

# Cowboys beat Yuma 56-43

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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After losing the opener to Wray, Colo., the Cowboys defeated the Yuma Indians 56-43 in their second game of the Topside Tip-off to set up their fight for fifth with Burlington.

The Cowboys lost to Wray 80-62 Thursday while Yuma lost to Holyoke 60-43, setting up the Goodland/Yuma match for Friday.

Scoring was a little slow in the first quarter, but the Cowboys took the lead early on and were up 15-8 when Tyson Brown hit a trey. The Cowboys were up 15-11 when the buzzer sounded.

Picking up the pace in the second quarter, the Cowboys increased their lead, scoring 17 points for the quarter while the Indians scored 14.

Kris Rubio scored his first two of the night, putting Goodland up 21-13, and Don Raymer was on fire, scoring 13 points in the first half. The Cowboys took a 32-25 lead to the dressing room.

The boys outscored the Indians 14-8 in the third quarter, but Yuma kept pace in the fourth as both teams scored 10.

Raymer led the Cowboys with 15 points and Andrew Melia was second with 12. Bryan Mai scored 10, Rubio nine and Aaron Gittinger eight.

The Cowboys hit 38 percent of their field goals to Yuma's 33 percent. The Cowboys hit 18 of 25 free throws while Yuma hit eight of 11. Yuma led in rebounds with 39 to Goodland's 36 but also led in fouls with 21 to the Cowboys' 18.

The Cowboys fell behind the Burlington Cougars early in the first quarter Saturday and were down 18-3 going into the second. The Cougars outscored the Cowboys by only two points in the second and three in the third, then Goodland came back to outscore Burlington 20-14 in the fourth.

But the 15-point deficit in the first was more than the Cowboys could overcome and Burlington took the game 66-52.

Jordan Reibel hit four of five treys and a free throw to lead the Cowboys in scoring with 13 and was followed by Lance Tedford and Raymer with 11 each.

The Cowboys hit 19 of 41 for 46 percent shooting while the Cougars hit 23 of 52 for 44 percent. The Cougars led in free throws with 16 of 23 while the Cowboys hit six of 13.

Goodland led in rebounds with 38 to Burlington's 26 but also led in fouls with 24 to the Cougars' 18.

# Griese still woozy after Sunday's hit

DENVER (AP) — Brian Griese remained woozy on Monday after suffering a concussion against Seattle, and his availability for next Sunday's game at Kansas City is uncertain.

The Denver quarterback was hit by Seattle linebacker Levon Kirkland at the end of a 9-yard scramble early in the third quarter. He had to be helped to the sideline and didn't return.

Although Griese was confident in the locker room after the 20-7 win that he would be recovered the Kansas City game, coach Mike Shanahan and the Broncos' medical staff were taking a more cautious approach.

Griese was examined on Monday by a specialist, who put the quarterback through some tests.

"The specialist said Brian is not fully recovered, that he's lethargic," Shanahan said. "He will evaluate Brian on a day-to-day basis and let us know what improvement there is."

At 7-6, the Broncos' playoff chances are shaky, but Shanahan insisted there would be no attempt to push Griese.

"If the doctors don't feel good about it, then obviously he won't play," Shanahan said. "We'll think about what's best for Brian first and then

what's best for the Denver Broncos."

Griese was hurt when he dived in an attempt to make a first down and was hit by Kirkland.

Shanahan felt the concussion was a result of a combination of Griese's head hitting the turf and also being hit by Kirkland.

"When he walked off the field, you could see he was dazed and in a little different world," Shanahan said.

Asked if Griese should have been sliding on the play to avoid contact, Shanahan said, "A competitor does what he needs to do to get a first down. Sometimes when you slide you get hit. Sometimes it's easier to dive than slide. John Elway always used to dive. He thought it was safer than sliding."

Gus Frerotte relieved Griese in the game and engineered two third-quarter scoring drives.

"He did a good job," Shanahan said. "I thought he played well. He made some good throws, some good decisions. He had a turnover in there, and Gus will be the first one to tell you that he's got to secure that ball. But I thought after that, he really kept his poise and did some things that he needed to do to give us a chance to win."

