

Cowboys face Monarchs tonight

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The Cowboys open sub state play at 6 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse against the Thomas More Prep Monarchs.

Goodland and Thomas More Prep had the same 10-9 records when the sub state brackets were drawn on Wednesday, but the Cowboys had a tie-breaker over the Monarchs having defeated them 46-40 on Jan. 17 at Hays.

The Monarchs have an 11-9 record after defeating Trinity of Hoisington 37-34 on Friday.

Friday the Cowboys evened their record at 10-10 with a 56-41 loss to the Ulysses Tigers in the final Great Western Activity Conference game of the regular season finishing with a 5-4 league record.

After winning five games in a row the Cowboys lost the last two of the regular season to Scott City and Ulysses. Even with the losses the Cowboys are ahead of the 4-14 record of last year, and a win tonight would give them a chance to improve to 11-10. The winner of tonight's game will travel to Larned on Friday to face the winner of the Scott City (18-1) and Larned (4-15) game tonight at Scott City.

Coach Donald Raymer started five seniors on Friday with Hazen Deeds getting a start along with Brock Wilkens, Dillon Trachsel, Garth Helton and Robert Cowan.

Ulysses started juniors Braden Langston, Garrett Kissell, Kyle Zerr and Josh Jarnagin plus senior Chris Osh.

The Cowboys got an early lead

2-0 on free throws by Wilkens, but Ulysses scored the next 8 points. The Cowboys came back to tie on a 3-point shot by Ryan Hillmer with 2:20 left in the quarter. The Cowboys took a 12-10 lead on a 3-point play by Hillmer and a free throw by Wilkens, but at the buzzer Oliver tied the score for Ulysses at 12-12.

Both teams were playing aggressively with seven fouls called on Ulysses in the quarter to put Goodland in the bonus, and three fouls called on the Cowboys.

Cowan gave the Cowboys a 14-12 lead on two free throws, but Jarnagin quickly tied it back at 14-14 in the second quarter. Trachsel hit a basket but Oliver matched it to tie at 16-16.

Ulysses to an 18-16 lead and made it 19-16 with half the quarter gone. Wilkens cut the lead to 19-18 with about three minutes left. The press by the Cowboys was giving the Tigers some trouble, but about the time the Cowboys would get a steal the Tigers would take it back.

Langston gave the Tigers a 21-18 lead with under two minutes to go, and Wilkens hit two free throws with under one minute left to cut the lead to 21-20, and that was the score at the break.

The Cowboys had the ball to start the second half, but turned it over to the Tigers and Kissell hit to give Ulysses a 23-20 lead. The Cowboys kept pace and two baskets by Hillmer tied the score at 24-24 with six minutes left.

The two teams had lots of action in the next minute without any scoring until Hillmer gave the Cowboys

a 26-24 lead with 5:05 left, and he followed that with a 3-point basket to make it 29-24. Hillmer had a chance for a 4-point play as he was fouled, but missed the free throw.

Langston tied the game with a 3-point shot at 29-29 with 3:30 left in the quarter.

With under 30 seconds left junior Chase Newell tied the game for Ulysses at 31-31, and that is how the quarter ended.

The Tigers got a quick 3-point basket from Newell to take a 34-31 lead. The lead stretched to 37-31 on a basket and free throw by Langston. The Tigers' scoring run continued with a 3-point basket by Zerr and a 3-point play by Oliver and a basket by Kissell to give the Tigers a 45-31 lead with four minutes left.

Hillmer broke the scoring run with a 3-point basket, and two free throws by Wilkens cut the lead below double digits at 45-36 with 3:30 left.

Jarnagin fouled out with 3:22 left, and the Tigers took a time out with 3:01 left to determine their strategy for the last minutes of the game. Coming out of the time out Oliver hit a basket to give Ulysses a 47-36 lead.

The Tigers started spreading things about and passing the ball around without going for the basket forcing the Cowboys to foul and with under two minutes left Hillmer fouled to put the Tigers in the bonus.

Cowan was called for his fifth foul with 1:10 left and it put the Tigers in the double bonus. Zerr hit both free throws to make it 52-38.

Deeds came in and hit a 3-point shot to make it 52-41 with 1:04 left.

Trachsel missed a 3-point basket and a foul on Gage Ihrig put Langston at the line where he made the first of two making it 54-41. Deeds picked up his third foul with under 40 seconds left and Zerr hit both free throws to make it 56-41.

Both coaches put their younger players in for the final 31 second, and the Tigers were able to hold the ball for the final seconds to win 56-41.

Hillmer led the Cowboys with 18 points on three 3-point baskets, four field goals and one free throw. Wilkens was in double figures with 11 on one field goal and he was 9 of 11 at the free throw line. He led the team with 10 rebounds.

Cowan had 6 points on two field goals and two free throws. Deeds had 3 on his lone 3-point shot late in the fourth quarter. Trachsel had 2 on a field goal and was 0-2 from beyond the 3-point arc. Helton had 1 of 2 free throws.

The Cowboys hit 33 percent from 3-point range (4-12), 21.6 percent from the floor (8-37), and 76.5 percent of the free throws (13-17).

The Tigers out rebounded the Cowboys 35-28. The Tigers hit 20 percent of 3-point shots (3-15), 51.6 percent from the floor (16-31), and 65.2 percent of free throws (15-23).

Zerr led the Tigers with 15, Oliver 12, Kissell 10, Langston 9, Newell and Jarnagin 5 each.



