

# Cowgirls take third in Colby Orange and Black Classic

**By Tom Betz**  
The Goodland Cowgirls won two of three games at the Orange and Black Classic in Colby over the weekend to finish in third place and push their season record to 7-4.

The Cowgirls found themselves in the third-place game Saturday because they lost to Scott City in the semifinals, 47-40, on Friday.

Cowgirls Anny McCoy and Jessica Osborn were named to the All-Tournament team. McCoy was the Cowgirls' high scorer in the Ulysses game with 24 points Thursday and had 17 against Liberal on Saturday. Osborn was the high scorer against Scott City Friday with 14, and had 14 in the game against Liberal including four 3-point baskets.

"It was good to see them on the all-tournament team," said Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood. "I think anytime you can take third in a tournament with this level of competition, you are doing good. We made small mistakes against Scott City to get beat. We are doing fine, but we need more consistency."

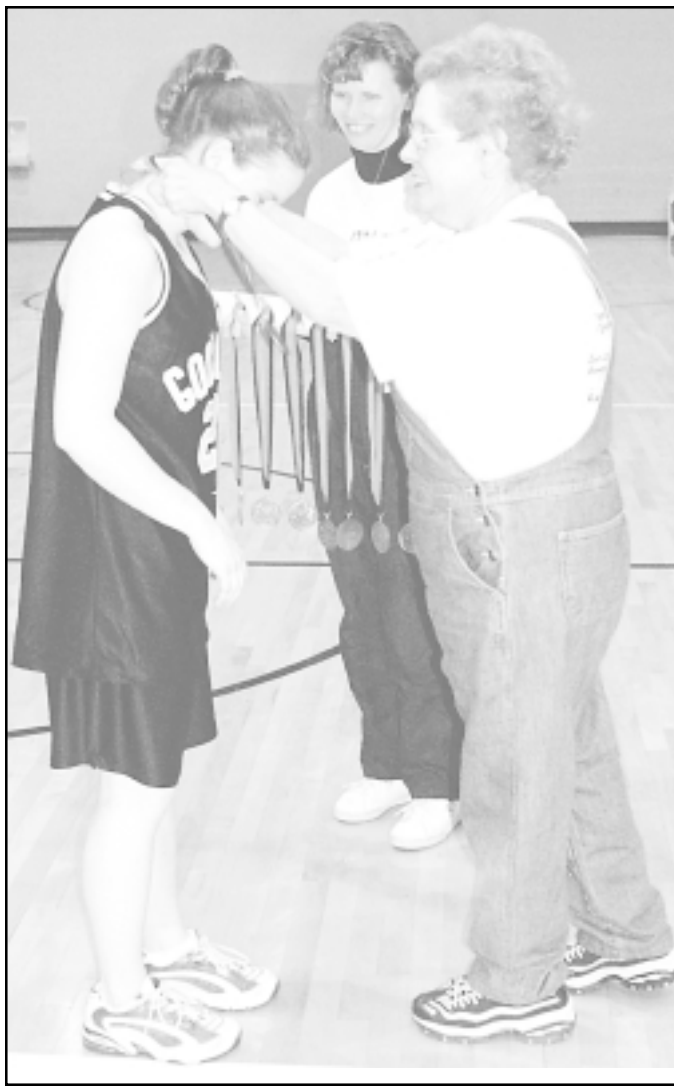
"It was little things, like giving them a nine-point run in the second quarter and giving them points on the inbounds and rebounds, that hurt."

The Cowgirls have four days to regroup and prepare for their next opponents, Oberlin on Friday and Hugoton on Saturday. The girls will travel to Oberlin on Friday, with the game starting at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time. Saturday. The game with Hugoton will be at 4 p.m. Mountain Time at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Livengood says the upcoming games will be another good test for the team.

"Oberlin is playing well," she said. The Colby Lady Eagles won the Orange and Black Classic by defeating Scott City, 54-40, in the championship. Fourth place went to McCook, which defeated Beloit, 30-28; and seventh place went to Ulysses, which defeated Wichita South, 74-49.

