

Cowboys fall to Beavers, host sub state game

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Tuesday night the Goodland Cowboys fell to the Scott City Beavers 83-45 in the last Great Western Athletic Conference game of the regular season.

Goodland falls to 10-9 going into tonight's final regular season game at 7 p.m. versus Ulysses on senior night in the Max Jones Field House.

The Cowboys will play at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse against Thomas More Prep-Marian in the opening round of the 3A Sub State. The Monarchs and Cowboys have identical records at 10-9 and it was a tie-breaker to decide where the game will be played. The Cowboys defeated the Monarchs 46-40 at Hays on Jan. 17.

If the Cowboys win on Tuesday the next round would be in Larned on Friday where the Cowboys would face the winner of the top seeded Scott City and eighth seed Larned. The boys sub state championship game will be held on Saturday following the girls championship game.

Goodland fought hard in the first half on Tuesday, but Scott City was just too much and took control in the second half.

"If you take the first half, I feel like I would take that team up against any team in the state, but the third quarter looked like we didn't deserve to play high school basketball in the state of Kansas," Cowboys Coach Donald Raymer said following the game.

In the first quarter the Cowboys came out inspired and not intimidated by the one loss Beavers (now 18-1).

Goodland tripped over their own feet by getting a back court violation after Scott City scored first, but turned it on when Ryan Hillmer hit his first 3-pointer of the game. The Cowboys had a 5-2 lead before Scott City responded with a 6-0 run to make the score 11-5. Beaver's Ron Baker hit a 3-pointer. Baker was fouled hard not long after and would leave briefly with a twisted ankle. The first quarter score was 16-12 with Scott City leading.

In the second, the Beavers flexed their muscle. A 7-0 run kept Goodland off their heels for the moment, but the Cowboy wouldn't say die. Robert Cowan hit a 3-pointer to narrow the lead somewhat at 31-18. Scott City did everything they could to keep the Goodland team down after a Blaine Luther 3-point shot, Baker waited out the final seconds



Cowboy Hazen Deeds (above) tried to shoot over the block of Scott City's Mason Turner on Tuesday. Cowboy Garth Helton (right) went high to score in the first half over Scott City's Rod Baker. The Cowboys lost 83-45, and play at 7 p.m. tonight against the Ulysses Tigers.

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to hit a 3-pointer of his own at the buzzer to make the halftime score 41-28.

After halftime Goodland came out inspired and scored the first 4 points, but as happened all night Scott City was too much for Goodland to handle and scored 15 to respond.

Baker dunked it all over Goodland in the first meeting; the second meeting was not the same as Goodland was all over him whenever he was near the basket. Hazen Deeds was called on an intentional foul after Baker made a lay up and sent Baker to the line where he hit 2 free throws. The third quarter score was 67-39 Scott City leading.

Going into the fourth quarter Beaver's Mason Turner hit a field goal with 7:30 left, which making the score, 69-39, for a 30-point advantage and under the Great Western Athletic Conference rules the clock ran continuously for the final minutes. Scott City would keep

the foot on the gas pedal and the final score was 83-45.

Both coaches pulled their starters and put the younger players in to give them a few minutes of action. An intentional foul was called on Scott City in the final minute that sent Cowboy Taylen Smith to the free throw line for two free throws that he made for the final Cowboy points.

Brock Wilkens got into foul trouble early in the game and had to sit out much of the second half. He fouled out with a few minutes left. Scott City's Braeden Robinson fouled out in the final few minutes.

In the game Ron Baker was again dominate and scored 20, Drew Kite had 18, Joey Meyer threw in 17, Brett O'Neil did his part with 9, Tyler Hess had 6 as well as Caleb Roamer, Braden Robinson shot 5, and Mason Turner had 4.

Scott City shot 55 percent with 32-58 from the field with 6-17 from



3-point land and 15-19 from the charity stripe.

On the Goodland side of the ball Hillmer hit 14 points, Cowan had 13, Brock Wilkens had 5, Dillon Trachsel had 3 along with Luther, Smith hit two free throws and Deeds

had 1 point.

Tonight is the second annual Max the Max night, \$1 admission as well as opportunities to win prizes. If you cannot make it to the game listen on KKCI 102.5 FM or online at nwk-sradio.com.

Cowboys open state title drive

Five Cowboy wrestlers begin their drive for an individual state championship title at 9 a.m. today at the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championship at Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University.

The Cowboys have one first place qualifier, Laine Herl at 189 pounds, one second place qualifier, Seth Miller at 130 pounds and three third place qualifiers Austin Avelar at 119 pounds, Nathan Deeds at 145 pounds and Riley Oharah at 215 pounds.

The tournament opened today with the first round at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) and will continue with the second round at 1 p.m. and championship quarterfinals at 3 p.m.

Saturday the consolation cross bracketing round begins at 8 a.m. Consolation quarterfinals will be at 9:45 a.m., consolation semifinals at 11:15 a.m., fifth place matches at 1 p.m. and consolation finals at 2 p.m. with championship finals 45 minutes after the consolation finals are done.

In the opening round at 119 pounds (match No. 22) Avelar, junior with a record of 28-8 will face Josh Schroeder, freshman of Silver Lake with a record of 27-7.

At 130 pounds (match No. 38) Miller, senior, 37-5 faces Chris Lowe, junior, Stafford, 20-8.

At 145 pounds (match No. 60) Deeds, senior, 29-7 faces Hunter Stalford, junior, Caney-Caney Valley, 33-8.

At 189 pounds (match No. 93) Herl, junior, 34-9 faces Jake Brazzle, sophomore, Riley-Riley County, 20-14.

At 215 pounds (match No. 100) Oharah, junior, 31-12 faces Wyatt Jones, senior, Burlingame, 29-9.

A special send-off for the wrestlers was held Thursday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Some of the state wrestling tournament will be carried live on Smoky Hills Public Television on Channel 2, and Goodland wrestling coverage will be on KWGB FM 97.9 beginning about 9 a.m. on Friday and continuing through the finals on Saturday.

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: Blaine Luther and Janeth Soto.

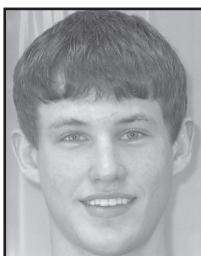


These students receive an Activity Period Pass. These students were randomly selected from all nominees and will receive a local food gift certificate, special parking, first in lunch line and recognized throughout the community!

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Nominated by: Mr. Myers
Parents: Brian & Michelle Luther
Activities: Basketball, G-Club



Janeth Soto, Freshman
Nominated by: Mrs. Livengood
Parents: Erica Soto & Jesus Radrigues
Activities: none

Funding Cut-off Dates:

Sign-up Cutoff Date for Fiscal Year 2011 AWEPP Requested Funding

Friday, March 4, 2011, is the cutoff date for Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEPP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 requested funding. The sign-up is available to eligible producers who irrigate in priority areas within Groundwater Management Districts 2, 4, and 5.

Signup Cutoff Date for Special Initiative for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat

Friday, March 4, 2011, is the cutoff date for applications to be accepted for the Special Initiative for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat in Kansas.

Sign-up Cutoff Date for Fiscal Year 2011 EQIP Organic Initiative Requested Funding

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