

Girls finish second

The Goodland Cowgirls freshman team placed second on Thursday at their home "C" team tournament, after losing 55-17 to Sharon Springs.

The championship games were canceled last week because of snow and rescheduled for Thursday. The Cowgirls beat Burlington 47-33 last Monday to advance to the finals.

The Cowboys "C" team defeated Burlington 88-48 in the first round and snatching first place from Colby in a close 52-50 game Thursday. Statistics for that game were not available Friday.

The freshman girls' season record is now 2-9, after they took down Norton at a tournament in Atwood on Saturday.

Coach Mitch Hixson said the Sharon Springs game was disappointing, coming after the win in Atwood. He said Goodland just couldn't match Sharon Springs and got into foul trouble in the second half.

The Cowgirls were called on 23 fouls, while Sharon Springs had only six during the entire game.

Sharon Springs took a huge lead early, ending the first half 23-8. Goodland was unable to recover, scoring just 9 points in the second half compared to their opponent's 32.

Coach Hixson blamed himself. "I take full responsibility for the loss tonight," he said. "Obviously, we weren't able to be competitive and my job as the coach is to see we are."

Emily Burkett and Jennifer Enfield each had 4 points; Gami Cloyd 3; and Whitney Carmichael, Abby Murray and Aubrey Winter, 2.



Cowgirl Ciara Abbey tried to get a shot past the Sharon Springs Lady Wildcat defense Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Cowboys to face Oakley

Goodland basketball teams will face the Oakley Plainsmen today starting at 3:45 today at Max Jones Fieldhouse, with the varsity girls starting at 5:30 p.m. and the boys about 7.

The "C" teams play at 3:45 p.m., followed by the boys junior varsity about 5:30 p.m., and the girls junior varsity about 7 p.m.

The varsity Cowgirls' season record stands at 11-4, and they are at a five-game winning streak. They have a 6-1 record away and a 5-3 record at Max Jones, where they have won their last two games. The Lady Plainsmen have dropped their last two.

Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood is pleased with the way the Cowgirls are playing.

"We seemed to gel in the Hays game," she said. "The girls have had a good week of practice."

Looking at the Lady Plainsmen, Livengood said, "They have improved a lot since the first part of the season, and I expect them to be tougher than most people expect. They are pretty young,

but will be another good test for us. "We can't afford to look past anyone now, as we are in the heart of the season and sub-state is not far off."

The Cowgirls will play the Colby Lady Eagles at home on Tuesday, travel to Hoxie Friday and play Wray, Colo., at Max Jones on Saturday.

The varsity Cowboys have a record of 6-9.

Coach Jon McLean says Oakley is much improved this year, but he says he thinks his team has a good shot of coming out on top.

The junior varsity teams play the final round of the Goodland Invitational Tournament Monday. The boys will play Burlington at 4:30 p.m. for third place, and the girls will face Sharon Springs at 6 p.m. for the championship.

Olympic security tightest ever

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its final destination: the extravaganza at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium.

The ceremony and ensuing two weeks of competition take place under the tightest security ever at an Olympics. With America still on alert after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a 16,000-member force is on hand to patrol Olympic grounds and the skies above.

"Now that perhaps the most terrible terrorist incident in the world's history has happened on our shores, it calls for a very serious response to terrorism and to protecting our people and our guests," Salt Lake

Insult to wrestlers not intentional

I got myself and the paper in a bit of trouble this week. I put the headline "Don't let your boys grow up to be wrestlers" on a picture of wrestler Brian Imel hugging his mother at senior's night.

It was a great picture. It was a night where seniors could show appreciation for what their parents have done for them, and where parents could show how proud they are of their almost-adult children.

I'm afraid I ruined the magic of the picture for some with my headline. It wasn't meant to be insulting. It was a word play on the famous country song, and was meant to show that even rough-and-tumble wrestlers have mothers who love them.

Plus the song was about cowboys. Our high school is known as the Goodland Cowboys, and I thought I had hit upon a clever title.

Not everyone agreed. A father of a wrestler came into our office the next morning and said he didn't appreciate the header. He called it "garbage" and "non-professional." He said the wrestling program deserved more respect. A mother of another wrestler called



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our office Thursday morning and said "everybody" was upset about it.

Well, I don't know about everybody, but I'm a little upset with myself. I thought I was being clever, but now as I look back at it, I see where it could seem I was being flippant, or even derogatory towards our wrestlers.

It wasn't intentional. I have a great deal of respect for our wrestlers. These guys go out there and take on any comers, in pain and in sickness. They don't back down from anybody, and they have spent years honing their skills. Not to mention they're pretty darn good.

In the history of the school, Goodland wrestlers have had five state championships, including 1997 and 2000, and 50 individual state championships, compared to 17 for all other sports. If things go well at regionals, they

have a shot at the title this year, too.

After some thought, I called Maryln Imel at her home, and told her I realized the headline might have been inappropriate, and I apologized. Mrs. Imel said she didn't mind it at all. She thought it was funny. She said it was a clever turn of phrase.

You can imagine how relieved I was. The woman in the picture wasn't offended by the headline, so I was off the hook.

Well, not exactly. I offended two people enough for them to come down to our office or phone in their complaints. If two people were upset enough to let us know about it, there must be 20 or 200 people who just don't have the time to do it.

I apologize. I did not mean to insult anybody. The gentleman who came to our office told us "these kids deserve better than this."

He's right. They do. They have earned respect, and should not have to worry about flippant headlines.

Big 12 coaches share friendship

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Roy Williams might let loose with the occasional "shucks" or "darnit" — even "dadgummit," if he's really steamed.

Bob Knight once instructed that he be buried face down so his critics could kiss his — well, you know.

Yet despite their differences in style, Kansas' Williams said, the two coaches — whose teams meet Saturday for the first time since Knight joined the Big 12 with Texas Tech — share common goals and a genuine friendship.

"I've heard people say negative things about him, but they don't say them very long around me before I stop them," Williams said Thursday. "He's been great to me. Our relationship was

good at the start, and it's only gotten better and better." It's more important to hear what Knight is saying than how he says it, Williams said.

"I've never been offended by someone's vocabulary," he said. "That's just speech. I try to look and see what a guy's done, and what he shows me. ... I have a great deal of respect not only for his coaching, but for his thoughts about what college basketball should be."

Williams, a disciple of former North

Carolina coach Dean Smith, usually does things Smith's way at Kansas. However, he borrowed what has become a tradition — allowing seniors to address the crowd on Senior Day — from Knight's Indiana program.

"A huge portion of what I do is stolen from Coach Smith — how I work every day in the office, how I coach on the floor, everything," Williams said. "But if there's any other coach I've stolen from, that I imitate, it's Coach Knight."

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