

Cowgirls extend streak

By Tom Betz
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The Cowgirls' winning streak now stands at six after they defeated the Oakley Lady Plainsmen 61-58 on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The win brought the Cowgirls' season record to 12-4. They have a 6-1 record away and a 6-3 record at Max Jones Fieldhouse, where they have won their last three home games.

Tuesday, the Cowgirls will try to extend the streak again as they travel to Colby to meet the Lady Eagles at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time at the Colby Community Building. The junior varsity games will be played at Colby High School.

In January, the Cowgirls took it on the chin from the Colby girls, losing 57-44 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"We cannot let down," said Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood. "The girls are playing well, but it will be a real tough game in Colby."

There are four games left before the substate playoffs, including the Colby game Tuesday.

Friday, the Cowgirls travel to Hoxie, and Saturday they will host Wray, Colo. The final regular season game will be Tuesday, Feb. 19 at home

with Norton.

The Cowgirls fell behind early in the first quarter against Oakley, 8-4, but a 3-point shot and a lay-up by Jayci Stone gave Goodland the lead, 9-8, with 2:43 left in the first quarter. Stone led the Cowgirls with 18 points, scoring 7 in the first period.

The Cowgirls led 13-11 at the end of the quarter, with StevieLee Raymer and Hayley Jarmin getting the final baskets. Jarmin was in double figures with 10, and Raymer was close behind with 9.

Oakley's Veronica Kuhlman tied the score at 13 in the first 30 seconds of the second, but baskets by Jarmin and Stone gave the Cowgirls a 4-point lead, 17-13. The Cowgirls extended the lead when Erica Mann hit her first basket of the game with 2:15 in the half. Mann had 10 for the game, including two free throws in the final quarter to seal the win.

The Cowgirls led 32-23 heading into the third quarter, and outscored the Lady Plainsmen 20-19 to extend it to 52-42 heading into the final eight minutes.

The Cowgirls stayed in the lead, but the Lady Plainsmen, behind the shooting of Kuhlman and Brooke Inlow,

managed to cut into the margin. With short bursts of shooting, they cut the lead to four, 56-52 with 2:33 remaining.

Raymer put the Cowgirls back up by four at 1:45, and followed that with two free throws to give Goodland a 60-54 lead with one minute left.

Inlow got a basket with 39 seconds, but a deliberate foul by Oakley's Tricia Geist put Goodland's Stone at the free throw line, where she made one of two shots to make it 61-56.

Danielle Hellerud was fouled by Oakley's Emily Pilkington with 20 seconds left. It was Pilkington's fifth foul and she was out of the game. Hellerud missed both free throws.

The final points were made by Inlow from the free throw line, where she made two shots to make it 61-58 with 5.5 seconds remaining.

Goodland got the ball inbounds, and held it to the buzzer to get the win.

Jessica Osborn had 8 points, Anny McCoy had 4 and Hellerud had 2.

The Cowgirls hit 52 percent from the field (24-46), Stone had the lone 3-point basket, and the team hit 45 percent of the free throws (10-22). There were five blocked shots and 16 steals. The Cowgirls had 23 turnovers.



Cowgirl Jayci Stone laid one up Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Hot Cowboys make it look easy beating Oakley Plainsmen on Friday



Cowboy Bryan Mai waited for Oakley's Brett Robben to land Friday before he made his shot, putting the Cowboys up 50-33 on Friday. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

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The Cowboys made it look easy Friday night, beating the Oakley Plainsmen at Max Jones Fieldhouse 74-52.

Andrew Melia and Jordan Riebel came on strong in the first quarter. Melia put up eight of Goodland's first 10 points with assists from Riebel, and Riebel put up three treys out of six he would have for the night.

With two free throws from Don Raymer, the Cowboys led the quarter 26-13. Oakley stepped up at the start of the second. Plainsman Cody Stattler managed to steal the Cowboy's first possession, and Landon Morel faked Aaron Gittinger off the floor, stepped in and popped the ball in. Stattler got another steal and put it in, cutting the

lead to 26-17.

