

# Varsity Cowboys kill off Buffaloes

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Goodland fans walked away with smiles after the varsity Cowboys slammed the Atwood Buffaloes 75-51 Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Playing right after the Cowgirls had revved up the crowd with an overtime game, the boys had a lot to live up to. There might not have been as much nail-biting tension, but judging by the roars, the crowd didn't seem to mind.

Donald Raymer started out doing what seems to be his specialty, getting an offensive rebound and laying it in for two, giving Goodland the lead.

The Buffaloes came back with a good fade-away shot by Jess Holmes, tying it up. This is as close as Atwood came all night.

The Cowboys dominated the first quarter, scoring 20 and holding the smaller Class 2A school to 10.

The Buffaloes tried to bridge the gap in the second quarter, outscoring Goodland by a point, the only quarter they would.

The end of the half gave proof that high school basketball doesn't have a shot clock. The Cowboys held on the ball for a minute and a half, almost looking as if they were playing keep away on the playground. Every player had the ball at least twice, looking for an opening, but Atwood's defense wouldn't give.

With the crowd getting impatient and Goodland coach Jon McLean on his feet shouting instruction, Andrew Melia finally posted up and took a shot with three seconds left, only to be fouled. He made one of two free shots, putting Goodland up 34-25 at the half.

Two minutes into the second half, Goodland's Aaron Gittinger scored

two three-pointers, raising the lead to 13, and forcing the Buffaloes to take a time-out. It didn't do any good. On the next play, Raymer posted up, and put the lead at 15.

With 45 seconds in the third, Melia got the rebound of his own shot and scored. Atwood's Nate Woodrow came back with a trey, ending the quarter at 52-38.

The Buffaloes tried to hold the Cowboys in the fourth, chasing after loose balls and applying a full-court presses.

With two minutes left, and Goodland up 71-48, the Cowboy starters got a rest and the rest of the team got a chance to play.

Jared Doke scored the last four points for Goodland, two from foul shots, and two from an assist by Alan Cebula. Atwood's Brady Fuller scored a long three-pointer, but by this time it was more for practice than any chance to get back in the game.

Raymer led Goodland with 19 points, 7 rebounds. Gittinger had 18 points, and Melia 14. Kris Rubio, while not shooting well, did grab eight rebounds, three steals, and four assists.

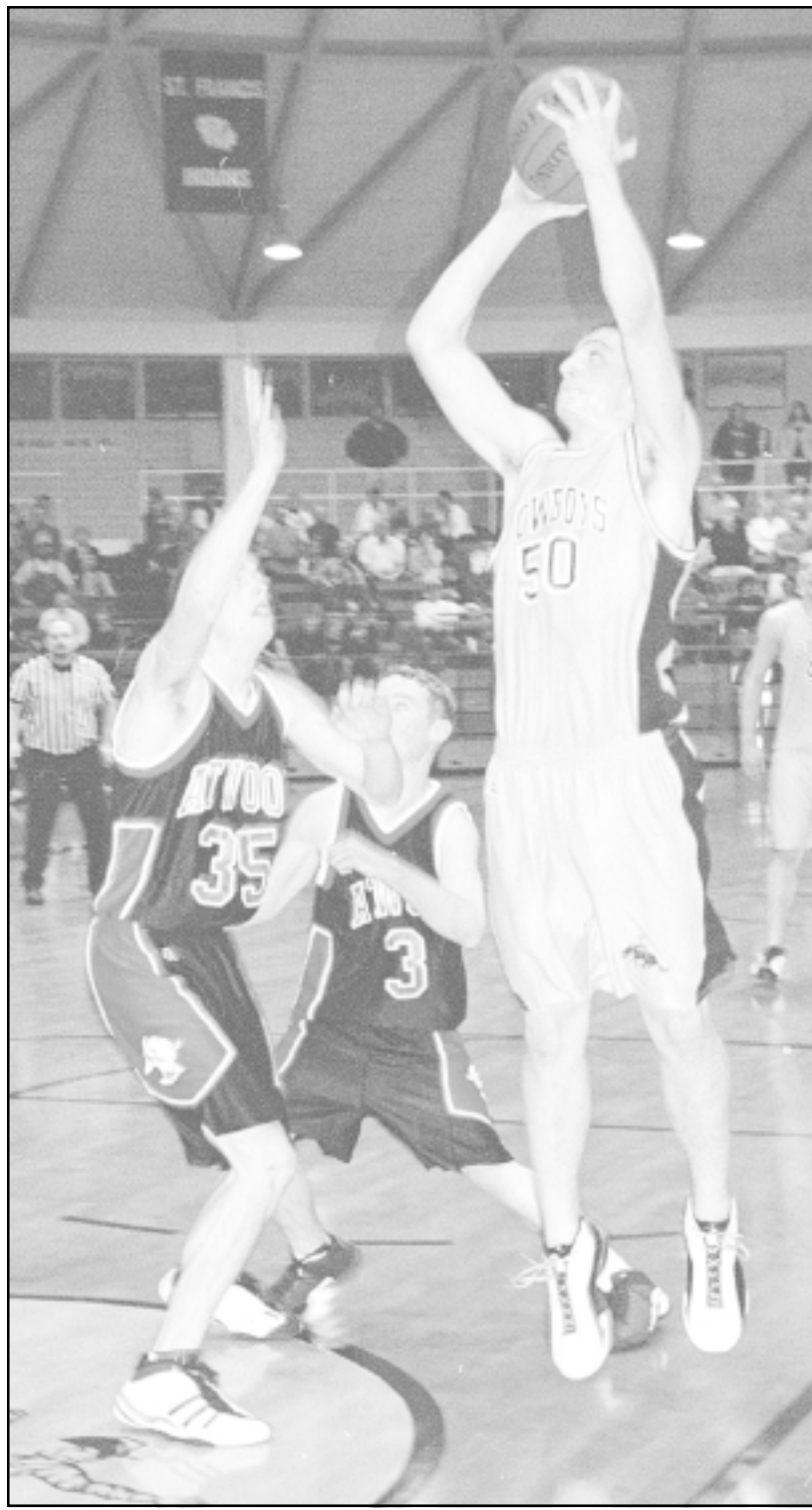
Coach Jon McLean said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"We played well on defense," he said, "and offensively we get better every game."

