

Cowgirls win third place at Trojan Classic

The long trip to Hillsboro was a great test for the Cowgirls basketball team, and the girls won two of the three games to bring home the third place trophy in the 17th Annual Trojan Classic.

Friday the Cowgirls lost a close game 36-34 in the semi finals of the Trojan Classic to Riley County Lady Falcons. The Lady Falcons lost to the Thomas More Prep Lady Monarchs 51-29 in the Trojan Classic championship game on Saturday.

The Cowgirls played the top seeded Hillsboro Lady Trojans on Saturday for third place and came out winning 55-50.

Tonight the Cowgirls are in Norton to play the Lady Bluejays at 5:30 p.m. tonight for the second time this season. The Cowgirls faced the Lady Bluejays in the Topside Tip-off winning 39-31 in the consolation championship game.

Saturday in the game with Hillsboro M'Lynn Hinger took control of the offensive boards getting 17 rebounds with 13 on the offensive board to go with her 14 points, and 12 of those in the first quarter.

Asked about her rebounds Hinger said she felt a lot of team chemistry in the warm up and it was a good way to begin. She said it was great for the Cowgirls to play three ranked teams, and the experience will help the team in the rest of the season.

Coach Andy Scheopner said after the game he felt the girls played great and that the Cowgirls had shown they could play against tough teams and take them blow to blow.

"We showed we can play with anyone," he said, "and this helped tremendously."

Scheopner said it was great to see Hinger step up, and he said a number of the players had great games and they all stepped up. He said it was good to see the girls coming together as a team.

Looking ahead he said it will be hard to play in Norton tonight, but the girls need to be ready to play every game with an eye to making it to sub state and a chance to get into the state tournament.



Cowgirl M'Lynn Hinger has been working on her free throws. She had several trips to the line against Colby in January. Saturday Hinger had a great game with 14 points and 17 rebounds. She had 13 offensive rebounds and went to the free throw line three times in the first half to help the Cowgirls win third place at Hillsboro.

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Saturday the Cowgirls got an early lead over the Hillsboro Lady Trojans with baskets by Ashley Ar-

cher, Jade Herl and a couple of free throws by Hinger to lead 11-4. In the second quarter Archer was called

for her third foul and went to the bench. Without Archer the Cowgirls managed to hold the lead and with more rebounds and free throws by Hinger led 17-10 halfway through the quarter.

Hinger hit her first basket with 2:45 left to make it 19-14, but the Lady Trojans went on a 6-0 run to tie the score 19-19 with under two minutes left. Hope Cochran hit two baskets and Hinger hit another to give the Cowgirls a 25-22 lead at the half.

In the third quarter the lead bounced back and forth with Hillsboro taking the lead 26-25 before Herl hit to take it back 27-26. Hillsboro came back to make it 28-27, but Hinger had two more free throws to make it 29-28. Archer was back on the floor and hit a basket to make it 31-28, and then passed to Jennifer Rome who hit to make it 33-28. Hinger hit again to make it 35-28, and Paige Phillips got a basket to make it 37-28 as the Cowgirls went on a 10-0 run.

Hillsboro got a basket to break the run, but Rome hit a 3-point basket to give the Cowgirls a 10-point lead 40-30 with 2:30 left in the third. With time winding down Archer took a pass from Herl and made it 42-32. The Lady Trojans scored the final basket of the quarter to make it 42-34.

Hillsboro closed the gap to 45-42 with 5:25 left, but Archer hit two free throws to make it 47-42 with four minutes left, and Phillips added a basket to make it 49-42 with three minutes left.

Rome hit a basket with under three left to make it 51-45. The Lady Trojans cut the lead to 51-48 with two minutes left. Rome hit again to make it 53-48 with 1:08 left. Rome fouled out with 40 seconds left giving Hillsboro a chance to make three free throws as the foul was on a 3-point shot. The Lady Trojan hit the first two to make it 53-50 and Hillsboro took a time out to talk strategy before the third free throw.

The third free throw missed, but Hillsboro got the rebound. The Lady Trojans missed and the rebound

went to Goodland.

With 21 seconds left Hillsboro had to foul and sent Herl to the line for a 1 and 1, but she missed. Hillsboro got the ball, but Archer got a steal and Goodland took a time out with 8.9 seconds left.

On the inbounds Herl was fouled and went back to the free throw line for another 1 and 1. This time she made both to make it 55-50. Hillsboro did not get a final shot off in the final seven seconds to give the Cowgirls third place.

Archer was the leading scorer with 16 points and 5 rebounds; Hinger had 14 points and 17 rebounds with 13 being offensive. Rome had 9 points, Herl 6, Phillips and Cochran 4 each and Berkley White 2.

The Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady Trojans 29-17.

Riley County
The third quarter was the killer for the Cowgirls in their semifinal game on Friday against Riley County Lady Falcons.