# Broncos say Kennison will not play Sunday

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos pull no punches when it comes to their feelings about wide receiver Eddie Kennison, released by the team on Nov. 15.

Broncos players and coaches believe Kennison quit on the team when he told coach Mike Shanahan he had lost his love of the game and was retiring 16 hours before a Nov. 11 game against San Diego.

Later, he insisted he wanted to continue playing, citing family problems in his announced retirement, but the Broncos cut him anyway. He later signed with Kansas City, Denver's opponent on Sunday.

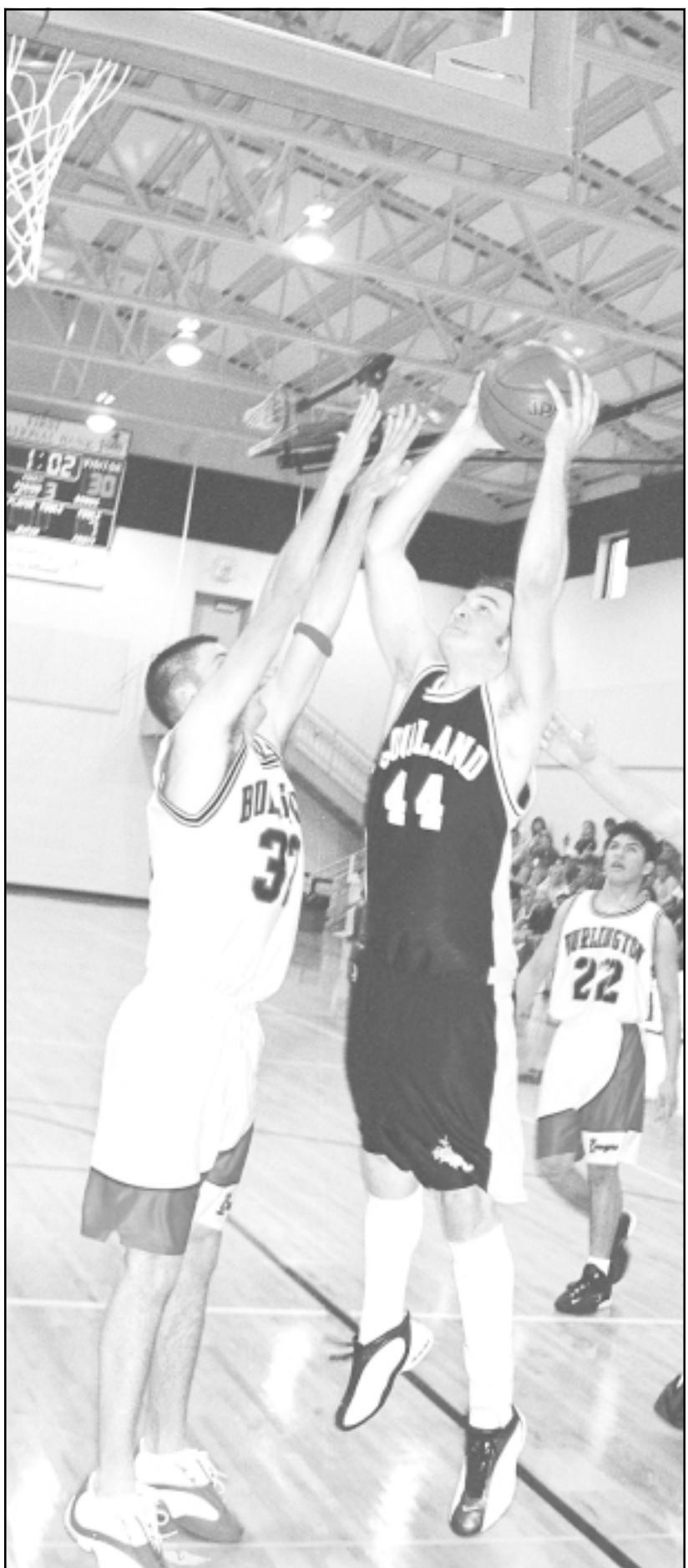
"It'll be interesting — if he takes the field," Broncos linebacker John Mob-

ley said Monday. "I don't think he'll suit up against us, because I know him. He won't want to get out there and play against us, not our defense."