The win puts the Cowboys record at 3-5. Their next game will be against McCook at 7:45 Mountain Time at the Orange and Black Basketball Classic in Colby at Colby High School gym.

McLean said McCook has a 10-1 record, and they will be a tough opponent.

"But if we keep getting better like we have been," he said, "we have a decent chance against them."



Goodland's Donald Raymer got over Atwood's Curtis Snodgrass for a shot Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Raymer scored 19 points. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

# Kansas loses ranking; Oklahoma may move up

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Maybe Oklahoma and not Kansas will be the Big 12's flagship program this season.

The No. 5 Sooners have won 12 straight overall, their longest streak since 1989-90, while Kansas has already lost the No. 1 ranking.

The Sooners record is 16. They not only beat Texas Tech 98-72 Saturday, they mangled the Red Raiders (13-3, 2-1 Big 12).

Sooners coach Kelvin Sampson, for one, is ready to proclaim this team is for real.

"I want us to enjoy this, because we're good," Sampson said. "We are good. I can't hide that anymore, as much as I'd like to."

Before a sellout crowd of 12,654 the Sooners (13-1, 2-0) took a 16-4 lead just five and a half minutes into the game.

"We really kind of sealed our fate right away," Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said. "One of the things we just didn't want to do, and what we can't do as a team, is turn the ball over ... They really jumped on us."

Kansas (13-2, 2-0), in the meantime, was squandering its new No. 1 ranking with a dreadful first half at UCLA.

Shooting just 34 percent and committing 16 turnovers in the first 20 minutes, the Jayhawks fell short in a second-half comeback bid and lost big, 87-77.

"Worst half we've played this year," said coach Roy Williams.

Elsewhere in the Big 12, Ivan McFarlin led a balanced offense with 16 points and No. 6 Oklahoma State (15-1, 2-1) withstood a career-high 30 points from Tyray Pearson to beat Iowa State (9-8, 1-2) 69-66; Texas (11-4, 2-0) grabbed a 65-36 halftime lead and beat Baylor (11-5, 1-2) 102-78.

Arthur Johnson scored 23 points, Kareem Rush 20 and Clarence Gilbert 19 as No. 17 Missouri (12-4, 2-1) beat Kansas State (6-7, 0-2) 81-66; And John Robinson scored Nebraska's first 14 points of the second half to lead the Huskers (8-6, 1-2) to a 75-67 victory over Colorado (9-4, 0-2).

One thing boosting the Sooners has been defense. Andy Ellis, the Red Raiders' leading scorer with a 17.9 average, had just eight points on 2-of-7 shooting. As a team, Tech was 22-of-62.

"We weren't ready to play," Ellis said. "We've got to play better than that. That's not the team that we are."

Oklahoma State held on at the end after leading by 10 points with less than eight minutes to play. The Cowboys weren't assured of winning until thwarting Iowa State's attempt for a last-second 3-point shot.

