

Cowgirls sweep opponents over busy weekend

By Tom Betz
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The Goodland Cowgirls extended their winning streak to three games by winning on the road Friday at Oberlin, 50-46, and Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse where they defeated Hugoton, 57-32.

The previous win was the third place game against Liberal in the Orange and Black Classic. The two weekend wins bring the Cowgirls season record to 9-4. The win Saturday put the Cowgirls in the positive side on their home court giving them a 4-3 record in games at Max Jones Fieldhouse, and a 5-1 record on the road.

Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood said it was a good stretch for the girls, and they played well. She was pretty happy with the performance Friday as the girls held of a good Oberlin Lady Red Devil team, and then blew out the Hugoton Lady Eagles on Saturday.

"We looked good at times in both games," she said. "We had some very good play off the bench in both games."

This week the Cowgirls will be on the road Friday at St. Francis with the game beginning at 5:30 p.m., and will host Hays High School Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse with the game starting at 5 p.m.

"The St. Francis Lady Indians have played sort of like we have, up one game and down the next," Livengood said. "They are a pretty fast team and sometimes that gives us some problems with team speed, but we have a good team and our big girls give us an advantage. We expect a good game."

"Then Hays High is coming here," she said. "They are always a good team. This will be good competition for our team."

Friday at Oberlin the game was in doubt most of the way as neither team could pull away, and neither had any double-digit leads. With less than two

minutes left StevieLee Raymer's basket and free throw gave the Cowgirls a 47-43 lead. However, with 55 second remaining Oberlin's Kortney Stapp closed the gap with a 3-point shot to cut it to 47-46.

Oberlin went into a full court press and the Cowgirls went into a sort of stall. Oberlin fouled Jessica Osborn who missed the first of a one-and-one, but got the rebound. Her shot wouldn't go and Oberlin got the ball.

Osborn fouled Oberlin's Abby Ream in the act of shooting, but she missed both free throws. Ream then fouled Cowgirl Jayci Stone with 14 seconds remaining.

Stone missed the first, but sank the second free throw to make it a two-point lead, 48-46.

Oberlin tried a 3-point shot, but it was short and Goodland got the rebound. With one second remaining Stapp fouled Stone. Stone sank both free throws to make the final score 50-46.

Anny McCoy led the Cowgirls scoring with 14 points on 7 of 12 field goal shots. Stone had 12 points on 3 of 8 field goals and 6 of 9 free throws.

Erica Mann hit 4 of 9 field goal shots for her 8 points. Osborn had 5 with 1 field goal and 1, 3-point basket; Raymer had 5 on 2 of 6 field goal shots and 1 of 2 free throws; Lacey Brenner had 4 on 2 of 7 field goals; and Hayley Jarmin had 2 on 1 of 2 field goal attempts.

It appeared the Cowgirls were going to have a good game as they led the Lady Red Devils 17-12 after the first quarter, but they were outscored 15-8 in the second quarter to fall behind 27-25 at the half. The Cowgirls turned the tables in the third outscoring Oberlin 15-8 to have a 5-point lead, 40-35 heading into the final quarter.

A couple of turnovers and quick baskets by Oberlin cut the Cowgirl lead quickly, and actually gave the Lady



Goodland's Anny McCoy put it up over Oberlin defenders Friday night in Oberlin.
Photo by Kim Brandt/The Oberlin Herald

Red Devils a 2-point lead with six minutes left.

McCoy tied it up and Stone gave the

Cowgirls a 1-point lead with three minutes left.

The Cowgirls shot 43 percent from

the field (20-46); made 20 percent of their 3-point shots (1-5); and shot 50 percent of free throws (7-14).

They had 32 rebounds with 9 offensive and 23 defensive rebounds. There were three blocked shots with Brenner, Raymer and Mann each credited with one.

Saturday the Cowgirls came out early against the Hugoton Lady Eagles and took a 10-5 lead in the first quarter. They blew by the Lady Eagles in the second outscoring them 19-8 to lead 29-13 at half. In the second half the Cowgirls continued their dominance scoring 14 points in each quarter while the Lady Eagles had 7 in the third and 12 in the fourth leaving the Cowgirls winning 57-32.

