

# Cowgirls break multi-season losing streak

The Goodland Cowgirls were ecstatic over their win against the Lady Jays last Friday at Norton, 49-27. The win snapped a 22-game losing streak that included all of last year and a game from the year before.

The first game for the Cowgirls in the Topside Tip off was Thursday night and they have a game at 6 p.m. on Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Coach Andy Scheopner said that Paige Phillips had not played much last year due to a knee injury but was back. Berkley White, the point guard, wouldn't be playing due to an elbow injury. Hope Cochran worked really hard this summer and she would be an inside strength this year.

"We will have some depth this year," he said. "We will play eight to 10 players. One of our struggles last year was shooting so we worked really hard on that."

Goodland got possession of the ball from the tip off at the beginning of the first quarter. With 7:13 left in the quarter Megan Siruta made the first basket for the Cowgirls to lead 2-0. Cochran added a point from a free throw before Norton's Bailey Ambrosier was able to score. Kate-Lynn King added a bucket and then Brianna White added one of her own. With 4:29 left the Cowgirls turned over the ball and Phillips stole the ball back. Faith Biermann took a shot and missed and King scored on a put back. They led 9-2. King and Brianna White added another basket. With a little more than a minute remaining Siruta fouled and Cochran stole the ball from Norton and scored. At the end of the first quarter the Cowgirls led, 16-7.

King led off the scoring for the Cowgirls in the second quarter. No one scored until Siruta hit a free throw will less than five minutes left in the quarter. The score was Goodland leading, 19-7. With less than three minutes left in the quarter Cochran hit her first three-pointer of

the game. Brianna White added two free throws to the score. The only scores for Norton in the quarter were two free throws made by Katie Bohl with more than a minute remaining. The score at the half was Goodland leading, 24-9.

After the third quarter started King made three baskets in a row. King hit another basket from Phillips at the four minute mark. With a little more than two minutes left the freshman Faith Biermann, playing her first varsity game, hit a bucket. Siruta added a basket and King a free throw to end the quarter with the Cowgirls leading 37-16.

Phillips hit a basket to add two at the start of the fourth quarter. Maddie Mayer made her first basket of the game. King hit a bucket from White to add two. Phillips made a bucket and a free throw with less than two minutes left in the quarter to make the score 48-27. Milan Brannick, Nicole Sederstrom and Ellie House were brought in to play. With eight seconds left House hit a free throw for the last Cowgirl point of the game. They won 49-27.

The Cowgirls had at least 20 turn overs but were able to steal back the ball most of the time.

King scored 18 points; Brianna White, 8; Cochran, 6; Phillips, 7; Mayer, 2; Biermann, 2; Siruta, 5; and House, 1.

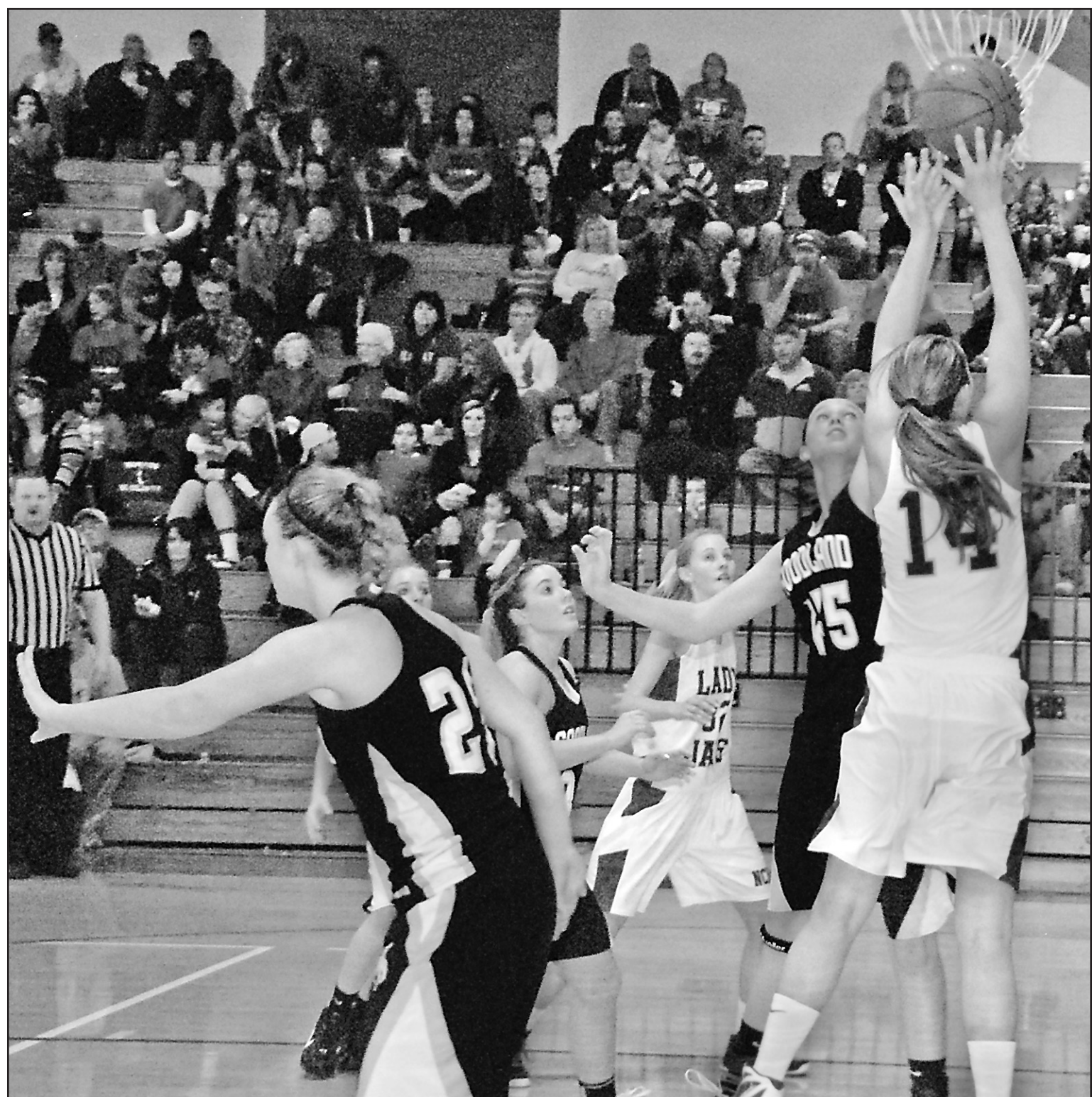
Goodland won the junior varsity game by a score of 30-23.

