

Cowboys season ends with overtime loss

Tedford's four threes in fourth spur Goodland

By Darrel Pattillo
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The Goodland Cowboys' season ended Thursday night in Colby with a 63-60 overtime loss to the Larned Indians in the semifinals of the Class 4A sub-state tournament.

The game plan for the Cowboys was to stop the Larned big guys, but Devin Reed, 6'6", and Brandon Ritchie, 6'5" scored 20 points each and had several blocks as the Cowboys struggled to make baskets.

"We didn't shoot well," Goodland coach Jon McLean said, "especially in the second quarter. We made too many little mistakes, and they made a few more plays than we did."

Goodland actually outscored Larned in three of the five periods played, but in the second, Larned scored 20 to Goodland's 10, and the Indians out-scored the Cowboys 5-2 in the overtime.

Both teams came out running, and gave the crowd its money's worth in the first quarter, which Goodland took 13-11. The Cowboys actually opened up a bit of a lead in the second, getting out front 16-11 before turning the ball over a couple of times.

Larned's Drew Shaver hit a three-point shot midway through the second period to give Larned the lead 18-17. The Indians were up 27-23 late in the second, and the Cowboys couldn't get anything to fall. A Reed lay-up at the buzzer sent Larned to the locker room with a 31-23 lead.

Both teams started the second half in high gear, trading baskets, and with a minute left in the third, Lance Tedford hit the first of his five three-point shots. That got the Goodland faithful up out of their seats.

Aaron Gittinger capitalized on a Larned bungle and scored a lay-up. On the inbound pass, Bobby Miller was fouled and scored two free throws. When the third period ended, Goodland was down by just seven points, 45-38.

"I was proud of the way the guys fought back into the game," McLean said.

Goodland's Don Raymer hurt his ankle in the fourth period. The Cowboys had already lost starter Kevin Schulte, who had turned his ankle trying to avoid hitting the wall in the Colby Community Building's short playing area.

With 5:56 left in the fourth, Cowboy Lance Tedford was wide open for a three-pointer that made the score 49-45 Larned. A basket and a free throw by Larned's Ritchie got the Indians back out front 52-45, but Goodland was able to score twice more, including another three from Tedford, and with 3:30 left, the score was 52-50 Larned.

The clock read 1:37, and the score was 56-50, when Tedford hit yet another three to make it 56-53. Goodland went to the hack-attack, and sent Shaver to the line, where he sunk two. With just over a minute left, Gittinger hit a 15-foot jumper to make it 58-55, and then Tedford tied it at 58 on another three-pointer, and the game went to overtime.

In the extra period, both teams battled, but couldn't get much to fall. With one minute left in the overtime, Larned was up 62-60, and the Cowboys again went to fouling. Larned's Tyler Fox went to the line twice, and made only one of four free throws. The Cowboys had a chance to tie it as time ran out, but couldn't get the shot off.

"They made just a few more plays than we did," McLean said.

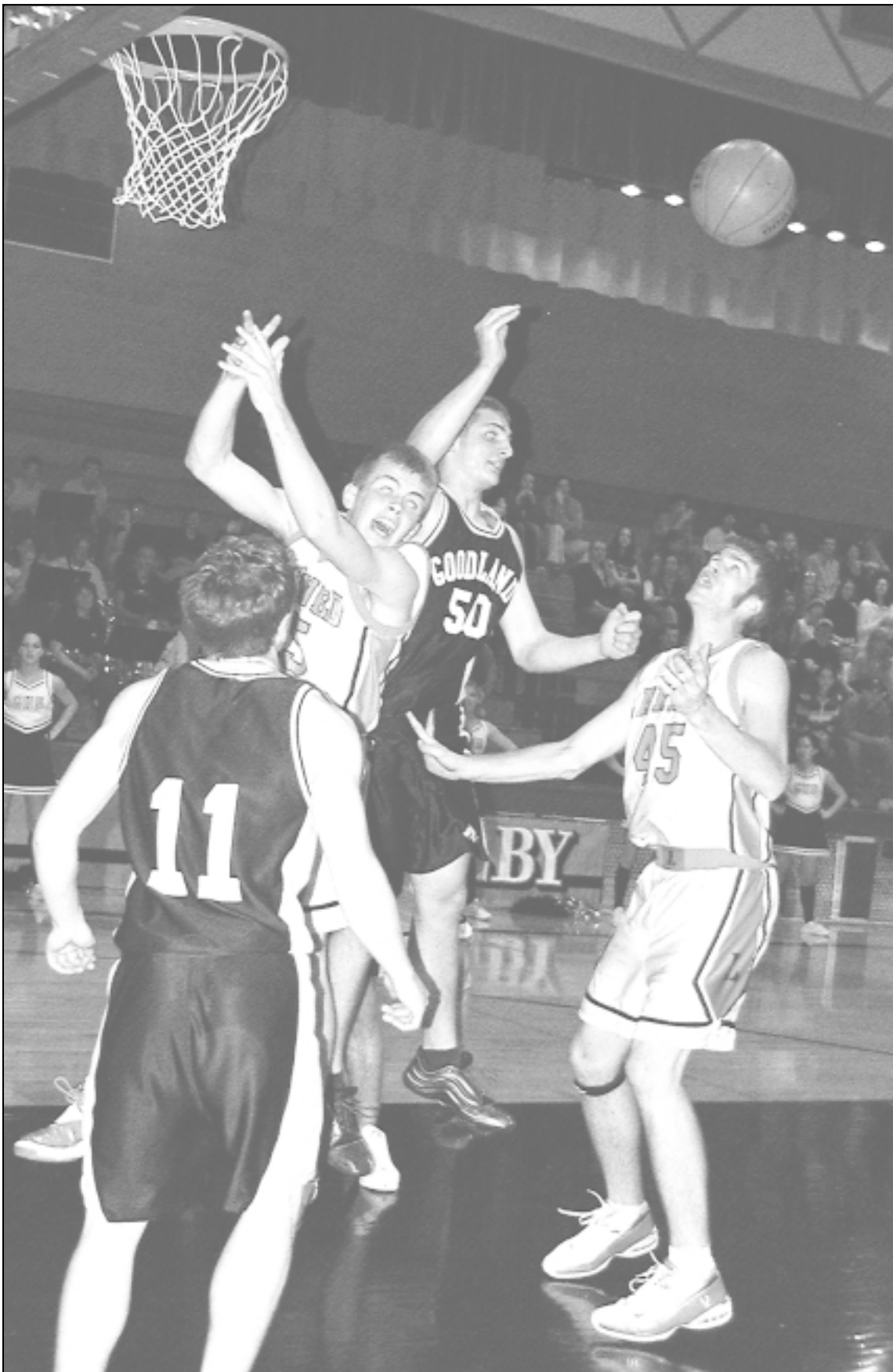
Scoring for the Cowboys were Gittinger with 12, Jase Herl 2, Miller 15, Raymer 10, Kris Rubio 4, Schulte 2, and Tedford 15, all from downtown.

