

Freshman girls lose in Atwood

The Cowgirls freshman basketball team lost its first game of the season 37-21 to the Atwood Buffaloes on Monday, but Coach Mitch Hixson said there was more to the game than the score.

He said Goodland's players, who traveled to Atwood for the game, made improvements in the second half and never stopped working hard.

"Those are both very important, positive things," he said. "It shows we will get better."

The Cowgirls finished the first quarter behind the Buffaloes, 9-4, and then couldn't catch up despite their hard work.

"For the first game, I think the first quarter was typical," Coach Hixson said. "We weren't organized, but we made improvements and played better, especially in the second half."

He said the team became more effective at attacking Atwood's press, while improving their own press and trapping defense. The Cowgirls

scored 9 points in the first half and 12 in the second, and the Buffaloes brought in 21 in the first and 16 in the second.

Goodland forced the Buffaloes to 26 turnovers, Hixson said, and that would have been good if the Cowgirls hadn't made 42 turnovers of their own.

"So that kind of counteracts our forcing them to 26," he said. "We just have to take care of the ball. We can't have turnovers."

The coach said the players will practice ball handling this week before traveling to Quinter on Friday to take on the Bulldogs at 3:45 p.m.

Cowgirl scorers were Aubrey Winter, 7; Abby Murray, 5; Ciara Abbey, 4; Gami Cloyd, 3; and Jennifer Enfield, 2.

Goodland had a total of 36 offensive and defensive rebounds, with Murray making 10; Cloyd, 8; Abbey, 5; Megan Sheldon, Whitney Carmicheal, Winter and Enfield, 3; and Bailee Guyer, 1.

bowling results

Happy Hour League KMA over Blind Team 4-0 Bowladium over Pocket Rockets 3-1 Rasure's over Wheatridge 3-1 Kanorado Coop over B&B Electric 3-1	Individual high game: Juergen Kernal-271 Individual high series: Juegen Kernal-695
Team high game: Rasure's-845 Team high series: Rasure's-2399	
League Standings: No. 1 KMA 10, 2; No. 2 B&B Electric 9, 3; No. 3 and No. 4 Bowladium Lanes and Kanorado Coop 7, 5.	
Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League Pro Line over Weber Kennels 14-6 Basgall Construction tied Western Kansas Valley 10-10 L&M Steel over Sigco 18-2 Bowladium Lanes over Fitzgibbon's Inc. 15-5	Individual high game: Bill Lacy-244 Individual high series: Bill Lacy-863
Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-614 Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2274	
League Standings: 1. Pro Line 75, 45; 2. Bowladium Lanes 67, 53; 3. Fitzgibbon's Inc. 65, 55; 4. Western Kansas Valley 58, 62; 5. Sigco 57, 63; 6. L&M Steel 56.5, 63.5; 7. Basgall Construction 51, 69; 8. Weber Kennels 49.5, 60.5.	
Wednesday Night Mixed League Dec. 5 Shear Dimensions over Phillips Brothers 3-1 Mueller Grain over D&G Clan 2 1/2-1 1/2 Gamblers over Kanorado Coop 3-1 Mudslingers over Goodland Sheet Metal 3-1 Guzzlin Socializers over Phantoms 4-0 Blossom Shoppe over Kickers 3-1	Men's high game: Melvin Musil, Sr.-217 Men's high series: Melvin Musil, Sr.-574
Women's high game: Tammy Blake-209 Women's high series: Tammy Blake-551	
Team high game: Shear Dimensions and Mud-	

slingers tie-838 Team high series: Shear Dimensions-2406	League Standings: 1. Guzzlin Socializer 40, 20; 2. Gamblers 39, 21; 3. Kanorado Coop 38, 22; 4. Mueller Grain 37 1/2, 22 1/2; 5. Shear Dimensions 37, 23.
Thursday Night Mixed League Dec. 6 Half Fast Four over Sun America 3-1 Our Team over Charlie's Angels 3-1 Mex & Company over Weis Oil 3-1 The Grannies & The Gramps over Goodland Development Corp. 4-0	Women's high game: Diana Nichols-206 Women's high series: Diana Nichols-565
Men's high game: Pat Thompson-210 Men's high series: John Nichols-570	
Team high game: The Grannies & The Gramps-860 Team high series: The Grannies & The Gramps-2565	
League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 7, 1; No. 2 Half Fast Four 7, 1; No. 3 Our Team 6, 2.	
Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League Dec. 10 Rasure Lumber over Western Insurance 3-1 Budweiser over Accounting & Tax 4-0 Pirates Electric over Lonny's Quality Auto Body 3-1	Women's high game: Margaret Russell-197 Women's high series: Margaret Russell-559
Men's high game: Darren Hickson-224 Men's high series: Darren Hickson-620	
Team high game: Pirates Electric-856 Team high series: Fitzgibbon's-2433	
League Standings: No. 1 Fitzgibbon's 17, 3; No. 2 Budweiser 16, 4; No. 3 Pirates Electric 13, 7; No. 4 Lonny's Quality Auto Body 12, 8.	



