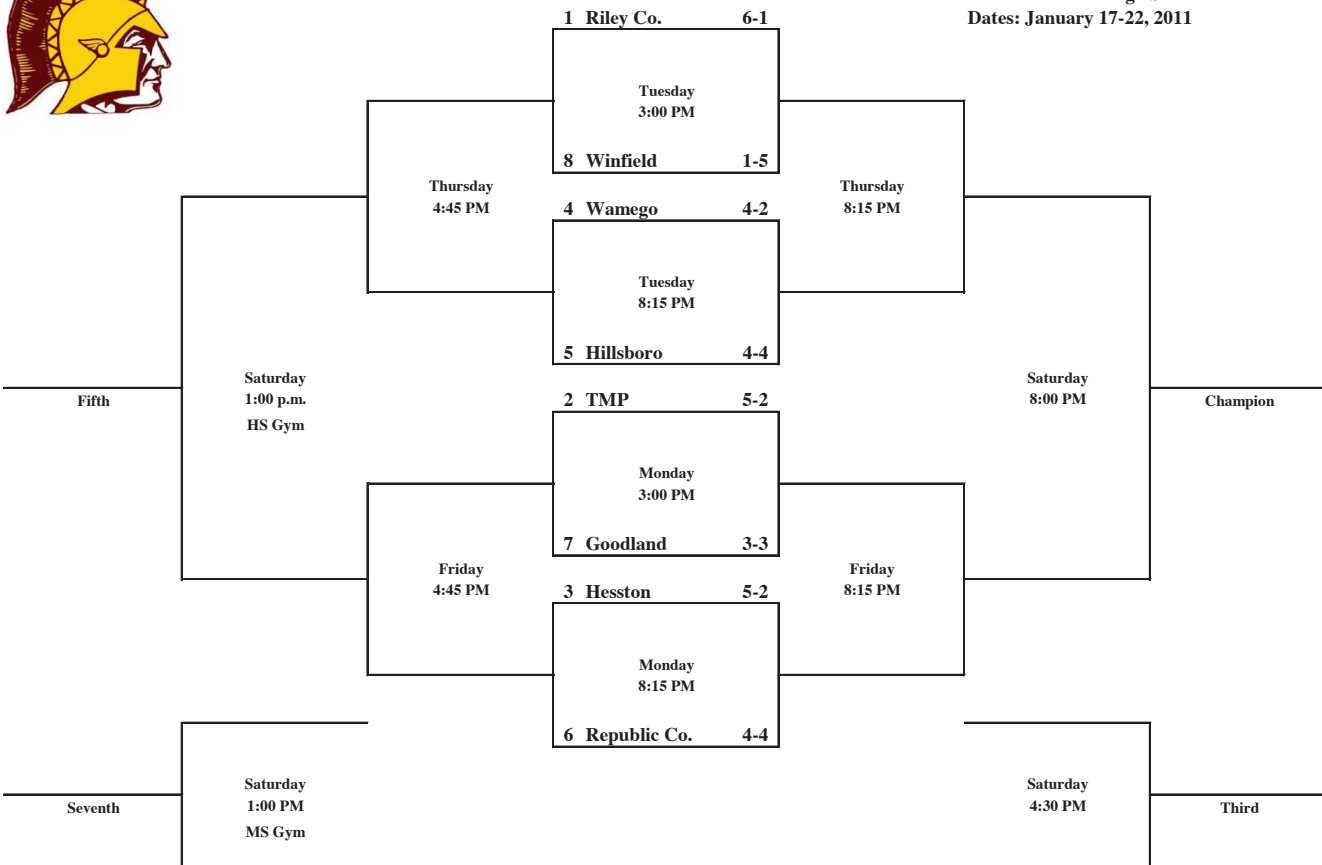
The championship round will be Saturday with the championship game at 5:15 p.m.

The Cowgirls and Cowboys games can be heard on KKCI 102.5 FM.



