

# Cowboys get on track, win over Cougars, 68-41

By Tom Betz

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The Cowboys got on the winning track Tuesday as they ran over the Burlington Cougars, 68-41, to even their record to 1-1.

With the win the Cowboys have a win under their belt as they head into the Topside Tipoff Thursday where they will face Holyoke, Colo. at 8 p.m. Other opening round games Thursday will have McCook facing Morrill at 4 p.m., Wray faces Ottawa at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym and Burlington will face Garden City at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym.

After the game Tuesday Cowboy Coach Jon McLean told his team that if they continued to play as well as they had that night they had a good chance to win the Topside Tipoff.

"It was nice to get a win," McLean said. "We did some good things and showed improvement."

"At halftime I stressed passing the ball and thought we did well in the second half," he said. "Our defense was very good, and we got some of the turnovers we expected from the full court pressure."

"Our hustle was good and we played our game," McLean said. "If we keep up the pace we will be in the mix and it will be exciting to watch."

Coach McLean said he felt there were too many turnovers and that the Cowboys did not do well shooting free throws. The Cowboys hit 5 of 14 free throws in the game.

"I don't understand it," McLean said. "We practice free throws as much as anybody in the nation, but it doesn't seem to show in the actual games."

"If there is a psychologist out there with an answer I want them to give me a call," he said.

The Cowboys got an early lead 4-0 and kept up the pressure to lead 16-9

at the end of the first quarter. They outscored the Cougars 16-11 in the second to lead by 12, 32-20, at halftime. In the third quarter the Cowboys extended their lead to 19 points to lead 49-30. In the final period the Cowboys kept their pressure defense and McLean got all of the bench in the game as they outscored the Cougars 17-11, for the winning score, 68-41.

The Cowboys passing and hitting the open man had a lot to do with their success, and McLean thinks they will get better as the season goes on.

Don Raymer was the high scorer with 24 points, and most of those were on great passes from the other Cowboys.

Aaron Gittinger had 12; Lance Tedford 7, including a 3-point basket; Bobby Miller 9; Jared Doke and Drew Wilkens 4; Kris Rubio, Jace Herl, Kevin Schulte and Derrick Raymer each had 2 points.

# Cowgirls make it two straight with win over Burlington

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The Cowgirls head into the Topside Tipoff Thursday riding a two-game winning streak after thumping the Burlington Lady Cougars 58-45 on the road Tuesday.

The 14th Topside Tipoff begins Thursday, and the Cowgirls will face Holyoke, Colo. in the first round at 6 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Other Topside Tipoff games Thursday will be Burlington versus Garden City at 2 p.m.; Wray versus Ottawa at 4 p.m.; and Morrill versus McCook at 8 p.m.

"We played much better and had less turnovers," said Coach Connie Livengood. "The girls played good defense and we showed improvements."

For the second game Livengood was able to get everyone into the game for some experience.

The Cowgirls took an early 6-2 lead and never looked back as they outscored the Cougars 14-9 in the first quarter and 20-7 in the second quarter to hold a 34-16 lead at the break.

In the third quarter the Cowgirls extended their lead outscoring the Cougars 20-13 to lead 54-29.

The fourth quarter Coach

Livengood had mostly bench players in the game, and the scoring dropped off as the Cougars outscored the Cowgirls 16-4 to make the final score closer than the game had been, 58-45.

"I was glad to get the girls in, and am sure we will have better scoring in the fourth quarter," Livengood said. "The big leads made it nice, but we got sloppy in the final quarter."

Livengood expects the Topside competition to be tougher, but believes the Cowgirls have a chance to be in the championship on Saturday.

They lost the championship to Ottawa last year, and would like another shot.

Leading the scoring Tuesday for the Cowgirls was Anny McCoy who had 16 points. She scored 6 in the first quarter, 2 in the second and 8 points in the third quarter. She missed her one free throw attempt. McCoy had a team leading 9 rebounds with 4 offensive and 5 defensive. She had 1 blocked shot, 1 turnover and 3 fouls.

Jayci Stone was in double figures with 15 points on 6 field goals and 1 3-point shot. Stone had 6 rebounds and 5 assists. She had 1 blocked shot, 2 steals, 5 turnovers and 1 foul.

