

Cowgirls get split on back-to-back road games

Friday the Cowgirls got an expected league win against the Ulysses Lady Tigers, and on Saturday lost a chance to get a win at Burlington against a ranked Colorado team.

Against the Lady Tigers Goodland won 46-29 to raise the Cowgirls record to 7-6 while the Lady Tigers dropped to 2-13. The game at Ulysses was a Great Western Activity Conference league game and the Cowgirls raised their league record to 3-3 with the win.

Saturday at Burlington the Cowgirls lost to the Lady Cougars 42-37 in a non-league game to keep the Cowgirls at .500 with a 7-7 record.

Cowgirls Coach Andy Scheopner said both games were important with the league game giving the Cowgirls a chance to improve their league record, but the non-league game was important because it is part of the overall record used in the sub state seeding, and the Cowgirls would like to have a higher seed to insure the opening game is held at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls will play back-to-back games this week as the Oakley Lady Plainsmen come to town at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday for a make-up non-league game and the Cowgirls will play at 5:30 p.m. on Friday in Colby against the league leading Lady Eagles.

Saturday the Cowgirls started the game against the Lady Cougars taking a 9-2 lead at the mid point of the first quarter before the Cougars got a going and cut the lead to 11-9.



Cowgirl Ashley Archer (12) looked to pass to Jade Herl (22). Burlington Lady Cougars in the photo are Ori Swiatkowski (5) Alex Hinkhouse (23) and back Kirsten Gateley. The Cougars came back in the second half to defeat the Cowgirls, 42-37.

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In the second quarter the Cowgirls pushed the lead to 18-9 before the Cougars went on a run to cut the lead to 18-15 with 2 minutes left before the break. The Cowgirls led 22-17 at the half.

Cowgirl Ashley Archer had 15 of the Goodland points in the first half. Jade Herl, Jennifer Rome and Hope Cochran each had 2 points and M'Lynn Hinger had 1 free throw.

The Cowgirls came out in the

third quarter and scored the first 4 points to make it 26-17, but the Cougars went on an 11-point run to lead 28-26 with 1:10 left. Archer hit two free throws to tie the score at 28-28, but a 3-point Cougar basket made the lead 31-28 with under 20 seconds left and Hinger got a shot to fall at the buzzer to make it 31-30 going into the final quarter.

The Cougars kept up the pressure scoring seven unanswered point to

lead 38-30 with under two minutes left. The Cowgirls had gone cold and made a number of mistakes to give the Cougars chances to score. The first Cowgirl score of the quarter came on a long 3-point basket by Herl with 46 seconds left to make it 38-33, and Archer hit a basket with 30 seconds left to make it 38-35. Free throws by the Cougars and two by Herl made it 40-37 with 23 seconds. The Cougars got a basket

with 10 seconds left to make it 42-37, and a shot by Herl at the buzzer missed to end the game.

Coach Scheopner said the Cougars made some adjustments at half to allow them to handle the Cowgirls defense and get more open shots. He said the Cowgirls had ball troubles in the fourth quarter to give the Cougars the ball and several turnovers were for easy baskets.

Archer led the scoring with 19 points getting 4 in the second half on a basket and two free throws.

Herl had 5 in the second half with the 3-point shot and two free throws in the final 46 seconds.

Hinger finished with 5, Cochran, Berkley White and Rome each had 2.

The Cowgirls hit 26 percent for the game and were 12 of 18 at the free throw line. The Cougars hit 35 percent for the game.

Win at Ulysses

The Cowgirls and Lady Tigers traded leads in the first half with the Cowgirls taking a 5-0 lead before Ulysses came back to tie at 5-5 with 2:30 left in the first quarter. The Cowgirls pushed the score out to lead 14-8 at the buzzer. In the second quarter the Tigers closed to within 1 a 15-14 after Archer was called for a technical foul that gave Ulysses two free throws. Archer went to the bench for a short time, but came back in and helped extend the Cowgirls lead to 21-14 with 2:15 left in the half. The Cowgirls finished a 11-0 run to lead 26-14 at halftime.

