

Cowboys win back-to-back games to even record

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The back-to-back games for the Goodland Cowboys on Thursday and Friday were two good ones and the two wins bring the Cowboys record to 8-8.

Thursday Goodland beat the Oakley Plainsmen at the Max Jones Fieldhouse 67-37 and on Friday the Cowboys were in the Community Building in Colby to face the Eagles with a Cowboys win 52-47.

The Cowboys have a chance to improve their record at 7 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse when they face the Rawlins County Buffaloes. The Buffaloes are 6-10 coming off two losses to Norton 68-43 and to Hoxie 63-43.

Friday the Cowboys will be in Hugoton for a Great Western Activity Conference game, and be back at Max Jones for the final two games of the regular season. Scott City comes to town on Tuesday and the Ulysses Tigers come to town on Friday for senior night.

The Cowboys are 4-3 in league play, and are in third place behind Holcomb (10-6) at 5-2 and Scott City at 7-0 (15-1).

The game Thursday was a weather make up from Jan. 11. Goodland came into the game not knowing a whole lot about the Plainsmen other than they had a 4-11 record.

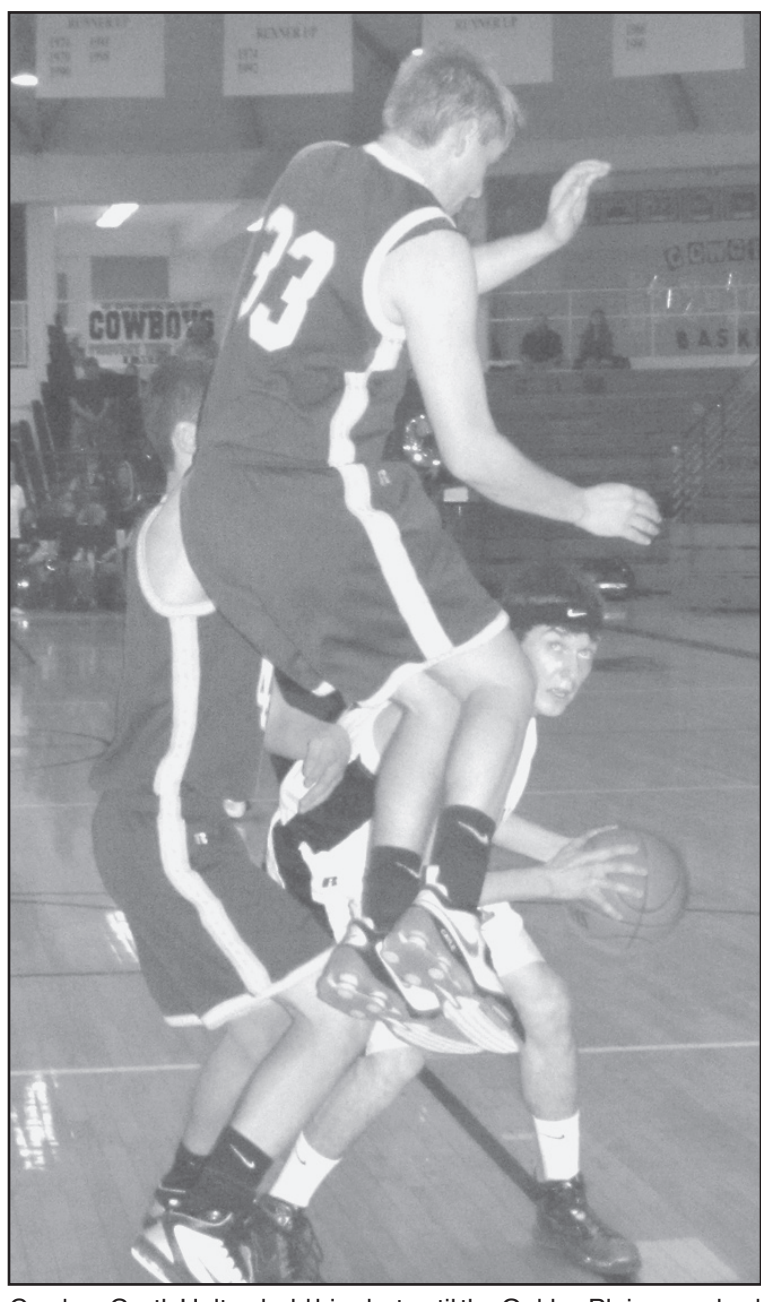
The first quarter wasn't pretty for either team, but Oakley came out swinging and went up on the Cowboys 15-12 at the end of one.