Goodland took the early lead on a 3-point basket by Rome with two minutes gone. The Cowgirls fell behind to end the quarter down three points 14-11. Archer scored the other 8 points in the quarter for Goodland.

The Cowgirls matched the Lady Falcons in the second quarter to be down 25-22 at half.

Riley County outscored the Cowgirls 8 to 2 in the third quarter as neither team could do well. For Goodland the only basket of the quarter was from Rome with 2:04

left. The Lady Falcons led 33-24 at the end of three.

The Cowgirls went on a 6-0 run late in the fourth to cut the lead to 35-32 with 54 seconds left on a steal and lay up by Archer.

The Cowboys had the ball with under 20 seconds left but a shot rolled out. Herl tried for a 3-point basket but it bounced out and Archer got the rebound. Hinger took a shot with 9.6 seconds left and a foul was called on Riley County. However, the referee decision was it was not a shooting foul with the score 36-32.

On the inbounds with 3.6 seconds left Archer got a basket at the buzzer to make it a 36-34 game. Riley County was ranked fifth in the state in 3A. On Sunday the Cowgirls were ranked 12th in 3A.

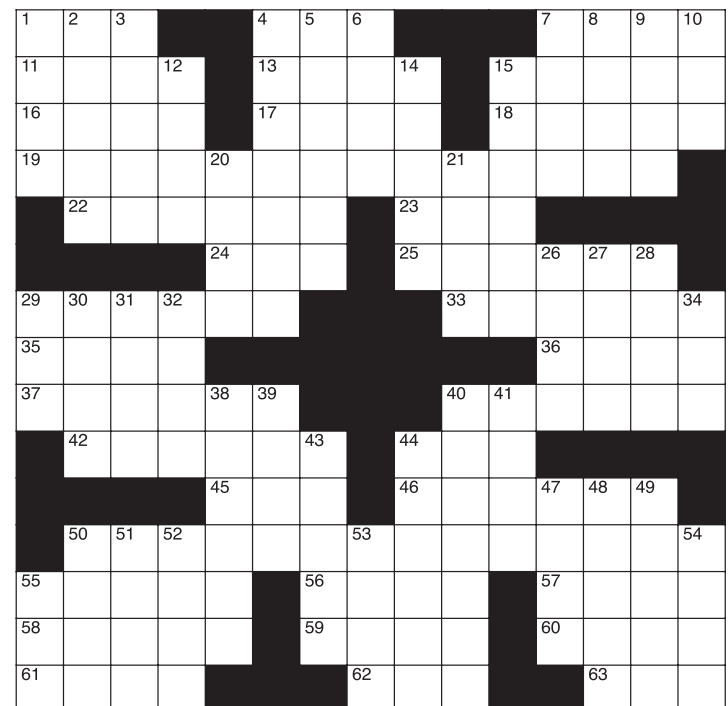
Archer led the Cowgirls with 16 points; Herl and Rome each had 6; and Hinger, Cochran and Brianna White each had 2.

The Cowgirls hit 33 percent from the floor in the first half, but fell to 21 percent in the second half to finish with a 27.5 percent for the game. The Lady Falcons hit 42 percent in the first half, 23 percent in the second half for a 33 percent for the game.

Coach Scheopner said it was a good game except for the third quarter when the girls couldn't finish shots. He said the girls played better in the fourth quarter, but Riley County always had an answer each time the Cowgirls got close.

The Cowgirls will be at Max Jones Fieldhouse at 5:30 p.m. on Friday to play Holcomb.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Femur head joint
- Co. name prior to CCN & Experian
- An encircling route
- Actor Baldwin
- Yeman monetary unit
- Slightly curved blade sword
- London Int'l. Advertising Award
- Exchange premium
- Am. artist Edwin Austin
- Hyperopia
- Purplish red color
- Take in marriage
- Promotional messages
- Full of high-spirited delight
- The study of plants
- S. Am. camel relative
- Amounts of time
- Purplish brown
- Treat with contempt
- Set in advance
- In a lucid way
- Only laughed once
- One point E of due N
- Revolve
- Harry Potter star
- Olympic contests
- A small lake
- Arabian chieftain
- Ribonuclease
- Plants of the genus salvia
- Small deer of Japan
- Slang for "alright"
- ___ student, learns healing
- Spring ahead

CLUES DOWN

- One of two equal parts
- About ilium
- June's birthstone
- Calamity
- Jefferson named unalienable ones
- Rest in expectation
- Baseball's ___ Ruth
- Flows away
- Belonging to Robert E.
- Attempt
- House in Spanish
- Lerner and ____, wrote "My Fair Lady"
- Summer shoe
- Formerly Persia
- A small wooded hollow
- Duct or cellophane
- Large flightless birds
- Genus leuciscus fish
- A place to sleep
- Minerals
- Scarlett's home
- 7th Hindu month
- Poised to
- Fitness guru Austin
- Czech & German River
- Slogged
- College army
- Short sharp barks
- CA. citrus county
- Brews
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