

# Cowgirls, Cyclones win Topside Tipoff championships

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and got another last second 3-point basket to stretch the lead, 63-57.

In the final quarter, the Cowboys were unable to overcome the Cyclones offense or their stingy defense. The Cowboys had their chances, but the ball kept rolling off or bouncing out while the Cyclones were able to spread the Cowboys out and got several easy inside shots. The Cyclones outscored the Cowboys 18-12 in the final period to win, 71-59, and take home their first Topside Tipoff title. The Cyclones had finished third last year.

In the game the Cyclones were led by Ross Thompson who had 28 points. As a team the Cyclones hit 53 percent of their field goals, 7 of 18 free throws and 4 of 11 3-point attempts.

The Cowboys were led by Donald Raymer who had 24 points, Bobby Miller 14, and Aaron Gittinger had 11.

The Cowboys shot 49 percent from the floor, and improved their free throw shooting as they hit 75 percent going 12 for 16. However, they only had 1 3-point basket by Gittinger out of six attempts.

The Cowboys had 21 turnovers to 19 for the Cyclones and were out rebounded 35-31.

The Cowgirls took an early lead in the championship game and were leading 20-13 at the end of the first quarter, but the Cyclones came back in the second quarter to make it tight 37-36 at halftime. In the third quarter, Goodland again stretched out its lead to six points, 55-49.

Goodland had the ball to start the fourth quarter, and the Cowgirls' Osborn took advantage, hitting a quick 3-point basket, but Ottawa's Megan Ramsey responded with one as the two

teams traded baskets for the quarter. The Cowgirls outscored the Cyclones 21-20 to win the championship, 76-69.

Stone led the Cowgirls with 24 points and hit 5 of 7 3-point shots. Osborn had 20 points and 5 of 6 3-point shots. Anny McCoy was the other Cowgirl in double figures with 15.

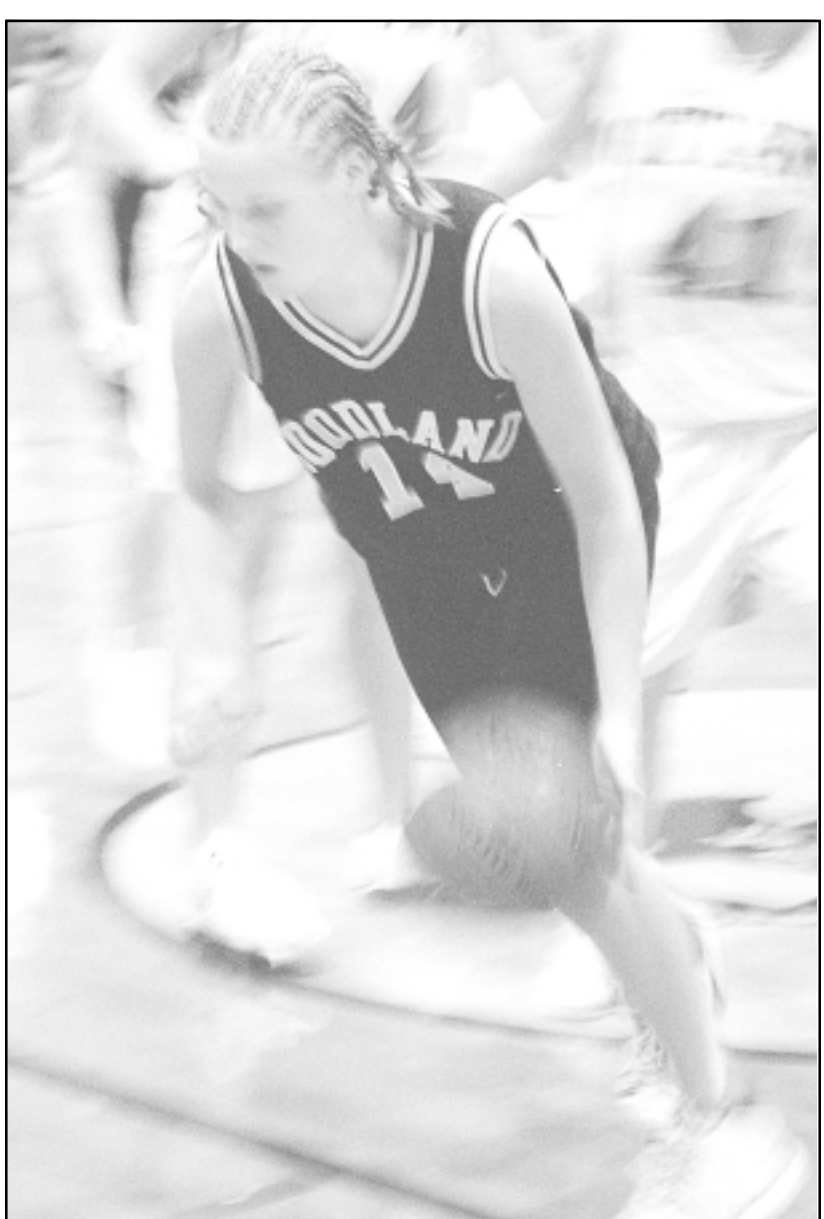
The Cowgirls hit 57 percent from the floor and 10 of 17 free throws. They hit 10 of 13 3-point shots for 77 percent. The Cowgirls out rebounded the Cyclones 48 to 34. The only place the Cowgirls were down was they had 29 turnovers to 14 for the Cyclones.

