

Cowboys finish fourth; go 1-2 at Topside Tipoff

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The Goodland Cowboys finished fourth at the 2003 Topside Tipoff tournament held Thursday through Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Goodland won its first game Thursday night, 92-60 over Burlington High. Friday, the Cowboys lost to McCook High, the eventual champions, 59-56. In the game for third place Saturday, Goodland led early, but the Blue Jays of Norton took over the lead during the middle of the second period and held on to win 64-58.

The tournament left the Cowboys 2-2 for the season. The boys opened tournament play Thursday with a dominating 92-60 win over the Cougars of Burlington. Goodland never trailed, but the score was tied twice during the early minutes of the first period.

With the scored tied at 5, though, Goodland scored 11 straight points after which the boys continued to steadily increase their lead throughout the game. They led 28-14 after the first quarter, 49-29 at halftime and 74-42 after three.

"We did a lot of good things." Coach Jon McLean said. "I was really pleased how we handled their press at the start of the game. We got several easy lay-ups off some good passing."

Junior Derrick Raymer led the Cowboys with 20 points, followed by senior Lance Tedford with 19, including 5-of-7 from three-point range. Junior David Livengood and sophomore Bobby Miller each scored 10 points. Raymer also led the team with eight steals and six

rebounds. "All 10 kids [who played] scored in the game," said McLean, "so it was a fun game to start the tournament with."

Other players scoring for Goodland include junior Wade Taylor and sophomore Jase Herl, both of whom had nine points. Senior Jared Doke added seven, juniors Jake Johnson and Drew Wilkens scored three each and junior Lane Winter two on a pair of free throws.

Friday, the Cowboys faced the Bison of McCook who defeated the Eagles of Wray High School Thursday 76-58. Goodland fell behind early and was down 14-7 at the end of the first period. The teams played even in the second period and McCook had a 29-23 lead at halftime.

The Cowboys scored the first five points of the third period and closed to within one at 29-28. Then a few minutes later, they took the lead 35-34 on a basket by Tedford. McCook regained the lead briefly, but at the end of three the Cowboys were on top 43-41.

The Bison opened the fourth period with a three-point basket, but Goodland responded with four straight points to regain the lead 47-44. That would be the last lead the Cowboys held. Goodland managed to tie the score at 56 late in the game, but a missed free throw gave McCook the ball. The Bison took the rebound and went down the court to score a three-pointer to retake the lead 59-56, then held off Goodland for the win.

Miller led the Cowboys with 19 points. Herl added 12 followed by Tedford with 11. Raymer scored

eight and led the team with nine rebounds. Doke had six points.

In Saturday's game for third place, both the Cowboys and the Norton Blue Jays got off to a slow start. After five minutes, the score was 4-3 in favor of the Cowboys. Norton took a 5-4 lead, then the Cowboys scored seven straight points to lead 11-5. It was 11-7 at the end of the quarter.

After tying the game at 18 in the second period, the teams alternated the lead with the Blue Jays coming out ahead at halftime 32-27. The second half belonged to Norton, though, as the Blue Jays kept the lead for the rest of the game, extending it to as much as 14 points at one point.

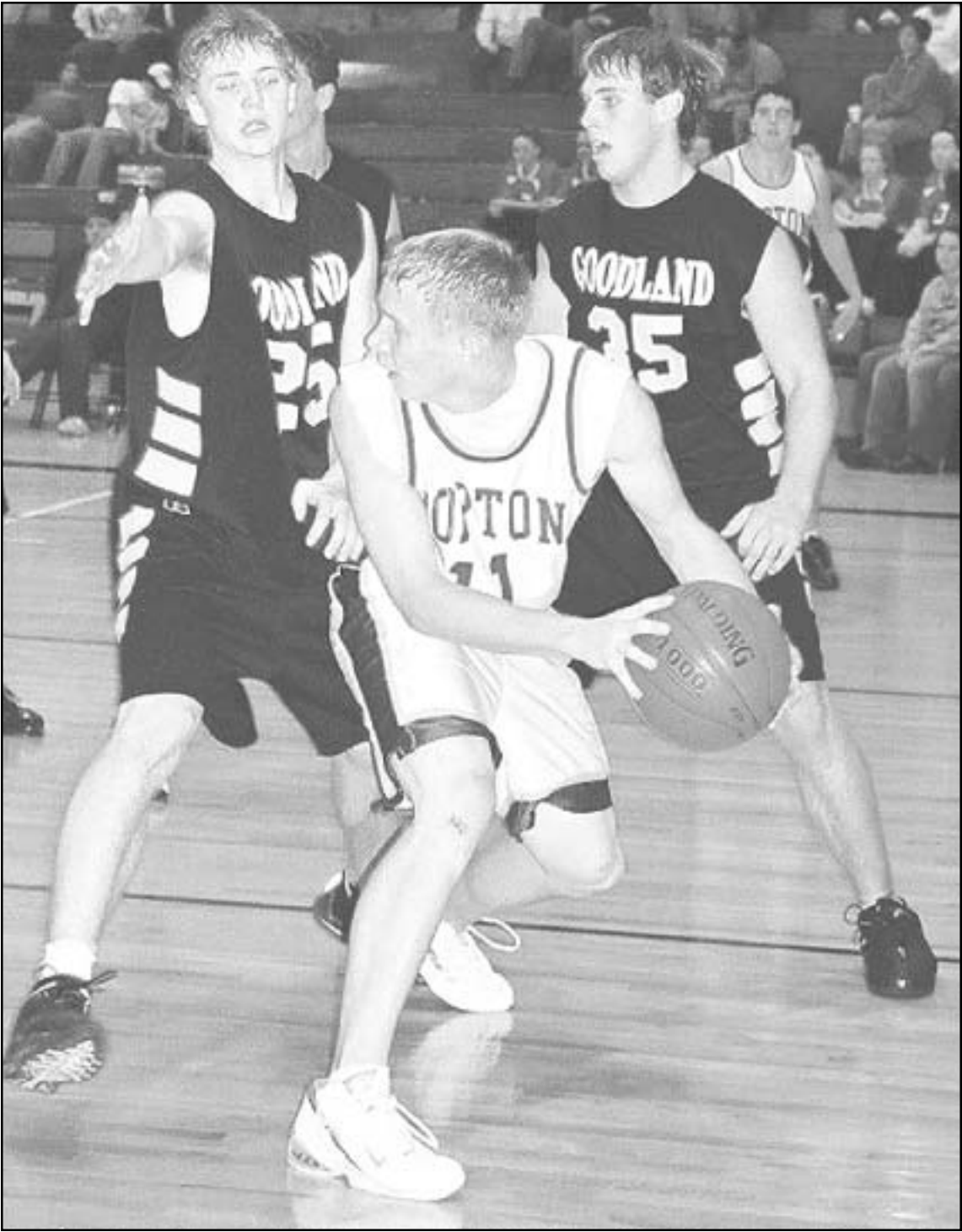
With the score 62-54 and 22 seconds left on the clock, Herl was fouled as he hit on a shot from beyond the three-point line. He made the free throw to close the Cowboys to 62-58, but Blue Jays scored the last points to win 64-58.

