

Victory at last

Northwest Tech women pick up first win

By Pat Schiefen
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The Lady Mavericks hit a milestone on Saturday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse when they won the first game in program history, beating the Mid Plains Community College Lady Knights. They ended the second half in a tie, 66-66, and went into a five-minute overtime, where they beat the Lady Knights 81-77.



Shannon Watts shot a free throw during Saturday's home game against Mid Plains Community College from North Platte, Neb. The Lady Mavericks got their first win, beating the Lady Knights 81-77.
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Next action for the Lady Mavericks will be at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday at Pratt Community College.

Alicia Wynne, a 5 foot 6 inch freshman from Colorado Springs, Colo., hit the first bucket in the first minute of overtime action. This gave the Lady Mavericks the lead, 68-66. The Knights picked up a point when they made a point at the free throw line.

Shannon Watts, a 5 foot 6 inch freshman from Montgomery, Ala., followed with a three-point shot, 71-67. The Knights answered with a two-point bucket. Wynne added another bucket. The score was 73-67. The Knights added three from free throw shots leaving the Lady Mavericks with a point lead, 73-72. Watts hit another three pointer followed by a bucket by Andrea Zaragoza, a 6 foot freshman from Anaheim, Calif.

The score was 78-72 with 1:15 left in overtime. Watts added a free throw shot to make the score 79-72. With less the 24 seconds left the Knights added two baskets to make the score, 79-77. With four seconds left on the clock Watts was fouled and her trip to the line added the final two points to the score to win, 81-77.

In the first half the Lady Knights lead as much as 11 points. The Lady Mavericks fought back to end the half with the Knights leading, 33-27. Wynne made the first score of the game for the Lady Mavericks. Shaletha Mayberry, a five foot 4 inch freshman from Dallas, then scored. Also scoring were Watts, YaMaya Leonard and Mayisha Marlowe. Leonard is a 5 foot 8 inch freshman from Montgomery, Ala., and Marlowe is a 5 foot 4 inch freshman from North Las Vegas, Nev.

Mayberry started off the second half with two buckets in a row to

make the score 33-31. The Lady Mavericks slowly increased their lead with buckets by Wynne and Karla Hall. Hall is a 5 foot 8 inch freshman from Sacramento, Calif. Watts stole the ball and made a bucket. With 10 minutes left in the half the Knights lead, 48-45. Hall brought them within a point, 48-47. The two teams traded off making baskets.

At three minutes Wynne hit a bucket to make the score, 59-56. Mayberry hit a three-point shot. With 45 seconds left the Knights hit a three-point shot to leave the

score tied, 66-66. Both teams called time outs but the score remained tied. The Lady Mavericks went on to win in overtime.

The Northwest Tech women had traveled to face Colby Community College the night before, losing that contest 65-49.

Mayberry went 8 of 18 in shooting, scoring 20 points and getting six rebounds. Watts scored 10 points. Wynne and Leonard each added six; Anya Boyd, 5; and Marlowe, 2.

The women's team is now 1-10 this season.

Mavericks fall to North Platte

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The Northwest Kansas Technical College men's basketball team lost two home games this weekend, falling 79-63 to Mid Plains Community College from North Platte, Neb., on Saturday and 82-79 to Frank Phillips College from Borger, Texas, on Sunday.

The Mavericks were 4-6 going into the weekend games. They fall to 4-8. Next action for the men's team will be at the Seward County Classic tournament in Liberal. They play Northern Oklahoma Enid College at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday and Seward Community College at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The Mid Plains Knights' strong defense and accurate shooting from beyond the three-point line helped them get up to an early lead over the Mavericks. Despite closing the gap on several occasions, Northwest Tech was unable to mount a comeback.

The Knights won the tipoff, but were unable to score on the first possession. They got the ball back and scored a three pointer. They followed it up with a two-point shot. The Mavericks got on the board on two free throws from Jeffrey Burgos.

Ahead 5-2, the Knights put five more points on the board. After a timeout Nicholas Riley put in a two pointer. Gian Clavell went down with a leg injury, but returned to the game a few minutes later. Mid Plains put in a three pointer to make it 13-4. Lamar Britton was fouled and put in his first point of the night with a free throw.

The Knights scored another five points, then Britton got a rebound and went coast to coast for a two-point layup. He was fouled on the play and made his free throw to make it 18-8. He put in another two points with 12:48 left in the half, but the Knights answered with a three pointer. Clavell and Juan Ortiz each sank shots to make it 21-14.

The Knights stayed ahead with a trio of free throws and a two-point shot. With 8:45 to play in the half, Riley put in two, answered with a two-point shot from the Knights. Riley got a rebound and put in another basket to make it 28-18.