In the third quarter Herl extended

the lead with a basket and Archer had a free throw to make it a 14-point run and a 19-14 lead before the Tigers got a basket with 5:29 left in the period. Coach Scheopner called a time out with 3:12 left, and coming out on the floor Archer hit a field goal to make it 31-16, and another field goal and a last second 3-point basket made it 39-17 at the end of the period. Archer had 18 points to lead all scorers with a period to go.

The Tigers got the first basket of the fourth to make it 39-19. A layup by Herl and a basket by Archer with 5:48 left made it 43-23. Hinger fouled out with 2:05 left and the Cowgirls leading 45-25. Coach Scheopner pulled his seniors off the floor with about 90 seconds left and Cochran hit a free throw in the last two minutes to make it 46-25. The Tigers got the final 4 points to make the final 46-29.

Archer had 18 with 9 rebounds, Herl was in double figures with 15 and 7 rebounds. Rome had 8 and 5 rebounds, Hinger had 4 and Cochran 1.

The Cowgirls hit 33 percent and 12 of 21 free throws. The Tigers hit 26 percent and 8 of 15 free throws.

The Cowgirls will have three of the final four games at Max Jones Fieldhouse with Atwood on Tuesday, Feb. 15; at Hugoton on Friday, Feb. 18; and the final two at Max Jones with Scott City on Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Ulysses on Friday, Feb. 25, before the sub state games begin the first week of March.

Cowboys get mixed results in weekend road games

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Over the weekend the Goodland Cowboys had a mixed result toppling the Ulysses Tigers by a score of 54-47 on Friday, but the next day Goodland traveled west to play the Burlington Cougars to lose 65-62.

Goodland started well in both games winning the first, but couldn't finish and lost to Burlington 65-62.

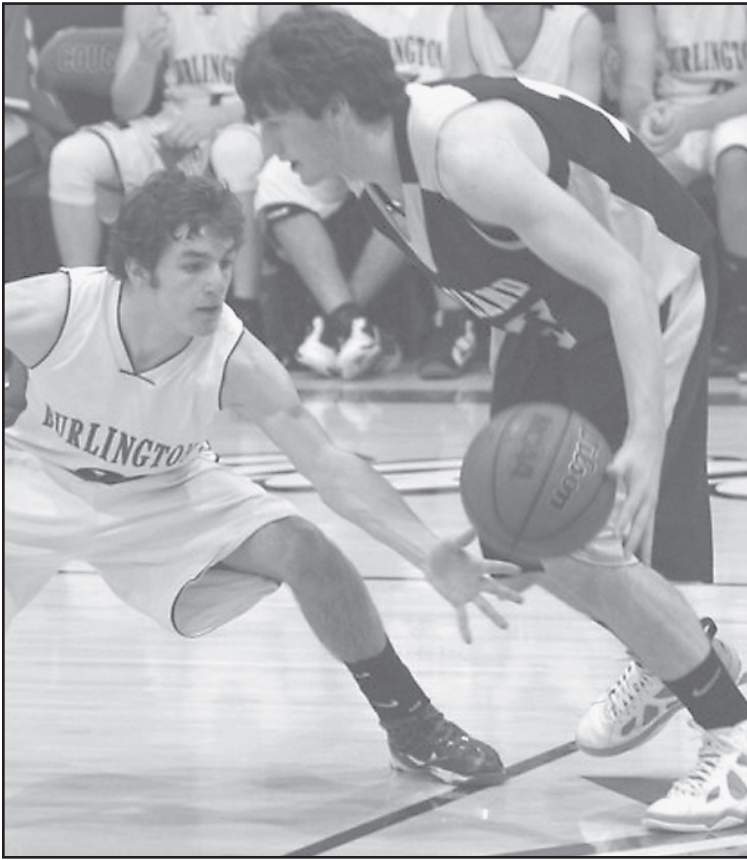
Head Coach Donald Raymer's team has struggled at the free throw line all year long and seems to be at a loss for words. "We can't win games hitting 8-17 free throws in the fourth quarter," he said after the Burlington game. "Before the game we shot free throws for about 20 minutes that didn't look bad. We are practicing it well but when one person starts to miss then then it gets in other players head."

