

Cowboys win season-opener 58-47

The Cowboys trailed the Imperial Longhorns early Friday, but took the lead before the end of the first quarter and went on to win the season opener 58-47 at Imperial, Neb.

"The kids played very good defensively, and did a pretty good job with execution offensively," said Cowboys Coach Brad Bergsma who is in his first year as the team's head coach.

"We saw some things we needed to work on," he said noting the team hit 14 of 27 free throws.

"All in all it was good to get out of there with a win," he said. "I tell the kids there is no such thing as playing a perfect game, and it is how they handle their mistakes that will determine the outcome."

The Cowboys took their first lead 8-7 in the first quarter behind

the three-point shooting of Preston Dautel who had four three-pointers with two in the first period.

Greg Farris hit one of his three three-point shots at the buzzer of the first quarter to give the Cowboys an 18-14 lead. Farris hit another three-point shot at the start of the second to extend the Cowboys lead to 21-14.

After a turnover on the Longhorns, Dautel hit another of his three-point baskets to give the Cowboys a 10-point lead 24-14.

The Cowboys extended their lead to 16 points at the half leading 36-20.

At the beginning of the second half the Longhorn's coach kept his starters on the bench and put five younger players on the floor. The younger Longhorn players hit a

three-point basket and a field goal to cut the lead to 11 before Farris hit another three-pointer to make it 39-25.

With about half the third quarter gone the Longhorn starters returned to the floor and immediately hit a field goal to cut the lead to 12, 39-27.

A foul on the Longhorns put Forrest Trachsel at the free throw line for two shots. He missed the first, but the second one was good, however, the scoreboard did not record the point.

Coach Bergsma asked about the point, but the score did not change.

Travis Angelos got a layup to make it a 14-point lead, 41-27.

The Longhorns cut the lead to eight, 41-33 with about one minute left in the third, but Brandon Rome

hit a three-point shot with 12 seconds left to make it 44-33 at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Longhorns continued to battle back and several times cut the Cowboys lead to 10 or less points. Every time the score got close, the Cowboys would get a basket to push it back to double digits.

In the last two minutes the Longhorns cut the lead, but the closest they could get was seven points, 48-41.

Free throws were at a premium for the Cowboys but in the final minute Dautel hit two and Farris hit two of four. Angelos hit one of two free throws, and Grant Wilkens and Tanner Smith added two more free throws to give the Cowboys the 58-47 win.

Farris was the leading scorer with 18 points with three three-point shots. He had two rebounds and four steals.

Dautel had 14 points with four three-pointers, two rebounds and three steals.

Smith had 11 points, six rebounds and took two charges. Rome had 6 points with two three-point shots and one rebound. Angelos had 5 points, four rebounds and five steals. Trachsel had 4 points and two rebounds. Wilkens had 1 point, one rebound and one steal. Josh Duke did not score, but had one rebound.

The Cowboys open play at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Topside Tip-off against the Weskan Coyotes at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"We are looking forward to Topside," Bergsma said. "We aren't real

sure what to expect from Weskan, Coach Cox does a good job of planning to his kids' strengths, and I don't expect this year to be any different.

"Second round brings the winner of Sharon Spring and McCook, both of these schools got a late start, since they both played for state championships in football. We know they have athletes.

"There appear to be some very good teams again this year, Colby is much improved, Ottawa is a preseason top 10, Skyline, coming out of Denver, is a little bit of a wild card, and Norton returns almost all their starters from a tough squad last season.

"Should be three nights of exciting basketball."

Cowgirls begin season with loss at Imperial, Neb.

The Goodland Cowgirls found themselves on the losing end of the score in their opening game Friday against the Imperial Lady Longhorns, 53-30, in the Nebraska town.

The Cowgirls took a lead in the first minute on a shot by Senior Sammie Raymer, but a three-point shot by Imperial's Tabitha Russell put the Longhorns in front 3-2.

The Cowgirls never got close again, as the Longhorns built a lead

of 18-6 after the first quarter and 31-12 at half. In the second half, the Longhorns continued to build on their lead and the Nebraska girls went on to win 53-30.

Imperial used a full court press, which the Cowgirls had trouble breaking. The girls threw the ball away several times. When the Cowgirls did break the press, they had trouble getting good shots and had trouble making free throws.

In the first quarter, Shelbi Hall hit

one basket and had one free throw. She scored another basket in the second quarter to match Raymer with five points in the half. Raymer had two baskets, but was one for six on free throws.

The Cowgirls' best quarter was the third, where they scored 10 points to 13 for the Longhorns, but that left them behind 44-22.

In that quarter, Hall had three more baskets to lead the Cowgirls' scoring with 11 points. She did not

score in the fourth quarter.

In the second half, Ashley Archer had three baskets to give her 8 points for the game. Jade Herl had a basket and made two free throws in the second half for her 4 points, and Courtney Sheldon had one basket in the fourth for her 2.

The Cowgirls attempted nine three-point shots, but none fell through. The Cowgirls put up 29 field goal shots, making 13 for 44.8 percent. The Cowgirls had 14

chances for free throws and made just four for 28.6 percent.

The Longhorns took 10 three-point shots and made three for 9 points. The Longhorns took 46 shots from the field, making 20 for 43.5 percent, and hits four of seven free throws for 57.1 percent.