Jessica Osborn had 8 points on 2 field goals, 1 3-point shot and 1 of 2

free throws. She had 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

Justeen Koehler had 8 points on 4 field goals and missed her one free throw. Koehler had 5 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 2 steals.

Kendra Billinger had 6 points on 3 field goals hitting one in each of the first three quarters. She had 1 rebound, 3 turnovers and 3 fouls.

Tess Schultz had 2 points on 1 field goal in the first quarter. She had 8 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 turnover.

Stephanie Fairbanks had 2 points on 1 field goal in the third quarter. She had 1 assist, 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 turnover.

Cortney Schields had 1 point on 1 of 2 free throws, and had 1 rebound, 1 turnover and 1 foul. Megan Leonard did not score, but had 1 rebound, 1 turnover and 1 foul. Jordan Frazier did not score. She had 1 turnover and 1 foul. Ciara Abbey did not score.

The Cowgirls shot 49 percent from the field (25 of 51), and hit 33 percent of their 3-point attempts (2 of 6). They were 2 of 6 from the free throw line for 33 percent.

They out rebounded the Cougars 35 to 25, and had 14 turnovers to 10 for the Cougars. The Cowgirls had 10 steals, 3 blocked shots, 8 assists and 10 fouls.

# Mustangs split games last week

In their two games last week, the Mustang eighth grade A team lost to Scott City, 59-40 on Tuesday at the Junior High gym and defeated Oberlin 33-23 on Thursday in Oberlin.

The Mustangs played games Monday against Burlington and will travel to St. Francis Thursday for games beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The 8th grade team will not know where they play the first game of the league tournament until after the Thursday games, but they may travel to St. Francis or to Colby.

**Scott City**  
Against Scott City, the Mustangs were outscored 16-9 in the first quarter, and 13-12 in the second quarter to find themselves behind 29-21 at the break.

In the second half the Mustangs were outscored 13-10 in the third and 17-9 in the fourth to lose by a final score of 59-40.

Top scorer for the Mustangs was Mikey Doll who had 16 points on 4 field goals, 1 3-point basket and 5 of 10 free throws he attempted.

Jerrold Goodman had 6 on 2 field goals and 2 of 2 free throws.

Nicholas Angelos and Taylor Frazier each had 5 points. Angelos had 1 3-point basket and 2 free throws while Frazier had 2 field goals and 1 free throw.

Landon Williams had 3 on 3 of 4 free throws he attempted, and Tyler Hillmer had 3 on 1 field goal and 1 of 2 free throws.

Ryan Gausman had 2 on 1 field goal.

**Oberlin**  
At Oberlin on Thursday, the Mustangs took the lead in the first quarter 6-4, but went on a scoring run in the second quarter to lead 22-10 at half.

The Mustangs were outscored 10-4 in the third quarter, but came back in the fourth to outscore Oberlin 7-3 and win by 10 points, 33-23.

Doll and Goodman were the high scorers with 12 points each. Doll scored 8 of his points in the second quarter on 2 3-point buckets and 1 of his three field goals. The other two field goals were split between the last two quarters. Goodman had 4 points in the

first quarter, 3 in the second, 2 in the third and 3 in the fourth. He had four field goals and made 4 of the 8 free throws he attempted.

Hillmer had 3 on 1 field goal in the first quarter and 1 of 2 free throws.

Kerek Mason, Tyler Anderson and Williams each had 2 points. Mason hit the 2 free throws he attempted. Williams had a field goal in the fourth quarter. Anderson had a field goal in the second quarter.

**8th grade B team**  
The Mustang eighth grade B team lost to Scott City, 52-19 Tuesday.

The Mustangs were down 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, and 20-6 at halftime. In the second half, they were down 34-13 after the third and finished the game losing 52-19.

Top scorer for the Mustangs was Gausman who had 10 points on 5 field goals.

Frazier, Doug Eddleman, Mason and Brandon Douglas each had 2 points on one field goal.

Brian Boyce had 1 point making 1 of 2 free throws.

