

# Cowboys, undefeated in league, face Colby tonight

**By Tom Betz**  
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The Cowboys ran away from the Oakley Plainsmen in a road game Friday to raise their record to 13-5 and remain undefeated in league play with a 64-57 win.  
Tonight, the boys travel to Colby to face the Eagles in what may be their toughest game yet. The Eagles will be looking to avenge a one-point league loss to the Cowboys at Max Jones in January.  
“Really happy with the win,” said Cowboy Coach Jon McLean. “We didn’t play as good as we could, but it was a big win because we are undefeated in the league and will be league champions. I believe its been several years since that happened, and I’m really proud of that.  
“We didn’t shoot the ball at times. We had two 15-point leads and then missed some shots that let them back in the game.  
“Winning the league is a tremendous accomplishment for this team.

I dont think anyone would have picked Goodland to win the league at the start of the year.”  
Even with the league sewed up, McLean said it’s important to win tonight.  
“This is a huge one for us,” he said. “We will have to play better than we have been. We’ve got to get a few problems worked out, and if we do that we will do okay.”  
McLean says the team is in good shape except for Derrick Raymer, who broke his leg in January.  
“We’re not sure he can come back this year,” McLean said. “He is still in a cast. We’ll just have to wait and see how he bounces back.”  
Friday, he said, several Cowboys stepped up and performed well.  
“(Jace) Herl played well and it was good to see him hit those free throws,” the coach said. “(Jared) Doke played well and got some good put back. We will need him down the stretch.”  
Oakley played a tough game

through the first quarter Friday and halfway into the second before the Cowboys got things on track. The Cowboys had an early lead on a nine-point run to lead 11-3 at the halfway point of the opening stanza, but the Plainsmen outscored the Cowboys in the second half to tie the score at 14 with a shot at the buzzer.  
In the second quarter, the Cowboys again built a lead on baskets by Bobby Miller and Lance Tedford. The had five straight points with a basket and a 3-pointer to make it 21-16. With five minutes left in the half, the Plainsmen hit a 3-pointer to tie the score at 21.  
That was the last time the Plainsmen were close, as the Cowboys took the lead on a basket by Don Raymer and free throws by Doke followed by another basket from Raymer, who was fouled and completed the three-point play to give the Cowboys a six-point lead with a minute left in the half.

Herl got into the scoring with two free throws with 1:30 to go, and Raymer hit three more baskets, including one at the buzzer, to give the Cowboys an 11-point lead at the break, 36-25.  
Things continued to go the Cowboys’ way in the third quarter, as they held a seven-point lead going into the fourth quarter, 48-41.  
The Plainsmen cut the Cowboy lead to three with 6:10 left. Coach McLean called a 30-second timeout to talk to his boys.  
When the Cowboys came back out, they seemed to have a new urgency and ran off four baskets by Miller and Aaron Gittinger and two by Raymer to hold a 56-47 lead with 2:48 remaining.  
A 3-pointer from Oakley again got them to within six, but two fouls by the Plainsmen put the Cowboys in the bonus and Herl stepped up. He was 6 for 6 in the final 1:18, with his last two coming with 16 seconds left. The Plainsmen kept sending Herl

to the charity strip and then tried to gain an advantage with 3-point baskets, but the Cowboys had a big enough lead. The score was 62-51 with 32 seconds left after Herl’s second trip to the line in the quarter. Oakley took no time in scoring a 3-pointer to make it 62-54 and called time out with 25.3 seconds left.  
The Cowboys inbounded the ball to Herl, who was immediately fouled by Oakley and went back to the charity stripe for his third trip of the quarter. He hit both shots to give the Cowboys a 64-54 lead.  
Oakley got one more 3-point basket in the final seconds to make the final score 64-57.  
Raymer was the leading scorer for the Cowboys with 26. He was 12-17 from the field and 2 for 2 from the charity stripe. Tedford was the other Cowboys in double figures with 12 on 3-2 from the field, 2-6 for 3-pointers and 2-2 free throws. Herl had 8 all on free throws and was 0-3 from the field; and Miller had 8 on

