

# Cowboys defeat Oberlin

By Roxie Yonkey

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Red Devil Rusty Grafel's trey hit the back of the rim and bounced high in the air with 3 seconds left. The ball seemed to pause in mid-air.

If it fell in, Friday night's game in Max Jones Fieldhouse would have gone into overtime. If it fell off, the game was over. It fell off, and Cowboy Jeremy Stefan grabbed and held on. Goodland prevailed over Decatur Community High, 70-67.

The Cowboys improve to 5-7 (2-2 in the Northwest Kansas League) after winning two straight. Oberlin dropped to 7-9.

"I'm happy to win," Cowboy coach Jon said. "This is a confidence-builder for us. Oberlin has improved over last year, and even though we still didn't play real well in the third quarter, we hung on to win."

Goodland went out strong in the first quarter, taking a 19-11 lead at the end of one. Cowboy Matt Mentzer sparked his team with 10-first quarter points. Jordan Riebel hit a couple of treys in the quarter.

Mentzer stayed hot in the second quarter, scoring eight.

"Matt came through big in the first half," McLean said.

But the Devils gained four points on the Cowboys in the second quarter.

At halftime, Oberlin changed their defensive strategy and put a box-and-one on Mentzer. Mentzer was held to two points in the third.

Oberlin took their only lead at 2:39 in the third on consecutive buckets from Skyler Tacchini and Grafel.

Goodland answered with a Riebel trey from Stefan. The Cowboys led by two, 45-43, with 2:21 left in the third.

Treys from Stefan and Aaron Gittinger extended Goodland's lead to six, 56-50, with 6:21 left in the game.

Then Grafel took over. The Cowboys' zone defense did little to stop him. He hit a layup and two free throws to bring the Devils within two, 58-56, with 5:15 left.

Mentzer and Nate Thompson scored back-to-back buckets to extend the Cowboys' lead to six, then Grafel hit a

layup again. Then Mentzer had to leave the game for a few minutes with a sore ankle.

Oberlin's Tyson Nicholson scored twice to come within one, 63-62. Gittinger answered with a trey from Riebel to make it a four-point game, 66-62, with 2:08 left. Then Grafel hit another layup.

Mentzer returned and was fouled. He made his second free throw, extending Goodland's lead to three with less than a minute left.

Devil Ryan Ruf tried for three and missed. He got his own rebound and tried for two. Gittinger pushed him and Ruf made both his free throws.

Tacchini returned the favor and pushed Gittinger. After his free throw, the Cowboys led by four, 69-65, with 30.5 seconds left.

Eight seconds later, Grafel made another layup.

Nicholson then hacked Mentzer, who made a bonus free throw with 17.8 seconds left. Cowboys led by three, 70-

67, the final score.

The Cowboys enjoyed a nice inside-outside combination with Mentzer and Andrew Melia scoring inside. Riebel, Gittinger and Stefan scoring outside.

"Gittinger made big shots, Riebel shot well under pressure and Stefan also hit some big shots," McLean said. "If we can all get together at the same time, we'll be all right. We just have to believe in ourselves."

Mentzer led the Cowboys with 25 points and nine rebounds. Riebel scored 12 points, Gittinger and Melia eight, Stefan seven, Luke Stone and Thompson five.

Grafel led all scorers with 36, including 11 points in the fourth. Ruf finished with 12 points.

Cowboys play St. Francis at home Friday and go to Hays on Saturday. The girls varsity tips off Friday at 5:30 p.m. Friday, with the boys varsity game to follow. At Hays, the girls varsity game tips off at 6 p.m., with the boys game to follow.

# Cowgirls dump Red Devils

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Two big quarters were all the Cowgirls needed to dump the Oberlin Red Devils Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland outscored Decatur Community High by 22 in the first and final quarters to win 61-39.

Goodland improved to 9-4 (3-1 in the Northwest Kansas League), while the hapless Devil girls fell to 2-12.

Cowgirl Jayci Stone scored the game's first four points, two from an Ashley Hallagin steal, then Cowgirl Kendra Brack scored on an in-bounds play.

Goodland was up 6-0 and Oberlin never made up that deficit.

Goodland ended the first quarter in similar fashion when StevieLee Raymer found Hallagin for three, then Hallagin found Raymer for a layup to end the first quarter.

Goodland gave Oberlin plenty of opportunities in the first quarter,

but the Devils missed five free throws.

Stone found Raymer for a fall-away jumper to open the second quarter.

After Raymer's score, the Devils won the rest of the quarter, then won the third.

