

Cowgirls lose Tuesday to Hoxie Lady Indians, 81-73

By Michelle L. Hawkins

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The Goodland Cowgirls were never able to take a lead on the Hoxie Lady Indians on Tuesday evening at the Max Jones Fieldhouse and lost the game, 81-73.

The girls have a record of 11-3 for the season. The two other losses for Goodland came at the hands of the Colby Eagles.

Hoxie took an early lead and would allow Goodland to catch up, but never pass them up through the entire game.

With only 1:10 left in the first half, a technical foul was given to Hoxie's coach Shelly Hoyt. Goodland made the two free throw baskets and took the ball down-court for another 3 point basket before the buzzer signaling the half. The Cowgirls headed to the locker room trailing Hoxie by 7 points, 42-35.

The teams' scoring went back and fourth throughout the third period, but Goodland could not close the gap. At several points, the ladies were within two points of catching Hoxie, but ended the period, 58-61.

The Cowgirls started the fourth period in possession of the ball and were able to even the score 61-61 as Jessica Osborn sank a three-pointer

right off the bat. Goodland kept the point-spread tight, but with just under two minutes left in the game, Hoxie began to pull away.

A series of fouls by the Cowgirls, meant Hoxie had plenty of time at the charity stripe, and the Lady Indians made good use of the free throws. In the fourth quarter, Hoxie made 7 of 10 free throws. Goodland could not recover and lost 81-73.

Coach Connie Livengood said she felt the girls played hard, but lost the game on the line.

"We gave up too many points from the defensive side," Livengood said.

Jayci Stone had another good night and scored 24 points for the Cowgirls. From the field she shot 48 percent making 9 of 16 two-point shots and 1 of 5 three-pointers. From the line, Stone sank all three of her free throws.

Anny McCoy scored 14 points for the team. She shot 47 percent from the field making 7 of 15. McCoy fouled out with 16.4 seconds left in the game.

Jessica Osborn scored 12 points, and was 44 percent from the field. She sank 2 of 4 two point shots, 2 of 5 three-point shots and was 2 for 2 at the free throw line.

The only other player in the double figures was Kendra

Billinger. She had 10 points from 5 of 8 field goals.

Other points recorded from the Cowgirls came from Justeen Koehler 6, Tess Schultz 5 and Cortney Schields 2.

As a team, the Cowgirls hit 47 percent (29-62) from the field and 30 percent (3-10) of their three-point shots. The ladies hit 86 percent of their free throws, making 6 of 7.

Hoxie shot 43 percent from the field (18-42), 60 percent of their three-point shots (9-15) and 86 percent of their free throws (18-21).

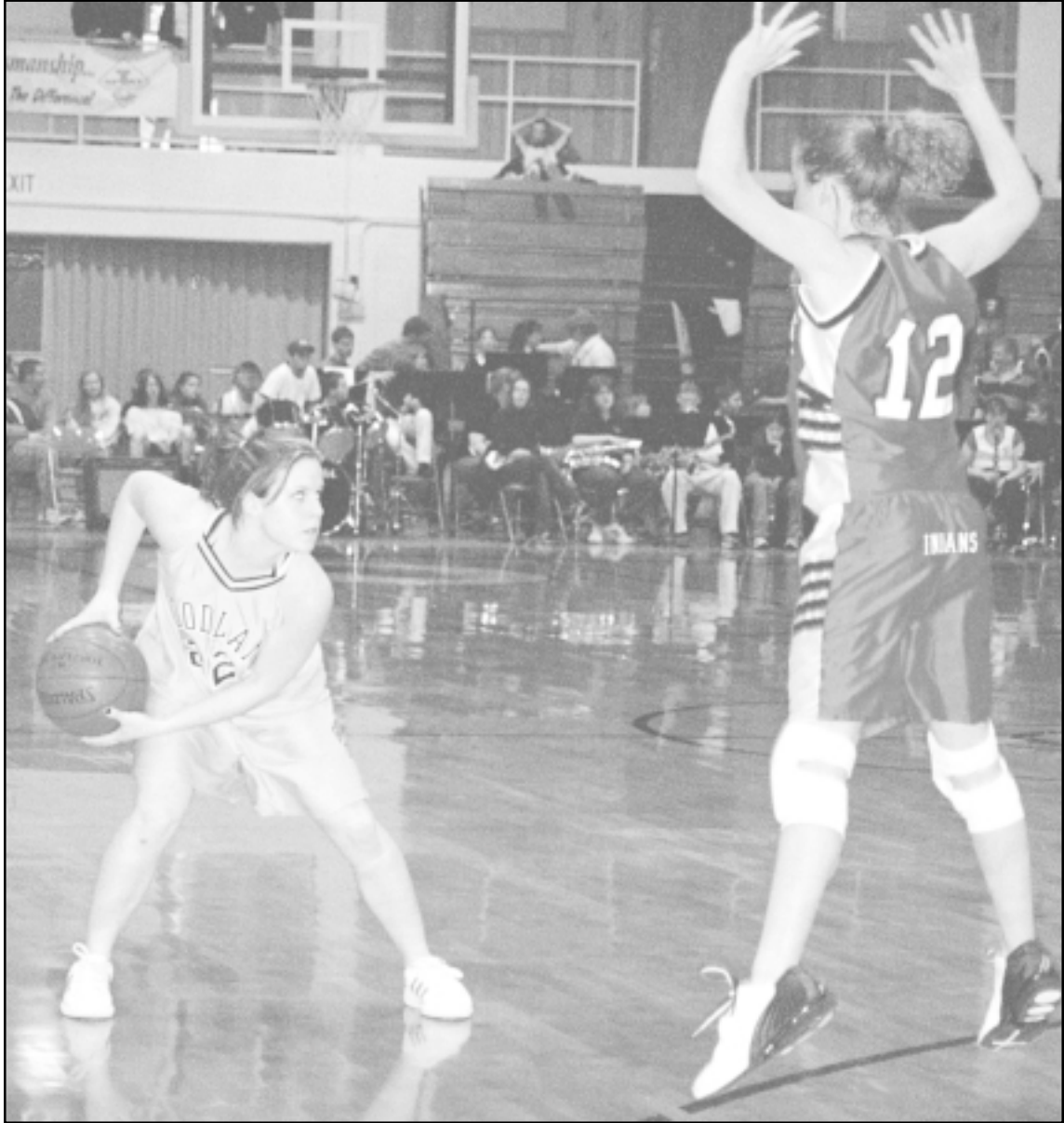
The Cowgirls will again be in action on Friday night as they host St. Francis. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Livengood expects this to be a tough game despite the fact St. Francis is only 500 for the season.