Lance Tedford swung the momentum back to Goodland by stealing the ball at the defensive end and driving it down-court, drawing a foul on the shot from Morel. He made both free throws.

Oakley came back with a quick lay-up by Brett Robben and a three-pointer by Drew Siruta.

A free throw left the Plainsmen down by five.

Cowboy sharpshooters Gittinger and Tedford both made treys and big man Raymer got two baskets from the paint, allowing Goodland to end the half with an 11-point lead.

The Cowboys started off the third quarter with a three-pointer by Riebel and five points from Gittinger, who worked his way past the Oakley de-

fense to lay it in and popped a trey from the left side. That built a 46-29 lead and forced an Oakley time-out. Goodland kept at the Oakley defense and led 60-41 at the end of the quarter.

Bryan Mai faked out Robben at the start of the fourth, drawing him off his feet and getting a foul. Riebel got it inside to Mai a few plays later for an easy bucket.

Raymer got the pass from Gittinger on the next possession, and put the lead at 66-43, forcing another Plainsmen time-out.

Oakley never managed to pull it back together, and the Cowboys strode through the rest of the night, leading by a large margin.

Riebel led scoring with 20, followed by Melia with 16. Tedford 14, Raymer

10, Gittinger 8, Mai 4, Linen 2.

The win brings the Cowboys' record to 7-9. They travel to Colby Tuesday to meet their traditional rival, the Eagles, around 7 p.m. Mountain Time at the Colby Community Building.

Colby has a record of 6-11 after beating Quinter Friday night 71-60. Goodland last played Colby Jan. 4, winning that game with a buzzer-beating shot.

	FG	FT	3P	TP
Gittinger	3	0-0	2	8
Riebel	7	0-0	6	20
Melia	8	0-2	0	16
Tedford	4	2-2	4	14
Raymer	4	2-3	0	10
Mai	2	0-0	0	4
Linen	1	0-0	0	2

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Rules favor Ford drivers

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tony Stewart and the Ford drivers were the only ones celebrating after the first race of the NASCAR season.

Stewart drove his Pontiac to victory Sunday in the Budweiser Shootout, a nonpoints race at Daytona International Speedway. Two hours after its completion, NASCAR reduced the spoilers on the Fords to make the Tauruses more competitive.

The rules change overshadowed Stewart's second straight victory in the made-for-TV event and spawned a flurry of complaints from the other three car makes.

"The Dodge camp is now basically behind the eight ball across the board," said Tony Glover, team manager for Chip Ganassi Racing. "It's disheartening and it's disappointing when you start into a situation as an underdog."

NASCAR cut a quarter-inch off the Ford's rear spoilers following their poor showing in the shootout.

The spoilers will be reduced to 6 inches, a full half-inch smaller than they were when NASCAR first introduced its new aerodynamic package late last fall. NASCAR took the first quarter-inch away last month after the Fords tested poorly under the new rules.

The Fords can begin using the smaller spoilers on Tuesday, and NASCAR will monitor their progress in the 125-mile qualifying races on Thursday. Should the decision shift the disadvantage to any of the other three car makes, NASCAR president Mike Helton said more changes could be made before next Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500.

"We're making these changes based on results on the track," Helton said. "This action is coming from what we've seen in Daytona so far."



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Wednesday, Feb. 13 - FCCLA Elections, Star Events; Central Site Council Meeting, 4 p.m.; JH League Music Festival at Colby.

Thursday, Feb. 14 - 7/8 Girls BB at Colby, 3:30 p.m. (A & B); JH WR Triangular at Goodland at the JH Gym, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15 - JV, V BB at Hoxie, 5:30 p.m.; Regional Wrestling.

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Regional Wrestling; State Piano Festival; JV, V BB with Wray, 3 p.m.; C BB Tournament at Benkelman, 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 18 - No School - Teacher Inservice.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 - 9, JV, V BB with Norton, 5:30 p.m.; Senior BB Parents Night; JH League WR Tournament at Hoxie, 3 p.m.

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