Cowboy Brock Wilkens took a shot over Ulysses players in the game on Friday. The Cowboys are in action at 6 p.m. tonight against the Thomas More Prep Monarchs in the opening round of sub state. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Cowgirls guaranteed of winning record

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The Cowgirls assured themselves of a winning season with a 52-34 win over the Ulysses Lady Tigers on Friday to give them an 11-9 season record and a winning record no matter if they won or lost in Larned on Monday.

The Cowgirls lost the coin flip on Wednesday with Larned and traveled to Larned for the first round of the sub state on Monday. The Larned Lady Indians lost to Hoisington 38-32 to even their season record at 10-10.

If the Cowgirls won at Larned they will travel back on Thursday to play the winner of the Southwestern Heights-Kismet (15-3) and Lakin (5-14) game played at Kismet on Monday. Last year the Cowgirls upset the Mustangs to win the sub state title and advance to the state tournament. The Mustangs lost to Cimarron 59-48 on Friday. Kismet won the conference title 10-2 over Cimarron with an 8-1.

Cowgirls Coach Andy Scheopner started five of his senior girls Christy Studer, Ashley Archer, Jennifer Rome, Jade Herl and Alistar Lopez. The sixth senior May Luangian, an exchange student from Thailand was introduced with the starters.

Coach Scheopner let the seniors play for the first couple of minutes before pulling Studer and Lopez to bring in junior M'Lynn Hinger and sophomore Paige Phillips.

The Cowgirls had a 13-6 lead halfway through the quarter on a 4-point play by Herl who was fouled on a 3-point shot that scored and she made the free throw.

The Lady Tigers scored the next four points to cut the lead to 13-10

at the end of the quarter. Cowgirls freshman Brianna White extended the lead to 15-10 in the second quarter, and Herl hit a 3-point shot to make it 18-10.

Ulysses hit the next two baskets to cut the lead to 18-14, but Archer hit a basket to make it 20-14. Ulysses hit a basket to cut it to 20-16 and Scheopner took a time out with 4:17 left in the half.

Ulysses hit to cut the lead to 20-18 with under four minutes, and tied the score 20-20 with 2:21 left.

A jump ball with 1.2 second gave the Cowgirls the final shot under their basket and Archer got it to fall through at the buzzer to take a 26-20 lead into the locker room.

At the start of the third quarter Ulysses hit a field goal, but Rome answered with a 3-point basket to make it 29-22.

Archer had a free throw and basket to make it a 10-point lead 34-24. She added two free throws a minute later to make it 36-24.

With time running out Herl hit a basket and Archer had two more free throws to make it 40-29 at the end of three quarters.

With under one minute left Rome hit a basket to make it 50-34. Rome hit the final basket with 41 seconds left to make it 52-34.

Archer led with 21 points on four field goals and 13 of 17 free throws, and had 11 rebounds. Herl had 12 on three 3-point shots, one field goal and one free throw. Rome had 11 on one 3-point basket, three field goals and 2 of 3 free throws. Phillips had 3 on a field goal and 1 of 4 free throws. White and Hinger each had 2 on a field goal, and Cochran had 1 free throw.



Cowgirl M'Lynn Hinger appeared to be blocked by a Lady Tiger in the game on Friday. The Cowgirls won 52-34.

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| 5. Cola brand | 2. Wedge shaped vertebrae (pl.) |
| 10. Scottish tax | 3. Fine or visual |
| 14. Long-eared rabbit | 4. Atomic #75 |
| 15. Sir _____ Newton | 5. PC graphics file format |
| 16. Thin piece of wood | 6. Employee stock ownership plan |
| 17. Shock treatment | 7. Muscular weaknesses |
| 18. Hokey | 8. Mr. Claus |
| 19. Frost a cake | 9. Covered with ice |
| 20. Not Jr. | 10. Atomic #56 |
| 21. Companion animal | 11. _____ Lilly, drug company |
| 22. Expresses surprise | 12. Securities firm Goldman _____ |
| 23. Locked boxes | 13. Diffused boiled water |
| 26. Devil worship | 24. Expunction |
| 30. Soak fibers in liquid | 25. Point midway between S and E |
| 32. Tax advantage savings acct. | 27. Herbal tea |
| 33. Young women's association | 28. Accounts receivable |
| 35. Green regions of desert | 29. Windhoek is the capital |
| 38. Picasso's mistress | 31. Fruit eaten as a vegetable |
| 42. Netherlands river | 33. Freshwater fish of N. America |
| 43. 3rd note | 34. Not happy |
| 44. Cathode (abbr.) | 36. The space above the ground |
| 45. Intercontinental ballistic missile | 37. Supplement with difficulty |
| 46. Literary language of Pakistan | 39. Play a role |
| 47. Former Senator Spector | 40. _____ Dhabi, Arabian capital |
| 49. British thermal unit | 41. Reichsmark |
| 50. Tell on | 42. 12th Greek letter |
| 52. Indicates near | 48. Salve |
| 54. Wrestling point maneuver | 51. In the year of Our Lord |
| 57. Cavalry sword | 53. Note appended to a letter |
| 60. Atomic number 13 | 54. Verbally tease |
| 61. Ad _____, unplanned | 55. Dillenioid dicot genus |
| 63. 2001 Spielberg movie | 56. Largest mammal |
| 64. Fiddler crabs | 58. Showing keen interest |
| 66. Tossed or Cobb | 59. 1st Homeland Security Sec. Tom |
| 68. Million gallons per day (abbr.) | 62. Taxis |
| 69. Precisely executed | 65. Swiss river |
| 71. A way to excuse | 66. Posed for a portrait |
| 72. Small amount of residue | 67. Small game cubes |
| 73. Counterweight | 68. Scan done with magnets |
| 74. Not relaxed | 70. Atomic #52 |
| 75. Bog down | 72. Decimeter |

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