

Cowgirls keep unblemished record

By Dana Sulsberger

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The Goodland Cowgirls basketball team will go into its winter break with the girls' undefeated record intact, but they had to come from behind in the final quarter Friday to save it.

The Cowgirls beat the Quinter Bulldogs 51-44 on Friday, bringing their season record to 5-0.

The girls will take a couple of weeks off for the holidays, with their next game at home on Friday, Jan. 5 against the Colby Lady Eagles.

The girls scored 11 points in the first quarter to Quinter's 12, but took the lead by scoring 16 in the second to Quinter's 11. That made the halftime score 27-23.

The Goodland girls slipped in the

third period, scoring only nine to Quinter's 15.

That left them behind by a bucket, 38-36, but the Cowgirls pulled the game together in the final quarter, scoring 15 to Quinter's 6.

Goodland had a 38 percent shooting average, making 20 of the 51 field goals attempted. The girls were strong on free throws, with 69 percent making it in — or nine of the 13 attempted.

The Cowgirls had 30 turnovers to Quinter's 28 with 17 fouls to 16 for Quinter.

High scorers were Jara McKee with 16 points scored and Ashley Hallagin

with 10 and Jayci Stone with eight. Kendra Brack scored six. Also scoring were Erica Mann (4), Lindsay Custer and Lacey Brenner (2), and Cody Pettibone (3).

Stone got six of her points when she made two three-point shots.

Leaders for rebounds were Mann with seven and Brenner with five. Jara McKee got four boards. Stone and Brack each got three. Custer and Hallagin grabbed two apiece.

McKee led in steals with six followed by Pettibone with five. Brenner, Hallagin and Stone got four, three and one respectively.

Cowboys win first half; Quinter wins the game

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The Cowboys basketball team suffered another loss on Friday night despite leading the Quinter team in the first half.

"I think we played well in certain spots," said coach Jon McLean. "It was a disappointing loss for the boys because they thought they had the chance to win."

The Cowboys had a strong lead in the first quarter with a score of 20-12 and led at the end of the first half 30-28.

They fought hard in the last two quarters scoring 16 in the third but

leaving the score tied at 46-46. Goodland scored 19 points in the last quarter but Quinter pulled ahead by scoring 29. Play ended with a 75-65 loss.

"We had too many turnovers with 30 to Quinter's 18," the coach said, "and were outrebounded 30-28."

Leading scorers were Luke Stone with 18, Matt Mentzer with 16 and Jordan Riebel with 13. Other scorers were Nathan Thompson (10), Andrew Melia (6), and Jeremy Stefan (2).

Mentzer led in defensive rebounds with nine followed by Stone with seven, and on offensive rebounds Stone and Thompson each got two.