The Cowboys hit consecutive shots to start the second quarter and that set the tone for the rest of the game. Dillon Trachsel hit a 3 pointer to regain the lead at 17-15. A 21-6 scoring quarter showed Oakley that they were out manned, and 33-21 was the score at the halftime break.

The third quarter was one of dominance by Goodland; they shut down Oakley on offense and meshed on the offensive side. The end of the third quarter was 53-29 and into the fourth quarter the Cowboys were up by 30 points.

The clock was running continuously in the fourth quarter and Goodland won the game 67-37.

Every play who suited up for Goodland scored. Brock Wilkens was the leading scorer with 20 points followed by Trachsel who had 12. Garth Helton had 7, Blaine Luther had 6, and Ryan Hillmer had 5. Robert Cowan, Gage Ihrig, and Gannon Ihrig all had 4. Parker



Cowboy Garth Helton held his shot until the Oakley Plainsmen had come back down in the game on Thursday at Max Jones where the Cowboys won 67-37. The Cowboys are in action again tonight at Max Jones at 7 p.m. against the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

Sieck and Taylen Smith had 2; and his first career start Hazen Deeds had 1 point.

On the other side Patrick Loftus had 12, Stephen Llewellyn had 7, Cayle Hubert had 5, and Jerrik Keller put in 4.

Head Coach Donald Raymer was proud of his team, "Outside of the first quarter I thought the team played really well and did what we had to do to dominate the game."

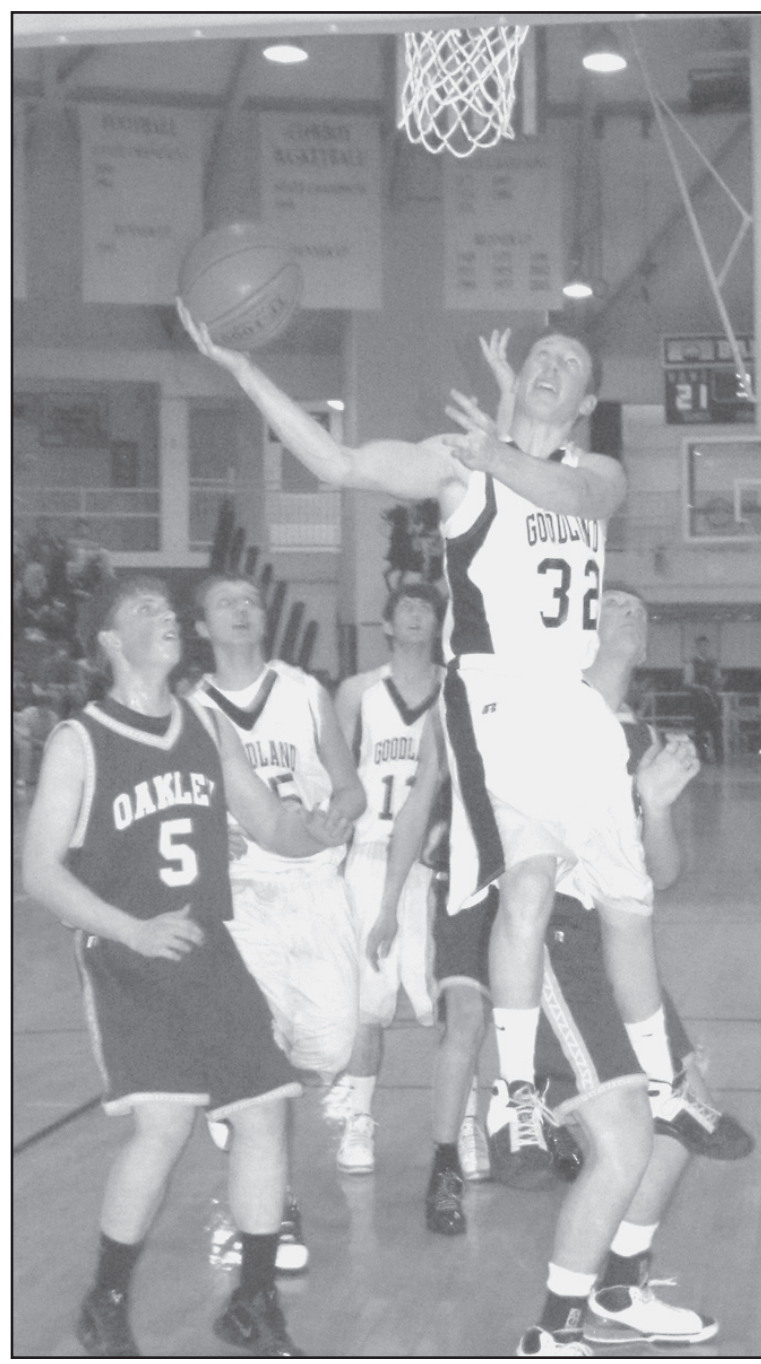
Friday the Cowboys traveled to Colby for a rivalry rematch.

