

Goodland going to Colby

The Cowgirls and Cowboys travel to Colby today for the first basketball action of the week, and Saturday the Goodland teams will be in Benkelman and Oakley for more hoop action.

In Colby, the action gets underway at 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time with the freshman boys playing at the high school gym.

Cowgirl varsity action against the Lady Eagles will start at 5:15 p.m. Mountain Time at the Colby Community Building, and the junior varsity Cowboys will play the junior varsity Eagles at the high school gym.

The Cowgirls junior varsity will follow the boys at the high school while the Cowboy varsity will play at the

Community Building following the Cowgirls.

Saturday the freshman Cowgirls and Cowboys will travel to Benkelman for a one-day tournament.

The girls will face Dundy County at 9 a.m. Mountain Time at the high school gym.

The boys will play Lakeside Central at 10:15 a.m. Mountain Time at the elementary school.

If the Cowgirls win the first game, they will play for first place at 2 p.m. at the high school. If they lose, they will play for third at 11:30 a.m. at the high school.

If the Cowboys win their first, they will play for first place at 3:15 p.m. at

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Saturday afternoon, the junior varsity teams will be in Oakley with games beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time at the Oakley high school and middle school.

The varsity Cowgirls will play the Oakley Lady Plainsmen at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time at Oakley high school, to be followed by the varsity Cowboys against the Oakley Plainsmen.

With the season winding down next Tuesday, the teams will travel to Norton, with junior varsity and varsity games beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

Cowboys win at buzzer

By Roxie Yonkey

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WRAY — Time was ticking away in regulation and Goodland was down by three. All the Cowboys were stationed beyond the three-point arc, but the Wray Eagles were on them like dry cleaning bags draped over suits.

Goodland passed the ball around for a few seconds, then Cowboy Nate Thompson threw to Matt Mentzer on the left wing, 22 feet out. Time was almost gone and Mentzer had never made a three in competition before.

"I could hear in the background Luke (Stone) saying, 'Shoot it, shoot it,'" Mentzer said.

Mentzer was off balance, but he had no alternative. Not to shoot meant losing. He took the shot.

"I had to hope it went in," he said, "and it did."

Mentzer's shot fell through the hoop as the buzzer sounded. He had lifted the Cowboys into overtime Saturday, and they won, 73-71.

"This was the most exciting game I've ever been involved in," said Cowboy coach Jon McLean.

Goodland held an eight-point lead at halftime, but Wray came back to tie it up at the end of three.

The Eagles opened the fourth with a 9-0 run before the Cowboys put together a 6-0 run. Mentzer hit a turnaround jumper, Jordan Riebel found

Aaron Gittinger for three and Mentzer turned a steal into a layup. Goodland was down by one, 63-62, with 1:36 left in the game.

Cowboy Jeremy Stefan tried for three, but his shot fell off the rim into Wray arms. Goodland had to foul, so Stefan pushed Wray's Nick Kline. It was a good choice; Kline missed his free throw.

Goodland called time. Riebel asked McLean if he should try a trey if he was open. McLean said that would be all right.

After the timeout, Riebel was open on the left baseline and he tried a three. It missed. Wray got the rebound and Mentzer hacked Wray's Chris Kline, who made both his free throws.

The Cowboys called time again. After that, Chris Kline held Riebel. The Eagles had less than seven fouls, so Riebel did not get any free throws. Instead, the Cowboys had the ball with 5 seconds left in regulation and Mentzer hit his shot.

Nick Kline opened overtime with a bucket, then Riebel hit a three. Goodland never relinquished the lead again. Stone's free throw with 26 seconds left in overtime gave the Cowboys a two-point lead, 73-71.

Nick Kline tried for a buzzer-beating three as overtime expired, but the ball refused to go in.

"It's better to be lucky than good

sometimes," McLean said.

But if Goodland had just rolled over and accepted defeat, luck would have had little to do.