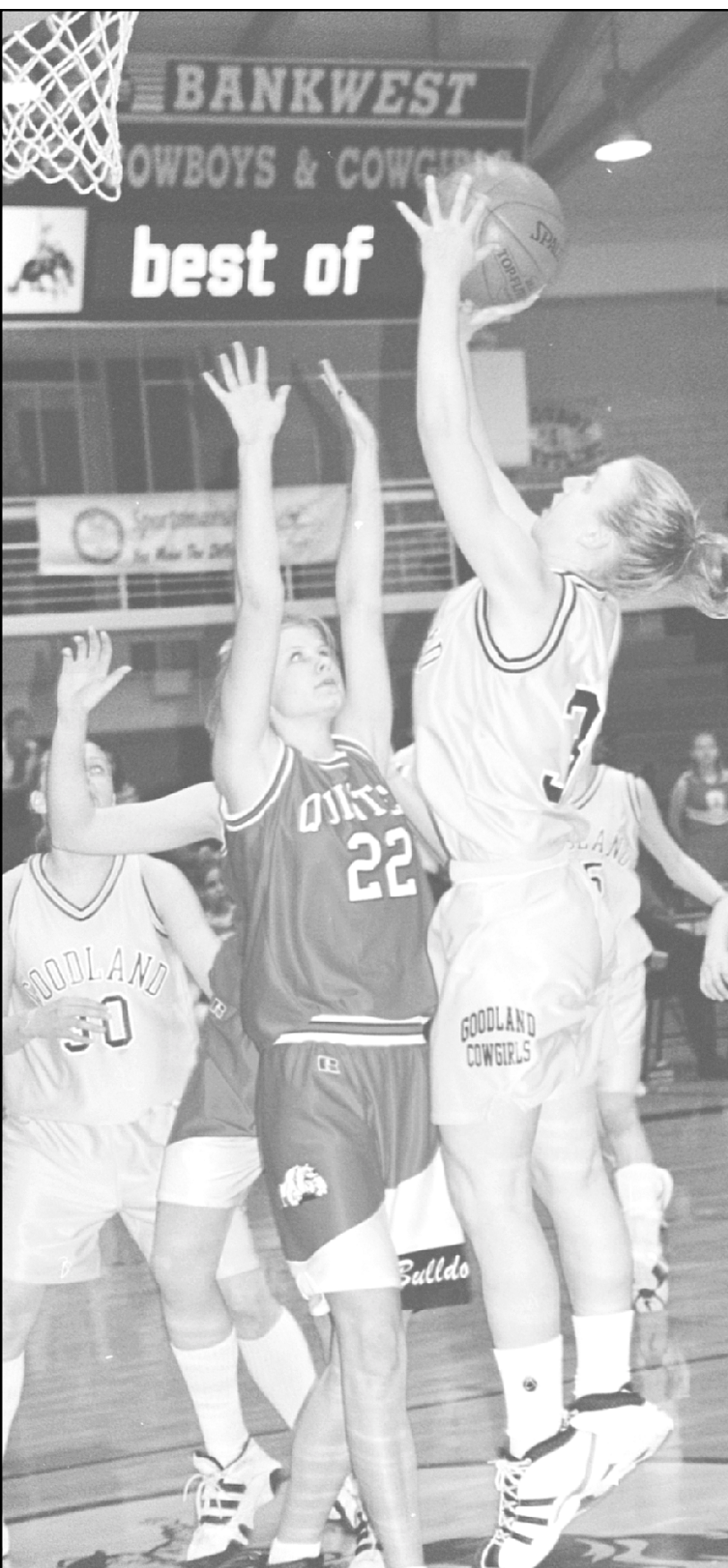
Mentzer also led in steals with three.

top 25 from AP

By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll fared this week:

1. Duke (9-0) did not play.
2. Michigan State (8-0) beat Kentucky 46-45.
3. Stanford (6-0) did not play.
4. Tennessee (9-0) beat Middle Tennessee State 99-83.
5. Illinois (8-2) beat No. 7 Arizona 81-73.
6. Wake Forest (8-0) beat Georgia 75-57.
7. Arizona (5-3) lost to No. 5 Illinois 81-73.
8. Florida (6-1) beat Gonzaga 83-71.
9. Seton Hall (6-1) beat Pennsylvania 80-78.
10. Kansas (9-1) beat DePaul 75-69; beat Tulsa 92-69.
11. Connecticut (8-1) beat Massachusetts 82-57.
12. Syracuse (9-0) beat Wisconsin-Green Bay 69-57.
13. Southern California (7-0) beat Pepperdine 76-73.
14. Virginia (6-0) did not play.
15. North Carolina (6-2) beat Buffalo 95-74.
16. Wisconsin (7-1) beat Temple 66-58; beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 55-47.
17. Cincinnati (5-2) beat Oakland, Mich. 97-58; lost to Xavier 69-67; beat UNLV 90-72.
18. Alabama (7-0) beat North Texas 94-55.
19. Oklahoma (7-1) beat Coppin State 103-49.
20. Maryland (6-3) beat Maryland-Baltimore County 93-67.
21. Notre Dame (5-2) beat Tennessee Tech 82-68.
22. Iowa (8-0) beat Missouri 99-94, 2OT.
23. Mississippi (8-0) beat Southeastern Louisiana 58-46.
24. Georgetown (9-0) beat Coastal Carolina 78-60; beat Howard 123-90.
25. Arkansas (6-2) did not play.



Ashley Hallagin, No. 32, put up a shot for Goodland in the first quarter of Goodland's game against Quinter.

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Broncos playoff hope stalls; Chiefs find running game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Denver Broncos' usually high-powered offense stalled in frigid Arrowhead Stadium, going without a touchdown for the first time since the 1999 regular-season finale, just as the Kansas City Chiefs warmed up a running game that has been among the NFL's worst all year.

The Chiefs' 20-7 victory Sunday ended Denver's six-game winning streak — and with it the Broncos' chances to win the AFC West without help.

Only an inexplicable blunder by Kevin Lockett, Kansas City's punt returner, saved Denver from its first shut-out loss since 1992.

"It's not the end of the world," coach Mike Shanahan said. "You have some games like that. What you've got to do is regroup and keep going."

