

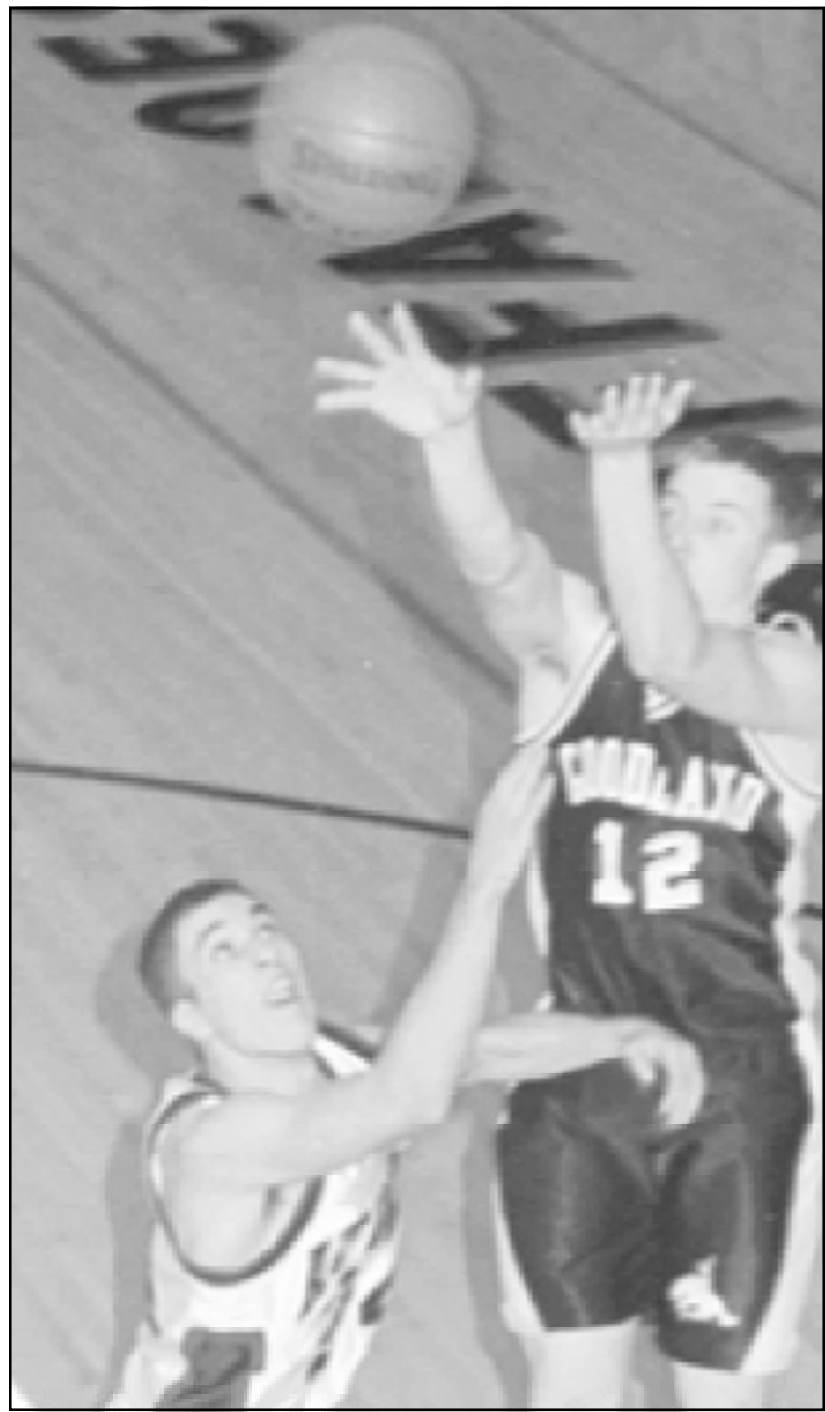
# Cowboys slip by Buffs, 65-61

**By Roxie Yonkey**  
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ATWOOD — All wins feel good, but some feel better than others. Goodland's win Friday night over Atwood felt very good. The Cowboys (3-5, 1-2 in the Northwest Kansas League) broke a four-game losing streak and beat the Buffs (2-6) 65-61. "We needed a win," Cowboy coach Jon McLean said. "I don't care if we won by five or 25 points, we needed a

win." Goodland led through most of the first quarter before falling behind in the second quarter. The Cowboys took a brief lead at 1:22 left in the half when Lee McCoy put back a Matt Mentzer "We needed this win to get confidence going into Orange and Black," McLean said. "It's good to win a close game since we've lost so many heart-breakers. It was a good battle all the way to the end." Turnovers were still tied at game's