But they were still behind by 12, 41-29, at the end of three.

Then Goodland exploded. Cowgirl Jara McKee put back a Brack miss, then hit a fast-break layup to open the fourth.

Stone scored from nine feet to make it 47-29, Goodland, with 6:54 left in the game.

The starters didn't stay in much longer. Both teams went deep on their bench the rest of the way.

"The bench did very well tonight," Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said.

Goodland out-rebounded Oberlin 45-32.

The Cowgirls had almost as many defensive rebounds (30) as

the Devils had total. But Livengood thought Goodland should have had even more.

"There's no way they should have had that many rebounds," she said.

Stone paced the Cowgirls with 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

McKee and Raymer scored 10 each. McKee got five steals.

Hallagin scored eight. Anny McCoy scored five points and grabbed seven rebounds. Pettibone and Lacey Brenner had four points each; Brack and Erica Mann each scored two. Brack got eight boards. Danielle Hellerud scored one.

Cowboys will host St. Francis on Friday and go to Hays Saturday.

The girls varsity tips off Friday at 5:30 p.m. with the boys varsity game to follow.

The Hays girls varsity game tips off at 6 p.m. with boys game to follow.

## basketball scoreboard

### Boys games Friday

Brewster 79, Cheylin 52  
Golden Plains 59, Wheatland 54  
**Goodland 70, Oberlin 67**  
Grinnell 80, Utica-Healy 65  
Hoxie 92, Oakley 46  
Jennings-Lenora 87, Palco 37  
Sharon Springs 58, St. Francis 45  
Ulisses 58, Colby 45  
Weskan 92, Triplains 31

### Girls games Friday

Atwood 51, Quinter 44  
Brewster 55, Cheylin 45  
Colby 54, Ulisses 49  
**Goodland 61, Oberlin 39**  
Grinnell 66, Utica-Healy 61  
Oakley 57, Hoxie 42  
St. Francis 46, Sharon Springs 40  
Triplains 70, Weskan 51  
Wheatland 57, Golden Plains 56

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**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
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W-R Equipment over Team One 3-1  
Extras over D&G Clan 3-1  
Mudslingers over Shear Dimensions 3-1  
Kanorado Coop over Kickers 3-1  
Mueller Grain over Phillips Brothers 2-2  
Gamblers over Pinbreakers 4-0

**Men's high game:** George Phillips-219  
**Men's high series:** Harold Gillihan-560

**Women's high game:** Becky Cloyd tied with Laura McClung-200  
**Women's high series:** Marilyn Snethen-576

**Team high game:** Gamblers-840  
**Team high series:** Mudslingers-2406

**League Standings:** Shear Dimensions 52, 32; Phillips Brothers 50, 34; Gamblers 50, 34; Mudslingers 50, 34; Pinbreakers 48, 36.

**Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic**  
League  
Jan. 24, 2001

Bowladium Lanes over Weber Kennel 13-7  
Eisenbart Trucking over Phantom 12-8  
Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Sigco 12-8  
Fitzgibbons over ProLine Inc. 15-5

**Individual high game:** Jerry Amthor-266  
**Individual high series:** Jerry Amthor-836


**Team high game:** Alcorn Shelter Insurance-627  
**Team high series:** Alcorn Shelter Insurance-2282

**League Standings:** Fitzgibbons 68, 32; Sigco 63 1/2, 36 1/2; ProLine Inc. 56, 44; Alcorn Shelter Insurance 52 1/2, 47 1/2; Bowladium Lanes 49, 52; Phantom 40 1/2, 59 1/2; Eisenbart Trucking 36 1/2, 63 1/2; Weber Kennel 34, 63.

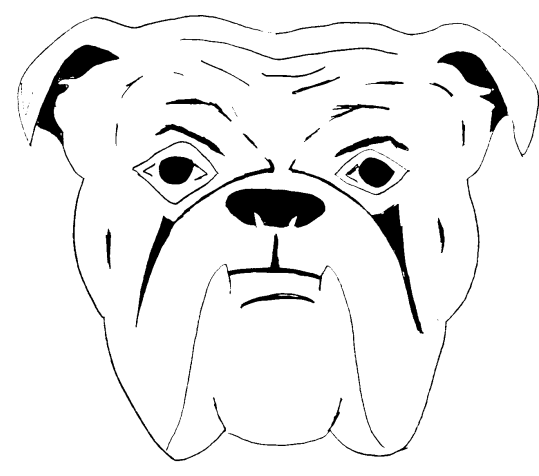
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