

Cowgirls win first, 60-42

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The Cowgirls took an early lead and never looked back Friday as they out-ran the Imperial Lady Longhorns, 60-42, in the season opener.

This will be a busy week for the Cowgirls who travel to Burlington Tuesday for a game at 5:30 p.m., and then face Holyoke at 6 p.m. Thursday in the opening round of the annual Topside Tipoff Tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls scored early and often against Imperial leading 13-3 midway through the first quarter, and it was 24-10 at the end of the quarter.

In the second the Cowgirls outscored the Longhorns 19-6 to have a commanding 43-16 lead at halftime.

The Cowgirls continued to score well in the third extending the lead to 57-24 after three quarters.

With the large lead the Cowgirls seemed to go into hibernation in the final quarter being outscored 18-3 giving the Longhorns a chance to make the score look closer than the first three quarters.

"I was a fun opener," said Coach Connie Livengood, "Sure wasn't a nail biter."

"Our inexperience showed in the fourth quarter," she said. "We put the younger girls in. The only way they will learn is to play, and I am sure they will get better."

The only Cowgirl points in the final quarter were a basket by Whitney Carmichael and a free throw by Tess Schultz.

High scorer for the Cowgirls was Jayci Stone who had 22 points with 6 field goals, 3 3-point baskets and 1 free throw. She had 2 fouls, 1 steal, 6 turnovers and a team leading 11 rebounds.

Jessica Osborn had 15 points on 3 field goals and 3 3-point baskets. She had 2 steals, 2 turnovers and 2 fouls. Osborn had 1 rebound.

Anny McCoy was the third Cowgirl in double figures with 10 points on 5 field goals. She had 3 rebounds and 3 fouls.

Justen Keohler had 6 points on 3 field goals and 3 rebounds.



Jessica Osborn tried to get position under the basket for a rebound against the Longhorns of Imperial, Neb. Friday. The Cowgirls won the game 60-42.

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Kendra Billinger had 2 points on 1 field goal. There was a scare early in the first quarter when Billinger went down on the court with a possible knee injury. She was checked out by the emergency medical technician, and later returned to the lineup. She had three rebounds.

Cortney Shields and Carmichael each had 2 points.

Schultz had 1 point on a free throw in the final quarter, and had 5 rebounds to round out the scoring.

The Cowgirls out rebounded the Longhorns 28-19. The Cowgirls

outshot the Longhorns 46 percent to 22 percent and made 80 percent of their free throws to 56 percent by the Longhorns.

Livengood said the Longhorns had lost to McCook on Thursday by 20 points, and felt the Cowgirls should win the game, but was surprised at how well the girls played.

As for the Burlington game Livengood says they have three pretty good players and should be a good test.

"We have a good team, and I think we will be in every game we play," Livengood said.

Longhorns surprise Cowboys

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The Imperial Longhorns were a tough opening team for the Cowboys as they out ran, out shot and out hustled the Cowboys to beat them soundly 76-64 Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowboys have today to get ready for the next stop as they travel on Tuesday to Burlington for a game at 7 p.m. Thursday the Cowboys will face Holyoke in the opening round of the Topside Tipoff tournament at 8 p.m.

"We made too many mistakes," said Cowboy Coach Jon McLean. "Imperial had a great player in Ed Kaiser. He may be the best player we see all year."

"We had some first game jitters," he said. "There is a lot of season left and we will do better. Actually with the mistakes we made it was good we were able to make a couple of runs to get close and to have lost only by 12 points."

Kaiser gave the Longhorns a 4-0 lead early in the first on a tip ball and a layup and they were on their way. Halfway through the first the Longhorns had a 10-2 lead.

McLean called a time out and the Cowboys put on more pressure when they came back out, but they could not get their shots to fall.

Don Raymer got the Cowboys going with an inside basket on a pass from Bobby Miller and then Kris Rubio got a basket on a pass from Don Raymer to make it 12-6 with 1:15 remaining. Miller got a basket to fall and then Kevin Schulte fed a pass in to Don Raymer cut it to 12-10 with 33 seconds left.

However, the Longhorns scored the next six points to lead 18-10 at the end of one quarter.

The Longhorns started the second quarter like they had the first extending the lead to 22-10 before Cowboy Jared Duke got a basket.

Cowboy Lance Tedford came in halfway through the period and sparked another run with a layup and feeding a pass to Miller to cut the lead to 4 at 24-20.

