



One of the advantages of playing on home court is the chance to connect with the many young Cowboy fans in the Max Jones as Brock Wilkens (above) and his teammates did on Friday night when the Cowboys played the Holcomb Longhorns. Cowboy Ryan Hillmer (left) got inside the Longhorn defense for a basket in the second half of the game on Friday. Hillmer had a career high 25 points in the loss to Holcomb, with 11 coming in the fourth quarter. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Cowboys lose rematch with Longhorns, 65-53

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For the second time in two weeks the Goodland Cowboys fell to the Holcomb Longhorns. This time with a final score of 65-53.

The Cowboys now fall to 5-7 overall and 2-3 in the Great Western Athletic Conference (GWAC). Holcomb improve to a 9-6 record overall and 5-2 in the GWAC.

The Cowboys are in action tonight at 7 p.m. to play the Burlington Cougars on the road. The Cowboys will be in Ulysses on Friday. The next home game will be on Tuesday, Feb. 15 against Atwood.

ed off hot, but Holcomb was better. A 7-2 run was put on after Logan Singheisen scored the Longhorns first points. Holcomb had six different players score in the first quarter compared to Goodland's four.

The Cowboys were getting open looks, but couldn't convert and it made the difference in the game. The score at the end of the quarter was 17-11 Holcomb.

Into the second quarter, the free throw woes began. Garth Helton, Brock Wilkens, and Hazen Deeds all missed free throws in the second quarter.

On the other side of the ball the Longhorns were a well-oiled ma-

chine. Rebounds off of the offensive glass, second chance shots that fell in, good transition game, and good movement all around the court made the score at the end of the half 30-21 Holcomb leading.

After the halftime break, the Cowboys came out aggressive. In the first half aggressiveness was missing and Holcomb took advantage.

Goodland came out came out and corrected the problem of defensive rebounding, but Holcomb was just too much to handle. The Longhorns were psychical and were converting the open shots the home team couldn't. Shane Bennett helped

the Longhorns pull away when he hit a lay-up as time expired. The score after three quarters was 41-31 Holcomb.

A bright spot on an otherwise frustrating night for Cowboy basketball was even though Goodland was down by a sizeable margin, they didn't give up. The fourth quarter was one Cowboy Ryan Hillmer would not forget. He scored 11 points in the fourth to help his team

gain back some pride before the buzzer ended. The final score was Holcomb over Goodland 65-53.

Free throws were the downfall for the Cowboys; they missed 12 in the game (16 of 28). Goodland shot 17-55 shots from the field (31 percent), had 16 turnovers, and were 3-6 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Holcomb got off 15 more shots than Goodland did and had 34 rebounds, with 16 of those coming off

of the offensive glass. Hillmer had a career high 25 points, hitting all 8 of his free throws. Robert Cowan had 13 points and 13 rebounds. Wilkens had 8 points and Blaine Luther had 4 points.

On the Holcomb side, Nolan Geade had 16 points, Logan Singheisen had 12, Kyle Wolck had 9 as well as Tyler Lasalle, and Shane Bennett had 7.

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School calendar for February 2-8

Wednesday: Black day
FCCLA District A Elections-Wheatland
7:30 a.m.: PLC
3:45 p.m.: PDC Meeting
Thursday: Gold day
Regional Scholar's Bowl
Baseball & Softball Rules Meeting in Hays
3 p.m.: Boys Junior High Basketball at Holcomb
5 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball at Colby JV Basketball Tournament
Friday: Black Day
3:45 p.m.: C team Basketball at Ulysses
5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball at Ulysses
Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling, here, versus Atwood
7 p.m.: Varsity Basketball at Ulysses
Saturday: KSHSAA Regional Piano Contest
9 a.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Colby
Monday: Gold day
National FCCLA Week
6 p.m.: National Honor Society Interviews
Tuesday: Black day
4 p.m.: West Site Council
6 p.m.: National Honor Society Interviews

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