"Our kids hung tough," McLean said. "They didn't quit and they battled back to win. In this game, we were up at half, then lost our lead. But we came back to win. All year, we've done that, except we haven't won. This time we won."

Mentzer said the win was a confidence-builder for the Cowboys, especially since it came in such a difficult place. "This late in the season, it's crucial to start winning," he said, "both for confidence and for record."

The Cowboys' record improved to 7-9, already better than last year's. Wray fell to 7-11.

Mentzer scored 24 points and had five rebounds. Riebel scored 14 and brought down eight boards. Stone was close to a double double with 13 points and nine rebounds. He also got six steals. Lee McCoy scored eight. Gittinger had six points and five boards. Kris Rubio and Stefan scored three apiece and Thompson two.

Wray's Jake Ellerd scored 20, followed by Nick Kline's 17.

Goodland goes to Colby on Tuesday. Varsity games will be played at the Colby Community Building. The girls tip off at 5:15 p.m. Mountain Time and the boys game will follow.



Goodland's Jara McKee (30) wrenched the ball away from a Wray Eagle, but the official had already called a jump ball.

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Cowgirls beat Wray with big second half

By Roxie Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

WRAY — Night and day. Or day and night, depending on your perspective. Wray's day came in the first half, while Goodland was in the night. Then Goodland took all the sunshine in the second half.

The Cowgirls survived 17 percent shooting from the field in the first half to win by 12, 43-31, Saturday night.

At halftime, the girls trailed 17-10. Wray was shooting 32 percent from the field, not great, but much better than 17. The Eagles also had more rebounds than Cowgirls, 19-16.

In the second half, Wray managed to hit just four shots from the field, shooting a paltry 4 percent. Without Anne Fecht, Wray would have been zero for the half from the field. Goodland shot 43 percent from the field for the second half and crushed Wray on the boards, 25-14. The only scoring that saved Wray from an absolute blow-out was a 6-6 performance from the line in the fourth quarter.

"We rebounded better and we played defense better in the second half," Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said. "We were flat in the first quarter, then after that, we played pretty well."

The Cowgirls opened the second half with a 7-0 run, a Jayci Stone 12 footer from Jara McKee, Stone's putback of McKee's miss and a Stone pass to Ashley Hallagin for three. Goodland had tied the game at 17 with 5 minutes left in the third. Then Fecht hit from the baseline to give the Eagles their last lead.

Cowgirl Cody Pettibone found Hallagin for another trey, then Hallagin got a steal and passed to McKee for a layup. McKee scored inside and Hallagin hit from three-point land again. Cowgirls led by eight, 27-19, with 1:44 left in the third.

Fecht made a layup with 25 seconds left in the quarter to cut the lead back to six. Consecutive McKee buckets then put Goodland up by 10 as the fourth quarter opened.

Three game-ending free throws, one from Hallagin and two from Stone, provided the final margin of victory. Livengood was glad to pick up the win in a difficult place like Wray.

"This feels good," she said. "We haven't won here in a long time."

Goodland improves to 12-4, while Wray falls to 8-10.

Hallagin and McKee paced the Cowgirls with 13 points each. Hallagin led Cowgirl rebounders with eight and McKee had six. McKee also had four steals and three blocked shots. Stone was also in double figures with 10 points. She had seven boards and three blocked shots. Pettibone finished with five points and Erica Mann scored three.

Wray's Amber Rose was the lone Eagle in double figures with 10, all in the first half. Fecht scored eight, all in the second half.

Goodland will go to Colby on Tuesday, with varsity games at the Colby Community Building downtown. The Cowgirl varsity tips off at 5:15 p.m. Mountain Time and the boys game will follow.

Thirteen wrestlers take first in Oakley tourney

Saturday the Goodland Wrestling Club traveled to Oakley for a tournament with 13 kids bringing back first-place medals in their age and weight classes.

In the 6-and-under division, Tyler Raby and Laine Herl had first place finishes.