"I feel they have always been the dark horse of the league," Livengood said. "They have size on the floor, are quick and play well defensively."

On Saturday, they travel to Hays for a 5 p.m. tip-off. Hays has only one loss this season as they lost to Salina South this week.

The girls will again turn around and travel to Lakin on Tuesday for a 3:45 p.m. game.



Lady Wildcats pick up win and loss

By Brenda Kirkham

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Although the Sharon Springs Lady Wildcats barely missed a win over St. Francis on Friday night, the girls came back on Saturday for a victory over Cheylin.

Sharon Springs vs. St. Francis

The Lady Wildcats came oh so close Friday, but a missed lay-up with the Wildcats trailing by a point as the seconds ticked away is kind of how the close games have seemed to go for Sharon Springs this season.

A foul after the missed basket

gave the St. Francis Indians an opportunity to increase their lead to three.

Only one free throw went in, but the last-chance shot by Darci Siebert didn't go in and St. Francis came away with the 49-47 win.

Ashley Bruce hit three 3-pointers on her way to 18 points for the Wildcats; Renee Rains and Brandi Bertrand each scored nine points; Sarah Hill had six; Siebert had four; and Brodie Williams added one.

Sharon Springs vs. Cheylin

The girls bounced back to defeat the Cheylin Cougars 49-38 Satur-

day afternoon. It wasn't an overwhelming win, but the Wildcats slowly pulled away from the Cougars after trailing 10-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Williams led the Wildcats with 14 points including shooting 6-of-8 from the charity stripe; Bruce scored 12 points and again provided a spark for Sharon Springs from beyond the arc by making two three-pointers; Siebert added 10 points; Rains scored six; Brandi Bertrand had three, all on free throws; and Sarah Hill and Lexie Bellamy each added two.

Wildcats add two wins to season record

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The Sharon Springs Wildcats have worked hard over the past week, and it has paid off with wins over St. Francis and Cheylin.

Sharon Springs vs. St. Francis

The Wildcats got the 62-49 win over the St. Francis Indians Friday night and Grady Fischer finally got a dunk. That, combined with a 24-point effort by Kyle Elder, helped

the Wildcats break away from the Indians after being tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Elder scored 10 of his points in the second quarter, when Sharon Springs scored 26 points compared to St. Francis' 15.

The second quarter proved to be critical, since the Wildcats only outscored St. Francis by two points in the second half.

Along with Elder's 24 points,

Kyle O'Connor and Kevin Heyl both scored 10 points; Fischer finished with eight including his two-handed dunk; Reid Rains had seven; Bailey Fischer added two; and Kellen Davis one.

Sharon Springs vs. Cheylin

For the third time in a week, the boys got to add a win to their record in a 54-45 victory against Cheylin Saturday. The Wildcats' defense held the Cougars to just five points

The Cowgirls lost to the Hoxie Lady Indians on Tuesday evening, 81-73. (Above) Stephanie Fairbanks sized up Dani Pratt from Hoxie before she made her drive to the basket. (Right) Jayci Stone and Anny McCoy double teamed Carissa Heim to prevent her from getting into the basket. The Cowgirls will play again tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse against the St. Francis Indians. Tip-off for the girls is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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