

Cowgirls take second at Orange and Black Classic

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The Cowgirls finished second in the Orange and Black Classic in Colby this weekend after defeating Brewster in the semi-finals and losing to Colby in the finals.

Goodland vs. Brewster

Freshman Jalyn Reid was the floor-leader for the Brewster Lady Bulldogs in the fourth quarter Friday against the Goodland Cowgirls, but it was Goodland freshman Justeen Koehler who got the last word in Goodland's 59-54 victory.

With 1:20 remaining in the game, Reid stole the ball from Goodland and drew a foul on Stephanie Fairbanks while missing the layup. Reid missed the first free throw but sank the second one to put the Bulldogs up 54-52. That's when Koehler hit a shot that drew high praise from Coach Connie Livengood. Koehler's jump shot with 1:06 remaining tied it up at 54-54 and sparked Goodland to a 5-0 run during the final minute of play.

"A freshman on the floor came in and made a clutch shot to tie it up," coach Livengood said after the close win.

Jayci Stone sank two freethrows and a field goal and Fairbanks added another freethrow to seal the win in the final minute. Stone also hit a buzzer beater at the end of the first quarter to give the Cowgirls a 17-16 lead. Stone stole the ball on defense and took a couple of dribbles before releasing the shot on the run with her toe just over the three point line. The shot banked off the glass and into the basket as the

buzzer sounded.

Though the Cowgirls got the victory, their turnover number was still too high to please Livengood.

"There was no reason for some of the turnovers we had," she said. "No reason whatsoever."

Because of the turnovers, other aspects of Goodland's game had to go up a notch to make it possible for the Cowgirls to advance to the championship game.

"I think we played better defense, but we played a better team. A team that was here to play," Livengood said.

That defense included outstanding play by Tess Schultz and Kendra Billinger who were assigned Alicia Collett and Andrea Horney. Both players had picked away at Goodland's defense during the second half and the tough defense applied to them during the second half forced Brewster to look to other players to score.

A tough game against a young team forced the Cowgirls to dig deep for the win.

"It took coming together as a team and calming down," Livengood said.

Anny McCoy led all scorers with 19 points and had four rebounds; Stone had 16 points, nine rebounds and four assists; Jessica Osborn had eight points including two 3-pointers, six rebounds and two steals; Koehler had six points and three rebounds; Billinger had four points and three rebounds; Schultz had three points and six rebounds; and Fairbanks had one point and one steal.



Alicia Collet and Sara Luckert of the Brewster Bulldogs tried to block Goodland's Tess Schultz from making a basket. Goodland came out on top with a 59-54 victory over the Bulldogs to advance to the finals of the Orange and Black Classic in Colby.

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Goodland vs. Colby

The Goodland Cowgirls finally met a team that took advantage of their turnover problems Saturday night during the championship game of the Colby Orange and

Black Classic. The Colby Lady Eagles got more than a little help from the 26 turnovers the Cowgirls committed, and this time those Goodland mistakes translated into a 72-55 loss.

"Just too many open court turnovers and that's something we'll have to work on," Coach Connie Livengood said.

During the first half a full-court press from the Eagles didn't help

matters any for the Cowgirls.

"I don't think the press was that bad," Livengood said. "I think we just made some wrong decisions at the wrong time."

There were few bright points in the game for the Cowgirls but they stuck with the Eagles throughout the first quarter. Slowly but surely the Eagles worked up to a 39-27 lead by the end of the first half.

"We just needed to pick up our defense and they really tried," Livengood said of what she told the team at halftime. "They really tried. That's the character of kids, never give up."

But the third quarter didn't get any easier for Goodland. They scored nine points versus the 18 points scored by Colby. That makes it a little hard to make up ground. The fourth quarter was the only quarter in which the Cowgirls outscored the Eagles but the 19 points weren't enough to help.

Livengood said her team showed a lot of character in the loss.

"They never gave up. We never gave up the whole way through," she said, "and that's the sign of winners."

Anny McCoy led Goodland in scoring for the second night in a row and also had 10 rebounds; Jayci Stone shared the high-scorer honors with McCoy with 19 points of her own along with six rebounds and one assist; Jessica Osborn had seven points and three steals; Cortney Schields had four points and had one steal; Kendra Billinger, Stephanie Fairbanks, and Tess Schultz each had two points.

