

Topside Tip-off action continues

The 19th annual Topside Tip-Off basketball tournament continues at 2 p.m. today at Max Jones Fieldhouse with a pair of girls' games, one on the main court and the other in the junior high gym.

The winner of Thursday's McCook/Weskan matchup will face the winner of the Colby/Ottawa game on the main court, while the

losing teams will play in the junior high gym.

The Cowgirls will play around 6 p.m. against either Sharon Springs or Skyline, depending on the results of Thursday's games. Norton will play the other.

The Cowboys will take the court around 8 tonight, against either McCook or Sharon Springs, depending on the re-

sults Thursday. Weskan will face the other.

The winner of the Ottawa/Colby boys matchup will face the winner of the Norton/Skyline game at 4 p.m. on the main court, while the losers are in the junior high gym.

The Cowboys have won the tournament six times, winning the championship last year. The Cow-

girls have won seven times, winning the championship last year.

The girls' championship will be played on the main court around 5 p.m. Saturday with the boys' title game starting around 7. The finals of the S&T Long-Distance Shootout will take place between the two games.

The all-tournament teams will be announced about 10 minutes

after the end of the championship matches. Last year, the Cowboys had senior Nick Angelos and junior Mikey Doll on the all-tournament team, and the Cowgirls had seniors Kaylee Billinger, Whitney Archer and Emily Murray on the all-tournament team.

There will be little rest for Goodland's players after the Tip-Off, as the Cowboys and Cowgirls

will have a junior varsity tournament at home at 3 p.m. Monday and then face the Indians of Hays High back in the fieldhouse Tuesday.

The girls' game with Hays High will tip off around 5:30 p.m. with the boys' game starting about two hours later. The boys' C-team game will get started at 3:45 p.m., followed by the junior varsity.

Brewster boys win, girls lose in Sagebrush Shoot-out

The Brewster Bulldog basketball teams had different fates on the first day of play at the Sage Brush Shoot-out Tuesday.

The girls got down early and couldn't quite make up the deficit, losing to Stratton, Colo., 48-41. The boys, meanwhile, got up on Stratton early and kept the rout on, defeating the Eagles 68-41.

In the girls game, Stratton pulled ahead of Brewster 14-5 after the first quarter. The Lady Bulldogs trimmed the deficit to 22-17 at half-time only to see Stratton push the lead back to seven after three quarters. Brewster battled in the fourth quarter, but came up seven points short.

Brewster was led by Nichelle Erskin who finished with 13 points. Abbie Allen had the team's only two three-pointers and finished with 10 points. Melissa Baird scored eight. Baylee Westover and Amanda Albers each had four. Melissa Crumrine fouled out with two points.

Stratton had just one girl, Morgan Fox, in double-figures, but got scoring contributions from eight of their 10 players. Fox led the way with 10 points.

The boys jumped out to a 13-3 lead in the first quarter, and used a 26-point second quarter to expand that lead to 39-20 at half-time. The Bulldogs maintained a 54-36 lead after three quarters and outscored the Eagles 14-5 in the fourth.

Jance McKee led the way with 18 points. He also had the team's only three three-pointers. Michael Collett and Corey Siruta each finished with 17 points. T.J. Preston was also in double-figures with 12 points. Chris Williams and Seth Carpenter each chipped in two.

Stratton was led by Scott May with 13 points. Both squads will be back in action tonight.

Boys teams have first round victories

The St. Francis girls and Brewster and Golden Plains high school boys had victories Tuesday in the first round of the Sagebrush Shootout basketball tournament at Brewster.

Girls
Stratton beat Brewster 48-41
Idalia beat Triplains 78-57
Rawlins County beat Cheylin 59-32
St. Francis beat Golden Plains 48-25

Boys
Brewster beat Stratton 68-41
Idalia beat Triplains 51-40
Rawlins County beat Cheylin 76-48
Golden Plains beat St. Francis 54-49

The Lady Bulldogs (1-1) will go to the loser's bracket and take on Triplains at 4:30 p.m. in the south gym, all times in Central Time. The Brewster boys (2-0) advanced to the semifinals and will host Idalia, Colo., at 8 p.m. in the south gym.

Championship games will be at 6 p.m. Saturday in the south gym for the girls and 8 p.m. Saturday in the south gym for the boys. Third place games will be 6 p.m. in the north gym for the girls and 8 p.m. in the north gym for the boys.

Fifth place games will be 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the south gym for the girls and 3 p.m. Saturday in the south gym for the boys. Seventh place games will be 4:30 p.m. in the north gym for the girls and 3 p.m. in the north gym for the boys.