Two free throws by Miller again had the Cowboys within 2, 24-22 with three minutes left in the half. The Longhorns would not give the Cowboys a chance to tie or lead as they stayed in front and led 33-29 at the break.

With the starters in for both teams the Longhorns again stretched out their lead to 58-46. The Cowboys got close twice in the quarter, but the Longhorns would go on a short run to get the lead back.

Tedford had 2 3-point baskets in the quarter to help keep the Cowboys close.

The Cowboys looked better in the third quarter, but turnovers still plagued them.

Beginning the final period the Longhorns stretched the lead to 64-46 with six minutes left. Imperial's John Strand

was called for his fifth foul, and then a technical foul was added for something he said.

Aaron Gittinger shot the two technical free throws and Tedford had the two free throws to cut the lead to 64-50.

The Cowboys did not give up, but the Longhorns continued to pull away leading 74-59 with two minutes remaining.

Jase Herl hit a 3-point basket and Drew Wilkens had a basket on a pass from Alan Cebula for the final Cowboy scoring. The Longhorns won the game 76-64.

McLean said the Cowboys had 28 turnovers in the game, and that it was hard to win that way.

"We didn't shoot well making 21 of 54 shots for 39 percent," he said. "Again it is hard to win."

McLean praised the efforts of Tedford who had at team high 16 points with 4 steals and 4 rebounds.

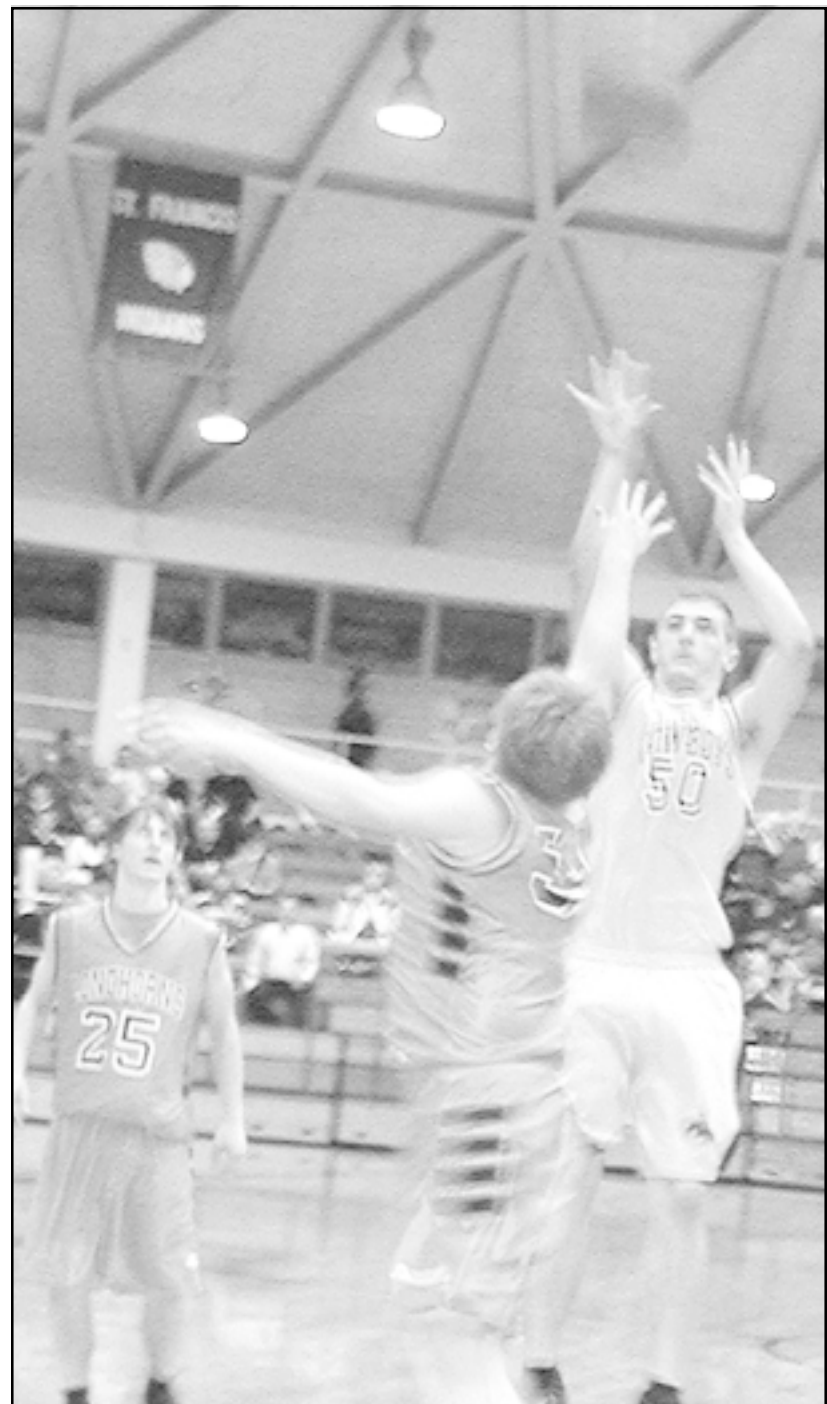
"Our post players didn't get the ball enough," he said, "and we just didn't handle the ball well."

