Cowboys outrun Dragons, 69-58

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News The Cowboys put their game in high gear Thursday as they out ran and out hustled the Holyoke Dragons, 69-58, to advance to the semi-finals in the Topside Tipoff.

Tonight at 8 p.m., the Cowboys will face the Burlington Cougars, who defeated Garden City, 50-47. This will be the second meeting of the week, as the Cowboys got their first win of the season over the Cougars on Tuesday, 68-41.

"If we play as well as we have these past two games, we should be in good shape," said Cowboy Coach Jon McLean after the win over Holyoke.

Neither the Cowboys or the Dragons could hit the basket early. It took nearly two minutes to get the first score when the Dragons took the lead 2-0.

Cowboy Don Raymer hit two of his seven field goals in the next 30 seconds to give Goodland a 4-2 lead.

The Dragons tied the score, and came within one point twice later in the first quarter, but another basket by Raymer in the last seconds gave the Cowboys a 21-18 lead after the first

In the second, the Dragons again tied the score at 22, and took the lead back on a basket by Justin Clayton, 26-24.

The Cowboys roared back with back-to-back buckets from Bobby Miller to retake the lead 26-24. The Dragons tied the score again, but two more buckets from Miller gave the Cowboys a 34-28 lead with time running out in the half.

The Cowboys got the ball back with a few seconds on the clock and Lance

Tedford let fly with a shot from way outside the 3-point circle that ripped the net with the buzzer to give Goodland a 37-29 halftime lead.

Tedford hit another 3-pointer to open the Cowboy scoring in the third quarter and then got a steal and a layup to extend the lead to 42-29 with a minute

The Cowboys maintained a 10-point lead through the quarter to lead 51-41 going into the final round.

The Dragons put on a run in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth to cut the Cowboy lead to 3, 52-50, but that is as close as they got. The Cowboys outscored the Dragons 17-8 in the last six minutes to win, 69-58.

With about a minute remaining, Coach McLean put his best free-throw shooters on the floor in Jase Herl, Derrick Raymer, Tedford, Aaron Gittinger and Miller as the two teams traded shots down the stretch.

McLean said the free-throw shooting continues to be a problem for the team, which hit 52 percent for the game, 14 of 27. He was glad to see that in the final minutes Tedford and Derrick Raymer hit some free throws to keep the lead.

get some of our easy inside shots to yards by a tight end, Shannon Sharpe, fall," McLean said. "I feel it is something that will get better. The boys come out and play hard, and that makes me proud."

Donald Raymer was the high scorer slight. with 16 points; Tedford had 14 including 2 3-point baskets; Miller 12; most of his career — for 214 yards — Gittinger 11 with a 3-pointer; Derrick Raymer 9; Jared Doke 4; and Herl 3.



Cowboy Kris Rubio dribbled into the fore court against the Holyoke Dragons Thursday in the opening round of the Topside Tipoff. The Cowboys won 69-58 to advance to the semi-finals and will face the Burlington Cougars at 8 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Bronco receiver expects more attention

Cowgirls stretch win streak to three

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News The Cowgirls extended their streak

to three with a win Thursday over the Holyoke Lady Dragons, 72-33, in the first round of the Topside Tipoff at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Tonight at 6 p.m., the Cowgirls will face the McCook Lady Bison in the semifinals. If the Cowgirls can win, they will advance to the championship game at 5 p.m. on Saturday with a chance to face the Ottawa Lady Cyclones, who defeated the Cowgirls 56-46 in last year's finals.

The Lady Cyclones defeated Wray, 58-39 to advance to the semifinals against Burlington.

The Cowgirls were hitting from all over the court as they grabbed an early lead. In just three minutes, the Cowgirls had a 13-0 lead, and they led 22-4 at the end of the first quarter. Jayci Stone had hit 3 3-point baskets as part of her game-leading 26 points.

Cowgirl Anny McCoy got into the double figure column in the second

quarter, scoring nine points, and finished the game with 21.