Herl scored 23 points to lead Goodland. Raymer was second with 13 and again led in rebounds with 10. Miller had 12 points, Tedford eight and Doke two.

Herl was the Cowboys' leading scorer for the tournament with 44 points, while both Raymer and Miller had 41. Raymer led Goodland in rebounds in all three games.

The next action for the Cowboys' varsity will be Friday at Quinter against the Bulldogs, with the varsity game starting about 7 p.m. Central Time.

KLOE radio (730 AM) will broadcast both the girls and boys varsity games, starting with the girls at 5:30 p.m.



Cowboy senior Lance Tedford (left) and sophomore Bobby Miller (right) boxed in Norton's Kyle Kats during Saturday's third-place game at the Topside Tipoff. The Blue Jays won the game 64-58. Ottawa defeated McCook 72-61 to win the tournament. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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Former Cowgirl leads team to victory

Freshman Jayci Stone of Colby Community College led the Lady Trojans in scoring Thursday in their 72-49 win over the U.S. Air Force Academy junior varsity in Colorado Springs.

Stone, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High, scored 17 points hitting on 7-of-14 field goals including 2-of-4 from behind the three-point line. She led the team with 10 rebounds.

Sophomore Jelena Spiric scored 12 points for Colby and freshman Summar Stephens came off the bench to score 10. Stephens played for the Lady Eagles of Colby High last year.

Colby is ranked No. 23 by the National Junior College Athletic Association and is 13-1 for the season with a 12-game win streak.

Colby opens its conference season at Butler County Community College on Jan. 3.

Trojans tie school record with 14th win of season

The Colby Community College men's basketball team tied a school record Saturday, defeating Bethany College's junior varsity 92-60 winning its 14th straight game. That tied a record set during the 1984-1985 season.

Sophomore forward E.J. Drayton led the No. 3-ranked Trojans with 21 points. Sophomore center Justin

Williams scored 14 points and led in rebounds with 16. Sophomore guard Branden Miller scored 17 points, and sophomores Dillion Sneed and Sam Jackson each added 10.

The Trojans open conference play Jan. 3 in El Dorado against the Grizzlies of Bulter County Community College.

Trojan wrestler to become Sun Devil next season

Sophomore wrestler C.B. Dollaway of Colby Community College has signed a national letter of intent with Arizona State University to compete for the Sun Devils next season.

Dollaway in the defending na-

tional junior college champion at 184 pounds and already has two tournament titles this season, the latest two weekends at the Bob Smith Open hosted by Fort Hays State University. He is 11-2 for the season and is the nation's top ranked junior college wrestler in his weight class.

Colby coach Steve Lampe said Dollaway is going to an established program where he will fit in very well. Coach Thom Ortiz of Arizona State said Dollaway has the potential to compete for the national title next year. Ortiz said Dollaway's style is a little unorthodox but he competes hard and always goes for the pin.

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Thursday - Junior varsity basketball tournament in Goodland 3 p.m., seventh grade League basketball tournament in Goodland 2 p.m., eighth grade League basketball tournament in Atwood 2 p.m.

Friday - "C", junior varsity and varsity basketball in Quinter 3:45 p.m.

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