Norton led 13-5 after the first quarter and the score was tied at 13 at the half. Both teams scored 4 points in the third quarter and the score remained tied at 17. Norton was outscored 13-6 in the fourth quarter.

Ellie House and Nicole Sederstrom each scored 6 points to lead the Cowgirls.

Only two quarters were played in the C-team game, which was won by Goodland, 16-11.

Grace Cole was the top Cowgirl scorer with 11 points.



Kate-Lynn King (No. 15) went up to block a shot during the Cowgirls' 49-27 win over the Norton Lady Bluejays. The win snapped a 22-game, multi-season losing streak for the Cowgirls. Photo by Dick Boyd/The Norton Telegram

# Goodland boys fall to Norton Bluejays 48-35 in opener

The Goodland High School boys basketball team suffered a disappointing 48-35 loss in their opening game at Norton last Friday.

The Cowboys got off to an 8-5 lead in the first quarter, and after trading the lead with the Bluejays several times in the second, were down 22-16 at the half. They were unable to recover.

The Cowboys are in action tonight at 8 p.m. in the second round of the Topside Tournament. The final round will be Saturday. Next action for the boys will be at home Tuesday against Atwood after the girls game.

The Cowboys fell behind 5-0 early in the first quarter, but went on an 8-0 run on a three pointer from

Gannon Ihrig and a three pointer and a layup from Gage Ihrig. Gage made a foul to prevent a breakaway layup with a few seconds left in the quarter. He then tried for a long three at the buzzer, but it was no good.

Up 8-5 to start the second quarter, Gunner Helton took an elbow to the head and left the game for a few minutes. Norton put in two buckets to take a 9-8 lead. Gannon Ihrig put in a two pointer to make it 10-9. Norton put in a jumper to retake the lead 11-10. They extended their lead to 13-10. Adam Simmerman put in a layup but was called for traveling, invalidating the basket.

Norton scored again to make it 15-10. Simmerman was fouled and went to the free throw line. He made

two free throws, then Lazaro got a steal and ran down the court to put in a layup to make it 15-14.

The Bluejays put in a three to go up 18-14. Jarod Lake put in a shot for two points to make it 18-16. Norton picked up four more points before the half ended.

Trailing 22-16 going into the second half, Norton put in another two. Gannon Ihrig was fouled and made one of two free throws to make it 24-17. Gage Ihrig put in a pair of three pointers to close within one point.

Norton scored seven points to make it 31-23 with three minutes left in the quarter. Simmerman sank a three pointer to make it 31-26. Norton answered with a two pointer.

Gannon Ihrig hit his second three pointer of the night to make it 33-29 at the end of the quarter.

