

Cowboys place 7th in Orange and Black Saturday



Goodland's Matt Mentzer (32) shot over Liberal's Josh McSpadden. Goodland's Jeremy Stefan (11) and Liberal's Caleb Cline (15) waited for a possible rebound, but with Mentzer shooting 90 percent from the field, he didn't miss much. Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

K-State loses, 64-63

MANHATTAN (AP) — Yet another Oklahoma game came down to the closing seconds. This time, though, the Sooners pulled it out.

The 22nd-ranked Sooners scored off a steal with 10 seconds left in overtime to beat Kansas State 64-63 Saturday night, four days after losing by a point to Texas Tech on a last-second shot.

Hollis Price stole Quentin Buchanan's pass with 10 seconds to go in the extra period and drove for a layup to break the Sooners' two-game losing streak and three-game slide on the road.

"I'm still trying to figure out how we won that one," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "We were unlucky to get out of Texas with a loss. Everything that could go wrong did in Lubbock. If Kansas State makes their free throws, they win tonight. It's as simple as that."

Kansas State, coming off an 80-59 upset over No. 20 Missouri on Tuesday, hurt itself by going 6-of-14 from the line in overtime.

And Larry Reid, shooting 73 percent at the line, missed two free throws in the last 30 seconds of regulation.

"I am just thinking that I am going to knock them down and unfortunately it didn't happen that way," Reid said. "Going to the line I think everybody thinks they are going to knock them down and they are going to have an easy two points. It breaks your heart."

Oklahoma's Aaron McGhee intentionally fouled Matt Siebrandt with 13 seconds left in overtime, but Siebrandt

missed both free throws. Then came Price's key play, and Travis Reynolds missed a basket that would have won the game for Kansas State (8-8, 2-3 Big 12).

"We fight all the way and then literally give them the layup at the end," Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge said. "That's what's really disappointing. I feel sorry for these kids."

Price, who had 13 points, scored the last six points in overtime. J.R. Raymond led the Sooners (13-4, 2-3) with 25 points.

The Sooners trailed by as many as 13 points and were down by nine at halftime. But that deficit was one point with 5:15 to go after Raymond hit a 3-pointer and a three-point play.

"Welcome back, J.R.," Sampson said. "We lose to Kansas by eight and he has no points. He and Hollis really showed great effort tonight. Our kids showed great poise and fought all the way."

Johnnie Gilbert gave the Sooners their first lead of the night at 52-51 with 3:46 to go, before Reynolds scored four straight points to give Kansas State a lead it couldn't hold.

"We just had to get a road win just so we could get our confidence back," Price said. "Anybody can win at home. We were a little anxious after the first half. We just showed that we could play together in the end. This was a tough win."

Reynolds scored 12 of Kansas State's 14 points in the last nine minutes of regulation.

By Roxie Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

COLBY — If the Cowboys are going to win, it seems they need to rack up enough points in the first half to survive the third quarter. If they survive the third, the Cowboys usually win.

Saturday's seventh-place game in the Orange and Black Tournament fit that pattern. Goodland (4-7) led by 15 at halftime but barely had a three-point lead at the end of three.

They went on to beat Liberal (2-9) 63-56.

In the second quarter, Goodland outscored Liberal 20-8. In the third, Liberal out-scored Goodland 21-9. The game would have been tied at third quarter's end except for Cowboy Jordan Riebel's three from Luke Stone. Riebel opened the fourth with a steal and layup, taking Goodland to a five-point lead, 46-41.

Later in the quarter, Goodland stretched its lead out to nine with a Riebel reverse layup from Matt Mentzer, followed by Mentzer's free throw.

Liberal came back within six at 1:49 left in the game on Josh McSpadden's NBA three, but the Redskins' deficit forced them to foul.

Riebel and Stone combined for five straight free throws before Liberal's Iban Ramirez put back a McSpadden trey attempt with 44.7 seconds left. Ramirez finished the game with another bucket, but it didn't matter.

"I'm happy we hung on to win," Cowboy coach Jon McLean said. "It's nice to beat Liberal. They're not a great 5A team, but they are in a higher classification."

Even though they survived this time, McLean said he would like the Cowboys to get over their third quarter dif-

ficulties immediately.

He said that would transfer into many more wins.

"I was pleased with our second quarter, where we played well," he said, "but I can't explain what happens to us in the third."

Of Goodland's 11 games so far this season, they have either been tied or ahead at the half in eight of them, he said.

