

Cowgirls advance after 59-43 win over Lady Tigers

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland Cowgirls advanced to the semifinals of the Orange and Black Classic in Colby on Thursday by defeating the Ulysses Lady Tigers, 59-43, at Colby High School.

The win is the second in a row for the 6-3 Cowgirls, who will face a very tough Scott City Lady Beavers team at 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time today at the Colby Community Building.

Scott City reached the semifinals by thumping the Beloit Lady Trojans, 64-42. The 8-2 Lady Beavers outscored the Lady Trojans 57-20 through three quarters, and used reserves in the final quarter. The Lady Trojans made the score look better, outscoring the Lady Beaver reserves 22-7 in the final quarter.

"They are very tall on the floor," said Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood about the Scott City girls. "Kristin Campbell is their floor leader, and they are a good team. It will be a real good game."

The Cowgirls took an early lead over the Lady Tigers. Behind 3-point baskets from Jayci Stone and 24 points by Anny McCoy, they ran away from the Lady Tigers in the third quarter to win their second straight game. Last Friday, the Cowgirls had taken the Atwood Lady Buffaloes to overtime to win, 61-60.

If the Cowgirls defeat the Scott City Lady Beavers today they will play Saturday at 5 p.m. Mountain Time in the championship game at Colby Community Building against the winner of the Colby-Liberal game. If the Cowgirls lose to Scott City, they will play the loser of the Colby-Liberal game Saturday at 3 p.m. at Colby High School for third place.

Livengood said the Cowgirls played very well against the Lady Tigers, and hopes they can build on this solid win.

The Cowgirls and Lady Tigers seemed to match up pretty well as the score in the opening quarter stayed close and was tied at least three times. However, at the 1:29 mark there was a strange buzzer from the announcers' table. Play was halted and the referees conferred with the score keepers.

A technical foul was called on the Lady Tigers coaching staff because they were playing a girl who was not on the official roster. Stone took the technical free throws and made both to break a tie and give the Cowgirls a two-point lead, 8-6.

On the next play, Lacey Brenner hit a long jumper to extend the Cowgirls lead to four. With time running out, McCoy took an offensive rebound from a shot by Hayley Jarmin and put it in to make it 12-6.

The first quarter ended with the Lady Tigers' Alesha Anderson hitting a basket at the buzzer to make it 12-8.

Early in the second, Ulysses' Alianna Hamer hit two quick baskets to tie the game at 12, but that was matched by a basket from Goodland's StevieLee Raymer to retake the lead. At the 6:12 mark, Brenner went for a lay-up and was fouled. The basket counted and she completed the three-point play by sinking the free throw to give the Cowgirls a five-point lead, 17-12.

Baskets by Erica Mann, McCoy and Jessica Osborn extended the Cowgirl lead to nine points at half time, 25-16.

On the opening play of the second half, Osborn hit a 3-point basket to give the Cowgirls a double-digit lead, 28-16. Anderson responded with a three a short time later to cut the lead to seven, 28-21.

Stone hit one of her three 3-point baskets to return the lead to nine. Anderson hit two free throws for the Lady Tigers, but Stone hit another 3-point shot to make it a double-digit

lead, 34-24 with under 5 minutes remaining.

The two teams traded shots with McCoy taking passes from Stone and Brenner on three trips to keep pace and while Ulysses Hitomy Greene and Anderson were hitting shots as well, the Cowgirls maintained a 10-point lead with 3 minutes remaining.

Two more baskets by McCoy and Stone's third 3-point basket extended the Cowgirls lead to 19 points with 49 seconds left, 49-30. Greene hit a 3-point basket at the buzzer to make it 49-33 at the end of three quarters.

In the final quarter, the Cowgirls and Lady Tigers traded baskets and free throws, with each team scoring 10 points to make the final, 59-43.

The Lady Tigers will play Beloit at 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time at Colby High School in the consolation bracket.

At the end of the first half, the Cowgirls were out shooting the Lady Tigers 50 percent to 33 percent. For the game, the Cowgirls shot 49 percent to 35 for the Lady Tigers. The Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady Tigers, 33-27.

McCoy was the leading scorer for the Cowgirls with 24 points on 10 field goals and 4 free throws. Stone had 13 on 1 field goal, 3 3-point shots and 2 free throws. Brenner had 7 on 3 field goals and 1 free throw. Raymer had 5 on 2 field goals and 1 free throw; Osborn had 5 on 1 field goal and 1 3-point shot; Mann had 4 on 2 field goals; Hayley Jarmin had 1 free throw.

For Ulysses, Anderson was the high scorer with 18 points on 6 field goals, 1 3-point shot and 3 free throws. Greene was also in double figures with 11 on 3 field goals, 1 3-point shot and 2 free throws.

Alianna Hamer had 6 on 3 field goals; Allison Delon had 4 on 2 field goals; and Cassie Button and Beth Eudy each had 2 on a field goal.



Jayci Stone shot over Ulysses defender Alesha Anderson Thursday night at the Colby Community Building during their first game of the Orange and Black Classic. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

Grant Mustangs league champions after undefeated season

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News
The eight grade boys basketball team of Grant Junior High have come off of a spectacular season.

With a record of 13-0, they were the Northwest Kansas League champions. They were the regular season champions, winning all seven games, and went

undefeated during post-season play.

They played two teams out of the league, Burlington and Scott City, beating both.

The boys were also undefeated during their seventh grade year.

"These boys are something special," said Coach Wallace Hansen, "I've been coaching them for two years, and

they have never lost a game."

Bobby Miller was the leading scorer and rebounder of the Mustangs with 206 points and 115 rebounds.

Jase Herl finished with 117 points and led in steals and assists with 38 and 49.

Jon Beeson grabbed 66 rebounds in the season and Derek Fenner had 49.

Miller was a close second in steals with 37, and Beeson came in second in assists with 34.

Brandon Zelfer led the team in three-point baskets, and Herl led free throws with 67 percent.

The team shot 45 percent from both the floor and the free throw line. They averaged 46 points a game and held

their opponents to 27.

The Mustangs also outrebounded their opponents through the season, grabbing 337 to 207.

They showed outstanding teamwork by accumulating 130 assists.

"I am really proud of these boys," Hansen said. "They deserve recognition for what they have achieved."

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