

# 45 kids participate in annual Elks Hoop Shoot

Six young shooting stars will be heading to Russell on Saturday, Jan. 18, for the district Elks Hoop Shoot after winning the Goodland competition held Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Forty-five boys and girls ages 8 to 13 from Goodland, Burlington, Brewster and Colby shot baskets in the free-throw Saturday. They all shot for the best score out of 25 attempts.

Winners in each age category were: **Ryan Hillmer of Goodland**, first in the boys 8-9 division with 17 baskets; Joel Linin was second with 15.

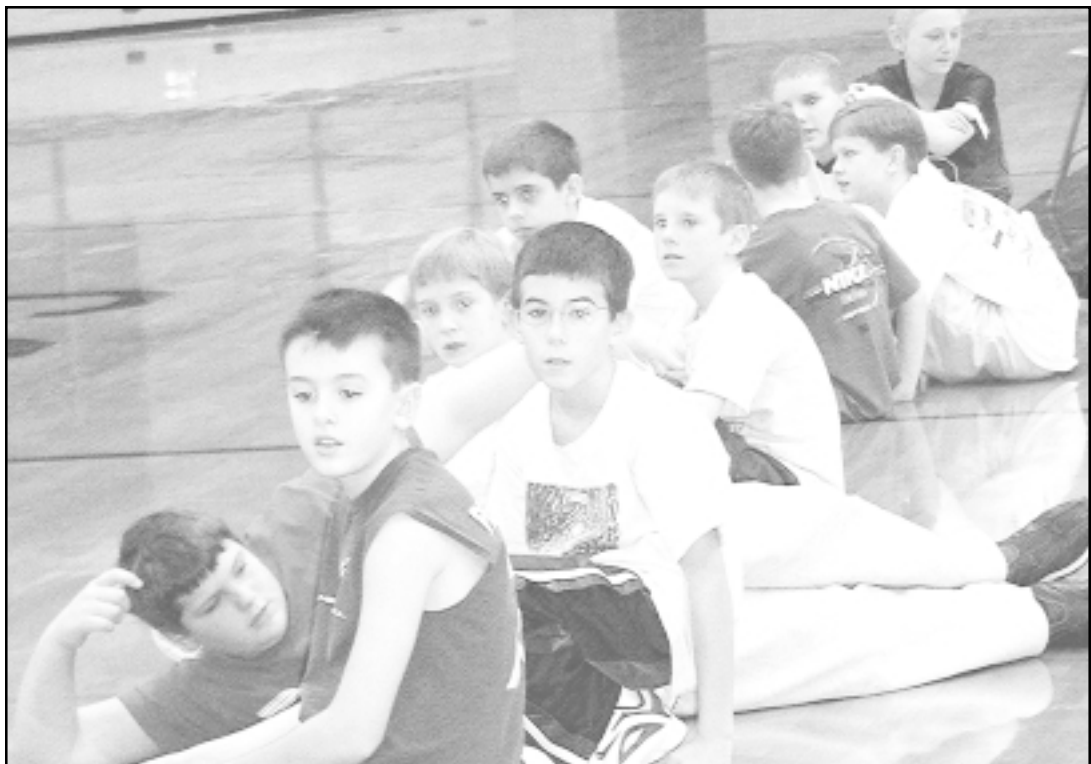
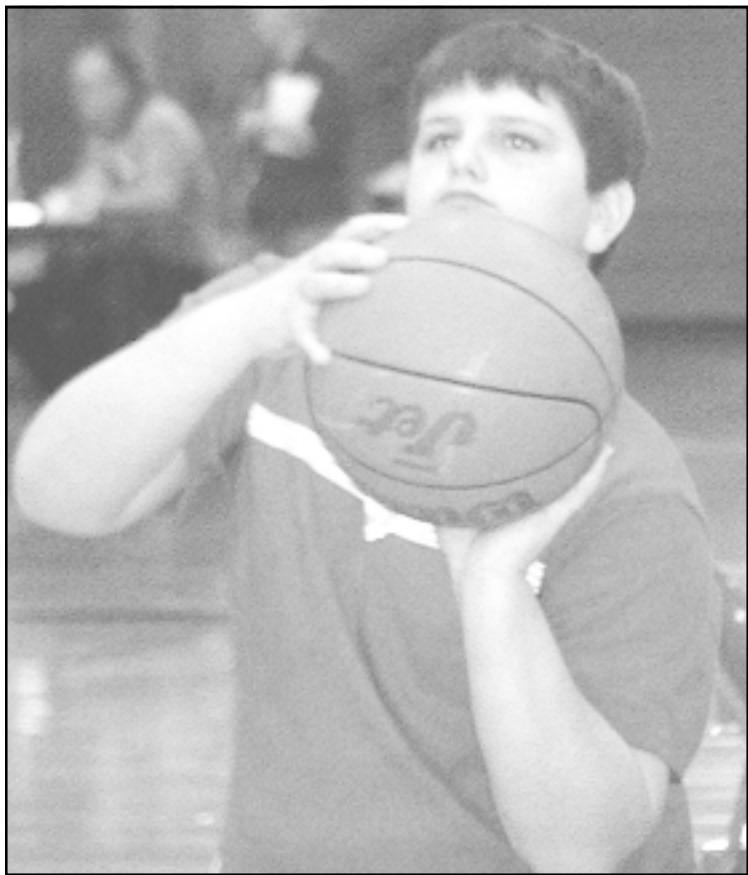
**Bailey Tillitson of Burlington**, first in the girls 8-9 division with 12; Erika Fyfe of Goodland second with 11.