After a scoring drought in the first few minutes of the fourth quarter, the Bluejays put in four points to make it 37-29. Gage Ihrig hit a two-pointer to make it 37-31. The Bluejays put in a pair of free throws. Gannon Ihrig was fouled and made a free throw of his own to make it 39-32 with 2:30 left to play.

Helton was fouled, but missed a free throw. The Bluejays put in another two free throws to go up by nine with 1:20 to play. A foul was called on Kolt Trachsel, resulting in another free throw. Lazaro was fouled and made one of two free throws, then he pulled down his

own rebound and made the layup to make it 42-35.

The Bluejays scored six more points in the remaining minute while holding the Cowboys scoreless. The game ended in a 48-35 loss for Goodland. Gage Ihrig was the leading scorer for the Cowboys with

13, followed by Gannon Ihrig with 10. The Cowboys made six of 20 three point attempts with 24 percent shooting percent overall. They were outrebounded 43-22.

The junior varsity team also lost, this time by a narrow 38-36 margin. The C-team won 31-16.

## Upcoming games

- The Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament scheduled for Monday, December 10 will see the Cowgirls Basketball team playing at 6 p.m. and the boys team at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be held in the Junior High Gym at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

- The Eighth Grade Girls Basketball game, scheduled for Monday, December 10, will now be held in the High School Gym instead of the Junior High Gym. Game will still start at 3:30 PM MT.

## Goodland is runner up at St. Francis tournament

The Goodland High School wrestling team placed second out of 11 teams at the St. Francis Invitational tournament on Saturday.

The Cowboys got 166 team points. Colby won the tournament with 207 1/2 points.

Individual results include:

- Tanner Gastineau won first place at 106 pounds. He won by fall in the third period against Jacob Beltran of St. Francis; by fall in the first period over Hunter Leibbrandt of Rawlins County; and by a 7-5 decision over Joey McFee of Rawlins County in the championship match.

- Aaron Avelar won first place at 113 pounds. He won by fall in the first period against Dylan Niswonger of Wichita County; by an 8-5 decision against John Solko of Rawlins County and by a 7-4 decision against Branson Addington of Norton in the championship match.

- Austin Hernandez got third place at 126 pounds. He won by fall over Romario Pureco-Diaz of Wray in the third period, then lost by fall to Dustin Reed of Colby. Hernandez beat Zeke Castillo of Wichita County by fall and won a 7-0 decision over Corbin Usry of St. Francis to take third.

- Brooke Bahe got third place at 132 pounds. He won a 5-3 decision over Mike Kasson of Norton,

then lost a 10-9 decision to Austin Krier of St. Francis. Bahe then won by fall over Brady Holzmeister of Colby and beat Kasson again by fall to take third.

- Ricky Milke went 3-2 at 138 pounds. He won by fall over Joel Lehman of Greeley County then lost a 16-3 major decision to Macen Shull of Colby. He won by fall over Layton Tankersley of Wichita County and by fall over Kyle Churchwell of Wray, but was defeated by Nicholas Ortner of Holyoke.

- John Peden won first place at 152 pounds. He won a 13-3 major decision over Dakota Colonese of Pine Creek; by fall over Logan Guenzi of St. Francis and by fall over Kendall Miller of Norton in the championship match.

- Ian Bonsall got second place at 170 pounds. He won by fall over Dustin Jones of Pine Creek and by an 11-3 major decision over Tristan Whited of St. Francis, but lost the championship match by default to Quade Woofter of Colby.

- Colton Cooper got third place at 182 pounds. He won by fall over Patrick Holtzhauser of St. Francis but lost to Tommy Groves of Wray. Cooper then won by fall Marques Harvey of Holyoke and by fall over Taylor White of Pine Creek to take third.

## Mustang wrestlers get second at league meet

The Grant Junior High wrestling team came in second at the Great West Activity Conference meet on Monday in Scott City.

The Mustangs got 147 1/2 team points. Scott City came in first with 156 and Colby got second with 132. Ulysses placed fourth with

129; Oakley, fifth with 121; and Holcomb, sixth with 107.

Individual results include:  
Kasey Stramel – second place, 80 pounds.  
Tate Whittington – first place, 86 pounds.  
Cade Mayer – third place, 92

pounds.

Simon Bassett – second place, 104 pounds.  
Levi Archer – fourth place, 116 pounds.  
Dawson Ensign – first place, 122 pounds.  
Nolan Deeds – first place, 146

pounds.

Hagan Hoss – third place, 154 pounds.  
Alex Goodwin – fourth place, 162 pounds.  
Luis Ledesma – third place, 265 pounds.

## Got him all locked up



Cowboy wrestler Andy Windell competed in a match against Liberal in the home Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament on Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News