

Cowgirls come away downcast after losing to Lady Eagles by 13

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There were some stern faces coming out of the Goodland Cowgirls locker room after losing to the Colby Lady Eagles 57-44 and, presumably, a lecture from the coach Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls will have to recover quickly, as they face the Lakin Lady Broncs about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Against Colby, the Cowgirls played a good game in the first half to lead by six points, 30-24. The third quarter was frustrating for the girls. They had problems handling the ball and found themselves falling behind the Lady Eagles, who took advantage to lead, 38-32, at the end of the quarter.

"We seemed to forget what we were doing," said Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood. "We broke down both defensively and made many mental mistakes. That happens once in a while, and we have to bounce back."

The quarter was dismal for the Cowgirls, who were outscored 14-2. The only Goodland basket of the quarter was by Anny McCoy with under a minute left. It did not help that Jayci Stone, StevieLee Raymer and McCoy got into foul trouble.

The final quarter found the Cowgirls

trying to catch up, but the foul troubles and frustration continued as the Lady Eagles outscored the Cowgirls 19-12 to win by 13 points, 57-44. Stone and McCoy fouled out.

"We looked good in the first half," Coach Livengood said, "but we completely lost track of what we were doing in the third quarter. I probably waited too long to call a time out, but I kept thinking they would calm down and take control. Unfortunately, they never did."

The first quarter was close, with the Lady Eagles leading 11-9 with one minute remaining, but a minute later the Cowgirls had taken the lead 13-12.

Stone hit an opening basket and then a 3-point basket to give the Cowgirls a four-point lead, 18-14. The Lady Eagles stayed close, retaking the lead by one point on a 3-point basket by Summer Stephens, 19-18.

A basket by Erica Mann regained the lead for the Cowgirls, and a great pass from Stone to Raymer extend the lead to three points.

A driving lay-up by Jessica Osborn made it a five point lead with half the quarter gone. A minute later, a shot by Raymer bounced out, but Mann got the rebound and the Cowgirls had a seven point lead, 26-19.

Two consecutive fouls called on

Raymer gave the Lady Eagles an opportunity to cut the lead, as Ivy Ramsey hit two free throws and completed a three-point play to made it 26-24 with under a minute remaining.

Mann hit a shot with 30 seconds left, and then she got a rebound from Stone's attempt and put it up at the buzzer to give the Cowgirls a 30-24 lead.

That was the bright spot for the Goodland girls. For the night, they committed 30 turnovers — 10 were bad passes, 10 for double dribble, 7 for traveling and 3 others. The Cowgirls had 28 rebounds, 9 offensive and 19 defensive.