Other members of the all-tournament team were Chandra Andrews and Alesha Anderson, Liberal; Bridget Kuntzsch and Sheena Kuntzsch of Scott City; Ivy Ramsey and Summar Stephens of Colby; Danae DeVaughn



Jayci Stone laid it up on a breakaway (left) while surrounded by Liberal Redskins Saturday at the Colby High School Gym. Above, Stephanie Fairbanks got her third-place medal in a presentation at the gym on Saturday.

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of McCook; and Jayme File of Beloit. The Off the Bench award went to Darcel Gronewoller of Beloit; Most Inspirational Player was Bridget Kuntzsch of Scott City; Most Valuable Player was Ivy Ramsey of Colby; Team/Community Sportsmanship award went to Colby; and the Super

Shot Champion was Summar Stephens of Colby. All of the Cowgirls got to play in the game against Liberal and 10 scored at least one point in the Cowgirls 64-47 win Saturday at Colby High School.

The Cowgirls dominated the game from the opening with a 10-point lead,

the lead back to below 20 points, outscoring the Cowgirls 14-10, but the Cowgirls were not going to be denied and they outscored the Lady Redskins 17-15 in the final quarter for a 64-47 win. Anny McCoy was the leading scorer for both teams with 17 points. It was McCoy's second leading perfor-

mance of the tournament. She had 24 points against Ulysses in Friday's game, but the Scott City Lady Beavers had held her to 3 points. Osborn had 14 points with four 3-point baskets and a field goal; Jayci Stone had 13 with 4 field goals, one 3-point shot and 2 free throws; Erica Mann had 6 on 3 field goals; Danielle Hellerud had 4 on 2 field goals; Stephanie Fairbanks had 3 free throws; Lacey Brenner, Hayley Jarmin and StevieLee Raymer each had 2 with a field goal each; and Jessica Vignery has 1 free throw.

Kendra Billinger had two rebounds and three assists; Tess Schultz had one rebound and one assist; and Abby Scheopner did not have any stats. The Cowgirls hit 44 percent of their field goals, 20-45; 71 percent of the 3-point shots 5-7; and 53 percent of their free throws, 9-17. The Scott City Lady Beavers hit 34 percent of their field goals, 19-56; none of their 3-point shots, 0-13; and 60 percent of their free throws, 9-15. Against Scott City, the Cowgirls stayed even early and were tied at 12 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, however, the Goodland girls made some mistakes and fell behind by five points, 20-13, at half. The third quarter continued the Cowgirls' slide, as they were outscored 15-9 to fall behind by 11 points. The Cowgirls made a run in the fourth quarter, and cut the lead to four points late in the game, but lost by seven, 47-40. Osborn was the high scorer with 14 points on 4 of 7 from the field and two 3-point baskets. Stone had 8 with 1 of 5 field goals and two 3-point baskets. Raymer had 5 with 1 field goal and 3 free throws; Jarmin had 4 with 1 field goal and 2 free throws; Brenner and McCoy each had 3, with Brenner getting all three points at the free throw line while McCoy had 1 field goal and 1 free throw; and Mann had 2 free throws. Leading scorers for Scott City were Kristin Campbell and Bridget Kuntzsch with 16 points each. Julie Muench had 5, Andrea O'Brien 4, Karissa Hoeme 3, Sheena Kuntzsch 2, and Megan Dreiling 1. The Cowgirls hit 31 percent of their field goals, 8-26; 50 percent of their 3-point shots, 4-8; and 67 percent of their free throws, 12-18. Scott City hit 33 percent of their field goals, 16-48; none of their 3-point shots; and 68 percent of their free throws, 15-22. The Cowgirls had a total of 34 rebounds, 11 offensive and 23 defensive. Scott City had 36 rebounds with 16 offensive and 20 defensive. Turnovers were 25 for the Cowgirls and 17 for Scott City. The Cowgirls blocked 7 shots with 1 by Stone, 3 by Brenner, 2 by Mann and 1 by McCoy. The Cowgirls had 8 steals, but gave up 14 to Scott City.

# Oklahoma can't come back from 22-point deficit against No. 4 Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — If Kelvin Sampson has correctly calculated the Allen Fieldhouse factor, it was No. 5 Oklahoma 67, No. 4 Kansas 66. Kansas' aging facility and the 16,300 fans who squeeze into it are worth 8 points for the Jayhawks, Sampson had said. Using that as a starting base, the Sooners did not fall short in rallying from a 22-point deficit but came all the way back.