In the game on Friday at Ulysses, Goodland came out on defense and set the tone for the game. On the offensive side, Ryan Hillmer gave a preview of things to come when he hit a 3-pointer to start the game. Ulysses' defense settled down and the Cowboys had a 3-minute scoring drought when Hillmer did it again and hit his second 3-pointer.

Tiger Chris Oliver scored all four of Ulysses first quarter points and at the end of the quarter Goodland was in control by a score of 12-4.

Hillmer was feeling it again in the second and hit his third 3-pointer at the beginning of the quarter. Rebounds were falling the Cowboys way and the ball ended up in the hot hands of Hillmer and it was 3-pointer number four. Ulysses substituted fresh legs into the game and went on a 6-3 run to cut Goodland's lead to just 5 points. The Cowboys felt the pressure so they did what any team would do; they gave the ball to Hillmer and he hit two more 3-pointers to extend the lead to 28-19 at the half.

Goodland lead by as many as 13 mainly because of their point guards, but in the second half the big men down low finished the game



Burlington Cougar Coley David reached out to swat the ball away from Cowboy Ryan Hillmer in the game Saturday. The Cowboys led for part of the game, but came up short in the final quarter, 65-62.

for the Cowboys. Ulysses wouldn't say die as they went on a 10-3 run to finish out the third quarter to make the score 39-33 Goodland leading. A lot of free throws and slow ball movement finished out the game and the Cowboys brought home the win 54-47.

Everyone was talking about Hillmer after the game except for Coach Raymer. "Everyone is talking about Hillmer," he said, "but Garth Helton and Dillon Trachsel don't get enough credit for the work they do on defense. They guarded their guys and did their job really well."

Hillmer set a new career high with 31 points. He hit 9 3-pointers during the game. Brock Wilkens had 10 points and 10 rebounds, Robert Cowan had 7 points, Hazen Deeds

had 4 points, and Helton did his part with 2.

Free throws percentage was good in this game as they were 11-13 for 85 percent.

The Tigers were lead by Chris Oliver who had 12 points. Kyle Zarr started his first game and had 11, Chase Newell put in 9, Garrett Kissell scored 6, Braden Langston had 5, and Andy Simpson and Jarigan got on the board with 2.

Loss at Burlington

On the very next night Goodland made up a game with Burlington. It wasn't the first time the two teams had met; they played at the Top Side Tournament in December with Goodland stealing the win 54-45.

The first quarter in this game seemed like it should be played during the spring during a track meet.

Back and forth scoring gave Goodland an 18-15 lead. Into the second quarter, Helton was escorted out of the gym after injuring his hand.

The 6'6 Luke Prochaska was dominating the offense glass and to score points. He gave Burlington a lead at 23-22 in the second quarter as Goodland started to fluster. Going into halftime it was 33-28 Burlington.

After halftime, Goodland tried to snatch the momentum back to their side in the third as they slowed down the Cougar offense. The third quarter was in the books with Burlington's lead diminishing to 5 at 48-43.

The fourth quarter was filled with free throws once again. As we have seen many times this year, it wasn't a good one. Front ends of 1 and 1 free throws opportunities and missed free throws cost Goodland late.

Wilkens had been looking for a dunk all year and finally put the requests to bed when he slammed two home. The game ended with Goodland feeling empty at the free throw line. The Cowboys came up a little short, falling to Burlington 65-62.

Goodland was 8-17 from the free throw stripe in the final quarter and 17-29 overall in the game.

