

# Cowboys lose to Beavers; Topside starts Thursday

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The Cowboys knew it was going to be a tough night playing the opening game against the Scott City Beavers at Max Jones Fieldhouse, and when the game was over the Cowboys had lost 71-37.

The Cowboys will open the 23rd Annual Topside Tip-Off at 8 p.m. on Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse against the Weskan Coyotes.

The score against Scott City was similar to the opening game last year at Scott City where the Cowboys lost 79-29. The Cowboys scored a few more points this year and the Beavers did not match their score from last year.

Cowboys Coach Don Raymer knew his young team would find it hard against the Beavers, and hoped they would do better on their home court.

The Cowboys had trouble even getting to take a shot in the first quarter as the Beavers took a 14-0 lead.

Scott City built a 23-0 lead in the second quarter before the Cowboys got their first points on a three-point basket by Ryan Hillmer who had nine of his team leading 17 points in the second quarter on three three-point baskets to make it 38-9.

Hillmer passed to Blaine Luther for a basket in the second quarter to make it 38-11.

A foul call on Scott City's Trey O'Neil resulted in a technical foul call. Hillmer had a chance to add to the Cowboys score, but the free throws rolled out.

A few moments later Scott City's Drew Kite got a steal and went down the floor for a slam dunk. Kite made the basket, but got called for hanging on the rim. That put Hillmer back at the free throw line where he made both to end the half 40-13.

In the first quarter Cowboy Parker Sieck, center at 6'6", got a quick three fouls and had to sit most of the game on the bench until late in the fourth when he made a shot for his two points. He fouled out in the final minutes.



Cowboy Ryan Hillmer (13) tried to work inside for a shot in Friday's opening game against the Scott City Beavers. Hillmer hit three three-point baskets and two free throws in the first half and led the team scoring a total of 17 points.



Cowboy Taylen Smith shot over Scott City's Tyler Hess for a basket. Smith scored two points in the game.

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The Cowboys did a better job of scoring in the second half with 24 points.

Hillmer started the Cowboys scoring in the second half making it 42-15 and finished with 17 points making three field goals in the second half to go with his first half three three-point baskets and two

free throws. Cowboy Gage Ihrig made all four of his second half free throws.

Cy Paxton hit a three-point basket and a field goal for his 5 points.

Caleb Fugleberg came in to play in the fourth quarter and scored a field goal for two points.

Joel Linin had one field goal and

one free throw for three points.

Taylen Smith had one field goal for his two points.

The Beavers led 63-28 at the end of the third quarter, and based on league rules the fourth quarter was run under a continuous clock.

In the fourth quarter Coach Raymer got all his young players

in the game to give them some experience.

For the Beavers Brett O'Neil led with 16 points, Joey Meyer had 14, Kite 13 and Braeden Robinson 9. Tyler Hess, Trey O'Neil and Colin Ratzlaff each had four points. Anthony Wilson had three points. Jeremy Clinton and Austin Habiger

each had two points.

Last year the Cowboys won their opening game at the Topside Tip-Off against Burlington 54-45, but went on to lose their next two to McCook and Wray.

The Cowboys were 11-11 on the season last year.

# Mavericks wrestlers win medal at Bob Smith Open in Hays

The Northwest Tech Mavericks had 13 wrestlers in the tough Bob Smith Open Saturday at Fort Hays State University and brought home one medalist.

Northwest Tech wrestlers - 13 in all - participated in the ever so tough wrestling tournament Saturday, said Coach Steve Lampe. The tournament includes many schools from all divisions.

Northwest Tech came home with

one medalist Alex Ievtunshenko at 184 pounds, who went 4-2 on the day and placed sixth, Lampe said. He is showing real promise after a slow and shaky start as he had never seen folk style wrestling until this season. Alex hails from the Ukraine where he wrestled Greco Roman all his life, and this is a very difficult transition as the two styles are extremely different.

Miguel Guzman went 1-2 but lost

both bouts to All Americans by 1 point each. One opponent was from Labette Community College and the other from power house Division II wrestler from University of Central Oklahoma. Miguel is really coming around after a two-year layout since graduating from high school. He's going to be a force to be reckoned with.

Another great showing was at 197 pounds where Northwest Tech is

well represented by Andrei Melnic. Andrei has been out for four weeks nursing torn cartilage on his ribs. He's a great competitor and is learning folk style very well and quickly. He is a great student in the practice room and the classroom. He'll have a great chance of becoming a national qualifier.

The Maverick wrestlers are currently 2-1 in junior college competition in dual meets 2-2 overall.

No other Northwest Tech wrestlers came close to placing Saturday at Hays, Lampe said. We have a tremendous way to go to reach top form.

Next competition is tonight in Rock Springs, Wyo., with Western Wyoming Community College. The Loper Open on Saturday in Kearney, Neb., will wind out the Fall semester.

Action will resume after the

Christmas Break on Thursday, Jan. 5 when Western Wyoming will be at Keirns Fitness Center at 6 p.m.

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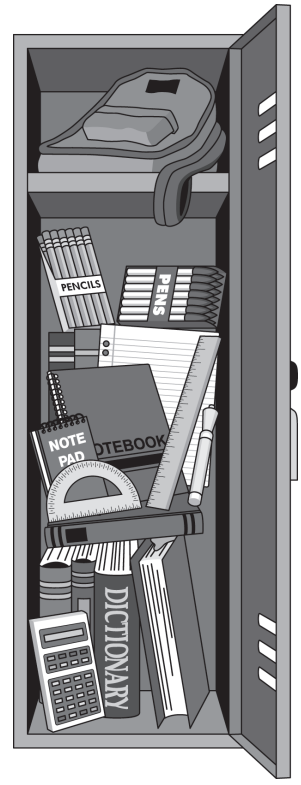
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Wednesday: Black day  
Thursday: Gold day  
Topside Tipoff Basketball Tourney at MJFH/JH Gym  
3:30 p.m.: Girls 8th grade basketball, here, versus Colby  
Girls 7th grade basketball at Colby  
Friday: Black day  
Topside Tipoff Basketball Tourney at MJFH/JH Gym  
1 p.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Colby  
Saturday: Topside Tipoff Basketball Tourney at MJFH/JH Gym  
8 a.m.: Varsity Wrestling at Colby  
ACT Test  
Monday: Gold day  
Board of Education meeting  
Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament  
First Round Junior High Basketball League Tournament  
Tuesday: Black day  
5th, 6th, Junior High, High School Band Concert  
4 p.m.: Boys Junior High Basketball, here, versus Burlington



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