

Cowboys pull out narrow win over Oberlin, 73-72

Goodland hosts Hoxie tonight at 5 p.m.

By Brenda Kirkham
The Goodland Star-News

It was a sweet, sweet sound Friday night as the Goodland players and crowd watched Aaron Gittinger's jump shot from the free throw line fall through the hoop with 1.5 seconds left.

The picture-perfect shot gave the Cowboys a hard-earned 73-72 win over the Oberlin Red Devils, topping off a game that wasn't exactly pretty for Goodland.

"We hung tough," Coach John McLean said. "We didn't play as well as we can and there were a lot of tough calls with the officials."

A sputtering Goodland offense found itself behind 20-13 by the end of the first quarter. The Red Devils' height made it difficult for Goodland to get points inside the lane, and the Cowboy's perimeter game was also shut down. They only attempted two shots from beyond the arc in the first quarter. A 7-0 run by Oberlin in the last two minutes put the Red Devils ahead.

The second quarter saw Don Raymer and Jared Doke pick up their third fouls, but the performance of Goodland's offense was much better. Two quick baskets by Raymer against Oberlin's 6-6 Eagan Grafel came in the middle of an 11-0 run for the Cowboys. Also included in that stretch were a trey by Jase Herl, a back-door bucket from Herl to Gittinger, and a charge

that was taken by Bobby Miller. Kris Rubio closed out the first half by hitting two free throws to put Goodland ahead 36-33.

In the second half, the Red Devils regained the lead for less than a minute before Kevin Schulte hit a baseline jumper to tie it up again. The lead changed three more times before the final quarter began and Goodland also started the fourth quarter without one of its main players since Doke fouled out with 1:25 remaining in the third quarter.

Oberlin kept that lead until Gittinger hit a jumper from the free throw line with 3:07 remaining to tie it at 66-66. Then Goodland's offense stalled out while the Red Devils built a 70-66 lead. But Kevin Schulte showing his typical all-out hustling style hit a three-pointer to bring the Cowboys within one. Then he was also involved in a defensive effort that caused an Oberlin player to dribble out of bounds with 1:29 remaining.

Gittinger scored again with 57 seconds as his shot took a friendly bounce into the hoop, but Oberlin was able to score 20 seconds later to take the 72-71 lead.

With eight seconds left, Goodland called a time out to set up a play to get the final shot.

The plan was to get the ball in to Raymer for a shot in the lane, but as the play developed, the Cowboys were unable to get the ball inside.

They went to the backup plan, which was for Gittinger to dribble around off a screen and take the shot. Though Goodland had done that over and over in practice, the screen never developed, so Gittinger did a crossover dribble and launched his game-winning shot over the defenders.

Though he was happy to get the win, McLean said there were some things that happened in the game that he hadn't accounted for.

"That 6-6 kid was better than I thought," McLean said referring to Oberlin's Grafel, "and we fouled him too much."

McLean said didn't need to pull Raymer out of the game late in the fourth quarter.

"I made a mistake and I thought Don Raymer fouled out in the fourth quarter," McLean said.

The mistake was caught sooner than later, and Raymer was able to play in the most crucial segment of the game.

Raymer led Goodland in scoring with 26 points; Gittinger added 14; Miller had 12; Schulte seven; Herl and Rubio six each; and Doke two.

Bobby Miller, back from injury, went in for a shot for the Cowboys. The Cowboys won the game, 73-72, after a last minute shot by Aaron Gittinger.

Photo by Skiler Boland/
The Goodland Star-News



Cowgirls defeat Oberlin Red Devils in Friday game



Andrea Grieve looked for an open person to pass to during the Friday evening game with Oberlin. The Cowgirls won the game, 60-45.
Photo by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Star-News

By Brenda Kirkham
The Goodland Star-News

Don't let the final score fool you. The display read 60-45 score at the end of the game, but the game between the Cowgirls and the Oberlin Red Devils wasn't even that close.

Jumping out to a 29-6 lead by the end of the first quarter was a great way for Goodland to start its homecoming game.