## A new black belt



Kyle Stefan (right) tested for his black belt in Taekwondo Monday at the Goodland Activity Center. He was awarded his belt at the end of the class by instructor Wayne Luckert. Brittany Schutte (left), student helper, is going through the moves with Stefan. Lea Shores and Jeremy Hoffman (not pictured) were awarded their black belts at the Dec. 2 class. Photo by Sheila Smith / The Goodland Daily News

# Jayhawks' losses take some of shine off game with Tulsa's Hurricanes

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — When Tulsa players and fans scanned the Golden Hurricane's schedule before the season started, all eyes stopped on the home game against Kansas.

For a team that has struggled to get quality opponents to visit the Donald W. Reynolds Center, the perennially powerful Jayhawks were quite a catch. But three early losses mean No. 20 Kansas comes to Tulsa tonight to play a Golden Hurricane team that's rated higher in The AP Top 25.

It's an unexpected development that's robbed the game of a little of its luster.

John Phillips, coach of No. 17 Tulsa, wishes the Jayhawks were rolling early this season like they usually do. But for a different reason.

"My preference would have been that they would have been undefeated and coming in here really fat and sassy and we could sneak up on them," Phillips said. "But that obviously is not going to happen with the record they've got."

"They're not used to playing .500 basketball at the University of Kansas, so I know they're going to be very hun-

gry."

The game's still a big deal at Tulsa (4-0). It's sold out, and the university is selling 200 standing room only tickets at the door for fans who want to see the Golden Hurricane avenge two straight losses to Kansas.

The Jayhawks (3-3) won 93-85 in Kansas City, Mo., last year and 92-69 at Kansas in 2000. But is this year's team as different from those groups as its record indicates? Not so, Phillips said.

Kansas lost Drew Gooden to the NBA but returns plenty of talent from last year's Final Four team, including big man Nick Collison and guard Kirk Hinrich.

Its losses, too, are nothing to be ashamed of. At least a program other than Kansas wouldn't be embarrassed about losing to No. 5 Oregon, No. 14 Florida and No. 22 North Carolina.

Even so, Kansas coach Roy Williams says he's not sleeping too well. He's getting unsigned hate mail from fans impatient with the school's first 2-3 start against Division I opponents since 1972. One Jayhawk win came against Central Missouri State.

He says the record proves his contention that the team was overrated when voters made the Jayhawks No. 2 in the preseason poll.

"I realize that we have some limitations and that we had to get some questions answered," Williams said.

"The fact of the matter is, we've played some good basketball teams. We've played those every year since I've been here and the difference is that we've even won some of those big time games."

The slow start is grating on Hinrich, too.

"I am use to winning," he said. "Going 3-3 wasn't what we wanted and is not what we were expecting, but we just have to step up and keep fighting."

For Tulsa center Charlie Davis, who will guard Collison for much of the night, Kansas' disappointing ranking doesn't drain any significance from the game.

"They're ranked. That's enough," Davis said. "If we lose this game, we probably drop out of the rankings. If they lose this game, they probably drop out of the rankings. So, neither one of us wants to lose."

# Cowgirls JV loses opener to Imperial

The Cowgirl junior varsity opened their season Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, losing to the Longhorns of Imperial, Neb., 46-30.

The junior varsity was in action Tuesday in Burlington, where they lost 40-28. Their next action will be Friday, Dec. 20, when they travel to Quinter.

High scorer for the Cowgirls Friday was Melissa Swager, who had 8 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

Jordan Frazier had 6 points and 2 rebounds; Justeen Koehler 3 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist; Megan Sheldon

3 points; Whitney Carmichael 2 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist; Megan Leonard 2 points and 1 assist; Gami Cloyd 2 points and 2 rebounds; Abby Murray 2 points and 1 rebound; Lisha Tedford 1 point; Ciara Abbey 1 point, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; and Jennifer Mentzer who had 2 rebounds.

High scorers for the Cowgirls Tuesday were Carmichael, Frazier and Koehler who each had 7 points. Koehler had a team high 5 rebounds and 3 steals; Carmichael had 2 rebounds and 1 steal; and Frazier had 1

rebound and 2 steals.

Swager had 3 points, 4 rebounds; Mentzer had 2 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal; Murray had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

Leonard had 1 steal and Abbey had 2 rebounds, 2 steal. Leonard and Abbey each had a blocked shot.

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