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 Fri-

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

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

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.

the Oakley Plainsmen today starting at

3:45 today at Max Jones Fieldhouse,

with the varsity girls starting at 5:30

The "C" teams play at 3:45 p.m.,

followed by the boys junior varsity

about 5:30 p.m., and the girls junior

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

two games. The Lady Plainsmen have

Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood

"We seemed to gel in the Hays

game," she said. "The girls have had a

Looking at the Lady Plainsmen, Livengood said, "They have improved a

lot since the first part of the season, and

expect them to be tougher than most

people expect. They are pretty young,

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dropped their last two.

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Cowboys to face Oakley

Goodland basketball teams will face but will be another good test for us.



Cowgirl Ciara Abbey tried to get a shot past the Sharon Springs Lady Wildcat defense Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

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



"everybody" was upset about it.

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 de-

It wasn't intentional. I have a great

deal of respect for our wrestlers. These

guys go out there and take on any com-

ers, 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

Goodland wrestlers have had five state

championships, including 1997 and

rogatory towards our wrestlers.

doug stephens

talking sports

this year, too.

After some thought, l called Maryln Imel at her home, and told her l realized the headline might have been inappropriate, and I apolo-

our office Thursday morning and said gized. Mrs. Imel said she didn't mind it at all. She thought it was funny. She said it was a clever turn of phrase. Well, I don't know about everybody,

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

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

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

He's right. They do. They have 2000, and 50 individual state champions, compared to 17 for all other sports. earned respect, and should not have to If things go well at regionals, they 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 Carolina coach Dean Smith, usually better and better." It's more important does things Smith's way at Kansas. 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 only for his coaching, but for his thoughts about what college basketball should be."

Williams, a disciple of former North Knight."

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 me. ... I have a great deal of respect not 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



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City organizing chief Mitt Romney said. "Does that mean it's impossible for anything bad to happen? Of course not."

American speedskater Amy Peterson wasn't worried.

"I've never felt safer in my life," said Peterson, competing in her fifth

Authorities quickly dispensed with one possible threat Thursday. Police detonated a suspicious package — a plastic grocery bag filled "Now that perhaps the most ter- with fuses and electrical wire history has happened on our shores, blocks from the Olympic media cenit calls for a very serious response to ter. Construction workers spotted terrorism and to protecting our the bag near a support beam and

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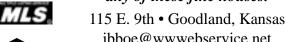
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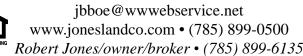
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play Burlington at 4:30 p.m. for third

place, and the girls will face Sharon

Springs at 6 p.m. for the championship.

much improved this year, but he says

he thinks his team has a good shot of

Lady Eagles at home on Tuesday,

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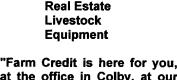
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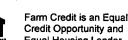
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