Stone led the Cowgirls with 24 points on 8 of 12 field goals; 1 of 3 3-point shots and 5 of 6 free throws. She scored in all four quarters with 4 in the first, 6 in the second, 9 in the third and 5 in the fourth.

Mann had 8 and was 4 for 4 from the field; Osborn had 7 on 1 of 2 field goals, 1 3-point shot and 2 of 2 free throws; McCoy had 6 on 2 of 10 field goal shots and 2 of 4 free throws; Raymer and Stephanie Fairbanks each had 4 on 2 of 3 field goals; Danielle Hellerud had 2 on 1 of 2 field goal shots; and Brenner and Jarmin each had 1 on 1 of 2 free throws.

The Cowgirls shot 44 percent from the field (20-45), 50 percent on 3-point shots (2-4) and 55 percent of their free throws (11-20). The Cowgirls had 29 rebounds with 7 offensive and 22 defensive. There were six blocked shots with Mann getting credit for four and Raymer and Fairbanks each had one block.

For the season the Cowgirls are hitting 32.8 percent of their field goals; 24.2 percent of 3-point shots; and 61.7 percent of free throws. They average nine steals per game, and 16.8 turnovers.

sports briefs

BOSTON (AP) — Regina Jacobs ran the last 200 meters of the women's two-mile in a blistering 32 seconds to win in 9:23.38 and break Lynn Jennings' 16-year-old world indoor record of 9:28.15 at the Boston Indoor Games.

Tim Broe broke Steve Scott's 21-year-old American record in the men's 3,000-meter run.

Mustangs beat Sainty

The seventh grade girls basketball team smashed St. Francis 43-25 Tuesday on the road.

Dani Bedore lead the Mustangs with 25 points, eight rebounds, 1 steal, and no blocks. Whitney Archer had six points, seven rebounds, six steals, and no blocks; and Kaylee Billinger had six points, no rebounds, two steals, and no blocks.

Lindsay Schields had 4, 1, 3, 0; Amber Cowan 2, 1, 2, 0; Jenna McCall 0, 5, 1, 1; Emily Murray 0, 3, 2, 0; Nicki Clancy 0, 2, 0, 0; Stephanie Sheldon 0, 1, 0, 0; and Alicia Studor participated.

The "B" team shut out St. Francis, 18-0.

Sheldon led with six points, one rebound, two steals, and no blocks; Candice Meissinger 4, 2, 2, 0; Chariss Tatman 2, 1, 0, 1; Kerri Bellamy, Vanessa Crotinger, and Studor 2, 0, 1, 0; Brooke Williams 0, 2, 0, 1; Tiffany Bennett 0, 0, 1, 0; and Beverly Albers participated.

Will Knight make tourney?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Considering the way it would boost ticket sales and TV ratings, does anybody want to bet against the NCAA finding a spot for Bob Knight's new team in its tournament field?

And what is it about the numeral 6 that brings out the best in Texas Tech? Exactly one week after the Red Raiders (15-3, 4-2 Big 12) disposed of then-No. 6 Oklahoma State 94-70, they beat No. 6 Oklahoma 92-79.

It's getting harder to argue that the Red Raiders are anything less than good — pretty darn good, in fact. Just six games into the Big 12 season, they already have more conference victories than they managed last season.

Even the hard-to-please Knight seemed pleased with a 39-point swing from the loss the Sooners put on him in Norman.

"We had to play a lot better today than we did in Norman to be competitive," Knight said.

Rams ready for Super Bowl, more experienced this year

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Back in the Super Bowl for the second time in three years, the St. Louis Rams believe they are even better than in 1999. Their defense is stingier, their offense is more versatile, they are more experienced.

And they are just as strong-willed as the first time around.

"In '99, it was really a dream season the way that it played out, and nobody expected us to do anything — that was a special year," NFL MVP Kurt Warner said after Sunday's 29-24 victory over Philadelphia gave the Rams the NFC title.