With the win, the Cowgirls are 5-0 and will face Quinter on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse with the early games beginning at 3:45 p.m. The Cowgirls will tip off about 5:30 p.m. to be followed by the Cowboys about 7 p.m.

The Cowboys now have a 3-2 record.



Tuyen Ta of Garden City was the girls 3-point shooting champion.



Cowgirl Jessica Osborn drove the lane against the Cyclones in the Topside Tipoff championship game Saturday. Osborn and teammate Jayci Stone set a tournament record for the most 3-point baskets in a tournament with nine over the three days.

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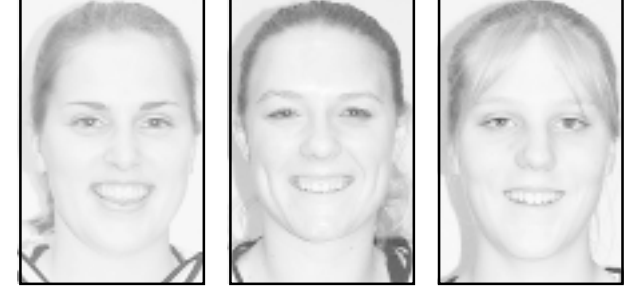
## Topside all-tourney teams



Raymer Tedford Miller

## Boys team selections

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Krea Dutoit McCook            | Lance Tedford Goodland       |
| Brandon Bard Wray             | Lee Baldwin Ottawa           |
| Ross Thompson Ottawa          | Paul Patz McCook             |
| <b>Donald Raymer Goodland</b> | Saul Halligan Burlington     |
| Dusty Sprague Holyoke         | <b>Bobby Miller Goodland</b> |



Stone McCoy Osborn

## Girls team selections

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Amber Nider Burlington      | Jenny Heck Ottawa              |
| <b>Anny McCoy Goodland</b>  | Jeanette Hoffner Holyoke       |
| Maggie Jones McCook         | Liz Burks Ottawa               |
| Michelle Barthel Morrill    | Theresa Lenz Wray              |
| <b>Jayci Stone Goodland</b> | <b>Jessica Osborn Goodland</b> |

# Denver Broncos' win over K.C. Chiefs, 31-24, keeps playoff hopes alive

By John Marshall

*AP Sports Writer*  
DENVER — Late in the first quarter, eyes on both sidelines widened as scores from the early games flashed on the scoreboard. The stakes were suddenly much higher.

After losses by Oakland and San Diego, the Denver Broncos and the Kansas City Chiefs knew they could get right back in the middle of the AFC playoff race with a victory.

The Broncos grabbed that chance, getting a team-record four touchdowns from rookie Clinton Portis to beat the

Chiefs 31-24 Sunday and move into tie for second in the AFC West.

"We knew this was a golden opportunity and we had to somehow find a way to win," Portis said.

The Broncos did, but just barely. Denver (8-6) seemed to be cruising after going up 28-7 on Portis' fourth touchdown late in the third quarter, but the Broncos couldn't shake Kansas City.

The Chiefs (7-7) scored 17 points in the final 15 minutes to get within 31-24, then got the ball back at their 39 with 1:50 left. Kansas City reached Denver's 15 with 25 seconds left, but

got knocked back by a penalty and failed on a desperation pass as time expired.

The loss all but assured the Chiefs would miss the playoffs for the fifth straight year.

"We had an opportunity, but didn't get it done," Chiefs fullback Tony Richardson said.

The last-second victory was a reversal of a trend that had knocked the Broncos from atop the AFC to the periphery of the playoff picture.

Denver opened the season 7-3, but lost four of its past five games to drop

two games behind the Raiders in the AFC West. An inability to come through in close games proved to be the Broncos' undoing, with the last three losses coming by a combined 12 points.

Denver final came through in the clutch when Tyrone Poole knocked down Trent Green's pass in the end zone.

"I think last week was very tough on all of us," said Broncos quarterback Brian Griese, 18-for-26 for 297 yards. "We found out that the only people that believe in us are us. There were a lot of people jumping off our ship. This team came together."

The Broncos can thank Portis, who fought off the flu and two first-half fumbles.

Portis didn't tell the coaches that he was sick, but still managed to run for three touchdowns and 130 yards, his third straight 100-yard game.