"That's fantastic to start out like that and run the floor like that," Coach Connie Livengood said of the Cowgirls' 29-point first quarter effort.

Goodland's domination started early as the Cowgirls scored off the opening tip. Anny McCoy tipped the ball to Jessica Osborn, who in turn connected with Jayci Stone, who put the ball through the hoop for the 2-0 lead after less than seven seconds.

Oberlin didn't score until after nearly two minutes had.

A little shine was taken off the

first quarter performance, though, since the Cowgirls got themselves into foul trouble early. Starter and Snowball queen candidate Kendra Billinger took a seat with nine seconds left in the third quarter. She had plenty of time to contemplate her three early fouls since she didn't return to the game until over half way through the quarter. Osborn also had two fouls by the end of the first quarter.

With Billinger on the bench, the team often struggled to find its rhythm.

"It takes you out of your synch and rotation a little bit," Livengood said about Goodland's early foul problems.

The second quarter Goodland didn't even score its first points until 5:20 remained in the first half.

The Red Devils came out attempting to press at the start of the second half, but an undaunted Goodland team continued to move the ball up the court. The press was

more or less ineffective until the final quarter, with all but one of the Goodland starters on the bench since they had a comfortable 60-24 lead.

The players who replaced the starters had problems bringing the ball up the court and it resulted in 12 fourth quarter points by Oberlin's Jamie Elwood.

The majority of those were a direct result of uncontested layups after Elwood stole the ball from Goodland.


Though Goodland had a large margin, Livengood knew the 21 turnovers on the Goodland stat sheets were probably a lot less then the Cowgirls actually had. Still, she was disappointed with the measly five points the team was able to score in the fourth quarter versus Oberlin's 25 points.

"We just turned the ball over too much," Livengood said.

McCoy led Goodland in scoring with 16 points and also recorded

five blocked shots and five rebounds; Stone scored 15 points, had six rebounds and three assists; Justeen Koehler had 11 points and five rebounds; Stephanie Fairbanks had six points; Tess Schultz added four points, four rebounds and one assist; Cortney Schields, Megan Leonard and Jordan Frazier all had two points; and Osborn had one point and two assists while Billinger also scored one point and had four rebounds.

**DOLBY DIGITAL**
www.goodlandnet.com/movies
Tonight 7:00
Two Weeks Notice (PG-13)
Starts Friday
Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) 7:00
8 Mile (R) 9:00

**Sherman**
1203 Main - Phone 899-6103

Internet tonight?
899-2338

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

February 5 -February 12 , 2003
Thursday, Feb. 6 - Junior High Basketball at Weskan 4 p.m.; Scholars Bowl Regional (to be announced)
Friday, Feb. 7 - High School Basketball 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. versus Healy at Brewster
Saturday, Feb. 8 - Regional Music/ Piano Competition
Monday, Feb. 10 - Junior High Little 8 Basketball Tourney at Sharon Springs 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11 - High School Basketball versus Oakley at Brewster 6:30 and 8 p.m.

**Goodland Star-News**
1205 Main
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-2338

*Check our On-Line Site
at nwkansas.com*

S&T Telephone Cooperative
wishes all students success!
**S&T**
Telephone Cooperative Association
P.O. Box 99 • Brewster, Kan.
• (785) 694-2256

USD 314
Wishes the best to ALL
Brewster Students!
Go Bulldogs!



**102.5 FM KKCI**
Best of the 70s, 80s, & 90s
**KWGB 97.9**
**KLOE 730 am**
Full Service Radio

**FIRST**
NATIONAL BANK
www.fnb.com
203 E. 11th
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-2000
**FDIC**
"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

**Independent Insurance Agency**
Linda & Walt
Linthacum
Insurance PLUS Service

L&W-Andrist Insurance Agency
785-899-5678 785-332-2121
102 E. 8th Street 107 S. Quincy
Goodland St. Francis

**102.5 FM KKCI**
Best of the 70s, 80s, & 90s
**KWGB 97.9**
**KLOE 730 am**
Full Service Radio


**DAN BRENNER**
FORD-MERCURY, INC.
222 W. Hwy. 24
I-70 BUSINESS LOOP
GOODLAND, KS 67735
(Toll Free) 800-636-8770
(Business) 785-899-2316
(Fax) 785-899-2317