Lady Trojans beat Fort Scott

A great defensive effort and a career-high 21 point performance by Goodland native Whitney Archer helped the Colby Lady Trojans to beat Fort Scott Community College 68-54 Friday at the Jayhawk Shoot-out in Coffeyville for their third win of the year.

The Lady Trojans handed Fort Scott (4-1) their first loss of the year by holding them to 28.6 percent shooting (18-63), including 14.3 percent (3-21) from three-point range.

Colby shot 41 percent themselves, but a 12-15 effort from the free throw line and eight three-pointers made up for their inconsistent shooting.

Archer, Oberlin native Lauren Fortin and former Golden Plains standout Katie Spreser were immune from the Lady Trojans' shooting struggles. They combined to go 19-31 from the field for 45 points.

Archer's 21 point outing came on 8-17 shooting, including 3-4 from three-point range. Fortin was 6-8 from the field and 2-3 on three-pointers. She finished with 15 points. Spreser was 4-6 for nine points.

Sandra Sormaz was also in dou-

ble-figures with 11 points.

Fort Scott was led by Ashley Jappa who finished with 21 points on 7-9 shooting.

The Lady Trojans were unable to make it two in a row in Coffeyville as they fell the next night to 1-8 Neosho 64-54.

Neosho led 27-26 at the half and was able to pull away with the 10 point victory thanks to their effort at the free throw line.

The Panteras connected on 19-24 free throws (79 percent) compared to the Lady Trojans who were just 1-4 on the night.

The 18 point differential at the line proved too much to overcome for Colby who made five more field goals (24-19) than Neosho.

Neosho was also more efficient

from behind the three-point line where they made 7-17 (41 percent) shots, while the Trojans hit only 5-23 (21 percent) attempts.

The Lady Trojans were led by Sormaz with 16 points and Nikki Welsh with 15. Archer had nine but was just 4-14 from the field and 1-7 from behind the three-point arc.

Neosho had four players in double-figures, led by Fila Smith with 15 points.

Colby now stands at 3-9 on the season. The Lady Trojans faced Air Force Prep at the Western Nebraska Tournament in Scottsbluff, Neb., on Thursday.

The Trojans will take on Western Nebraska tonight and finish the tournament with Eastern Wyoming on Saturday.

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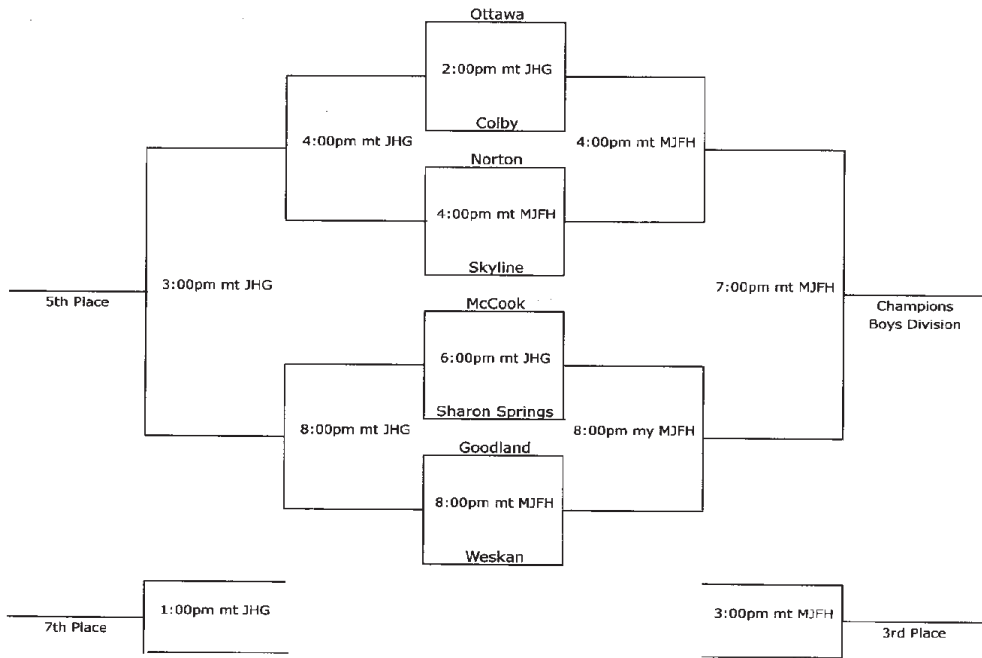


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