"We played pretty tough for a good part of the game, but we were not able to get over the hump," Coach McLean said.

The Cowboys hit 44 percent of their field goals (17-38) and 25 percent of their 3-point baskets (4-16). The Cowboys bright spot was hitting 72 percent of their free throws (18-25). They had 28 turnovers and 28 rebounds.

The Longhorns hit 54 percent of their field goals (25-46) and 30 percent of their 3-point baskets (3-10). They hit 70 percent of their free throws (17-25) and had 30 rebounds and 25 turnovers.

Don Raymer had 12 points and 6 rebounds; Gittinger had 11 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals; Miller had 11 points and 4 rebounds; Rubio had 6 points, Duke 4, Herl 3 and Wilkens 1.



Cowboy Don Raymer took a jump shot from the top of the key Friday as the Cowboys fell to the Longhorns of Imperial, Neb. 76-64.

Wildcats headed to Holiday Bowl

MANHATTAN (AP) — Kansas State, shut out of the Bowl Championship Series despite its No. 6 ranking, accepted a bid on Sunday to play in its third Holiday Bowl.

The Wildcats (10-2), who missed a perfect regular season by only seven points after going 6-6 a year ago, will meet unranked Arizona State in the Dec. 27 game at San Diego.

Kansas State's two losses this year were by four points to Colorado and three points to Texas, both bowl-bound teams. The Wildcats, who stayed at No. 6 in the final regular-season poll, were one of only two teams to beat No. 5

Southern California.

Kansas State officials went to Miami on Tuesday to make their case for an at-large Orange Bowl bid.

But No. 7 Washington State's 48-27 win over UCLA on Saturday made that proposal moot. The Cougars sealed the Pac-10 title and a Rose Bowl berth with the victory, putting No. 3 Iowa into the

Orange Bowl against Southern California, both as at-large selections.

It is the 10th straight bowl bid for Kansas State, unbeaten in its previous two Holiday Bowl appearances. The Wildcats beat Colorado State in 1995 and Washington in 1999.

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Wednesday, Dec. 11 - "Black Day", Baseball Meeting, cafeteria 7:30 p.m.; City Recreation, Max Jones Field House & Junior High Gym 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12 - "Gold Day", Seminar-DECA; Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling, Atwood 5:30 p.m. at Edson Gym; "C" Teams Basketball at Benkelman 6:30 p.m.; Topside Tipoff Basketball Tourney Goodland girls versus Holyoke 6 p.m.; Goodland boys versus Holyoke 8 p.m.; 7/8 Basketball at St. Francis (A & 5th Quarter) 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13 - Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tourney Goodland girls 6 p.m., boys 8 p.m.; Skip-It Jump Team performance, High School Gym, 1:45 p.m., Elementary students.
Saturday, Dec. 14 - Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tourney ACT Test, here, 8 a.m.; Varsity Wrestling at Burlington 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15 - Junior Olympics Volleyball, Junior High Gym, 1-3:30; Open Gym, Max Jones Field House, 1-3
Monday, Dec. 16 - "C" Basketball Atwood (Here) 5 p.m.; First Round League Basketball Tournament To Be Determined.
Tuesday, Dec. 17 - "Black Day", SEMINAR-STUCO and GRACE; Junior High Band and Vocal Concert, p.m. in auditorium; Department Head meeting 7 a.m.; First Round League Basketball Tournament To Be Determined.
Wednesday, Dec. 18 - "Gold Day" Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner; City Recreation, Max Jones Field House and Junior High Gym, 7:30 p.m.; Screening Communications Meeting 3:45 p.m.

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