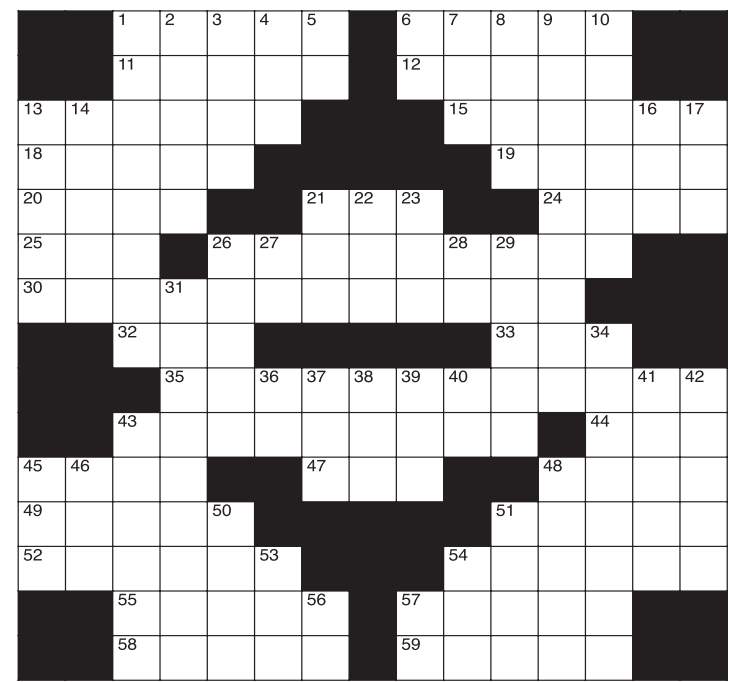
Cowan set his new career high with 27 points and 14 rebound but was just 1-4 from the free throw line in the final quarter. Wilkens kept his hot streak alive with 17 points and 9 rebounds. Hillmer wasn't feeling it like he was on Friday, but still managed 12 points and 11 rebounds. Blaine Luther put in 4 and Trachsel had 2.

For the Cougars Prochaska had 16 points and 8 rebounds, Dylan Prolle fouled out of the game but still had 14 points. Coley David had 13, Spencer Cure threw in 8, and Stetson Coleman had 6 along with Toben Metlink.

Goodland is now 6-8 and will move on to play the Oakley Plainsmen on Thursday. It is a make up game from earlier on in the season.

Then it's the second match up with games tip at 7 p.m. and can FM. the Colby Eagles on Friday. Both

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- Smallest mergansers
- Minute floating marine tunicate
- Made from genus quercus
- Bored feelings
- Spoke
- Cry
- Played the chanter
- Lash
- Shoots a marble
- Dentist's group
- Trees in 11 across
- Prince Hirobumi
- Opposite of capitalism
- Eats decaying wood
- Facial twitch
- E. central English river
- Sound wave reflection
- Goalless
- Central processing unit
- Wings
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Noah's oldest son (Bible)
- Tenet
- "Rocky" actress Talia
- Bullocks
- Repeated product phrase
- A roofed patio
- "Police station" in South Asian countries
- Cosmogony matter (pl)
- 1967 Nobel chemist Manfred

CLUES DOWN

- Bouncing Bess
- Australian friends
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Take in marriage
- Tin
- Antimony
- Linen liturgical vestment
- A country in SE Asia
- Photocopy
- Place of Hindus retreat
- Ocular
- Lasso
- Acorn tree
- Wife of Saturn
- Behave in a certain manner
- Cease living
- Swiss river
- Painting on dry plaster
- Not off
- 6th tone of the scale
- Pre-Columbian Indians of Peru
- Bit-by-bit
- The 26th state
- Hour
- Original Equipment Mfg.
- Bachelor of Laws
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
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- Classical music for the stage
- Spirit presiding over thing or place
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- Promotions
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