

Goodland to play Orange and Black

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The annual Orange and Black Classic basketball tournament starts today in Colby.

The competition, started by former Colby High School athletics director Paul Wintz 17 years ago, is held in the Colby Community Building and the Colby High School gym and will last until Saturday.

It is a double-elimination tournament, and all teams are guaranteed three games.

The 3-5 Goodland Cowboys meet up with 12-1 McCook, the second seeded team in the boys bracket, at 7:45 p.m. Mountain Time at the high school.

They will be hard to beat.

Cowboys Coach Jon McLean said McCook will be a tough opponent in the tourney.

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

The 5-3 Cowgirls will face the 2-6 Ulysses Lady Tigers in the high school at 4:15 p.m. Mountain Time.

Cowgirls Coach Connie Livengood said she expects Ulysses to be a good test.

“They mainly have one player, Anderson, who is a guard,” she said, “and they do a lot of good things.”

The No. 1 seeded boys team is Beloit. They are ranked first in the Salina Journal poll and sixth in the

Kansas Coaches poll for Class 3A. They will face the 2-6 Liberal Redskins.

The Ulysses boys, 4-4, will meet 1-5 Wichita South.

Wichita South’s record doesn’t tell the whole story, as their losses include a tough 57-56 loss to No. 3 Wichita North.

Scott City and Colby are the other boys teams, and while they haven’t done too great this year, no team can be counted out in this tough tournament.

Colby played Goodland earlier this season in what must have been a heart-breaking last second loss.

The Colby Lady Eagles are the top seeded girls’ team, and have a 7-2 record and a six game winning streak under their belt, including the Cowgirls and Atwood.

They will meet up with 0-6 Wichita South, who play in the tough Wichita City League.

Scott City, 7-2, will play Beloit, 3-6, and McCook will face 4-4 Liberal.

There will be an inspirational speaker at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the community building.

Tim Robertson, director of the Fellowship of Christian athletes, is the speaker this year.

Tournament information will be posted on the web at www.bstats.com/colby by Dwight Briney Computer Services.

Where’s the ball going?



The Goodland boys’ junior varsity beat the Atwood Buffs Friday night in the junior high gym at Max Jones Fieldhouse.
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Freshman girls fall to Lady Buffs

Scoring only five points in the first half, the freshman Cowgirls basketball team lost to Atwood 42-23 on Friday, but had an exceptional fourth quarter, bringing in 12 points after switching their defensive strategy.

The Cowgirls failed to score in the first quarter, and the Lady Buffaloes were able to take a big lead, ending the quarter 14-0. The second quarter wasn’t much better, as Atwood continued to dominate, finishing the half with an 18-point lead, 23-5.

Instead of giving up, Coach Mitch Hixson said, the players pulled together and successfully switched to a man-to-man defense. They scored 18 points in the second half, just under Atwood’s 20-point half.

“Obviously not scoring in a quarter, especially the first quarter, means you dig yourself a hole,” the coach said, “but we did a good job of fighting back. We just gave Atwood a big cushion.”

Hixson said man to man is physically more challenging, but the freshman players, who have not won a game this season, adapted to it well.

“We discovered not only can we compete playing man to man,” he said, “but that it can be fun to play it. They showed themselves they can play it well.”

The coach said he plans to make the strategy a larger part of the team’s philosophy.

“The principles in man to man are important for the girls’ continued development,” he said. “We may get burned some, but we’re going to make some plays, too.”

Abby Murray led the team in scoring, bringing in 9 points, including hitting three of five free throws. She also had 10 rebounds.

Emily Burkett and Ciara Abbey each contributed 4 points, with Abbey making five rebounds and two steals. Gami Cloyd brought in 3 points and made eight rebounds and six steals.

Whitney Carmichael scored 2 points and had four rebounds, while Megan Sheldon brought in one point with a free throw.

The Cowgirls will travel to Rexford on Saturday to compete in a junior varsity tournament. Coach Hixson said he expects the players to perform better than they have all season, if they keep a few things in mind.

“On Saturday we will need to shoot the basketball more consistently,” he said, “and continue our improvement on the defensive side. It’s all about consistent play for four quarters. We’re at about three now, but improvement has been happening every time out.”

Oklahoma’s defense holds Nebraska scoreless for 13 minutes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Oklahoma proved the old adage that defense wins basketball games.

The No. 5 Sooners held Nebraska without a field goal for nearly 13 minutes over the end of the first half and start of the second Wednesday night and beat the Cornhuskers 78-51 for their 13th consecutive victory.

In other Big 12 games Wednesday night, No. 21 Missouri beat Texas A&M 74-50, Baylor defeated Kansas State 73-70 and Colorado beat Iowa State 63-61.

“We really defended the last five minutes of the first half and the first part of the second half,” Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. “That’s about as good as we’re going to play defense.”

Ebi Ere led the Sooners (14-1, 3-0 Big 12) with 16 points and Aaron McGhee had 13 points and 10 rebounds in the win at Lincoln, Neb. Oklahoma shot 50 percent (31-of-62) from the field while holding Nebraska to 16-for-65 shooting (24.6 percent), its worst percentage ever.

“Nebraska was a good shooting team. That’s how we scouted them — get a hand in their face and bother their shots,” Ere said. “It’s kind of hard to get shots when you’ve got hands in your face.”

Brian Conklin had 14 points and John Robinson added 10 for Nebraska (8-7, 1-3), which had never lost by more than 25 points in the 26-year history of the Devaney Center.

Better shooting was the key for

Missouri’s win over the Aggies at Columbia, Mo.