**Dillon Stithem of Colby** won the boys 10-11 division with 15; Seth Ackerman of Brewster second with 14.

**Ashley Archer of Goodland** won the girls 10-11 division with 13; Brooke Ritter of Burlington was second with 10.

**Taylor Elder of Sharon Springs** won the boys 12-13 division with 16; Josh Doke of Goodland was second with 14.

**Chelsea Purviance of Burlington** won the girls 12-13 division with 16; Audrey Hoyt of Brewster was second with 14.



Seth Ackerman (left) of Brewster took careful aim during the Goodland Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Ackerman wound up second in the boys 10-11 division, hitting 14 of 25 shots. A line of boys (above) aged 10-11 waited for their turn to shoot in the contest.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## NFL: it doesn't get much wilder than this

By Barry Wilner

AP Football Writer

So this is why they call it wild-card weekend. It can't get much wilder than this.

One of the great comebacks in NFL history, followed by an even greater one. A 41-point rout. And, perhaps most difficult to believe, the Packers losing a playoff game at home.

If the rest of the NFL's postseason is anything like the last two days, well, get it on.

Of course, with all the weird stuff that happened during the regular season, did anyone expect a normal postseason?

"As long as you live, you might never see a game better than that," said 49ers coach Steve Mariucci after his team staged the second-biggest comeback in playoff history, rallying from 24 points down in the second half to beat the New York Giants 39-38 Sunday.

Hours earlier, in Pittsburgh, the Steelers came from 17 points down and scored four touchdowns in the final 19 minutes for a stunning 36-33 victory over archrival Cleveland in the greatest playoff comeback in team history.

"It's one of those wins you can't see happening, but you just keep hoping it will keep going the way it's going," coach Bill Cowher said.

The two incredible comebacks followed two lopsided games on Saturday. The New York Jets, playing perfectly on offense, defense and special teams, romped past the Indianapolis Colts 41-0 in their first playoff meeting since the Jets beat the Baltimore Colts in the 1969 Super Bowl.

"This is more than we could ask for," said linebacker Marvin Jones, whose team was 1-4 and 2-5 before starting its turnaround. "I didn't imagine we could win it like this."

And hardly anyone imagined what would happen that night, in the cold and the snow of Lambeau Field. Michael Vick looked like a seasoned pro and Brett Favre was ordinary. Vick guided the Atlanta Falcons to a 27-7 victory that was Green Bay's first home defeat in the playoffs. Ever.

"I think we all believed in our hearts we were going to go in and accomplish what we did," linebacker Keith Brooking said. "A lot

of teams go into Lambeau beat before they even step on the field. I think 90 percent of it is going in with belief and without any doubt."

What was beyond belief were Sunday's comebacks.

Only the Buffalo Bills surpassed the rally San Francisco staged. The Bills were down 35-3 in the third quarter against Houston and won 41-38 in overtime in 1993.

The Niners didn't need the extra period to dig out of a 38-14 hole and win. While the Giants suddenly stopped moving the ball and lost their composure on defense, Jeff Garcia and Terrell Owens brought to mind Joe Montana, Steve Young and Jerry Rice.

San Francisco scored 25 straight points, with Garcia throwing for two scores and running for one. He hit Owens with a TD pass and a pair of 2-point conversions during the surge.

Garcia's 13-yard touchdown pass to Tai Streets with a minute left won it, but not before a bad snap with 6 seconds to go messed up a 41-yard field-goal attempt for the Giants.

### final ap top 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Ohio St. (71)	14-0	1,775	2
2. Miami	12-1	1,693	1
3. Georgia	13-1	1,598	4
4. Southern Cal	11-2	1,590	5
5. Oklahoma	12-2	1,476	8
6. Texas	11-2	1,363	9
7. Kansas St.	11-2	1,356	6
8. Iowa	11-2	1,334	3
9. Michigan	10-3	1,182	12
10. Washington St.	10-3	1,085	7
11. Alabama	10-3	988	13
12. N.C. State	11-3	943	17
13. Maryland	11-3	844	20
14. Auburn	9-4	821	19
15. Boise St.	12-1	692	18
16. Penn St.	9-4	675	10
17. Notre Dame	10-3	657	11
18. Virginia Tech	10-4	544	21
19. Pittsburgh	9-4	520	24
20. Colorado	9-5	307	14
21. Florida St.	9-5	291	16
22. Virginia	9-5	250	—
23. TCU	10-2	231	—
24. Marshall	11-2	201	—
25. West Virginia	9-4	195	15

Others receiving votes: Florida 120, Texas Tech 80, Oklahoma St. 73, Boston College 52, Colorado St. 44, LSU 38, South Florida 27, Wisconsin 15, Minnesota 4, Arkansas 3, Air Force 2, Hawaii 2, Purdue 2, Fresno St. 1, North Texas 1.

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