



Cowgirl Lacey Brenner's shot at the buzzer cut the Ottawa lead to four points, 40-36. The Lady Cyclones managed to stay ahead and won the game, 56-46 for the Topside Tipoff championship Saturday.

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Cowgirls finish second in Topside

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

The Ottawa Lady Cyclones lived up to their state ranking, but the Cowgirls gave them a real workout Saturday as they battled for the championship at the 13th Annual Topside Tipoff at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

At the final buzzer, the Lady Cyclones had prevailed 56-46 to take the Topside Tipoff prize, but the game was much closer than the final score.

"I was very proud of our girls," said Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood. "In truth it was a four-point game, and we did not get blown out by the top-ranked team. "With a couple of breaks and a couple of missed passes, the outcome might have been different. We played very well and can be proud of our effort."

The Cowgirls took the opening tipoff and Jayci Stone hit her first shot to take a 2-0 lead. Stone finished with 17 points to lead the Cowgirl scoring.

Ottawa tied the score immediately and then took the lead on a fast break lay-up by Jayme Vance. Vance was one of three Lady Cyclones in double figures with 10 points.

With 2:40 left in the quarter, Jessica Osborn lit up the scoreboard with her only 3-point basket of the night to tie the score at 9.

Ottawa retook the lead and extended it to four points before two back-to-back baskets by Stone gave the Cowgirls the lead again, 16-15, with one minute left.

However, a basket at the buzzer gave Ottawa the lead back 17-16.

Stone gave the Cowgirls the lead again at 18-17 early in the second quarter, but the Lady Cyclones took it back immediately. The Lady Cyclones went on a 9-point run to take a 28-18 lead midway through the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Cowgirls had a boost as Erica Mann, who suffered an ankle injury during Thurs-



Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood discussed defense and breaking Ottawa's stall with her team during a timeout in the final quarter of the championship game Saturday. Ottawa won the game 56-46. Photos by Skilar Boland / The Goodland Daily News

day's game. She returned to the floor wearing tape and a special ankle brace. Her first basket came with 1:06 remaining in the half to cut the lead to 5 points, 28-23. Mann racked up 8 points for the Cowgirls.

"It was a gutsy performance," Coach Livengood said. "It was good to have her back to help in the middle."

With 8.5 seconds remaining, Ottawa's Kathryn Sylvester made two free throws to give the Lady Cyclones a 30-24 lead. Sylvester had 12 for the game.

Goodland's Lacey Brenner cut the lead back to 4 points with a basket at the buzzer, 30-26. Brenner had 5 points for the game. This was her only field goal.

Opening the third quarter, Cowgirl Anny McCoy, who had 8 points on the night, cut the lead to 2, 30-28. Baskets by Stone, Mann and a free throw by Brenner kept the score close, but the Cowgirls could not get any closer than 1 point. The closest was when Mann took a rebound and put it back to cut the score to 41-40 with 2 minutes left.

Two baskets by the Lady Cyclones gave them a 5 point lead, 45-40, heading to the final quarter.

The Cowgirls traded baskets with the Lady Cyclones, and with 5:25 remaining McCoy cut the lead to 1 again on a pass from Brenner, 47-46.

At the 4:46 mark, McCoy had a chance to tie the score and give the Cowgirls a lead, but was unable to make the first free throw of a one-and-one.

A 3-point basket by Ottawa's Katie Sheffield made it a 4-point lead, 50-46, with 2:22 remaining. The Lady Cyclones went into their version of the four-corner stall, leaving the Cowgirls no choice but to foul in an effort to get the ball back.

The Ottawa girls made six of eight free throws in the final minute to give them the 56-46 win. Brenner fouled out with 34 seconds remaining and Stone fouled out with 31 seconds left.

Stephanie Fairbanks had 2 free throws in the second quarter; Hayley Jarmin had 1 free throw in the first

quarter; Stevie Lee Raymer had 1 free throw in the second quarter to complete the Cowgirl scoring.

The Cowgirls hit 40 percent of their field goals, and 55 percent of their free throws. Osborn's 3-point basket was the only one of the nine attempts the Cowgirls made from the outside. The Cowgirls had 42 rebounds, 2 blocked shots and 16 turnovers.

Ottawa was led by Lindsey Dietrich who had 23 points. Liz Burks, who had won the 3-point shooting contest earlier, had 8 points, but was 0 for 8 3-point shots in the championship.

The Lady Cyclones hit 45 percent of their field goals; 64 percent of their free throws, but only 10 percent of their 3-point attempts. Ottawa had 47 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 12 turnovers.

The Cowgirls take a 3-1 record to Quinter on Friday for the final game before the Christmas break. The freshman game will begin at 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time and the varsity about 5:30 p.m.

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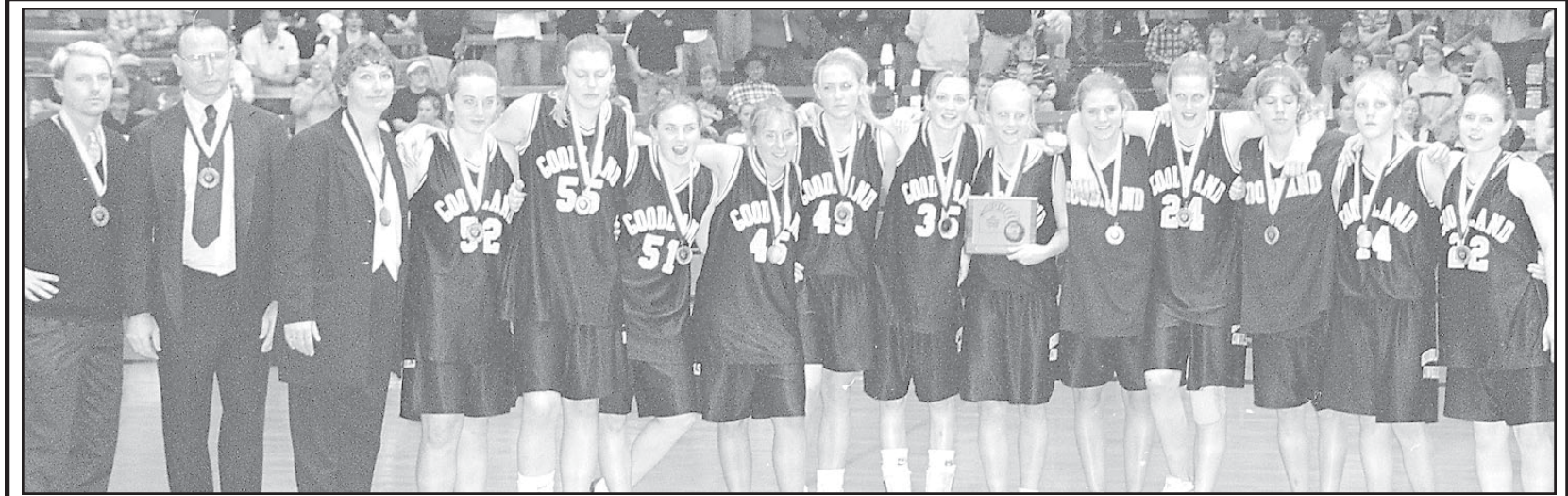
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