

Beavers swamp Cowboys, 63-46

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Cold weather didn't slow down the Scott City Beavers as they put on a shooting clinic defeating the Cowboys, 63-46 Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The game was a make-up from one postponed by the first snowstorm in December. The loss gives the Cowboys a 6-2 record and the Beavers a 7-2 record.

The Cowboys first loss was an 80-44 drubbing by Hays High on Dec. 12. The Scott City Beavers are ranked No. 2 in Class 3A by the state basketball coaches association and have lost to Larned and Hays Thomas More Prep-Marian.

The Cowboys faced a second game against Hays High in the opening round of the Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic in Colby on Thursday.

Cowboy Coach Jon McLean said Monday he hoped the boys played better against Hays than they had the first time.

Monday the Cowboys knew they were facing a tough team, and one of the top players in the state in Scott City's Corbin Kuntzsch. He showed why he is considered at top player leading all scoring with 31 points hitting five 3-point shots, 4 field goals and 7 of 8 free throws.

"There is not much to say," McLean said. "We just got whipped."

"They completely outplayed us. Their defense completely took us out of our offense. They did absolutely anything they wanted against our defense."

"It can be a great learning experience if our kids will allow it to be. Bottom line is we need to step up and play better."

The Cowboys played some man-to-man defense as well as some zone, while the Beavers played mostly a tight man-to-man defense. The Beavers' defense kept the Cowboys off balance, and they found it hard to penetrate to get good shots. Mikey Doll opened the scoring for the Cowboys for a 2-0 lead with one minute gone. Travis Angelos gave the Cowboys a 4-2 lead a minute later, but that was wiped out by Kuntzsch's first 3-point basket.

Less than two minutes later Kuntzsch hit his first field goal and was fouled by Cowboy Greg Farris. The free throw gave the Beavers a 10-4 lead.

Doll hit the first of his three 3-point baskets to cut it to a 3-point lead 10-7. Nick Angelos got his first point of the game on a free throw with 1:21 left in the first with Scott City leading 16-8.

Scott City's Chance Chelemedos hit a lay-up with 49 seconds left and then got a steal and scored again with 15 seconds left to make it 20-8.

A shot by Doll was no good at the end of the quarter.

Cowboy Tanner Smith and Nick Angelos each got 3-point plays in the first minute of the second when they made baskets and were fouled giving them a free throw. A free throw by Farris and another basket by Nick Angelos cut the margin to 17, 24-17, about halfway through the quarter.

Every time the Cowboys seemed to be getting close Kuntzsch would take a 3-point shot from the top of the circle and make it.

The Cowboys stayed within 10 until the last 90 seconds of the quarter when the Beavers went on a short run and Kuntzsch hit the final basket giving them a 40-23 lead.

In the first minute of the third quarter Doll tried to spark the Cowboys when he hit what the crowd thought were back-to-back 3-point shots, but one was ruled a 2-point basket to make it 41-28. When Doll tried a third 3-point shot it bounced off.

Kuntzsch hit another of his 3-point baskets followed by another bucket to put the Beavers ahead 46-28.

The Cowboys played better in the second half and the two teams traded baskets. Each team scored 10 points in the third, and 13 points each in the final quarter.

Scott City led 50-33 at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter both teams put younger players in with under two minutes left.

For the Cowboys Andrew Taylor got a basket with about one minute left, and Farris hit a long 3-point basket with 40 seconds left to end the scoring and give the Beavers a



Senior Nathan Linin shot the basketball for two points at the game with Scott City on Monday night. The game was a make-up game that was canceled before the winter break.

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63-46 win.

Doll led the Cowboys with 14 points, Nick Angelos had 11, Travis Angelos 8, Farris 4, Smith 3 and Josh Doke, Nathan Linin and Taylor each had 2.

The Cowboys hit 51.5 percent of their shots, but the Beavers hit 57 percent of their shots. The Beavers out rebounded the Cowboys 21-13. The Cowboys had 21 turnovers to 16 for the Beavers.

Today the Cowboys will play the second round of the 22nd Annual Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic in Colby. The Cowboys will face McCook or Liberal depending on which teams won in the first round on Thursday. The Cowboys will play at 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time at the Colby Community Building if they defeated Hays High on Thursday. The Cowboys will play at 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time at Colby High School if the Cowboys lost to Hays.

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Cowgirls beat Lady Beavers

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The Goodland Cowgirls basketball team took the lead with the first basket after the tipoff Monday and went on to whip the Scott City Lady Beavers 60-40.

In a game filled with lots of passing and steals, Scott City attempted 11 three-point shots and made just three. Goodland attempted only five, but made two, both by Kaylee Billinger in the second quarter.

In the first quarter, Billinger had two points, Nicolette Clancy two, Sammie Raymer three, Emily Murray five and Whitney Archer four for a total of 16 to Scott City's 10.

The top scorer for Scott City was Tecie Turner with four. Lauren Robinson made the only three-pointer in the second quarter.

The Cowgirls lead 35 to 17 at the end of the first half. Stephanie Sheldon made four points in the second quarter, Clancy four and Archer five.

In the third quarter, the Cowgirls did not control the games as they had in the first half. Scott City scored 16 points to their 10. Billinger scored two, Clancy two and Archer six. Scott City's Robinson made two more three-pointers.

Getting their passing together, the Cowgirls scored 15 in the last quarter. Sheldon made three, Shelbi Herl two, Raymer one, Murray five and Archer four. Scott City scored seven points.

Four younger players saw action in the last quarter, Erika Gonzales, Courtney Sheldon, Herl and Chelsie Gausman.

Stephanie Sheldon made all three of her free throws, Herl her two, Raymer two out of five, Murray four out of six and Archer one out of three.

Billinger made 67 percent of her two-point shots, while Stephanie Sheldon, Clancy and Raymer made 50 percents. Archer shot 43 percent and Murray 38 percent.

Clancy had the most offensive and defensive rebounds with nine. Archer had eight, Murray seven, Billinger four, Raymer three, Gonzales and Stephanie Sheldon each had one.

"It was nice to have a victory again, said Coach Don Smith. "I was concerned in the early stages of the third quarter, some things we practiced on didn't work as well in the game."

"We had some nice passing and were able to pick out some weaknesses in the defense of Scott City," he said.

"We wanted to play at a little faster tempo, which we did in the first half, but not as fast in the second half."



Senior Kaylee Billinger (right) goes for one of her shots. She made ten points during the game.
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He said he was hoping to get the younger girls more playing time.

The Cowgirls will play next at the Orange and Black Classic in Colby against McCook starting at 2 p.m.

(Mountain Time) Thursday in the Community Building.

The McCook girls placed seventh in the Topside Tipoff, only beating the Weskan girls.

"The McCook girls should have made a lot of progress since the Topside Tipoff and we're not going to take the game lightly," Coach Smith said.



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