"Yet we've only won four of those," McLean added. "We need to do much better in the second half."

The schedule favors the Cowboys from here on, McLean said.

"We have a chance to win our next 10 games," he said. "Our first 10 games were a pretty tough schedule."

Mentzer led the Cowboys Saturday with 21 points and eight rebounds. He shot 90 percent (9/10) from the field. Riebel scored 18 in his first start. He

shot 86 percent from the field (6/7), including 80 percent from three-point land (4/5). He was perfect (2/2) from the line.

"The way he played today, he'll start the rest of the year," McLean said.

Stone had 16 points, nine boards and four blocked shots. Adam McCoy (4), Aaron Gittinger (2) and Nathan Thompson (2) also scored for Goodland. Jeremy Stefan didn't score, but contributed six rebounds and five assists. McSpadden scored 24 to lead Liberal. He was their only player in double figures.

The Cowboys will play Oberlin in a Northwest Kansas League game Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse and travel to Hugoton on Saturday.

Friday's girls varsity game tips off at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) and Saturday's girls game begins at 4 p.m., also Mountain Time.

Ulysses beats Goodland, 55-46 in Colby

By Roxie Yonkey

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COLBY — A third-quarter rain of threes put Ulysses (7-3) in the driver's seat in the Orange and Black consolation semifinals Friday.

The Cowboys (3-7) led at the half, but their third-quarter problems cost them a win, 55-46.

Take away the third quarter, though, and Goodland would have won by two, 37-35.

"We just have to get better in the third quarter," Cowboy coach Jon McLean said. "The first three minutes of the

third killed us tonight."

Goodland was down by 10, 16-6, at the end of the first quarter, but out-scored Ulysses 20-5 in the second to take the lead 26-21.

Two Jordan Riebel free throws tied the game at 21, then Riebel hit a three from Luke Stone and Andrew Melia made a reverse layup for a 7-0 run.

The third quarter got off to an ominous start. Ulysses' Brett Annis hit a trey, the first of five Tiger treys in the third. The three-pointer sparked an 11-0 Tiger run. Ulysses led by eight, 34-26.

Goodland broke the run with its own 6-0 run. Cowboy Luke Stone jump passed to Matt Mentzer for a layup, followed by Aaron Gittinger's seven-footer and a Mentzer five-footer from the baseline. Goodland was within two, 34-32, with 3:23 left in the third.

Ulysses then hit a free throw and back-to-back treys before Goodland's Jordan Riebel found

Jeremy Stefan for a trey to end the third. Goodland was down by six, 41-35.

As the fourth opened, Goodland pulled within four on Stefan's pass to

Gittinger for an 18-footer, but would get no closer.

Riebel led Cowboy scorers with 13 points off the bench. He shot 71 percent from the field, 80 percent (5/7) from two-point range. He was 2-2 from the line.

Mentzer scored 12 points and had six rebounds. Stone was held to four points, but he had nine boards.

Jeremy Stefan scored seven points, Gittinger and Melia four. Nathan Thompson scored two.

Annis led the Tigers with 21 points. Tanner Stuart scored 14.

Jayhawks win against Texas A&M, 100-70

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Drew Gooden, Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison always had the talent. They wouldn't have started as freshmen for one of the nation's top college basketball teams otherwise.

Now the three have 1 1/2 seasons of experience backing that talent, and the combination of the two is producing two other key ingredients of success: the ability and the desire to put teams away.

"I think we're a lot more aggressive

than we were last year," said Gooden, who had 19 points and 10 rebounds for his team-leading sixth double-double in No. 5 Kansas' 100-70 win over Texas A&M on Saturday. "Our losses then were against aggressive teams. Nick, Kirk and I knew this season was going to be physical, so we worked really hard during the off-season."

"I think we're progressing to be a smarter and more intelligent team," he said. "We know how to compete now. If we keep gaining and making positive

progress like this, we're going to be an excellent team."

The Jayhawks (14-1, 4-0 Big 12 Conference) won't have to wait long for their next opportunity to make progress. They play Monday night at Colorado.

"They're a better team than they have been in the past," Kansas guard Jeff Bosch said of the Buffaloes. "They'll be ready to play us."

Being ready doesn't always help, Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins

Colorado Avalanche beat Anaheim, 4-2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Milan Hejduk extended his goal-scoring streak to five games, and Chris Dingman ended his 41-game goal drought as the Colorado Avalanche beat Anaheim 4-2 Sunday, extending their unbeaten streak to seven games.

