

Basketball teams face first game since break

By Dana Sulsberger

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The Goodland Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams will start play again, with their first game of the new year on Friday in a match against the Colby Eagles.

It will be the last of the Cowboys' home games until Jan. 26, after they started the season with five games on their home court.

At 3:45 p.m., the freshman boys will

play in the Max Jones Fieldhouse. At 5:30 p.m., the girls varsity team will play in the fieldhouse and, at the same time, the boys junior varsity team will play in the junior high gym also in the fieldhouse. The Cowboys varsity team will play at 7:15 p.m. in the fieldhouse, while the girls junior varsity are playing in the junior high gym.

The Cowgirls, whose season record is 5-0, will be looking to bring in a sixth win and keep their undefeated record.

The girls coach, Connie Livengood, said there is some concern about the players not being in shape because they didn't play during the winter break — though they did practice — but, she added, everyone is in the same boat.

"I expect a higher number of turnovers than usual," she said. "I think we will have to get back into the basics of the game."

The coach said the girls practiced fairly well over the break and she hoped

that would work to their advantage.

"I think Colby and Goodland match up well this year," Livengood said.

The girls are playing well in practice, she said, and it all comes down to the mental state of the players.

The team's depth is going to help them, she said.

The Cowboys will be looking to improve their season record of 2-3 when they face their arch rivals on Friday, Jon McLean, the boys coach, said.

He said the Eagles are a good team, but he thought the boys felt they had a good chance of winning this game.

He is really excited about the game, he said, but he is also concerned about what the winter break may have done for their game.

"We haven't played since Dec. 20," he said. "I never liked winter break for that reason."

But, he said, the kids have had a couple of good practices during the

break and this week, so he isn't as concerned as he could be.

The strengths of the team, McLean said, are quickness and speed. He said the boys have a good bench and a good depth in the team.

But, he said, the team needs to improve on turnovers and keeping a solid defense through out the whole game.

The next game for the varsity teams will be at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in Lakin.

Sooners defeat Seminoles, win bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Torrance Marshall and top-ranked Oklahoma made their statement real early.

"I tried to intimidate from the coin toss," the Sooners linebacker said. "I told Chris Weinke that he stole my boy's trophy."

By the end of the Orange Bowl, as Heisman runner-up Josh Heupel stood in the end zone and led the school band in the fight song, all the hardware belonged to Oklahoma.

Marshall earned the MVP award for leading a defense that denied No. 3 Florida State a share of its second straight national title, and the Sooners seized the top prize with a 13-2 win Wednesday night.

Oklahoma (13-0), 10 1/2-point underdogs against the Seminoles (11-2), also made the issue of a split title a moot point. They were a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll and were automatically crowned in the

coaches' poll under the Bowl Championship Series format.

"Our players recognize that the history of Oklahoma is winning championships," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "We already had six, now we have seven."

Oklahoma won its first title since 1985, smothering a team that led the nation in total offense and averaged 42 points per game.

The Seminoles wound up at No. 5 — the first time since the 1987 season they finished out of the top four spots.

"When I look at it now, I think it should have been Miami and Oklahoma," Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said.

Miami (11-1), which beat Florida a day earlier in the Sugar Bowl, had hoped a win by the Seminoles would give it the AP title.

Instead, Hurricanes coach Butch Davis watched the Sooners win the

lowest-scoring Orange Bowl since Penn State beat Missouri 10-3 in 1970.

"Give Oklahoma credit," said Davis, whose team finished No. 2. "To finish 13-0 against a strong schedule and to perform the way they did this evening is highly commendable."

Only a bad snap over punter Jeff Ferguson's head in the final minute, which resulted in a safety, prevented Oklahoma from handing the Seminoles their first shutout since 1988, a 31-0 loss in the season opener.

"I think we had confidence right from the get-go, right when we found out who we were going to play," co-defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. "We just did a variety of things."

As expected, the Seminoles came out throwing. And when Heisman winner Weinke hit Atreus Bell for a 35-yard completion on the first play of the game, Florida State fans started shouting.

It would be the last time all night they would be so loud.

By the time Ontei Jones picked off Weinke's pass in the end zone with 16 seconds left, it was all over and the Sooners' band had struck up several choruses of "Oklahoma."

Marshall wound up as the Orange Bowl MVP after making six tackles and coming up with an interception.

"Everybody doubted us all year, but this is a great group of football players here," he said.

Weinke finished 25-for-51 and threw two interceptions. Star running back Travis Minor was reduced to 20 yards on 13 carries.

"We couldn't seem to click or get on a roll," Weinke said.

The Seminoles were minus their top receiver, All-American Snoop Minnis, who was academically ineligible — he could only watch on the sidelines as his team sputtered.

Sooners voted No. 1 by Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — As if there was any doubt.

The Oklahoma Sooners won their first national championship in 15 years in unanimous fashion Wednesday night, receiving all 71 first-place votes in the final Associated Press poll.

Oklahoma (13-0) finished the season as the only undefeated team in the country with a dominating 13-2 victory over Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

"Our players recognize that the history of Oklahoma is winning championships," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said.

"We already had six, now we have seven. We have a great history in the

Orange Bowl."

In the final tally of the AP poll, the No. 1 votes from the sports writers and broadcasters gave the Sooners 1,775 points.

Miami (11-1), which had hopes of gaining a share of the AP title if Florida State had beaten Oklahoma, finished No. 2 with 1,690 points. The Hurricanes beat Florida 37-20 in the Sugar Bowl.

Washington (11-1), a 34-24 winner over Purdue in the Rose Bowl, was No. 3, followed by No. 4 Oregon State (11-1) and No. 5 Florida State (11-2).

This was the Seminoles lowest finish in the AP poll since being unranked in the final poll in 1986.

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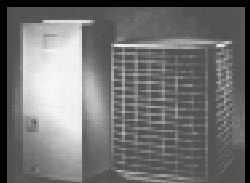
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