"I don't think we played well at the end of the game to close it out the way we wanted to," said Oklahoma State's Victor Williams. "But you've got to win the ugly ones, too."

Missouri returned to the scene of one of its worse losses a year ago and exacted revenge: the Tigers had limped home with a 21-point loss.

It seemed as though Missouri had taken to heart the tongue-lashing coach Quinn Snyder dished out following a lackluster effort at Iowa State in the Tigers' previous game.

"When he's fired up, it does something for me," said Johnson, who also had 15 rebounds. "I feel it."

At Austin, the Longhorns enjoyed as fine a first half as any coach could dream about.

They had 10 3-pointers.

"It was one of those things you wish you could bottle it," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

# Rockies' tickets go up

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies have announced plans to raise single-game tickets significantly for the 2002-2003 season.

For example, an outfield box seat for the Rockies-Mets game on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, was \$22, but a seat for the Rockies-Yankees game in the same area on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, will be \$33.

"This was a way to drive our revenues while still protecting the season ticket-holder," said Rockies president Keli McGregor on Wednesday. "We also know that since we had the All-Star Game in 1998, this would become

much more of a single-game market."

They've also broken down the games into different categories, depending on the opponent, and raised prices for those different categories.

The team will use a four-tier price-level system that increases "regular-priced" tickets and provides special distinctions for 69 home games including 19 against National League West division opponents; 41 premium games; and nine "classic" games.

Those include games against the Yankees. "To me, the Yankees are like Michael Jordan coming to town," McGregor said.

# Shaq attacks Chicago Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — After years and years of being on the receiving end of the Hack-a-Shaq defense, Shaquille O'Neal finally snapped when he was fouled hard by Brad Miller and Charles Oakley of the Chicago Bulls.

O'Neal immediately went after Miller and threw two roundhouse punches while Miller had his back turned.

The first punch was the most ferocious, and fortunately it missed. The second one connected before O'Neal

and Miller fell to the floor and a full-scale melee broke out.

# Chiefs sign Shaw

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs have signed ArenaBowl XV MVP Terrill Shaw to a two-year contract, the Grand Rapids Rampage announced Sunday.

The 6-foot, 175-pound Shaw was scheduled to return to the Rampage for his first full season before signing with the Chiefs. Shaw joined the Rampage last year.

In eight regular season games, he led the team with 1,002 receiving yards and 23 touchdowns.

The Rampage agreed to suspend Shaw's contract so he could sign with Kansas City.

# basketball results

By The Associated Press  
Results of high school games Friday night:

**Girls basketball:**  
Chaparral 63, Douglass 52  
Cheney 65, Garden Plain 45  
Colby 67, Hoxie 38  
Goodland 61, Atwood 60  
Grinnell 74, Sharon Springs 45  
Lakin 46, Holcomb 24  
Oakley 46, St. Francis 32  
Oberlin 73, Quinter 69, OT  
Ottawa 80, Atchison 49

**Boys games:**  
Atchison 74, Ottawa 59  
Chaparral 66, Douglass 59  
Cheney 56, Garden Plain 53  
Ellis 53, Hill City 46  
Goodland 75, Atwood 51  
Hoxie 83, Colby 70  
Lakin 65, Holcomb 43  
Liberal 70, La Junta, Colo. 61, 2OT  
Quinter 79, Oberlin 68  
St. Francis 72, Oakley 70, OT  
Weskan 67, Jennings 51

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Kneeling L-R: Michael Hall, Thomas Tompkins (2nd place), Blayze Bahe (3rd place), Dexter Deeds (2nd place), Blake Saint, Mathias Goodley. Standing middle row L-R: Bryce Bahe (2nd place), Max Saint, Dustin Klinge, Kyle Schulte, L.J. Von Lintel, Jordan Bedore (1st Place) Standing back row L-R: Coach Randy Bahe, Chris Zimmerman (2nd place), Taylor Brack (2nd Place), Cody Scheilds and Allen Briney

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**Goodland All-Star Booster Club**  
Tuesday, Jan. 15 - Scholars Bowl at Scott City, 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 16 - Technology Comm. Meeting, 3:45 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 17 - Orange & Black Classic at Colby; North School Awards, 2 p.m.; 7/8 Girls BB with Oakley, JH Gym 3:30 p.m.; JH WR Triangular MJFH, 3:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 18 - Orange & Black Classic at Colby; V WR at Hays, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 19 - V WR at Hays; Invitational Wrestling Tournament MJFH, 9 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 21 - Scholars Bowl at Oakley, 3 p.m.; Tech Night, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 22 - 7/8 Girls BB at St. Francis, 3:30 p.m.; JH WR at St. Francis, 4:30 p.m.

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