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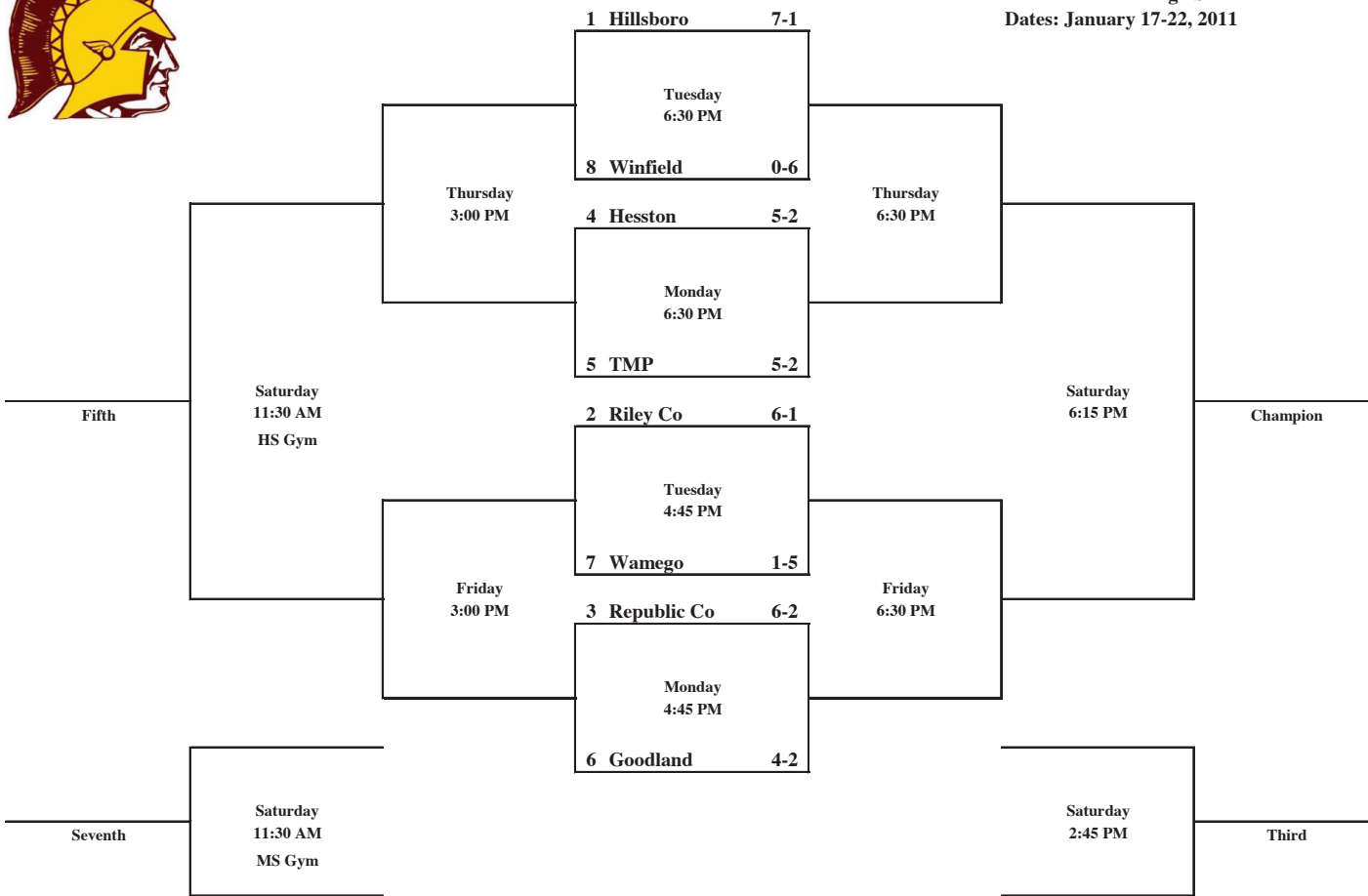
Top team listed will be designated the home team and will wear white uniforms

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"TROJAN CLASSIC GIRLS'"

Place: Hillsboro High School
Dates: January 17-22, 2011



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GHS Cowboys of the Week

Based on positive academic performance, attendance improvement, positive attitude or random acts of kindness, the student nominees this week are: *Chloe Goodwin and David Rascone.*



These students receive an Activity Period Pass. These students were randomly selected from all nominees and will receive a local food gift certificate, special parking, first in lunch line and recognized throughout the community!

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David Rascone
Nominated by: Mrs. Myers
Parents: Efrain & Mayra Rascone
Activities: Track