Trouble is, that's all they. Fact is, Kansas won 74-67.

Another fact is that Kansas further cemented itself in a take-charge second-half surge Saturday as the team to

beat in the Big 12 this year.

"We had our chances," Sampson said. "We dug ourselves a hole, and then we almost dug ourselves out of it."

Drew Gooden had 19 points and 10 rebounds for his 13th double-double. He contributed 13 points in the first few minutes of the second half and fellow forward Nick Collison chipped in 6.

In the first half, they had been almost completely bottled up by a tough Okla-

homa defense. But toward the end, the Sooners' inside men were in foul trouble.

"I felt good about our matchups on the perimeter, but Collison and Gooden are a different breed of cat," Sampson said.

The Jayhawks (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) outscored the Sooners 30-8 counting a 6-0 run that ended the first half. Oklahoma got back as close as 6 a couple

of times but by then it was too late.

"It was a tight game and I don't like tight games," said Gooden, who got his 13th double-double.

He also got some revenge. Only twice in his previous 44 games had he not failed to score in double figures. Both times were against Oklahoma. And at halftime, the Big 12's leading scorer had one field goal, two free throws and an airball.

"So I went out, got my mind right and tried to bust the game wide open," Gooden said.

Collison was 4-of-4 in the second half and scored 17 points.

"The spacing seemed a little better," he said. "And it seemed like we had more time. If we can get the ball with a guy at our back one-on-one, that's when we're at our best. There's not a lot of people who can stop that."

The Sooners, down by 22, went on a 14-0 run with Ebi Ere scoring 10, who along with point guard Quannas White had 17 points.

"Because of our depth, our forwards can't get into foul trouble like this," White said. "Kansas is a good team and we wanted to attack off of the dribble. 'We've got to play 40 minutes. We're looking forward to seeing them in March.'"

## basketball games

Kansas High School Basketball Scores By The Associated Press Results of games Friday night:

- Boys:**  
Atwood 64, Republican Valley, Neb. 61  
Beloit 66, Colby 37  
Cambridge, Neb. 62, Quinter 42  
Dundy County, Neb. 74, St. Francis 36  
Hoxie 77, Quinter 57  
LaCrosse 56, Oakley 50  
McCook, Neb. 57, Ulysses 44  
Norton 59, Phillipsburg 37  
Oberlin 50, Benkelman, Neb. 45  
Scott City 55, Liberal 36  
St. Francis 57, Hoxie 56  
Weskan 99, Healy 60  
Wichita South 53, Goodland 49
- Girls:**  
Beloit 57, Ulysses 55  
Cambridge, Neb. 62, Quinter 42  
Colby 61, Liberal 42  
Golden Plains 54, Triplains 50  
McCook, Neb. 62, Wichita South 42  
Oakley 64, Otis-Bison 29  
Oberlin 50, Dundy County, Neb. 45  
Scott City 47, Goodland 40  
Smith Center 36, Hill City 32  
St. Francis 57, Hoxie 56  
Tipton 57, Lincoln 53  
Tribune 59, Sharon Springs 46  
Weskan 62, Healy 43

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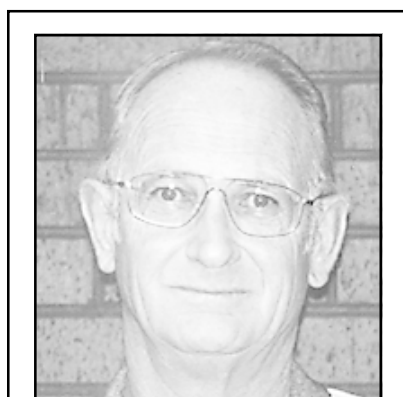
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**Friday, Jan. 25 - C-JV-V BB at Oberlin, 3:45 p.m.**

**Saturday, Jan. 26 - JV-V BB with Hugoton, 4 p.m.; V WR NWKL at Oakley, 8:30 a.m.**

**Monday, Jan. 28 - JV BB Tournament at Colby; "C" BB Tournament at Goodland, 3 p.m.; B.O.E. Meeting, 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 29 - 7/8 Girls BB with Scott City JH Gym 3:30 p.m.**

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