



Goodland's Jayci Stone (24) and Ashley Hallagin (32) battled Lakin's Kandy Odom (42) and Megan Jennings (5) for a rebound.

Cowgirls lose first game to Broncos

By Roxie Yonkey
Goodland Daily News

LAKIN — A sturdy wooden house requires many strong boards. So does a winning basketball team. Lakin got most of the boards last night and they built the sturdiest game, winning 65-57. The loss was the Cowgirls, first this year in their first road game. They fall to 6-1. Lakin improves to 5-3.

Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said being on the road wasn't the reason the Cowgirls lost.

The Cowgirls won the first and fourth quarters, but not the middle quarters, lack of boards made their game house fall down. Lakin out-rebounded Goodland 34-24 and that more than made up for Goodland's 25-19 advantage in turnovers.

"We just walked in here and thought that we were going to win," the coach said. "But we got beat so badly on the boards."

Livengood told the Cowgirls before the game that the Broncos had only scored 30 points in their last outing. She said that had been a mistake, because the Cowgirls took defense lighter than they should have.

"Our defense just got beat," she said. In the first quarter, the game seemed to be no contest. Goodland shredded Lakin's offense, taking a 16-6 lead. Goodland's Jayci Stone scored back-to-back buckets with assists from Jara McKee and Cody Pettibone. Then Pettibone turned a steal into a layup. Lakin's Terra Ramos hit a layup from Joie Coyne, but McKee answered with a pair of free throws, followed by Ashley Hallagin's putback of Pettibone's miss. Stone set up Hallagin's bucket with a steal and Pettibone turned another steal into a bucket.

Livengood began putting in her second string.

"I don't think putting in the substitutes made the difference," she said.

bowling results

Thursday Night Mixed League
Jan. 4, 2001
Sunwest Investments split with Gutter Dusters 2-2
Bankwest of Kansas over Rain or Shine 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over Our Team 4-0
Charlie's Angels over Exit 17 3-1
Mex & Company over Poor Country Folks 3-1
McDonald's split with Rod & Suzie's Welding 2-2

Women's high game: Diana Nichols-210
Women's high series: Diana Nichols-524

Men's high game: Jerry Amthor-241
Men's high series: Jerry Amthor-677

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-837
Team high series: Mex & Company-2413

League Standings: No. 1 Bankwest of Kansas 17, 7; No. 2 Exit 17 15, 9; No. 3 Bowladium Lanes 14 1/2, 9 1/2.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Jan. 3, 2001
Mueller Grain over Mudslingers 3-1
Shear Dimensions over Gamblers 3-1
Pinbreakers over Phillips Brothers 3-1
W-R Equipment over D&G Clan 4-0
Kickers over Team One 4-0
Kanorado Coop over Extras 3-1

Men's high game: Mike Luther-224
Men's high series: Mike Luther-590

Women's high game: Marilyn Snethen-195
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-519

Team high game: W-R Equipment tied with Shear Dimensions-820
Team high series: W-R Equipment-2397

League Standings: Shear Dimensions 48, 24; Phillips Brothers 44, 28; Gamblers 43, 29; Mudslingers 43, 29; Mueller Grain 42, 30.

Second half turnovers cost Cowboys

By Roxie Yonkey
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LAKIN — Possession is said to be nine-tenths of the law. What's true of the law is at least as true of basketball. Goodland (2-6) did not do a good job of keeping possession of the ball in the second half and fell to Lakin (6-3) last night 59-53.

"This was a tough loss," Cowboy coach Jon McLean said. "We should have won."

Basketball defenses have two basic ways to get the ball, turnovers and rebounds. In the first half, the Cowboys had more turnovers than the Broncos, but they also had more rebounds.

Two of those rebounds, one from Matt Mentzer and the other from Lee McCoy, became scores and gave the Cowboys a 28-21 lead at half's end.

Then the Cowboys lost their rebounding edge. They cut back their turnovers to just one more than Lakin in the third, but were out-rebounded 9-5.

Even with those handicaps, Goodland led until 5:39 in the third. Bronco Joe Hannagan was known to hit threes from NBA range and beyond, but he had missed all his trey attempts in the first half. Not so in the second half. Hannagan hit consecutive treys to give Lakin a 31-30 lead.

Goodland's Kris Rubio answered

with a steal and layup, then the teams traded buckets and the lead.

Hannagan hit from three-point land again to make it 36-35, Lakin, with 2:23 to go in the third.

Hannagan hacked Goodland's Luke Stone, who had a chance to tie the game with two free throws. Stone, who normally shoots 75 percent from the line, missed the first shot, but made the second.

Lakin went up by three on Deven Hammerschmidt's bucket, but Goodland had another chance to tie on an old-fashioned three-point play. Nate Thompson found Stone for a five-footer.