Imperial out rebounded the Cow-

girls 26 to 21.

Thursday, the Cowgirls will open the Topside Tip-Off tournament at 6 p.m. against the Norton Lady Blue Jays at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowgirls are the defending Topside champions having defeated the Colby Lady Eagles in the championship last year.



Ottawa, Colby to open Topside

The Ottawa Cyclones, who are a top 10 preseason pick in Class 4A, will open the 19th annual Topside Tip-off at 2 p.m. Thursday against the Colby Eagles in the junior high gym in search of their fourth tournament title having lost to the Goodland Cowboys in the championship last year.

The Norton Lady Blue Jays will face the Goodland Cowgirls at 6 p.m. as the Cowgirls try to defend their title from last year.

Weskan and Skyline from Denver, Colo. are the new teams in the tournament this year.

In the girls' bracket, the McCook Lady Bison will open the tournament at 2 p.m. against the Weskan Lady Coyotes on the main floor at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

At 4 p.m., it will be the Colby Lady Eagles facing the Ottawa Lady Cyclones in the junior high gym. The Goodland Cowgirls will face Norton at 6 p.m. on the Max Jones floor, and the final game of the night will be Skyline against Sharon Springs in the junior high gym.

On the boys side, the 2 p.m. opening game will be between Ottawa and Colby. At 4 p.m., it will be Norton facing Skyline on the Max Jones floor. At 6 p.m., McCook will play Sharon Springs in the junior high gym, and at 8 p.m. the Cowboys will face Weskan on the main floor.

Friday, the second round will begin at 2 p.m. with eight games split between the junior high gym and the Max Jones floor.

Saturday, the seventh-place games will be at 11 a.m. in the girls bracket and at 1 p.m. in the boys bracket. The fifth-place games will be at 11 a.m. for the girls and at 3 p.m. for the boys. Third-place games will be at 1 p.m. for the girls and at 3 p.m. for the boys.

The championships will be at 5 p.m. for the girls and at 7 p.m. for the boys.

Halftime of the boys championship will feature a 3-point shootout between the top two boy and girl players.

At the end of the boys championship, the awards will be handed out and the all-tournament teams honored.

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- Today:** 3 p.m., Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster. Half day at school.
- Friday:** 3 p.m., Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster. Half day at school.
- Saturday:** 3 p.m., Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster.
- Monday:** 3:30 p.m., high school scholars bowl at Winona
- Tuesday:** Winter Sports pictures. 6:30 p.m., high school basketball vs. Triplains at Winona.

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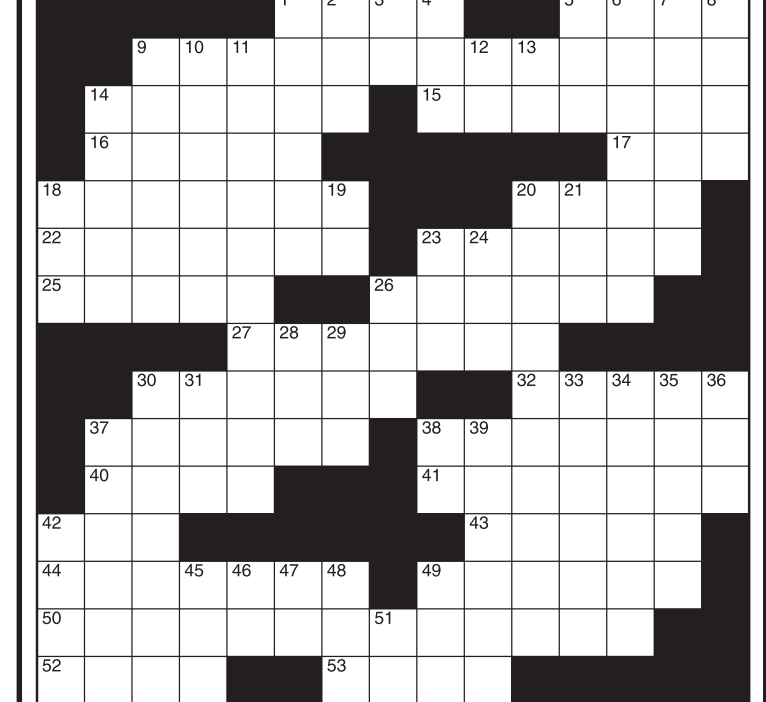


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 - Flags
 - Mains
 - Become angry
 - Hauling vehicles
 - Capable of being appointed
 - Teeter-totter
 - S.A. artiodactyl mammal
 - Johnny __, comedian
 - Wrinkled
 - Wheel nuts
 - Examined by sight
 - An ink writing implement
 - Concerned
 - Taxable
 - International linear units
 - Like the favored hare
 - A companion (archaic)
 - Valley
- CLUES DOWN**
- Someone who consumes food
 - Auricular organ
 - Manganese
 - Electronic data processing
 - Married woman
 - Young ladies
 - Church officers
 - Swerve
 - Paddling
 - From Nicaea
 - Ingeniousness
 - A radioactive element
 - Old English
 - Alfred Thayer __, US naval historian
 - Don't know when yet
 - An honorary degree in science
 - Slow up
 - Hardwood tree
 - A spherical object
 - A passage with access only at one end
 - Shoot a marble
 - Volcanic mountain in Japan
 - Family Hominidae
 - Amble
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