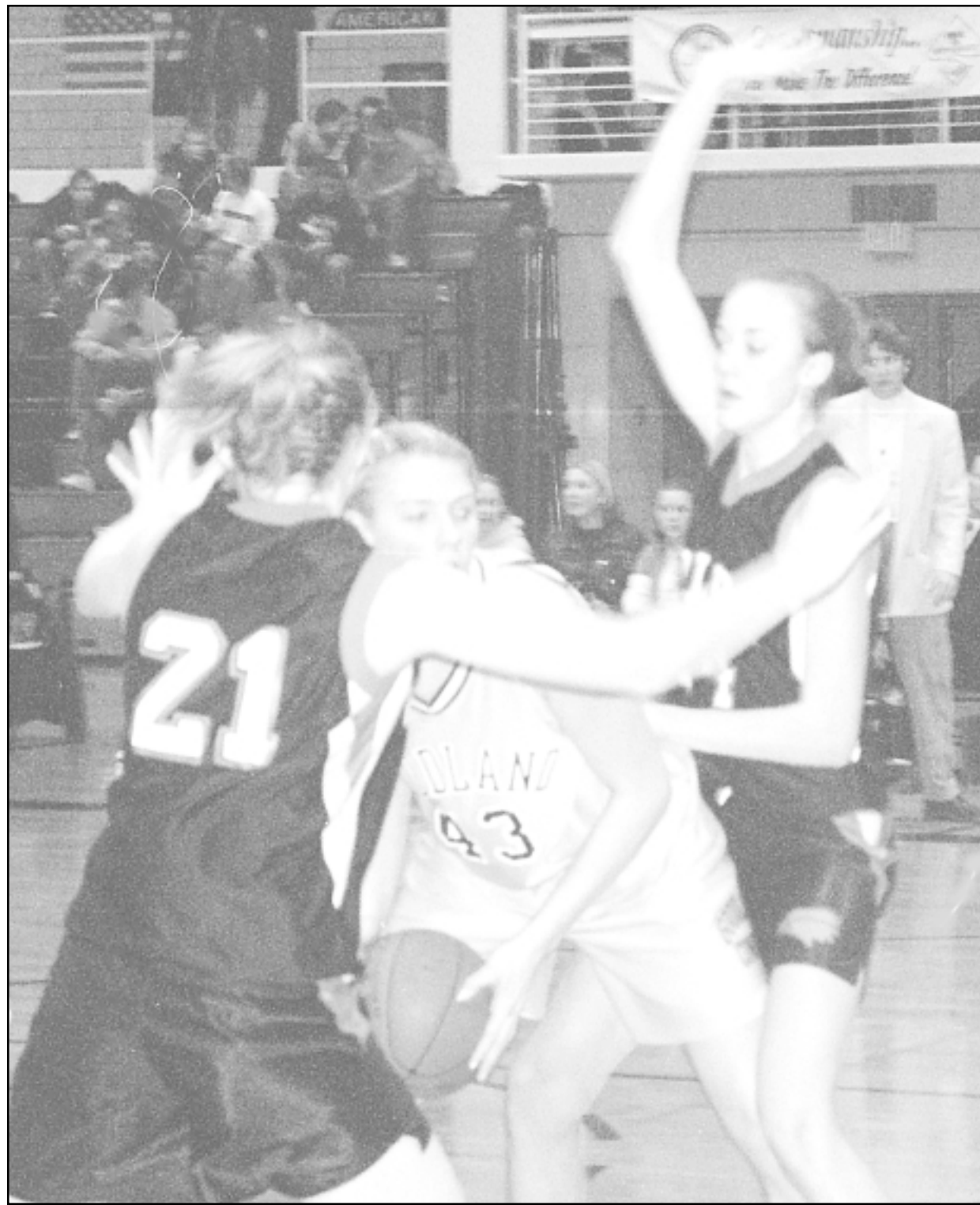
Mann was the lead scorer with 10 points, eight of those in the second quarter, and her final basket in the final minute of the fourth quarter.

Stone had 9 points, all in the first half. Lacey Brenner had 9 with seven coming in the final quarter.

McCoy had 7 points with five in the first quarter and sinking the only basket in the third quarter. Osborn had 5 and Hayley Jarmin 4.

The loss drops the Cowgirl record to 4-2.

The Cowgirls may have another chance to face the Lady Eagles (5-2) in the Orange and Black Classic in Colby, which begins Thursday, Jan. 17.



Cowgirl Anny McCoy looked for an opening as Lady Eagles Amanda Seeman and Emily Sloan double-teamed her during Goodland's loss to Colby Friday night. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

Losing streak embarrassing for Colorado

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Streaks are fine as they go.

But for one team to beat another 25 times in a row seems almost ludicrous. It must be an awful embarrassment for Colorado.

It's no wonder Colorado guard Nick Mohr got a technical foul with 4:54 left for yelling at the referee. The foul, it

turned out, aided a 10-point run by the No. 2 Jayhawks (13-1, 1-0 Big 12), whose 97-85 win Saturday night was their 12th in a row overall.

The Jayhawks turned the technical foul into a four-point possession beginning with a pair of free throws by Jeff Boschee, who went 10-of-10 from the foul line and finished with 20 points.

But still the Buffs (8-3, 0-1) came unraveled. Senior forward D.J. Harrison started a tussle when he tried to goad Gooden into a confrontation.

"It's a basketball game," Gooden said. "You can't really fight out there because somebody will come in and break it up. So, I just walk away from it. It's a waste of time."

Tough to be in crowd at Oklahoma State

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Throughout college basketball over the weekend, it was hardly safe to be highly ranked.

Being in the crowd at Oklahoma State's Gallagher-Iba Arena was more dangerous still.

While five of the highest-rated teams got infected by the upset bug, two who escaped were in the Big 12 — No. 2 Kansas and No. 10 Oklahoma.

But one who did not slip away was No. 5 Oklahoma State. The Cowboys lost a big chunk of dignity while dropping a 70-61 verdict to Texas.

With about 18 seconds left in Oklahoma State's always-raucous Gallagher-Iba, Longhorn players T.J. Ford and Royal Ivey leaped into the crowd after a loose ball.

Ford accidentally collided with a pregnant woman, who toppled to the floor.

Then a man next to the woman grabbed Ford and began choking him. "Me and T.J. were just going for the ball," Ivey said. "T.J. lost his balance and fell into the girl, then the guy grabbed him by the head and all hell broke loose."