The Knights went on a six-point run until with 5:30 to play Burgos put in two to make it 34-20. Mid Plains got another four points, then Britton drove inside for two to make it 38-22. On the next play Britton put up a shot and Talan Whitaker tipped it in for two points.

The Knights put four points on the board before Whitaker made another putback to make the score 42-26. Whitaker then made a pass to Marcus Walden, who put it in for his first points of the night. The Knights hit a two pointer, but Whitaker got a third putback to end the half at 44-30.

Coming out of the locker room, the Mavericks went on a 7-0 run and kept Mid Plains from scoring for three minutes. Clavell was fouled and made three free throws to make it 44-33. Walden and Burgos continued the run with two-point shots to make it 44-37, but the Knights hit a three pointer with 16:55 to play.

Riley was fouled while shooting and made both his free throws to make it 47-39. The Knights put in two, but Whitaker made a two pointer of his own to keep pace. Clavell was called on a foul and the Knights made two free throws to keep their 10-point lead.

With 15 minutes to play, Markees Walker fed it to Whitaker for two points, answered quickly by a two-pointer from the Knights. Riley was called on a foul and the Knights made one good free throw to make it 54-43. Mid Plains then missed a slam dunk, but got the putback to go up 56-43.

After a timeout, the Knights put in a free throw, then Britton made a pass to Whitaker, who put it in for two. The Knights hit a three pointer to make it 60-45. Walden put in two, then Riley made two free throws. Mid Plains put in another five points to make it 65-49.

With 10:30 to play, Walden hit a two-point shot, but then committed a foul. The Knights made one free throw and a three pointer to make it 69-51. Coming off a timeout, Britton put in two points, followed by a two-point



Juan Ortiz went up for a shot during Saturday's game against Mid Plains Community College. The Mavericks lost 79-63.
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shot from the Knights. Riley was fouled while shooting and made two free throws to make it 71-55.

With under 7 minutes to play, Riley hit a two pointer, but the Knights kept their lead with a two pointer and a free throw. Clavell was fouled and made a free throw to make it 74-58. Then Britton went on another cross-court run. This time his shot was blocked but Riley got the putback to make it 74-60.

Mid Plains put in four points before Riley hit a three pointer with under two minutes to play. The Knights scored one more two pointer to end the game at 79-63.

The Mavericks got closer to a win on Sunday against Frank Phillips College. They trailed again at the half but mounted a comeback during the second half, even taking a 75-74 lead late in the game. They were only down 82-79 at the end, but a last second three-pointer fell short.

The Mavericks continued to struggle in shooting, hitting just 38 percent from the floor. Whitaker scored a career-high 28 points in the game. Clavell had 18; Walden, 10; Walker, 9; Riley, 6; Britton, 4; Ortiz and Burgos, 2.

The Mavericks had only 11 turnovers, however, and beat the Plainsmen in rebounds 54-47.

High School winter seasons to begin

The 2012-2013 Goodland High School basketball season will get underway this week with games at Norton on Friday. The sports drink scrimmage is scheduled for tonight at 5 p.m.

On Friday, the junior varsity and C-teams will start 3:45 p.m. (Mountain Time) in Norton with the varsity games beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Topside Tipoff basketball tournament will be Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6 though 8.

The junior varsity teams will play at home Monday, Dec. 10, then both teams will play Atwood at home on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The junior varsity will play at home again on Thursday, Dec. 13, then both teams will travel

to Holcomb on Friday, Dec. 14.

The wrestling season is also set to begin this week. The home junior varsity tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The varsity team will travel to the St. Francis invitational that day, which begins at 8:30 a.m.

The varsity wrestlers will compete in Colby on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, then have their first home meet against Baca County, Colo., on Friday, Dec. 14. The Holiday Classic home tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. The team will wrestle at Colby again on Thursday, Dec. 20, before the winter break.

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School calendar for Nov. 28-Dec. 4

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Wednesday: Black day
7:30 a.m.: PLC
Thursday: 5:30 p.m.: Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling here versus Oberlin
Friday: 3:45 p.m.: Junior Varsity/C Basketball at Norton
5:30 p.m.: Varsity Basketball at Norton
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.: Varsity Wrestling at St. Francis
9 a.m.: Junior Varsity Wrestling, here
Girls 8th Grade Basketball at Ulysses
Girls 7th Grade Basketball, here versus Ulysses

Monday: 1 p.m.: Junior High Wrestling GWAC League Tournament at Scott City
3 p.m.: Girls Junior High Basketball at Holcomb
High School Scholar's Bowl at Colby
Tuesday: Black day
5:30 p.m.: 2nd Grade Music Program in High School Auditorium
7 p.m.: Junior High/High School Winter Vocal Concert in HS Auditorium

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