Guard Wesley Stokes made 6-of-8 shots for 13 points, ending a streak of seven games where the sophomore had been a dismal 8-for-41 from the floor.

He had started every game this season until last weekend’s win at Kansas State and has no interest in becoming a full-time sixth man for the Tigers (13-4, 3-1 Big 12).

“I’m comfortable doing it, but I’m not looking to carve out no spot playing the sixth man because I’m looking to start,” Stokes said. “I feel that I should be, but Coach is doing it for reasons and I’m going to wait my turn.”

The Tigers’ preseason All-American, Kareem Rush, led Missouri with 15 points. Clarence Gilbert, whose

been running the point in Stokes’ place, and Arthur Johnson each had 12.

Nick Anderson had 13 points for Texas A&M (6-11, 0-3), and Keith Bean added 10. The Aggies have lost 10 of their last 11 games.

At Waco, Texas, three Baylor players converted on three one-and-one opportunities in the final seconds to lead the Bears over Kansas State.

“There’s no way to prepare for that situation,” said coach Dave Bliss said. “All you can do is recruit good free throw shooters and hope they execute.”

With the Bears leading 64-61 with 35 seconds remaining, John Lucas, Matt Sayman and Wendell Greenleaf provided Baylor (12-5, 2-2 Big 12) with six clutch free throws. Kansas

State (6-8, 0-3) kept the score close in the final seconds as Larry Reid hit two 3-pointers.

Lawrence Roberts scored 20 points and Greenleaf added 15 for Baylor, which also got 14 points from Lucas and 11 from Sayman.

“The game came down to the last few minutes,” Kansas State coach Jim Woolldridge said. “We put ourselves into a position to win but missed a couple of free throws and a dunk. Those were our opportunities.”

Phineas Atchison’s 16 points led Kansas State. Reid scored 14.

Stephane Pelle’s shot with less than three seconds left lifted Colorado over Iowa State at Boulder, Colo.

David Harrison’s 21 points and 15 rebounds led the Buffaloes.

Kansans aren’t interested in tax increases

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Huckabee, a Republican, set up in November when legislators and others in his state started pushing for tax increases to help solve budget problems.

In Kansas, Rep. Peggy Long, R-Hamilton said, “I haven’t talked to one person who’s interested in a tax increase.”

An annoyed Graves responded: “There isn’t a day go by that constituents in those folks’ districts aren’t depending upon or counting on government services in their lives. I am just fed up with how legislators try to minimize how critically important

this business is.”

He saved some of his harshest words for Huelskamp, a frequent critic of Graves’ policies.

In 1996, Graves campaigned for then-Sen. Marian Reynolds, of Dodge City, whom Huelskamp defeated in the GOP primary.

“It’s hard to know where to begin,” Graves told reporters. “We’re only three days into the session, and the foolishness and shenanigans have already begun, and why am I not surprised that it’s Huelskamp?”

Graves also said Huelskamp voted against 1999 legislation creating the state’s 10-year, \$13.7 billion transpor-

tation program.

He then showed up at a local bill signing.

Huelskamp replied: “He begged me to come.”

Some legislators took the conservatives’ proposal in stride.

“I don’t think anyone is serious about that proposal,” said Rep. Rocky Nichols, D-Topeka, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. “It doesn’t take away from the fact that it’s funny.”

Also Wednesday, Chairman Steve Morris said his Ways and Means Committee would review eligibility rules for social service programs.

Board discussed cutting costs

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Grant Junior High and moving the students to the high school, but hasn’t made any firm plans.

The board discussed the list, but didn’t make any decisions besides trying to sell the Edson gym.

Other suggestions included reducing the number of administrators and the superintendent’s salary.

It was also suggested having one instrumental teacher; having larger class sizes, but keeping the 18-student limit in kindergarten through third grade; reducing the number of sports, activities, assistant coaches and eliminating long overnight trips; switching to 4-day weeks; reducing teacher training expenses; charging for textbook rentals; watering the playgrounds less; having an all-day kindergarten program every other day; cutting the elementary counselor position; not buying new textbooks; and offering retirement incentives.

County purchases water softener

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water mineral build-up.

Culligan Soft Water of Goodland had submitted a bid of \$1,895 to install a soft water conditioner in the Bastille.

Whitson said this would add system life to the water pipes and to the showers.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if there would be any additional cost. Whitson said there would be a monthly charge for changing out the softener tanks, but he did not have a figure on that.

The commissioners approved purchase of the water softener system for the Bastille.

Roxie Yonkey of Red Brick Road Promotions talked to the commissioners about the coffee cups they are buying for the county.

She presented several possible designs for the logo on the cups to the commissioners and the commissioners picked one.

The commissioners approved purchasing 12 dozen cups at \$449.65.

The logo is a picture of the statue in front of the courthouse, says Sherman County on it and says “They came to stay.”

County Clerk Janet Rumpel asked the commissioners if they wanted to

consider putting the logo on stationary for all departments to use.

She said currently each department has their own letterhead rather than a standard countywide design.

The commissioners said they would consider such a design and asked Yonkey if the logo from the cups could be used.

She said it could, and she would work with Rumpel on some possible designs.

Crystal Linsner, county computer manager, met with the commissioners to discuss upgrading the main courthouse computer and purchasing a new laser printer.

Linsner said a three-year subscription from Infinitec of Hays would cost \$1,706.

She said this includes any software upgrades over the three years, and technical support both by phone and through remote administration for the length of the three years.

Linsner requested permission to purchase a new IBM laser printer at a cost of \$2,450 to allow for faster form printing and better quality printing of the county forms.

The commissioners approved the three-year subscription from Infinitec and the purchase of the IBM laser printer.



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