Cowboys defeat Ulysses to finish seventh in tourney

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The Cowboys played several tough teams in the Orange and Black Classic in Colby over the weekend, and ended up finishing in seventh place.

Goodland vs. Liberal

The Goodland Cowboys didn't lose to Liberal 71-51 because of a lack of effort, they just couldn't get anything to go their way.

Goodland's shooting problems continued for the second game in a row during the Colby Orange and Black Classic tournament Friday. "Just a tough game," Coach Jon McLean said. "We didn't shoot the ball well at all."

The Cowboys also had to deal with the loss of Derrick Raymer after he sustained a foot injury less than midway through the first quarter. After two minutes of play the Cowboys actually led Liberal 6-5, but that would be the last time the Cowboys were on the winning side of the score.

In the next four minutes the Redskins went on an 7-0 run before Don Raymer finally got a bucket to bring the score to 12-7.

McLean didn't give Goodland much time in the locker room at halftime to ponder the 12 point deficit it needed to overcome, instead the team was back on the floor warming up again after an only a two minute long break from the action.

Goodland's shooting performance didn't improve in the second half. The Cowboys finished with a miserable 38 percent from the field, including going 2-of-9 from beyond the arc.

McLean was disappointed the Cowboys couldn't get their shots to fall, but he wasn't disappointed in the team's effort.

"I'm always proud of how our kids play. We always play hard," he said.

He'll also be glad if this type of shooting night doesn't repeat itself later on in the season.

"I'd rather do it now and learn

from it during the first half of the season then have it happen to us later on," McLean said.

Don Raymer scored 20 points and 11 rebounds; Lance Tedford had nine points and two steals; Kris Rubio also had nine points and an assist; Aaron Gittinger had five points and two assists; Jared Duke had five points and nine rebounds; Jase Herl had two points; and Derrick Raymer had one point.

Goodand vs. Ulysses

Lance Tedford and Don Raymer were on a mission Saturday in the Cowboys 59-43 win over Ulysses in the seventh place game at the Colby Orange and Black Classic. Raymer tore the Tigers up inside and shot 71 percent from the field on his way to scoring 30 points. Tedford scored 19 points against the Tigers and was nearly perfect from three-point land making five of his six attempts. In a single game Tedford and Raymer proved the Cowboys can shoot the ball and nearly erased the memory of Goodland's dismal shooting performance the day before.

"Lance Tedford did a tremendous job shooting and hitting those threes against their zone," Coach Jon McLean said after the game.

Tedford's shooting along with an improved defensive effort for the Cowboys helped to create some space between the Tigers and themselves after being knotted at 22-22 going into halftime.

The third quarter belonged to Goodland as they scored 23 points including three treys from Tedford. They also did all of this without the presence of Derrick Raymer who was on crutches from a foot injury he sustained the day before.

Goodland's improved shooting showed in the players expressions

on the court during the game. Instead of the frustration that had been etched on their faces during the two previous games, the Cowboys laughed and joked with each other on their way to the win.

"We shot the ball a little bit better and I think that gave us a lot of confidence," McLean said after the game.

The Goodland crowd enjoyed watching their team finally get a win and also got a good laugh at the beginning of the fourth quarter when the Goodland players simply stood and held the ball for 20 seconds at half court before any Ulysses player even attempted to put any pressure on them.

Having to play in the seventh place game wasn't the way the Cowboys had planned for the tournament to go, but McLean said that's just the way it goes.

"It was kind of a disappointment,

but not very many things go the way you want and that's life," he said. "So we lace 'em up and go on."

Don Raymer had 30 points, four steals and three blocked shots; Tedford added one assist and one steal to go along with his 19 points; Aaron Gittinger scored nine points, and led the team with eight rebounds; Kevin Schulte had one point along with a steal; Jase Herl had four rebounds, one assist and one steal; Kris Rubio also had an assist.

Jase Herl brought the ball down the court for the Cowboys on Saturday afternoon as they played the Ulysses Tigers in the Orange and Black Classic in Colby. The Cowboys won the game, 59-43 to take seventh place in the tournament.

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