After leading by 7 at halftime, the Goodland Cowboys "C" basketball team scored only 7 points in the second half of an away game against the Colby Eagles Tuesday, losing 44-39.

Coach Travis Witman said the Cowboys' performance was almost the exact opposite of what the did against Leoti on Monday — when Goodland had a disappointing first half, but picked it up in the second for a narrow 51-47 loss.

The coach said he was pleased with the play at both ends of the court during the first half, which ended with a 32-25 score in Goodland's favor.

"We came out very strong and had a great first half," he said. "We executed the offense and got some great looks at the basket. We played very solid de-

Witman said something broke down

"We played as bad in the second half as we played good in the first," he said. "We just seemed to be out of sync."

After bringing in 32 points in the first half, the Cowboys only scored 3 in the third quarter and 4 in the fourth. The Eagles also brought in less points in the second half than they had in the first, but they still outscored the Cowboys 10-3 in the third quarter and 9-4 in the fourth, taking the game.

The coach said Goodland didn't look like the same team in the second half.

"We didn't execute on offense," he said, "and we didn't defend well on the defensive end. We seemed to lose our focus and our intensity level was way

Witman said he was disappointed and the players seemed frustrated with their performance.

"We have a very good team," he said, 'and it is very aggravating as a coach and a player when you have an off

David Livengood scored 11 points; Brock Lohr, 6; Josef Felver, 5; Wade Taylor, 4; Lane Winter and Drew Wilkens, each 3; Derrick Raymer, Dan Melia and Craig Nelson, each 2; and Jake Johnson, 1.

The Cowboys did have a good night against Oakley last Friday, defeating the Plainsmen 49-33.

Witman said the Cowboys came out strong, outscoring the Plainsmen 15-4 in the first quarter, but had trouble executing their offense in the second and allowed Oakley to score 9 points. Goodland headed into the second half with a 27-13 lead.

"I told the team to be ready to play when we started the third quarter," the coach said, "and the play up to their

He said the Cowboys didn't do that, coming out flat and only scoring 8 points in the quarter. The Plainsmen scored 16 points in the third, but it wasn't enough to catch Goodland, which came back in the fourth, outscoring Oakley 12-4.

"The fourth quarter was better," Witman said, "but we still didn't play like I know we can. We seemed to have a lot of mental breakdowns and we lacked the intensity that had seen in the previous few games.'

Lohr scored 17 points; Winter, 12; and Livengood and Melia, each 10.

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Both freshman teams fall at Leoti

The Goodland Cowboys "C" team and the Cowgirls freshman team both fell to the Leoti Indians at away basketball games on Monday, with the boys barely losing 51-47 and the girls trounced 56-25.

Travis Witman, Cowboys coach, said the players started off slow, allowing Leoti to score 26 points in the first half, while Goodland brought in 17.

"We seemed to have trouble executing our 1-3-1 trap and our offense," he

"We did have a long wait before we played and I'm not sure we were mentally ready."

The coach said the Cowboys made adjustments at halftime that helped them outscore the Indians 20-5 in the third quarter, which made the Cowboys able to take the lead for the first

"We executed our offense and played excellent defense," he said.

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with Leoti turning the tables to outscore Goodland 20-10 and take the

"We played pretty well in the fourth," the coach said, "but they hit a couple of treys on us late and we found ourselves scrambling to catch up." The Cowboys had some chances to

players missed a few free-throws and couldn't get shots to fall. The coach said he felt the players

"I was very pleased at our effort," he said. "We played a much improved

second half, with the boys giving their full effort.' Brock Lohr led the team in scoring, bringing in 18 points. Wade Taylor

wasn't far behind with 12; David Liv-

engood had 9; Dan Melia, 5; and Lane

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Mitch Hixson, Cowgirls freshman

The fourth quarter didn't go as well, coach, said problems with defensive communication led to the big loss.

"Our defense let us down," he said. "Things we've been working on all year we just didn't do. Communication about screens and picks, having someone on the help line, sprinting back on

Leoti ended the first half with a huge win in the fourth quarter, he said, but 32-3 lead, and though the Cowgirls were much-improved in the second half—outscoring the Indians 13-10 in the fourth quarter — they couldn't

> The coach said little mistakes cost Goodland the game.

"You give yourself very little chance if you make mistakes," he said.

Ciara Abbey scored 6 points; Whitney Carmicheal, 5; Shannon Showalter, 4; Abby Murray and Gami Cloyd, each 3; and Aubrey Winter and Jennifer Enfield, each 2.

Girls face Hoxie

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Tonight, the Goodland High Cowgirls make their final regular-season road appearance at Hoxie at 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

The last two regular season games will be on the Cowgirls' home court at Max Jones Fieldhouse, facing Wray on Saturday and Norton on Tuesday. The Cowgirls' record is 12-5, 6-2 on the road and 6-3 at Max Jones.

"Hoxie has average height," says Cowgirl Coach Connie Livengood. "They have a couple of good guards, and they are quick down the floor. They play a lot of full court pressure and man-to-man.

"We will have to play a very good

Looking ahead to Wray, who they beat in December, she said the Colorado team has improved, and they will be tougher.

said, since the Cowgirls have won several in a row.

The final home game will be Tuesday against Norton, and Livengood said she expects that to be a very good

"They may have seven losses," she said, "but they have a good team, and have lost to very good teams. They have a 6-foot center who is averaging 24 points a game, and two quick guards. They play a lot of full court pressure and man-to-man which we have seen a lot this season."

Livengood says the Cowgirls' seed-

ing in the sub-state tournament next

week may depend as much on what happens between Larned and Pratt as on what the Goodland girls do. "We are still in the picture, and we need to play as well as possible to help

our record," she said. "We don't know whether we will be playing away or at home for that first game, but we will know by Wednesday.'

The first round for the girls will be "It will be a grudge match now," she Monday, Feb. 25, and Livengood said the Cowgirls could host Norton, or be on the road against Ulysses or Pratt.



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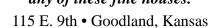
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