"This year may be a little more rewarding, because we were really the team that everybody wanted to beat from the get-go. We were favored from the start and to be able to fight through the season and have the season we did,

fight through these last two games and make it back to the Super Bowl, it's very rewarding.

"No doubt we have a lot of talent. But beyond that, you don't win as many games as we won and the tough ones we've won without having a lot of character. I tribute a lot of what we succeeded with this year to that character."

They needed that fortitude in the second half Sunday. Trailing 17-13 at halftime — just the second time the Rams were behind at halftime this season; St. Louis had outscored opponents 329-146 in the first half — the offense and defense displayed talent and grit.

Marshall Faulk carried on the first seven plays of the third quarter, and a 21-yard pass to Torry Holt got the Rams (16-2) into position for Jeff

Wilkins' third field goal, a 41-yarder. He also had 39- and 27-yarders in the opening half.

The Eagles (13-6) went three-and-out, then Warner and favorite receiver Isaac Bruce took charge. Bruce caught three passes for 44 yards on a 71-yard march to Faulk's first 1-yard TD run.

After another three-and-out, the Eagles were floundering.

"They didn't change anything, the intensity just picked up a little bit," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "In the first half we were just clicking on all cylinders. And not to say we weren't clicking on all cylinders in the second half, they controlled the time clock and what they were doing was just running the ball and having the time clock run out."

Faulk, who rushed for a career play-

off high of 159 yards, scored on another 1-yard dive, making it 27-19. Although McNabb led the Eagles back, scoring on a 3-yard run with 2:56 remaining, he was intercepted by All-Pro cornerback Aeneas Williams to kill Philadelphia's last real chance.

After Williams got his sixth career playoff interception, he ran all the way to his own end zone, flanked by jubilant teammates, to celebrate his first Super Bowl trip after 10 generally unrewarding seasons in Arizona.

"I've enjoyed the journey," Williams said. "This is a very special team."

Special enough to add another Vince Lombardi Trophy to the team's collection? Perhaps.

The last time New England lost was a 24-17 home defeat to the Rams on Nov. 18.

bowling results

Goodland Dart League
Jan. 23
Just Us over Can't Get Started 10-6
Silver Bullets over 3MATA3 10-6
No Luck over Bad A's 10-6
Fourth round outs: Kevin Delano, Chris Dawdy, Mark Wear (2), Duane Hanke (3).

9 dart outs: Kevin Delano, Duane Hanke
8 dart outs: Kevin Delano

Hattricks: Eric Smith, Paul Simons, Mel Bracelin, Kevin Delano (2), Duane Hanke (3).
High ton: Eric Smith

Most wins: Duane Hanke (6), Paul Simons (5), Kim Gonzalez (4), Kevin Delano (4), Mark Wear (4), Chris Dawdy (4), Louie Yarger (4).

Most tons: Duane Hanke (6), Paul Simons (5), Kim Gonzalez (4), Kevin Delano (4), Mark Wear (4), Chris Dawdy (4), Louie Yarger (4).

Standings: Just Us 180, 76; Can't Get Started 153, 103; Bad A's 125, 131; Silver Bullets 117, 139; No Luck 107, 149; 3MATA3 86, 170.

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Goodland All-Star Booster Club

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

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - Screening Comm. Meeting, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31 - JV BB Tournament at Colby; C BB Tournament at Goodland, 3 p.m.; Regional Scholars Bowl; 7/8 Girls BB with Atwood, JH Gym 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 - JV-V BB at St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.; JV-V WR with St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.; North Parent Lunch.

Saturday, Feb. 2 - Girls C BB at Atwood, 9 a.m.; 9-10 WR at Goodland, 8 a.m.; JV-V BB with Hays High, 5 p.m.; Regional Piano Festival.

Monday, Feb. 4 - JV BB Tournament at Goodland, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - NHS Inductions; JH WR at Cheyenne Wells Tournament, 2 p.m.; 7/8 Girls BB at Burlington, 4 p.m.

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