The game started out with the Cowboys coming out very inspired. For the first time this year, the free throws were falling for Goodland and it gave the boys confidence go-

ing forward in the game. Colby was doing all they could to keep up with Goodland scoring, but they couldn't and Goodland went up 20-9 at the end of one.

Colby would fight back hard in the second quarter, but Goodland would manage to score 13 points to make the halftime score 33-20.

The third quarter was a scary one for Goodland as Colby came out very fast and clawed back into the game and eventually tied the game with 2:20 to go in the third. The Cowboys looked as though they would implode, but Goodland finally slowed things down and hit clutch shots and made the score 44-37 going into the final quarter.



Cowboy Dillon Trachsel got a pass underneath the basket and beat the Oakley Plainsmen with his shot in the first half of the game at Max Jones on Thursday. The Cowboys won 67-37.

Free throws and good defense allowed Goodland to take home the victory and accomplish the season sweep with the score of 52-43.

Wilkens was the leading scorer once again with 19 points and had 10 rebounds. Cowan had 16 points and 5 rebounds, Hillmer had 12, Deeds and Sieck had 2 each, and Trachsel

had 1 point. On the other side Corbin Stevens lead the scoring for his team with 12. Kale Arnberger put in 11, Braden Sager had 8, Spencer Tubbs had 4 along with Todd Kane, and Andrew Ketchum and Clint Goosen both had 2 points.

Two Mavericks qualify for nationals

One crowned champion

The Northwest Tech Mavericks have qualified two for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championships in Spokane, Wash., with one winning a West Central Regional Championship last weekend in Powell, Wyo.

Maverick Coach Steve Lampe said Caleb Crump won the regional championship at 165 pounds and Ricardo Valdez qualified at 285 pounds.

"It has been a long tough season with lots of tough breaks," Lampe said, "including injuries, ineligibility of star performer Danny Floyd who refused to be a class attending student, and dismissals for discipline issues, but it ends on a positive note."

"The guys represented Northwest Tech very well at the regionals. The tournament was dominated by powerhouse Labette Community College who qualified all 10 weight classes and won the tournament by a huge margin by putting all 10 in the finals."

"They ran into difficulty in the championship round losing 7 of 10 including 165 to the greatly improved Caleb Crump who becomes Northwest Tech's first ever collegiate regional champion."

"The Mavericks fared very well and I commend them for enduring a most difficult workout situation as we made the stretch towards the season's end horribly shorthanded after we lost key people to injuries and academic ineligibility."

The national championships will be held Feb. 24-25 in Spokane, Wash.

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School calendar for February 16-22

Wednesday: Black day
Kindergarten Screening
7 a.m.: GWAC Music Festival at Colby
7:30 a.m.: PLC

Thursday: Gold day
7 p.m.: National Honor Society Installation

Friday: Black day
Regional Wrestling
3:45 p.m.: C team Basketball at Hugoton
5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball at Hugoton
7 p.m.: Varsity Basketball at Hugoton

Saturday: Regional Wrestling
KSHSAA State Piano Contest

Monday: Gold day
Tuesday: Black day
3:45 p.m.: C team Basketball, here, versus Scott City
5:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Basketball, here, versus Scott City
7 p.m.: Varsity Basketball, here, versus Scott City

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