Hammerschmidt fouled Stone and Stone missed the free throw. But two Mentzer free throws gave Goodland the slimmest lead possible, 39-38, with 1:04 left in the third.

Stone had another chance to extend the lead, but missed another pair of free throws.

Instead, Lakin got back the lead at the end of three on Nick Hamblen's bucket.

Hammerschmidt and Hannagan scored from eight feet and from NBA trey range to open the fourth, giving Lakin a seven-point lead.

But Goodland wasn't done. Stone found Jeremy Stefan for a trey, then Stone got a steal and passed to Thompson. Thompson was fouled and made both free throws, in spite of a Lakin time out. Goodland was within one, 51-50, with 2:05 left in the game.

Lakin made it a three-point game with Hammerschmidt's bucket.

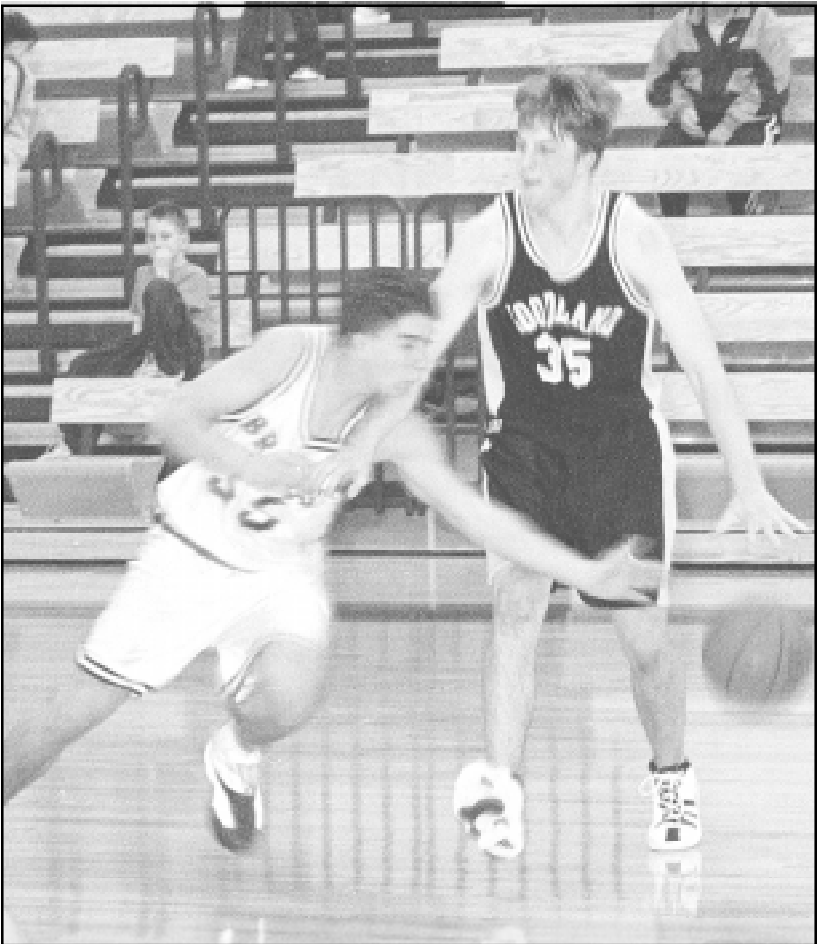
Goodland had more chances to take the lead. Mentzer's layup fell off the rim, but Derek Ramos was called for charging on Lakin's ensuing possession. Thompson just missed a long two.

Nuggets on a roll

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Antonio McDyess and the Denver Nuggets are on a roll.

McDyess had 31 points and 13 rebounds as the Denver Nuggets won their fifth straight game, beating the Vancouver Grizzlies 112-105 Tuesday.

McDyess has recorded a double-double in nine straight games and 15 of his last 16.



Goodland's Luke Stone (35) successfully avoided Bronco Nick Hamblen's steal attempt.

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Goodland had to foul and hope Lakin would miss free throws. The Broncos were not so obliging. They went six of six from the line in the final 41.7 seconds. Goodland could only hit one shot, Jordan Riebel's trey from Thompson.

"When you're losing you have to get over the hump and that's hard," McLean said.

Stone led Cowboy scorers with 16 points. Thompson had 10. Mentzer, Stefan and Andrew Melia each scored six points. Melia's six came on three straight buckets in the second quarter. Riebel scored five, McCoy and Rubio two.

Goodland travels to Atwood Friday. Girls varsity tips off at 5:30 with the boys varsity game to follow.

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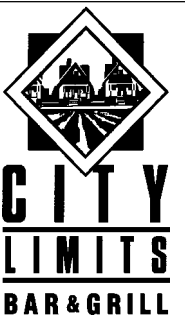
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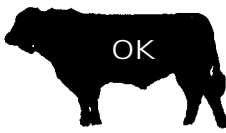
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