NHL scoring leader Joe Sakic had a

pair of assists, raising his career total to 700. Stephane Yelle scored for the first time in 28 games, Alex Tanguay got the go-ahead goal on a power play and Aaron Miller had two assists, helping the Avalanche improve the league's best record to 32-8-8-1.

Marty McInnis scored twice for the

Mighty Ducks.

Anaheim goalie Guy Hebert started for only the second time in five games and surrendered four goals on the first seven shots he faced as the Avalanche built a 4-2 lead in the first 15:16.

Hebert is 0-8-2 in 10 starts since beating Tampa Bay on Dec. 17.

bowling standings

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Jan. 17, 2001

Sigco split with Eisenbart Trucking 10-10
ProLine Inc. over Weber Kennel 16-4
Bowladium Lanes over Fitzgibbons 15-5
Phantom over Alcorn Shelter Insurance 14-6

Individual high game: Larry McClung-242
Individual high series: Todd Cunningham-820

Team high game: Fitzgibbons-674
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2406

League Standings: Sigco 55 1/2, 24 1/2; Fitzgibbons 53, 27; ProLine Inc. 51, 29; Alcorn Shelter Insurance 40 1/2, 39 1/2; Bowladium Lanes 36, 44; Phantom 32 1/2, 47 1/2; Weber Kennel 27, 53; Eisenbart Trucking 24 1/2, 55 1/2.

Happy Our League
Jan. 18, 2001

BOSS over Blind Team 4-0
AR Supply over Rasure's 3-1
B&B Electric over Hooker Seed 4-0
Bowladium Lanes over Kanorado Coop 4-0

Individual high game: Don Seeger-203
Individual high series: Don Seeger-580

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-730
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2076

League Standings: No. 1 B&B Electric 29, 7; No. 2 Bowladium Lanes tied with BOSS 21, 15; No. 3 AR Supply 19, 17.

Thursday Night Mixed League
Jan. 11, 2001

Rain or Shine over Mex & Company 3-1
Rod & Suzie's Welding over Our Team 3-1
Charlie's Angels over Gutter Dusters 3-1
Poor Country Folk over McDonald's 3-1
Bowladium Lanes over Exit 17 4-0
Sunwest Investments over Bankwest of Kansas 3-1

Women's high game: Diana Nichols-183
Women's high series: Deborah Babcock-504

Men's high game: Marvin Matthews-213
Men's high series: Marvin Matthews-544

Team high game: Poor Country Folk-857
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2361

League Standings: No. 1 Bowladium Lanes 18 1/2, 9 1/2; No. 2 Bankwest of Kansas 18, 10; No. 3 Sunwest Investments 17, 11.


By The Associated Press

Boys games Saturday

Brewster 63, Dodge City 54
Colby 53, Ulysses 44
Dundy County, Neb. 48, Atwood 46
Goodland 63, Liberal 56
Oberlin 58, Cambridge, Neb. 50
Quinter 78, Hoxie 57
Republican Valley, Neb. 58, St. Francis 50
Scott City 76, Marmaton Valley 67
Wamego 64, Holton 54

Girls games Saturday

Goodland 51, Colby 46
Holton 52, Wamego 50, OT
Liberal 65, Scott City 61
McCook, Neb. 48, Ulysses 45
Oberlin 55, Quinter 49
Republican Valley, Neb. 54, Hoxie 50



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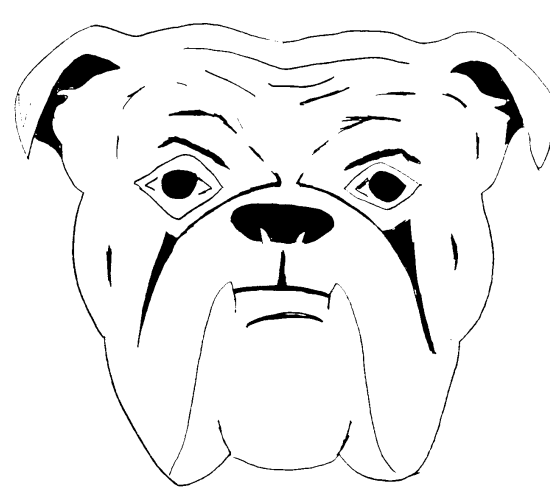
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Thursday, Jan. 25 - 3 p.m. JH BB @ Triplains

Friday, Jan. 26 - 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. HS BB vs. Cheylin @ Brewster

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