Cheap shots not a concern

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Despite what Denver linebacker John Mobley says, Kansas City Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil insists he is not worried about any "cheap shots" being thrown at Eddie Kennison this week.

"I think (Denver coach) Mike Shanahan runs too classy an organization to get into that stuff," Vermeil said Tuesday. "I'd never believe that's a reflection of Mike Shanahan."

Kennison, who signed with the Chiefs two weeks ago, apparently left some bitterness behind in Denver. The veteran wide receiver retired from the NFL just 16 hours before a Broncos game on Nov. 11.

Then he rescinded his announcement but got cut by the Broncos, who

play the Chiefs in Kansas City this Sunday. Denver beat the Chiefs 20-6 on Oct. 7 in Denver.

Mobley told reporters in Denver Monday "it'll be interesting" if Kennison plays against his old team.

"I don't think he'll suit up against us, because I know him," Mobley said. "He'll find an excuse now or later in the week."

Kennison, who played for Vermeil for two years in St. Louis, left the Broncos amid a turbulent time for his family, including his father's illness. In his first game with the Chiefs last week, he played only briefly.

"Knowing the way our defense felt about that situation, I think there could be a lot of cheap shots if he gets out on that field," Mobley said.

Vermeil said Kennison could see limited action regardless of what Mobley says. He was added to the roster to help shore up what has been an undependable wide receiver corps.

"Eddie Kennison is the least of my concerns in regard to Sunday and how we play," Vermeil said.

The Chiefs are Kennison's fifth team in six seasons in the NFL.

"I'm not saying Eddie hasn't had some problems," Vermeil said.

"But they've had some other guys on that roster who've had some problems. Some guys suspended from the league and all that kind of stuff. Now, what does that make them? I think they'd show more class in evaluating their own people. I really do."

Contraction turmoil continues

BOSTON (AP)—A proposed compromise between players and owners that would delay eliminating teams until at least 2003 is on hold, with more meetings scheduled today.

The union's grievance to block contraction also remained on hold. A hearing was to have resumed Tuesday before Shyam Das, but those talks also were put off until today.

"Talks will continue," management negotiator Rob Manfred said.

The Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos, the teams most likely to be folded, would survive for 2002 under the proposed agreement, saving the jobs of approximately 60 major leaguers for another season.

Owners want the union to acknowledge management unilaterally has the right to fold franchises. Owners say they would bargain over the effects of contraction, such as a dispersal draft of players.

Contraction was put on hold by the Minnesota courts, which issued an injunction that forces the Twins to play next year at the Metrodome. Baseball's lawyers failed to get an accelerated review by Minnesota's Supreme Court, and the injunction remains in

force until at least Dec. 27, when the Minnesota Court of Appeals holds a hearing.

Also on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Robert L. Hinkle in Tallahassee, Fla., refused to temporarily block subpoenas by Florida Attorney General Bob

Butterworth. The state official says he is concerned the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays are targets for elimination. Baseball, the Marlins and Tampa Bay have until Thursday to turn over all studies, research and reports relating to contraction.

Mustangs defeat Burlington

The Goodland Junior High Mustangs eighth grade boys beat Burlington Tuesday 53-32 on the road.

Goodland broke a close game open with several steals and baskets late in the first quarter. At half-time it was 31-20 Goodland and at the third quarter mark 44-22.

Leading scorers for Goodland were Bobby Miller with 19, Brandon Zelfer with 10 and Jase Herl with nine.

Miller and Derek Fenner were the leading rebounders with eight and five, respectively. Jon Beeson and Herl led in assists with five and four.

Goodland was called for nine fouls and Burlington 23. At the free throw line, Goodland made nine of 21 for 43 percent.

In a "B" game, Burlington won 33-12. Garrett Smith and Brandon Tatman had four points each for the Mustangs.

Next action for the Mustangs will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Quinter in the Northwest Kansas League Division Tournament. Goodland is the No. 1 seed and plays Oberlin in the opening round. Oakley and Quinter face off in the other bracket. First and second places advance to the championship rounds to be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in Oakley.

high school scores

<i>By The Associated Press</i> Results of games Tuesday night:	
Boys Basketball Scores	
Brewster 46, Triplains 43 Dighton 50, Holcomb 43 Hoxie 81, WaKeeney 63 Leoti 73, Oakley 43 Norton 40, Colby 34 Oberlin 78, Hill City 67 Quinter 83, Grinnell 82	
Girls Basketball Scores	
Brewster 50, Triplains 49 Colby 59, Norton 52 Dighton 52, Holcomb 42 Golden Plains 54, Jennings 25 Grinnell 66, Quinter 42 Hill City 58, Oberlin 42 Leoti 62, Oakley 43 WaKeeney 49, Hoxie 36	

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