Before order was restored, other Texas players rushed to support their teammates.

Replays of the ugly scene will be seen for weeks. It means embarrassment for the school and the Big 12.

Said athletic director Terry Don Phillips, "Something like that taints everything else. So we're just not going to let that happen."

Said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, "It's disappointing. Our fans, I don't care, you have to act better than that."

Faring better were the Kansas Jayhawks and the hottest player in the Big 12. Drew Gooden, on the heels of a 30-point game against Valparaiso, scored 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Kansas past Colorado

for the 25th straight time. A sellout crowd of 11,076 turned out to see Kansas win 97-85.

Oklahoma had an even easier time with Texas A&M, beating the Big 12's perennial doormat 89-63 for its 10th win in a row.

Another ranked team that managed to win on Saturday was No. 17 Missouri. Even with Kareem Rush mired in a shooting slump, the Tigers got the best of Nebraska 60-53. Rush had only eight points, the first time he missed double-figures in 18 games.

Elsewhere as Big 12 teams tasted their first conference action, Wendell Greenleaf had seven points in a crucial 21-second span of the second half to lead Baylor past Iowa State 79-74.

And on Sunday, Bob Knight made his long-awaited Big 12 debut as his Texas Tech Red Raiders beat visiting Kansas State 74-49. Andre Emmett scored 23 points and Tech's defense produced 15 steals.

Oklahoma State's all-Big 12 guard Maurice Baker, slowed by a groin injury, played only 11 minutes and finished with 6 points.

"I think it's very evident Mo carries such a big load for us offensively," Sutton said. "It seemed our guys kind of got out of rhythm and really didn't do some things we kept telling them to do."

Adding to the Longhorns' happiness was the fact they were without their top player, Chris Owens, who was lost to a season-ending knee injury a week earlier.

"It's a whole lot harder losing a guard as opposed to a post player, especially when you count on a guy (like Baker)," Texas coach Rick Barnes graciously said in victory.

"Mo Baker may be the player of the year in this league."

While Gooden was enjoying another virtuoso performance, teammate Kirk Hinrich was having one of his best

games as a Jayhawk with 19 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

"He's a white guy, but he's athletic," Gooden said. "That's a gift. We needed rebounds tonight, and he got them."

The Sooners have won 16 straight at home.

"That's a Final Four caliber-type team right there," said Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "They're a very talented basketball team. They execute. They can rebound and shoot the basketball. They can score inside-out. Too much for us."

Calling his Sooners a Final Four team did not seem to sit well with coach Kelvin Sampson.

"I'm sure people were saying the same thing about (about upset victims) O-State, Virginia, Miami and all those other undefeated teams. ... There's probably nine, 10, 11, 12, 14 Final Four teams."

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Thursday, Jan. 10 - 7/8 Grils BB at Oberlin, 3:30 p.m.; JH WR at Oberlin, 5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11 - End of 2nd nine weeks; C, JV, V BB with Atwood, 3:45 p.m.; V WR at Bayshore, Linwood, Noon; Snoball Dance, 9 p.m. - midnight, HS Gym.
Saturday, Jan. 12 - V WR at Bayshore, Linwood, 8 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 14 - No School, 1/2 Teacher Inservice, 1/2 Workday; "C" BB at Hoxie, 5 p.m.; B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.
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Chiefs' Holmes wins rushing title

SEATTLE (AP) — Priest Holmes of the Kansas City Chiefs caught Curtis Martin of the New York Jets on the final day of his season to win the NFL rushing title.

Holmes gained 117 yards on 23 carries in a 21-18 loss to the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday to finish with 1,555 yards, 50 more than Martin.

Holmes broke the franchise mark of 1,480 set by Christian Okoye that won the league's rushing crown back in 1989.

"It means a lot," said Holmes, signed by the Chiefs as a free agent in April after playing four seasons in Baltimore.

"I think whenever you have an opportunity to have something, it's worth grabbing."

Holmes scored 10 touchdowns this season, eight by rushing.

"He deserves it," quarterback Trent Green said about Holmes.

"He works as hard as anybody in his practice preparation. The way he studies, he really deserves it," said Green.

Guard Will Shields said Holmes surprised a lot of people in the league this season, but the Chiefs weren't surprised.

"All we have to do is block the guy in front of us," he said.

"Priest does what he does after that. He is amazing."

Holmes said he was grateful to coach Dick Vermeil in bringing him to Kansas City.

"It's so hard to find someone like coach Vermeil," he said.

"As long as an organization is bringing in a head coach like him, then you know what the whole organization is about."

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