Denver (10-5) could have pulled

even with Oakland (11-4) in the AFC West and owned the tiebreaker over the Raiders with one game to go.

Instead, to win the division and avoid wildcard status, the Broncos have to beat San Francisco and hope that the Raiders lose to Carolina.

"This might turn out to be a good thing for us," linebacker John Mobley said. "Maybe a little bit of humility will help us work harder in the playoffs."

The Chiefs (7-8) gave them more than a little bit, as Kansas City improved to 4-0 against Denver under coach Gunther Cunningham.

Fullback Tony Richardson celebrated his 29th birthday by rushing for a career-best 156 yards, the most by a Kansas City player since Barry Word's 200-yard game in 1990.

The Chiefs came into the game ranked 26th in the NFL in rushing, with an average of 82 yards per game.

high school basketball

Boys Scores
Brewster 79, Sharon Springs 56
Colby 91, Oakley 35
Garden Plain 71, Belle Plaine 52
Hoisington 76, Scott City 71
Hoxie 67, Atwood 32
Jettmore 61, Lewis 44
Phillipsburg 70, Norton 46
Pretty Prairie 66, Sedgewick 55
Quinter 75, Goodland 65
St. Francis 73, Oberlin 67
Tribune 70, Grinnell 52
Triplains 52, Ransom 40

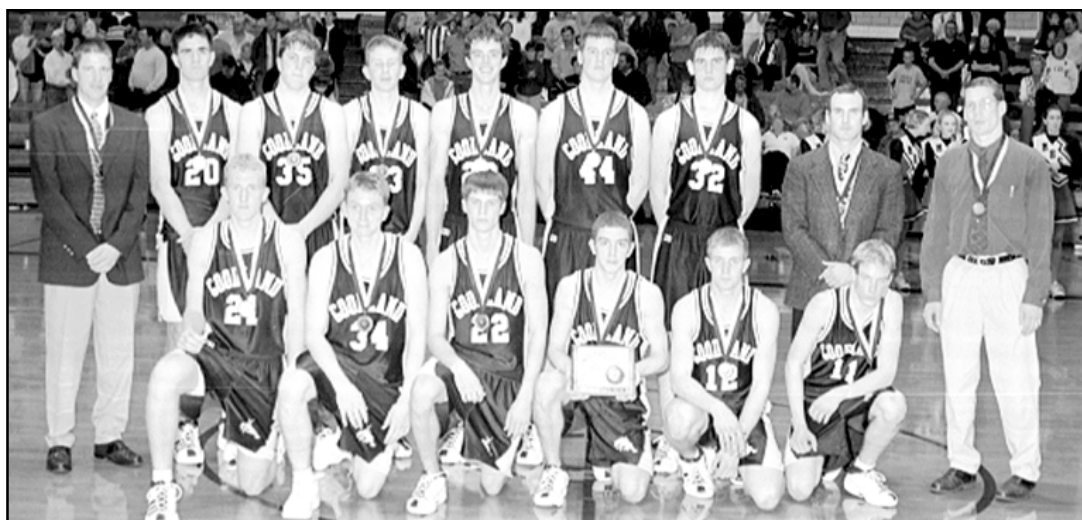
Ulysses 73, Pratt 58
Weskan 52, Cheylin 46
Girls Scores
Atwood 64, Hoxie 59
Goodland 51, Quinter 44
Hoisington 53, Scott City 48
Norton 50, Phillipsburg 40
Oakley 58, Colby 45
Pratt 50, Ulysses 32
Sharon Springs 56, Brewster 31
St. Francis 43, Oberlin 34
Tribune 67, Grinnell 62
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Topside Tipoff runner-up Goodland Cowboys are (from left): front -- Bryan Mai, Kris Rubio, Tyler Billinger, Jordan Riebel, Lee McCoy, Jeremy Stefan; back -- assistant coach Brad Bergsma, Adam McCoy, Luke Stone, Aaron Gittinger, Nate Thompson, Andrew Melia, Matt Mentzer, coach Jon McLean and assistant coach Travis Witman.

CONGRATULATIONS COWBOYS!

Dec. 19 - 7-12 Vocal Concert, High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.; Dec. 21 - Wrestling, Double dual at Oberlin with Quinter 4:30 p.m.; JH-NWKL BB Tournament; MJFH 2 p.m. 8th Grade (H); JH-NWKL BB Tournament at Hoxie, 7th Grade; Dec. 22-West School Christmas Craft Day. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, BB Open Gym, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Dec. 23-Jan. 1, NO SCHOOL, Winter Break.

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