4-9 from the field. Doke had 6 on 2-2 field goals and 2-2 free throws. Gittinger had 4 on 2-8 field goals. Chris Rubio was 0-3 from 3-point range.  
As a team, the Cowboys hit 56 percent from the field (22-39) and 16 percent form 3-point range (2-12) for an overall of 47 percent. They were 14-16 from the charity stripe for 88 percent.  
Oakley shot 44 percent from the field (16-36) and 37.5 percent from 3-point range (6-16) for an over all of 42 percent. They were 7 of 11 from the charity stripe for 64 percent.  
The Cowboys had 29 rebounds to 23 for Oakley. Leading the Cowboys were Raymer with 9, Miller 6 and Doke 4.  
The Cowboys had 11 steals to 8 for the Plainsmen. Gittinger had 3 and Kevin Schulte, Tedford, Miller and Raymer each had 2.  
The Cowboys had 14 assists to 5 for Oakley. Gittinger had 5 and Tedford 3.

## Goodland Cowgirls surge to 62-53 victory over Oakley

**By Tom Betz**  
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The Cowgirls continued on a winning track with a 62-53 win Friday over the Oakley Plainsmen in Oakley to give them a 14-4 record.  
Tonight they will face another tough game, a rematch at 5 p.m. with the Colby Lady Eagles in Colby.  
“I think we had a slow start,” Coach Connie Livengood said about the game against Oakley. “We talked about going at our pace rather than theirs at halftime.  
“We seem to come out flat in several of our last games. Maybe we were taking them for granted, but we can’t do that. They have been playing well all year long, and we can’t let down.

“Yeah, it is a big game Tuesday against Colby.”  
The Cowgirls have been somewhat dominated by the Eagles over the last year or so, including the two meetings so far this season. Asked if she thinks they have a chance to win, Livengood said, “Sure I do. I’m never going to give up on my team trying to beat them.”  
Looking at the game against the Eagles, Coach Livengood said they may do things a little differently on defense.  
“We are all healthy, and that helps,” she said.  
Talking about the performance of some of the girls who came off the bench Friday the coach said, “They all came in and played good. They were a little more aggressive.”

Against the Plainsmen Friday the Cowgirls used a scoring surge in the second half to take control of the game and lead by up to 15 points late in the final quarter.  
Neither team was able to score much in the first quarter, but the Plainsmen held a 7-6 lead at the buzzer. Coach Livengood said that was because the Plainsmen were trying to control the tempo and the Cowgirls were letting them.  
The scoring picked up in the second quarter. The lead changed hands several times and there were three ties as the Cowgirls struggled to get their game going. Stephanie Fairbanks’ basket in the final 30 seconds gave the Cowgirls a lead at half time 22-20 The Cowgirls outscored the Plainsmen 16-13 in

that quarter.  
Anny McCoy and Jessica Osborn hit baskets early in the third quarter to give the Cowgirls a larger lead and Courtney Schields made it a six-point lead about midway through the quarter with a basket to make it 28-22. The Plainsmen wouldn’t give up and with 3:30 remaining in the quarter tied the score at 28.  
Suddenly the Cowgirls came to life as Schields and Justeen Koehler hit baskets and Jayci Stone hit a 3-pointer to take the lead and stretch it to 35-28. The Cowgirls weren’t done, as McCoy hit two baskets in the next minute to give them an 11-point lead which held to the end of the third quarter, 39-28.  
They Plainsmen kept trying to cut

the lead below the 10-point mark in the final quarter, but when they started fouling, the Cowgirls made the best of it, with Stone and Kendra Billinger hitting free throws and keeping the Plainsmen at bay.  
The Plainsmen started trying to hit outside 3-pointers to get back into the game, but the best they could do was keep the lead down, and with 4:15 left the Cowgirls held a 52-37 lead. Oakley went on a short run to cut the lead, but back-to-back baskets by McCoy pushed it back to 15, 56-41, with 2:43 remaining.  
Stone got the final two points for the Cowgirls at the charity stripe with 10 seconds remaining to make it 62-53.  
Stone was the leading scorer with 20 points on 5 field goals (5-13), 1

3-pointer (1-4) and 7 free throws (7-9). She scored 13 of her points in the final quarter  
McCoy had 18 on 9 field goals (9-12), and she was 0-2 from the charity stripe.  
Koehler had 8 on 3 field goals (3-9) and 2 free throws (2-4).  
Osborn, Billinger, Fairbanks and Schields each had 4 points. Osborn had 2 field goals (2-5), but she missed her only 3-point shot; Billinger 1 field goal (1-3) and 2 free throws (2-2); Fairbanks 2 field goals (2-3); and Schields 2 field goals (2-5).  
The Cowgirls shot 45 percent (25-56) against 43 percent (18-42) for Oakley, and hit 65 percent of their free throws (11-17) while the Plainsmen hit 60 percent (15-25).