The Cowgirls outscored the Lady Dragons 16-11 in the second to extend to lead 38-15 at halftime.

In the second half, Cowgirl Jessica Osborn hit 2 3-point buckets to keep the lead growing. The girls outscored the Lady Dragons 19-8 to hold a commanding 57-23 lead going into the final period.

The Lady Dragons hit a 3-point basket and two field goals in the first three minutes to cut the lead to 57-30, and it looked like the Cowgirls were going to have another final quarter without scoring over 4 points.

However, McCoy and Justeen Koehler hit baskets, Stone added four free throws, Osborn had two free throws, Stephanie Fairbanks had two free throws and Kendra Billinger added the final point on a free throw to give the Cowgirls a 72-33 win.

Stone was the high scorer with 26 and 3 3-point baskets; McCoy had 21; Osborn 14 with 2 3-point buckets: Fairbanks 4; Courtney Schields 2; Koehler 2; Tess Schultz 2; and Billinger 1.

The Cowgirls hit 66 percent of their free throws 19 of 26, and hit 50 percent of their field goals 24 of 48. The Cowgirls had 47 rebounds with 22 offensive an 25 defensive. Stone had 10 rebounds to lead the team, McCoy 7, Schultz and Osborn 6, Billinger and Fairbanks 4, and Schields 2.

Coach Connie Livengood said she was pleased, but expected the game tougher test.

got surprisingly little attention from the Kansas City defense when the

teams met on Oct. 20.

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DENVER (AP) — The NFL's career end. In the second half, Sharpe caught to stop a guy who's averaging three or 'We played very well, but couldn't leader in receptions and receiving touchdown passes of 82 and 28 yards in Denver's 37-34 overtime win.

> Sharpe expects to be accorded more respect when the teams meet on Sunday.

"Up until that game, I hadn't done Sharpe made the Chiefs pay for the anything spectacular," Sharpe said. "I hadn't done anything that would war-He caught 12 passes — the second rant them to do anything to dictate their defense to paying special attention to an NFL single-game record for a tight me. You're not going to set your defense

four catches and 34 yards a game."

Sharpe said the Broncos caught the Chiefs in the right defense for the plays that were called. Also, he said he and quarterback Brian Griese "were on the same level. He hit me and I never broke

Griese agreed the Chiefs will likely make adjustments for Sharpe in the tonight against the Lady Bison to be a

Wildcat wins Thorp Award

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) pass reception. - Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman won the Thorpe Award on Thursday night as the nation's top de-

Newman had five interceptions for award last year. the Wildcats and also scored four one on a kick return and another on a awards show on ESPN.

The 5-foot-11, 185-pound senior won the award over Ohio State's Mike Doss and USC's Troy Polamalu. Oklahoma safety Roy Williams won the

The announcement was made durtouchdowns — two on punts returns, ing the Home Depot college football

Sharon Springs falls to Leoti teams

the Sharon Springs Wildcats fell to Prep-Marian High of Hays. Leoti in the first game of their first tournament of the season.

ound of the Scott City Invitational.

Both teams will be back in action at 3 p.m. today. The boys will be facing the Jackrabbits from Tribune and the

bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies League Clawson's split Bowladium 2-2 Lonny's Auto Body over Callahan's 4-0 Medical Arts Pharmacy over Team #10 4-0 KLOE over McClung's Appliance 3-1 Jim Alcorn/Shelter Insurance split Mann's Jewelry

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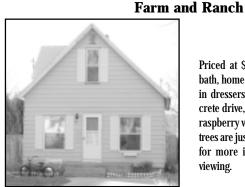
After a promising start to the season, girls the Monarchs from Thomas More

The tournament will continue through Saturday. On Tuesday, the The boys from Wallace County lost Wildcats will face the Herndon boys at 59-43 to the Indians and the girls fell home at 7 p.m. There will be no girls' 57-47 to the Lady Indians in the first game because Herndon has no girls'



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