Nathan Deeds, Kayler Rietcheck and David Murray took first in the 8-and-under division.

First-place finishers in the 10-and-under division were Michael Klinge, Jonathan McClung, A.J. Stephens, Ben Davis, Andres Miller, Phillip Bullington, and Nick Smith.

In the 12-and-under division, Brett Bahe, Aaron Deeds and Josiah

Goodley finished first.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Six and under

37 — Aaron Avelar, participated.
37 — Braden Bongers, fourth.
40 — Dax Ruhs, second.
43 — Cy Paxton, fourth.
43 — Jayme Davis, second.
43 — Brook Bahe, participated.
43 — Shay Miller, fourth.
43 — Tyler Raby, first.
46 — Austin Avelar, third.
46 — Colton Cooper, fourth.
49 — Gabriel Ledesma, participated.
49 — Alex Nelson, second.
49 — Sloan Ruhs, participated.
49 — Connor Gray, third.
52 — Derek Matthews, fourth.
61 — Taylen Smith, second.
70 — Laine Herl, first.

73 — Tyler Fisher, second.

Eight and under

52 — Seth Miller, fourth.
58 — Teather Dautel, second.
58 — Michael Pettibone, fourth.
58 — Jim Roeder, participated.
61 — Tim Roeder, fourth.
61 — Kayler Rietcheck, first.
67 — Chance Davis, third.
67 — Erik Roeder, third.
70 — Nathan Deeds, first.
70 — Ryan Fisher, fourth.
73 — Paul Starr, third.
103 — David Murray, first.

10 and under

64 — Michael Klinge, first.
64 — Joel Weis, third.
70 — Preston Dautel, second.
73 — Jonathan McClung, first.
76 — A.J. Stephens, first.
79 — Ben Davis, first.
79 — Michael Ledesma, second.

79 — Andrew Miller, first.
79 — Keegan Smith, third.
82 — Phillip Bullington, first.
82 — Tad Davis, participated.
85 — Ryan Taylor, participated.
90 — Jake Kling, third.
120 — T.J. Hawkins, first.
110 — Jay Cotter, third.
110 — Nick Smith, first.
110 — Jordan Roane, second.
110 — Jason Krayca, fourth.
150 — Clay Schilling, third.

12 and under

68 — Jordan Albers, second.
68 — Grant Wilkens, participated.
72 — Kerek Mason, second.
76 — Brett Bahe, first.
80 — Brett Schields, second.
84 — Dual Rall, third.
88 — Aaron Deeds, first.
92 — Brandon Douglas, participated.
110 — Josiah Goodley, first.

Junior varsity lose to Lady Eagles, 49-43

By Janet Craft

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The Goodland girls junior varsity took the game to overtime Saturday with a 41-all tie, but weren't able to beat Wray. The Lady Eagles won 49-43.

In the first quarter of the road game, Wray led the scoring with 15 points to Goodland's 8. However, Goodland came back in the second quarter to make 16 points to Wray's 4, which brought the score to 24-19. In the third quarter, Wray scored 12 points to Goodland's 7, making the score 31-31. In the fourth quarter, Goodland and Wray each made 10 points to tie the game at 41.

Then in overtime, Wray scored 8 points to Goodland's 2, and came away the winner.

Hayley Jarmin was the Cowgirls' top

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scorer with 13 points after she made six field goals and one free throw. Anny McCoy scored 12 points with four field goals and four free throws.

Tranda Ihrig and Tess Schultz both made 4 points. Ihrig had two field goals. Schultz had one field goal and two free throws.

Danielle Hellerud, Alisha McKee,

Abby Scheopner and Jessica Vignery each scored 2 points.

Hellerud, McKee and Vignery made one field goal apiece and Scheopner made two free throws.

Kendra Billinger and Steph Fairbanks made 1 free throw each. Deanna Livengood, Jessica Osborn and Britany Pettibone also played.

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