## Kid wrestlers go to four events in first two weekends of month

**By Michelle L. Hawkins**  
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The Goodland Kids Wrestling club has been busy the first two weekends of February at tournaments at Phillipsburg, Liberal, Plainville and McPherson, winning five first-place medals and many seconds, thirds and fourths.  
On Feb. 1, the club was in Phillipsburg. In the 8-and-under division, Ryan Hiller, 80 pounds, took third, while Tyler Fisher, 95 pounds finished first.  
In the 10-and-under division Tim Roeder, 85 pounds, and Thomas McCurry in the heavyweight class both took second.

On Feb. 8, the club split up and attended tournaments at Liberal, Plainville and McPherson.  
Six wrestlers went to Liberal and four of them finished first. In the 6-and-under division, Kelbey Smith, 37 pounds, finished third.  
Brook Bahe, Austin Avelar, Taylen Smith and Laine Herl wrestled in the 8-and-under division. Bahe, 52 pounds took fourth place. Avelar, 55 pounds; Smith, 88 pounds and Herl, 95 pounds, all finished first.  
The only wrestler from Goodland in the 12-and-under division was Keegan Smith, at 96 pounds. He finished first.

Six wrestlers attended a tournament in Plainville. In the 6-and-under division, Jayce Hovis, 37 pounds, ended the tournament in third. Mikail Freeman, 64 pound and Tyler Fisher, 95 pounds, wrestled in the 8-and-under division. Freeman took fourth and Fisher ended in third. In the 10-and-under, Seth Miller, 67 pound, finished fourth, Eric Roeder, 82 pounds took third and Chance Davis, 85 pounds, claimed second place.  
One Goodland wrestler went to the McPherson tournament. Paul Starr in the 95 pound weight class finished fourth.

## baseball scoreboard

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ADM-Collingwood Grain over Alex's Radiator & Repair — 15-2, 15-4	Duell Farms over Scared Hitless — 15-4, 15-7
First National Bank-II over Alex's Radiator & Repair — 15-1, 15-8	
Century Feeders over Scared Hitless — 15-6, 15-2	
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## Seventh-grade girls team defeats Burlington Cougars

**By Michelle L. Hawkins**  
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The Grant Junior High seventh-grade girls traveled to Burlington on Tuesday, picking up a win and a loss as the A team defeated Burlington 24-22 and the B team lost 20-8.  
In the A team game, both teams scored 4 points in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Burlington began to pull away, as they scored 7 to Goodland’s 4. By the halftime break, Burlington led 11-8.  
After the teams returned to the court, Goodland stepped up and nearly closed the gap. The Lady Mustangs outscored Burlington, 10-8. Six of Goodland’s points came from three field goals made by Sammie Raymer.

Goodland headed into the final quarter of the game only 1 point behind, 19-18.  
With only a quarter left to play, the Lady Mustangs finished off Burlington. Goodland scored 6 points and held Burlington to only 3 for the win.  
Raymer and Ashley Christians put up 10 points each for the Lady Mustangs. Jessica Hatfield and Halli Stone completed the Goodland scoring with 2 each.  
In the B team game, Burlington dominated Goodland in all four quarters. In the first quarter, Burlington sank two baskets for a total of 4 points while Goodland had a solitary bucket by Heather Marquez.  
As play continued in the second, Burlington put up another 4 points

and kept the Lady Mustangs scoreless. The score at the half favored Burlington 8-2.  
In their high-scoring third quarter, the Lady Mustangs sank two baskets. Burlington, not to be outscored, put up 6 points of their own.  
In the final quarter, Burlington continued its momentum to outscore Goodland 6-2. The final score was a loss for the Lady Mustangs, 20-8.  
Scoring for Goodland was credited to Marquez 4, and Karmen Respicio and Tiffany Wing 2 each.  
The girls will return to the court on Thursday as they play the Colby Eagles at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Tip-off is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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