"He'll be on the sidelines in street clothes, I'm sure."

Mobley suggested the wide receiver will turn up injured before Sunday's game.

"He'll find an excuse now or later in the week," Mobley said. "We don't think Eddie's going to play. We know Eddie's mentality."



Andrew Melia, No. 44, leapt over Burlington's Saul Hallagin for this shot Saturday, but the Cougars won the game 66-52.  
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## football scoreboard

By The Associated Press										
American Conference										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Miami	9	3	0	.750	276	228				
New England	8	5	0	.615	301	244				
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	231	217				
Indianapolis	4	8	0	.333	298	378				
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	205	332				
Central										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	.833	228	144				
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214				
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	220	208				
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	238	294				
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	163	234				
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	207	210				
West										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Oakland	9	3	0	.750	337	261				
Denver	7	6	0	.539	284	267				
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	202	254				
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	287	263				
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	226	257				
National Conference										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	279	155				
Washington	6	6	0	.500	175	236				
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	218	289				
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	204	226				
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	196	256				
Central										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	234	172				
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	282	195				
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	238	205				
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	247	287				
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	214	319				
West										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	358	190				
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	316	252				
New Orleans	7	5	0	.583	281	249				
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	204	254				
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304				
Sunday's Games										
Dallas 20, N.Y. Giants 13										
New Orleans 28, Atlanta 10										
Buffalo 25, Carolina 24										
Green Bay 17, Chicago 7										
New England 27, Cleveland 16										
Philadelphia 24, San Diego 14										
Tampa Bay 15, Detroit 12										
St. Louis 27, San Francisco 14										
Jacksonville 14, Cincinnati 10										
Minnesota 42, Tennessee 24										
Washington 20, Arizona 10										
Pittsburgh 18, N.Y. Jets 7										
Oakland 28, Kansas City 26										
Denver 20, Seattle 7										
Open: Baltimore										
Monday's Game										
Miami 41, Indianapolis 6										
Saturday's Games										
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.										
Oakland at San Diego, 3 p.m.										
Sunday, Dec. 16										
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.										
Denver at Kansas City, 11 a.m.										
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.										
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 11 a.m.										
Minnesota at Detroit, 11 a.m.										
New England at Buffalo, 11 a.m.										
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 11 a.m.										
Miami at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.										
Dallas at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.										
Philadelphia at Washington, 2:15 p.m.										
Green Bay at Tennessee, 2:15 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.										
Open: Carolina										
Monday, Dec. 17										
St. Louis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.										

# Great second half gives girls a win

**By Tom Betz**  
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The Cowgirls found themselves behind 23-12 in the first half of the semifinal game Friday against the McCook Lady Bison, but a great second half lifted the girls to victory, 47-39, and put them in the championship.

The Cowgirls played well against the Ottawa Lady Cyclones in the finals, but lost 56-46 to finish second in the 13th Annual Topside Tipoff.

The McCook players were not big, but they were fast on their feet and had quick hands which gave them six steals in the first half. Several Cowgirls found out how fast they were as they would try to dribble away on a fast break only to lose the ball to a Lady Bison before they could even get a shot off. McCook had 12 steals for the game.

The scrappy play of the Lady Bison seemed to have the Cowgirls a bit off balance in the first quarter, and it was about six minutes before Goodland got a basket.

Defense kept the Cowgirls in the game, as the Lady Bison were not hitting a lot of shots in the first quarter. The period ended with McCook leading 8-6. The points for the Cowgirls were two baskets by Jessica Vignery and one by Danielle Hellerud.

The Lady Bison didn't hit any more baskets from the field than the Cowgirls in the second quarter, but they sank 75 percent of the free throws to take a 23-12 lead to the locker room.

