

Players learn basics in basketball program

By Doug Stephens
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Elementary boys showed a good-sized crowd of friends and family Thursday what they have learned about playing basketball in the past six weeks at the Goodland Activities Center.

Passing the ball almost as often as the Harlem Globetrotters, the kids show facets of the game they've learned, including sportsmanship and teamwork. There wasn't a ball hog in the bunch.

There were few fouls, and most of those happened because a player just lost his balance. There were fewer traveling and double-dribble calls than there are in an average NBA game.

Scoring was a little short. After two eight-minute halves, the scoreboard reads 12-10.

The important thing is not the score, of course. Their kids are on the court having a good time, and that's good enough for the parents and fans packing the gym.

The center finished its boys' basketball season Thursday, a six-week program designed to teach young players the fundamentals of the game, said Administrator Donna Terry.

"We do keep score, and we keep track of fouls," she said, "but the important thing is to get them introduced to the game of basketball."

"We want them to learn the skills and just get out on the court and play."



Brock Wilkens defended against Erik Roeder (right) Thursday at the Goodland Activities Center. Coach Tina Roeder watched the action (above) with Erik Roeder (at left) and Andrew Shores.

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There was no tournament in the season, she said, just a chance for the kids to play. Each team played six games, plus practices. Each coach sets the practice schedule, Terry said, but it's usually once or twice a week.

There about 70 kids who make up the boys and girls leagues, Terry said. The boys are split, with one league for third and fourth graders, and another for fifth and sixth graders. Girls have one league, third through fifth grades. No sixth grade girls were interested this

year, Terry said. "We have to work with the sign-ups," she said. "Last year we had a bunch of sixth grade girls. If we had more players, we could structure the leagues differently."

The girls play four-on-four on a half-court, as do the younger boys. Fifth and sixth graders play 5-on-5 on a full-court.

"Part of what we're doing is teaching them to shoot and dribble, the basics," Terry said. "We don't want to spend all their time running up and down the court."

There is a registration fee. Anyone

can participate, but members of the center get a discount.

"We think this is building up a basketball program in Goodland," Terry said. "We are giving kids a chance to get involved with basketball before they reach the junior high level."

"They play it in PE. in elementary school, but it just isn't the same."

"It's important we teach the fundamentals at a young age," said Tina Roeder, coach of her son Erik's younger-boys team. "Colby has a strong youth basketball program, which is probably why their girls team did so well this year." (The Colby High Lady Eagles beat Goodland three times on the way to the state tournament.)

Roeder said she played basketball in high school and college, but she didn't start playing the game until junior high.

"I wish I could have joined a program like this when I was younger," she said.

This is the third year the center has had the program, Roeder said, and she has seen improvement each year.

"Kids are smart, they pick up things pretty fast," she said.

She had a lot of fun trying to teach the kids how to set a pick, she said.

"Some of them really like it," she said, "and others are afraid of setting up for it because they think they'll be called for a foul."

The kids enjoy playing at the center, Roeder said. Watching the players scramble on the court to recover wayward jump shots, smile as they dribbled the ball across the court, and hold their tempers in a very physical sport, it was hard not to agree.

Wrestlers win in two

The Goodland Wrestling Club had members in two matches Saturday, with at least 10 wrestlers winning their age/weight classes.

Their next matches will be Saturday in Atwood and Phillipsburg.

Scott City Tournament

Six and under: Brook Bahe, fourth, 46 pounds.

Eight and under: Kayler Rietcheck, second, 70 pounds; Nathaniel Smith, participated, 61 pounds; Jace Cowan, participated, 64 pounds.

10 and under: Paul Starr, first, 79; Nathan Deeds, second, 82; Teather Dautel, third, 64; Ryan Taylor, third, 95.

12 and under: Jordan Albers, first,

72; A.J. Stephens, first, 84; T.J. Hawkins, first, 115; Casey Henderson, first, 120; Preston Dautel, second, 76; Aaron Deeds, second, 92; Nicholas Smith, second, 130; Jordan Roane, third, 130.

14 and under: Brett Bahe, first, 85; Brandon Zelfer, first, 100; Brandon Cowan, first, 150; Wyatt Dautel, second, 115; Brandon Hatfield, second, 130; Blake Saint, second, 135; Justin Holloway, third, 110; Mark Starr, third, 155.

Norton Tournament

Six and under: Gabriel Ledesma, participated, 52.

12 and under: Phillip Bullington, first, 92; Bobby Doxon, first, 165; Michael Ledesma, second, 80.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Mixed League Feb. 20

Men high game: George Phillips-991
Womens High Game: Sandra Gottschalk-232

Mens high series: George Phillips-615
Womens high series: Marilyn Sthenen-535

Gamblers over Kanorado Coop 4-0
Mudslingers over Goodland Sheet Metal 3-1
D&G Clan over Mueller Grain 3-1
Blossom Shoppe over Kickers 3-1
Shear Dimensions over Phillips Brothers 3-1
Guzzling Socializers over Phantoms 3-1

League Standings: Kanorado Coop 68, 36; Gamblers 66, 38; Mueller Grain 63 1/2, 40 1/2;

Guggin Socializers 60, 44; Shear Dimensions 59, 45

Wednesday Night Mens Scratch Classic League Feb. 27

Western Ks Valley over L&M Steel
Sigco over Basgall Construction
Bowladium Lanes over Weber Kennels
Fitzgibbons over ProLine

Individual high game: Jerry Amthor-279
Individual high series: Jerry Amthor-943

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-661
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2395

Standings: Bowladium Lanes 15, 5; Sigco 13 1/2; Fitzgibbon's Inc. 11 1/2, 8 1/2; Western Ks Valley 11,

9; L&M Steel 9, 11; ProLine 8 1/2, 11 1/2; Basgall Construction 7, 13; Weber Kennels 5, 15

Thursday Night Mixed League Feb. 21

McDonald's over Half Fast Four 3-1
The Grannies & The Gramps over the Blind Team 4-0
Mex & Company over Our Team 3-1
Goodland Development Corp over SunAmerica 4-0
Weis Oil over Charlie's Angel 4-0

Womens high game: Joann Matthews-221
Womens high series: Joann Matthews-515
Team high games: McDonald's-854
Team high series: Mex & Company-2472
Standings: The Grannies & The Gramps 7, 1;

Weis Oil 7, 1; Goodland Development Corp 7, 1

Happy Our Bowling League Feb. 21

Wheatridge Farms over KMA 4-0
B&B Electric split with Pocket Rockets 2-2
Bowladium Lanes over Kanorado COOP 4-0
Rasure Lumber over Blind Team 4-0

Team high game: Bowladium Lanes-916
Team high series: Bowladium Lanes-2577

Individual high game: Phil Helzer-271
Individual high series: Phil Helzer-736

Standings: Bowladium Lanes 8, 0; Wheatridge Farms 8, 0; Rasure Lumber 7, 1

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