end, but Goodland had the rebounding advantage, 34-30. Stefan led the Cowboys with 16 points, 11 in the fourth quarter. "He was huge for us in the fourth," McLean said. "He played very well in the second half." Mentzer (13) and Thompson (12) were both in double figures. Jordan Riebel (7), Kris Rubio (6), Stone (6), McCoy (3) and Andrew Melia (2) all scored for Goodland. Bohme led all scorers with 21, the

only Buff in double figures. Goodland swept Atwood, winning varsity, junior varsity and C-team. Goodland will meet Hays at 4:15 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Community Building in the opening round of the Black and Orange Tournament. Friday's game will be played at the same time, with the winner playing in the Community Building and the loser playing at Colby High. Ulysses and McCook are also on Goodland's side of the bracket.



Goodland's Lee McCoy (12) took an outside shot over Atwood's Nathan Franklin (24). Photo by Eric Yonkey / The Goodland Daily News

# Turnovers cost Cowgirls game, 61-51

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ATWOOD — For want of a pass, a possession was lost. For want of a possession, a score was lost. For want of a score, a quarter was lost. For want of a quarter, a game was lost. All for the want of a pass. Take away the first quarter and the Cowgirls (6-2, 1-2 in the Northwest Kansas League) beat the Atwood Buffalos (9-0) by one Friday night. But the first quarter had to count and Goodland lost 65-51.

And the Cowgirls got into foul trouble. Goodland led 6-4 on two Jara McKee free throws with 4:39 to go in the first quarter, then Atwood held Goodland scoreless for over three minutes. Atwood was up by 16, 22-6, with 1:30 left in the quarter. Finally Goodland's Ashley Hallagin broke the drought with a free throw at 1:15 in the first quarter. Goodland ended the first quarter with 13 turnovers to Atwood's four. In the second quarter, Goodland backed off the fast break and ran a more patient offense. Patience meant fewer turnovers and the Cowgirls slowly gained on the Buffs. At the half, the Cowgirls cut the Buffs' lead by a point. A 7-2 run early in the third quarter brought Goodland within seven, 44-37. McKee had all but two points in the run. The two belonged to Hallagin. Atwood's Shannon Lowry then hit for three, but Hallagin responded with two free throws. Goodland was down by eight with 5:38 to go in the third.

"We chipped away at their lead, then we started the turnovers again," Livengood said. In another rush to go on top, they started throwing away the ball again. Atwood finished the third quarter and started the fourth with a 10-0 run. The run gave Atwood the third quarter by two points. Goodland finally stopped Atwood's run with Jayci Stone's three from Hallagin. Then Stone found McKee. After Atwood made three straight unsuccessful trips to the free throw line, Goodland's StevieLee Raymer scored in traffic. Atwood again missed its free throws, then McKee got a steal and turned it into a layup. Goodland was within nine, 57-48. But Atwood did not continue missing from the line. They were 8-10 from the line in the last 1:07, while Goodland could only score one McKee free throw. The Cowgirls won the quarter by two, making the second half dead even.

If not for the horrible first-quarter passing, Goodland would have won. "We played great defense in the second half," Livengood said, "and our bench did a good job tonight." McKee led the Cowgirls with 15 points, followed by McKee's 13. Hallagin led on the boards with eight and McKee had seven. Other Cowgirl scorers were Erica Mann (8), Stone (7), Raymer (6), and Lacey Brenner (2). Atwood's Emily Braxmeyer led all scorers with 17 points, but she was limited to just a point in the second half. Kristina Cooper (12) and Amy Green (11) were also in double figures for the Buffs. Goodland opens the Orange and Black Tournament against Scott City at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Community Building. Beloit and McCook are on Goodland's side of the bracket. Friday's game will be played at the same time, with the winner playing at the Community Building and the loser playing at Colby High.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 17**—Technology Committee Meeting, 3:45 p.m.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18**—Varsity BB at Colby, Orange & Black Classic; JH G BB (H) vs. Oakley, A&B 3:30 p.m.; JH WR at Oakley Traiangular, 3:30 p.m.; North Awards 2 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 19**—Orange & Black Classic, V WR Tournament at Hays, 2 p.m.; State Debate.  
**Saturday, Jan. 20**—State Debate; Orange & Black Classic; V WR Tournament at Hays; JH WR (H) 9 a.m., Mustang Invitational.  
**Sunday, Jan. 21**—BB Open Gym 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
**Monday, Jan. 22**—JH Scholar Bowl at Oakley, 3 p.m.

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