The Cowgirls, playing without their big center, Erica Mann, who was out with a sprained ankle, seemed to have difficulty moving the ball and there were quite a few missed passes. They had 10 turnovers in the half and were out rebounded by the Lady Bison 18-14.

"The girls were not in the game in the first half," said Coach Connie Livengood. "They did not do a good job of ball handling, and were making too many mistakes."

"They came out in the second half with more intensity, and came together as a team to turn it around and win. They played a great second half."

The Cowgirls got the ball to start the second half, and Anny McCoy got the first basket, her first of the game, to cut the lead to nine, 23-14.

Then Jayci Stone lit up the crowd a few seconds later with a three-point basket to cut the lead to six, 23-17.

Stevie Lee Raymer was the next Cowgirl to hit and McCook took a time out at 6:17 with their lead down to four, 23-19.

The Cowgirls were not done. Stone hit a field goal at the 5-minute mark to cut the lead to two, 23-21. In the first three minutes of the quarter, the Cowgirls had run off nine points, and their

tenacious defense had kept the Lady Bison off the boards.

McCook finally got a basket to push the lead back to four, but it was short lived, as McCoy came back and hit for the Cowgirls. McCook's Sunee Haney made it a four-point lead half way through the quarter, but that was as far as the Cowgirls let it get.

Cowgirl Lacey Brenner hit two free throws with 2:35 remaining to cut the lead back to two, and 30 seconds later Stone's basket tied the game at 27.

McCook's Tayler McNinamen got the lead back, but in the next few seconds Brenner fed a pass to McCoy to tie it at 29 with 1:15 left.

Cowgirl Haley Jarmin gave Goodland the lead with 30 seconds remaining, but McNinamen managed to tie it before the end of the quarter at 31.

The Cowgirls had outscored the Lady Bison 19-6 to get back into a position to win the game.

The score was tied again at 33 two minutes into the final quarter, and the Lady Bison regained the lead on a basket by Danae DeVaughn, 35-33.

Fouls on the Lady Bison gave the Cowgirls new life as Stone and Brenner each made a free throw to tie the score at 35 with 4:18 remaining.

Good passing and two baskets by Brenner gave the Cowgirls a 39-35 lead with 3:33 left in the game. McCoy made it a five-point lead on a long pass from Jessica Osborn with 1:30 remaining.

Osborn had two free throws with less than a minute remaining. Stone scored the final points for Goodland as she made four free throws to give the Cowgirls the win, 47-39.

"The girls could have folded at the end of the first half," said Coach Livengood, "but they got their attention focused and came out in the second half and took control."

The Cowgirls outscored the Lady Bison 16-8 in the final quarter.

Stone led the team with 16 points, 12 in the second half including the key 3-point basket. McCoy was the other Cowgirl in double figures, with 10 points in the second half, and six in the third quarter.

Brenner had 7 for the game, all in the second half, and 5 in the fourth quarter; Vignery and Hellerud each had 4 with their scoring all in the first half. Jarmin, Osborn and Raymer each had 2 in the second half.

With the effort of the second half, the Cowgirls hit 52 percent of their field goals, and 67 percent of their free throws.

Turnovers remained a problem — Cowgirls had 22 — but they did manage to out rebound the Lady Bison in the second half.

## student of the week



**Name:** Darin Richardson  
**Parents:** Terry & Terri Richardson  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Age:** 18  
**We've nominated this student because:** Darin is an outstanding performer and leader in X-Pressos. He also did a wonderful job as "Tevey" in the GHS Musical Fiddler on the Roof.

**Student Comment:** I enjoy most aspects of school especially my friends and our good times. My favorite subjects are X-Pressos and Calculus.

**Activities involved in at school:** National Honors Society, X-Pressos, Band, Science Olympiad, Math Relays, FCA, FCCLA.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...:** attend college and major in medicine and or music.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...:** either a Veterinarian, Orthodontist, or a professional entertainer.

**Favorite Quote:** "The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become." Harold Taylor

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