McLean was upbeat about the Cowboy's season.

"I'm really happy with the way the team played," he said. "We went undefeated in the league and won the league title. It's been several years since we've had a winning record, so I'm happy about that."

"I'm excited about next year already. We've got a good nucleus coming back. We should have a pretty good team."

The Cowboys finished the season with a 14-8 record.



Goodland's Kevin Schulte (11) and Larned's Brandon Ritchie (45) watched as Cowboy Don Raymer stripped the ball from Indian Dusty Schartz last Thursday night in the semifinal game of the Class 4A sub-state tournament. Larned won the game in overtime 63-60, then lost to Colby 72-50 in the title game.

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Both Colby teams going to Salina for state games

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The two No. 1 seeds in the Class 4A sub-state tournament took advantage of playing at home Saturday night in the championship games, with the Colby Lady Eagles knocking off the Larned Lady Indians 55-43, and the Eagle boys routing Larned 72-50 behind 34 points from senior Landon Stover.

Both teams advance to the state tournament, with the boys playing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina and the girls at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Colby girls (22-1), the No. 3 seed, will play Jefferson West (15-8) for the chance to advance to Thursday's semifinal.

The Eagle boys, 19-4 and also the No. 3 seed, will play Andale (17-6).

Here's how the sub-state tourney in Colby played out last week:

On the boys side, Colby defeated Ulysses 72-39 last Monday in Colby.

Scott City beat Pratt 65-43 Monday in Scott City to set up a Colby-Scott City semifinal.

In the bottom of the bracket, Larned beat Concordia 62-60 at Larned and the Goodland Cowboys beat Hugoton in Goodland to advance to the semifinals.

It took an overtime period for Larned to beat the Cowboys Thursday night, and Colby needed a game-winning buzzer shot from Jordan Harris to beat Scott City. Colby then defeated Larned Saturday night in Colby to earn the ticket to Salina.

The Lady Eagles had an easier tournament, beating Ulysses 78-20 and Scott City 63-36 to advance to the sub-state championship.

Scott City had beaten Concordia 56-55 in the quarterfinal game.

In the other half of the bracket, Larned beat Hugoton 54-31. The Goodland Cowgirls had to travel to Hays to face Pratt, and lost a heart-breaker 47-44.

Larned then beat Pratt on Friday to advance to the title game.

The Lady Indians shut down the Lady Eagles in the first half of the girls championship game, but Colby came out in the second half and scored 44 points to win the crown.

For the Colby girls, it's the third time in four years they've been to state.

The boys last went in 2001, and were the state champs in 1999.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

March 11- March 21, 2003

Tuesday March 11 - Spring School Pictures.

Monday March 17 - Board of Education Meeting 7 pm.

Wednesday March 19 - No School Spring Break.

Thursday March 20 - No School Spring Break, First possible track practice.

Friday March 21 - No School Spring Break.

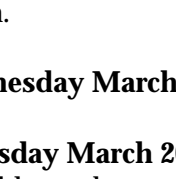
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Pirate Electric over Not Again 4-0
HoJo's over The Grannies and The Gramps 3-1

Three Men & A Little Lady over Lucky Horseshoes 4-0
Women's high game: Anna Mannis 200
Women's high series: Anna Mannis 541
Men's high game: Todd Cunningham 222
Men's high series: Todd Cunningham 611

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March 11- March 19, 2003

Tuesday, March 11 - Track Rules Meeting at Oakley, West Site Council Meeting 4 pm, 4th Grade Music Program at High School Auditorium has been postponed until a later date

Wednesday March 12 - Central Site Council Meeting 4 pm, Scholars Bowl at Oberlin 3 pm.

Friday March 14 - End of third nine weeks, American Field Service State Round up in Goodland.

Saturday March 15 - American Field Service State Round Up in Goodland.

Sunday March 16 - American Field Service State Round Up in Goodland.

Monday March 17 - No School, Teacher Inservice and Workday

Tuesday March 18 - West Elementary Book Fair

Wednesday March 19 - West Elementary Book Fair, Technology Committee Meeting 3:45 pm, Screening Committee Meeting 3:45 pm

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