

Cowgirls extend perfect record with 56-50 win over Lady Eagles



Goodland's StevieLee Raymer (52) dribbled around a Colby trap.
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What a difference a year makes. Last year in Colby, the Cowgirls were run off the floor. This year in Goodland, they squeaked out a 56-50 victory to continue their perfect record.

Goodland improves to 6-0, 2-0 in league. Colby falls to 3-4.

Colby held the lead nearly all of the first quarter and much of the second.

Goodland remembered their drubbing last year and were a little tight.

"They just needed to relax and play ball," Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said.

Relaxing took awhile, but midway through the third, Goodland's Erica Mann followed Lacey Brenner's miss to start an 8-0 Cowgirl run. Mann and Jara McKee both scored twice in the run. The

run gave Goodland a four-point lead, which they were able to take into the locker room at half-time.

They stretched out the lead to five at the end of three with McKee's bucket from the free throw line.

Colby hung around the entire fourth quarter, staying within three or five points. It was enough to make Goodland nervous about the outcome, but Colby never could break through to the lead. Colby was within three at 48 seconds when Andrea Stephens followed Ivy Ramsey's miss.

Colby had to foul to stop the clock and Goodland responded. Colby's Dominique Palser blocked Goodland's Cody Pettibone. Pettibone made both her free throws to put Goodland back up by five. Samantha Wolf then pushed McKee. McKee made her first free throw

with 19.8 seconds left, but missed the second. Colby got the rebound and Wolf hit from three-point land. Colby called time. They were down by three, 53-50.

Wolf then grabbed Goodland's Ashley Hallagin with 11.3 seconds left. Hallagin made her first free throw, but missed the second. McKee got the offensive rebound and tried for a putback. She missed.

Colby grabbed the rebound, but Pettibone stole away the ball. Wolf then held Goodland's Kendra Brack. Brack made both her free throws for the final score.

Goodland barely missed its goal of holding Colby below 50 points, but Livengood still called the game a "good defensive effort."

Colby's Summar Stephens had six points in the first half, but was held score-

less in the second half, 0-9 from the field. She eventually fouled out. Goodland had reason to wish Andrea Stephens had fouled out instead. She led all scorers with 23, missing three shots all night. Wolf had eight points.

Goodland had two in double figures, Jayci Stone with 15 and McKee with 13. Mann added eight and Pettibone six. Pettibone shot 4-4 from the line, leading the Cowgirls in a 75 percent (12-16) free throw performance. Livengood was very pleased with this. "That makes me very happy," she said.

She also complimented the Cowgirls on "very good team play."

Rounding out Cowgirl scoring were Brenner (5), Brack (4), Hallagin (3) and StevieLee Raymer (2).

McKee had seven rebounds and Stone five. Brenner blocked four shots.

Eagle shoots the lights out against Cowboys

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It must have been Corey Woofter's fault. Lights in Max Jones Fieldhouse went out in the third quarter Friday night. His shooting must have put out the lights.

Goodland did a pretty good job of stopping the rest of Colby's offense, but there was no stopping Woofter.

"He was definitely the difference in the game," Cowboy coach Jon McLean said.

Colby (5-2) prevailed 68-53. Goodland drops to 2-5, 0-2 in the Northwest Kansas League.

Because of disciplinary reasons, Woofter didn't start. The Cowboys stayed with the Eagles until Woofter came in.

Woofter turned up the Eagles, scoring wattage. Over the first quarter break, Woofter went on a personal 10-0 run.

Goodland had led 16-15 on Jeremy Stefan's trey late in the first quarter, but Woofter's run put Colby up by nine, 25-16, with 5:23 to go in the half.

Goodland's Nate Thompson finally broke Woofter's run with a hook shot midway through the second quarter. But Goodland wasn't able to put together an answering run. Instead, they alternated buckets with Colby the rest of the half.

Woofter opened the second half with a 7-0 run. Goodland tried several defenders against Woofter, but none could stop him.

"He was really impossible to guard," McLean said. "He just killed us."

The teams then went back to exchanging scores until late in the third. Goodland's Aaron Gittinger found Jordan Riebel for three with 11.7 seconds left. Colby's Tony Foltz hacked Riebel

on the shot, but Riebel missed the free throw. While the teams fought over the rebound, a loud pop was heard. The lights went out for some time.

When they came back on, four seconds were placed on the clock. Goodland ran a play for a Gittinger three from Riebel and the quarter ended. Goodland was down by 12, 48-36.

This time, Woofter didn't start the quarter with a run. Goodland stayed right with Colby until the very end, when Colby's Zach Brown hit an NBA three as time expired.

"We were not that far off," McLean said. "We had little minute or 30-second lapses and those really hurt us."

Also, Colby did a good job of holding down Goodland's leading scorers. "Luke (Stone) is averaging 18 points a game and Matt (Mentzer) is averaging 14. They

were held to 10 points below their average tonight. When they struggle, we struggle. Their defense took us out of what we wanted to do."

The coach complimented Nate Thompson, who had "his best game of the year." McLean said the Cowboys are "making progress, so I am encouraged."

Thompson led the Cowboys in scoring with 13 points, the only Cowboy in double figures. Stefan and Stone scored nine each. Rounding out Cowboy scoring was Andrew Melia (7), Riebel (5), Mentzer and Gittinger (4), Lee McCoy (2). Stone had seven rebounds.

Woofter finished with 31 points to lead all scorers. Colby's Schwanke squeaked into double figures with 10 points. He was 15 of 23 from the field, 65.2 percent, and 1-1 from the line. Brown had nine.

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Central Site Council Mtg. 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11—JH G BB (H) Oberlin 3:30 p.m.
JH WR (H) Oberlin 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12—Regional Debate
JV-V WR Atwood (H)

"C" JV-V BB @ Atwood 3:30 p.m.

End of 2nd nine weeks 1/2 day of school

Saturday, Jan. 13—Regional Debate
JR WR @ Hays 8:30 a.m.

V WR @ Oberlin Tourn. 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14—BB Open Gym 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 15—No School Teacher Inservice

NWKL Scholar Bowl @ Colby 3:30 p.m.

"C" BB Hoxie (H) 5:00 p.m.

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