He had touchdown runs of 51 and 3

yards in the first half to offset two fumbles inside Kansas City's 20, and had a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter.

Portis capped the day with a spectacular 66-yard touchdown catch late in the third before finally telling coach Mike Shanahan that he was sick.

"I had nothing left. I told him when I came off the field," said Portis, who tied a team rookie record with his seventh 100-yard game. "He was like, 'can you go back in?'" told him to put Mike (Anderson) in, I didn't have anything left."

Portis wasn't the only one running on reserves.

Richardson had to be carted off the field in the second quarter after separating his right shoulder, leaving the Chiefs without a regular fullback.

Tailback Priest Holmes had 161 yards on 18 carries for his fifth straight 100-yard game, but limped off with a strained right hip early in the fourth

quarter. He left the stadium on crutches, but it was unclear how long he will be out.

Dante Hall, who caught two touchdown passes, also left on crutches with a sprained ankle and fellow receiver Marc Boerigter suffered a sprained shoulder.

"That was a scramble," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said.

Notes: Holmes' 161 yards marked the first time Denver had given up 100 yards at home since San Diego's Jermaine Fzande had 183 yards on Jan. 2, 2000 — a span of 22 games. ... The teams combined for 976 yards after getting 812 in Denver's 37-34 overtime victory on Oct. 20. ... Kansas City needs six points in the final two games to break the team record of 448 in a season, set in 1966. ... It was the first time in the series' last 15 games that the team that scored last didn't win. ... Portis has rushed for at least 100 yards in four of the past five games.

# Jayhawks hope to build on wins

LAWRENCE (AP) — First things first — work, then play.

Kansas coach Roy Williams gave the 20th-ranked Jayhawks Sunday off from practice after their 113-61 rout of Division II Emporia State on Saturday night.

That's the last easy day Kansas will have for a while, even though Williams is also giving the Jayhawks a break from practice on Tuesday and Wednesday too.

That's because Kansas' players have to get through finals week before meeting UCLA on Saturday, in a rematch of the Bruins' 87-77 win a year ago in Los Angeles. That loss knocked the Jayhawks out of the No. 1 ranking but proved to be a speed bump on their road to a Final Four berth.

This time around, there's no top spot on the line — but that doesn't diminish the Jayhawks' motivation.

"We need to have a big time practice Thursday and Friday for the UCLA game. They beat us pretty good last year and I haven't forgotten," Williams said. "I think we've got to continue every day to make sure our team gets better."

The Jayhawks (5-3) weren't tested much against Emporia State, though. They led 34-10 after 8 1/2 minutes and 64-23 at the half, and were up by as many as 60 points in the second half before the Hornets closed the gap against Kansas' reserves in the closing minutes.

"We just wanted to come out and do things well," said sophomore forward

Wayne Simien, who shared Kansas' scoring lead with a career-high 23 points against the Hornets. "We wanted to keep the momentum going and take it through to the UCLA game."

Kansas, which started 3-3 for the first time since 1979, began building that momentum in the second half of its 89-80 win over No. 17 Tulsa on Wednesday — the Jayhawks' first win over a ranked opponent in three tries.

"I think we've put together three pretty good halves of basketball in a row," Williams said.

Williams also liked the return of Kirk Hinrich's outside shooting stroke, and the play of sophomore point guard Aaron Miles.

Hinrich hit five 3-pointers, matching a career high, and scored 23 points. Miles had 13 assists without committing a turnover.

## high school scores

By The Associated Press

- Boys games Saturday**  
Guymon, Okla. 48, Ulysses 41  
Hoxie 61, Wheatland 50  
Lakin 66, Leoti 50  
Oberlin 83, Atwood 50  
Ottawa 71, Goodland 59  
Quinter 69, Ellis 61  
WaKeeney 64, Oakley 57  
Weskan 54, Sharon Springs 51, OT
- Girls games Saturday**  
Hoxie 73, Quinter 38  
Oakley 44, WaKeeney 28  
Scott City 52, Leoti 49  
Southwestern Heights 65, Ulysses 35  
Weskan 53, Sharon Springs 50

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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.  
Thursday, Dec. 19 - "Black Day", SEMINAR - FCCIA, High School Band and Vocal Concert, p.m., auditorium, City Recreation High School Gym, 7:30 p.m.; League Basketball Tournament: 7/8 at St. Francis 2:00 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 20 - "C" - Junior Varsity - Varsity Basketball versus Quinter (Home) 3:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 21 - Junior Varsity - Varsity Wrestling (Home) 9 a.m. Holiday Classic; Wrestling Enthusiasts Club, cafe, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 22 - Junior Olympics Volleyball, Junior High Gym, 1-3:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 29 - Junior Olympics Volleyball, Junior High Gym 1-3  
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