**Goodland Star-News**
1205 Main
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-2338

*Check our On-Line Site at
nwkansas.com*

Goodland All-Star Booster Club
February 5 - February 12, 2003
Wednesday, Feb. 5 - "Black Day", FCCIA District Elections at Quinter; City Recreation, Max Jones Field House and Junior High Gym, 7:30 p.m.; FCCIA Star Events at Hoxie; Elementary Bank Day; Professional development committee Meeting 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6 - "Gold Day", SEMINAR-DECA; Regional Scholars Bowl at Clay Center; Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament at Colby, Girls 4 p.m., Boys 5:30 p.m.; City Recreation, High School Gym 7:30 p.m.; 7/8 Basketball at Atwood 3:30 p.m.; Wrestling Triangular at Oberlin with Atwood 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7 - "Black Day" Basketball, St. Francis here, "C" girls 3:45, Junior Varsity - Varsity 5:30 p.m.; FCCIA Money Grab during half time of boy's game. Senior Parent Night; Junior Varsity - Varsity Wrestling at St. Francis 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8 - "C" Basketball teams at Golden Plains Tournament, girls versus Logan 9 a.m.; boys versus Healy 10:30 a.m.; Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament here 8 a.m.; Junior Varsity-Varsity Basketball at Hays 5 p.m.; Junior Cowgirls, Max Jones Field House 9 a.m.; ACT test, here 8 a.m.; 9-10 Wrestling (Home) 8 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 9 - Open Gym, Max Jones Field House, 1-3 p.m.; Junior Olympics Volleyball, Junior High Gym, 1-3:30 p.m.; Taylor's Basketball team, High School Gym, 5-6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10 - FCCIA Week; Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament, Max Jones Field House, Girls versus Scott City 6 p.m.; boys versus Weskan 7:30 p.m.; Kindergarten Music Program, auditorium 7 p.m., Rehearsal 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Board of Education Meeting Student Congress & GRACE; "C" - Junior Varsity - Varsity Basketball at Lakin 3:45 p.m.; 7/8 Basketball at Burlington 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12 - "Gold Day", FCCIA Star Events at Hoxie, Project Graduation 2004 meeting cafeteria, 7 p.m.; Softball Rules meeting, Hays 6:30; City Recreation, Max Jones Field House and Junior High Gym, 7:30 p.m.

S&T Communications Inc. wishes all Students Success!
**S&T Communications Incorporated**
1405 Main
Goodland, Kan. 67735
(785) 899-7400

CHUCK WILKENS
**WILKENS TRUCK & TRAILER**
1016 West Hwy. 24, Suite 2
Goodland, KS
Toll Free: (888) 613-1121
Office: (785) 899-5454

**The Insurance Agency Inc.**
117 E. 9th - P.O. Box 833
Goodland, KS
(785) 899-5011
(785) 899-5201 - fax

Roxann Kling Susan Doke

**BANKWEST OF KANSAS**
**SUNWEST**
BANKS OF COLORADO
A BRANCH OF BANKWEST OF KANSAS
www.ebankwest.com
924 Main
Goodland, KS 67735
899-2265


**JMS FINANCIAL SERVICES**
Serving your financial needs today.
Tuesday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Evenings by appointment
Mondays and Fridays in Salina
Securities sold Through Linsco/Private Ledger Member NASD/SIPC
www.jmsfinancial.com
Kyle W. Gordon
Kyle@jmsfin.com
Linsco/Private Ledger OSJ
1208 Main, Goodland
111 S. 5th, Salina
1-800-480-5525
785-899-5531
Fax 785-899-2953

**SHORT & SON INC.**
SINCE 1934
Hwy 24
Goodland, Kansas
(785) 899-2592
1-800-242-6939

baked and built before your eyes
**SUBWAY**
eat fresh.
2217 Enterprise Rd.
Goodland, KS
785-899-5245