Cowboys take squeaker over Oakley

ntbetz@nwkansas.com The clock read 1.9 seconds and the Oakley Plainsmen had the ball with a chance at a game-winning shot from the top of the key, but it bounced off the right side of the rim at the buzzer to give the Cowboys a 51-49 victory Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The score was tight most of the game, with neither team able to get more than a three-point lead and the lead changing hands eight times in the second quarter alone.

Goodland led by one at the half, but Oakley led by one at the end of the third quarter. The score stayed tight until the final seconds, when a Plainsmen foul put Cowboys junior Greg Farris at the line for two shots with the score tied at 49-49.

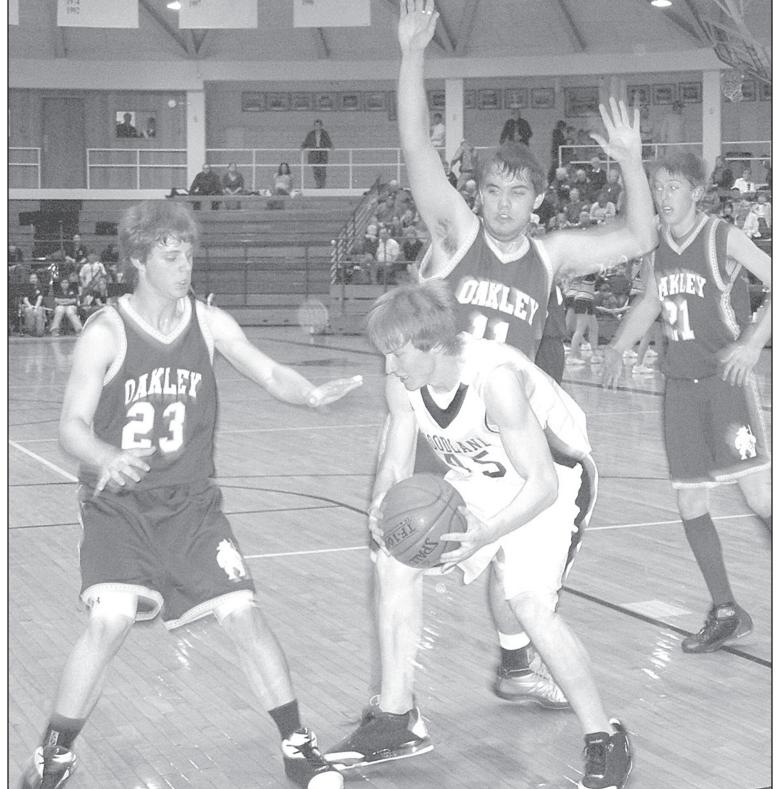
Farris made both shots to give the Cowboys a two-point lead, and it appeared the game might be over when Cowboys senior Forrest Trachsel got a Plainsmen rebound with under five seconds left. In the fight for the ball, though, Trachsel was called for traveling, setting up the Plainsmen's final shot with 1.9

The Cowboys have a 8-10 record and are 5-0 in Northwest Kansas League play, but they face a showdown at 7 p.m. tonight in Colby against the Eagles, who are 13-4 for the season and also 5-0 in league.

The Cowboys lost to the Eagles, 64-45, in the Orange and Black Classic in January, but that did not count as a league game. The Eagles are averaging 66 points a game to 46 for the Cowboys, and Colby won a close game on Friday against Quinter, 68-66.

Against Oakley, the Cowboys got off to a fast start and led 8-1 halfway thorough the first quarter. The Cowboys were leading 15-11 at the end of the first and 26-25 at half time. Halfway through the second quarter, Oakley had a tree-point lead. The Cowboys came back to take a one-point lead in the final seconds, even though the Plainsmen outscored the Cowboys 14-11 in the quarter.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys took a three-point lead, but the Plainsmen erased that. Again the lead changed hands eight time and was tied twice, with the Plainsmen holding a 38-37 lead at the buzzer.



Cowboys senior Josh Doke found himself surrounded under the Cowboys won the game 51-49 to stay tied with Colby for the lead Cowboy's basket by Oakley Plainsmen junior Derek Glassman (23) and senior Logan Morel (11) Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The

of the Northwest Kansas League.

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the fourth quarter 39-38, but the almost every time the ball did, as were playing aggressively as the 45-44 lead, which they extended to Plainsmen retook it on a basket and both teams were running and push-time ran down.

foul that gave them a 40-39 edge. ing on fast breaks. The Cowboy s

The sixth time in the quarter the

The Cowboys retook the lead in Again the lead changed hands started pressing, and both teams lead changed, the Plainsmen took a 47-44 with 3:45 left.

Farris cut the margin back to one,

disturbing images.

team was able to score until the 1:35 mark, when an Oakley foul put Farris at the line for two shots. He made the first to tie the score at 47, and made the second to give the Cowboys a 48-47 lead, the seventh change of the quarter.

On the next play, the Plainsmen retook the lead 49-48 for the eighth

The Plainsmen had a chance to extend that lead with a minute left, but sophomore Kraig Siruta missed the first shot of a one-and-one and the Cowboys got the rebound.

Cowboys senior Josh Doke was fouled with 40 seconds left and made the first free throw to tie the score at 49. Doke missed the second shot, but Trachsel got the rebound and the Cowboys took a time out with 37 seconds left to plan their

The Cowboys passed the ball around until the clock was down to about 10 seconds, when Oakley junior Derek Glassman fouled Farris as he tried to drive to the basket. That was the 10th foul of the half against the Plainsmen, giving the Cowboys the double bonus.

Before Farris could shoot the free throws, the Plainsmen took a time out to plan their strategy. Farris made both shots giving the Cowboys the lead 51-49.

The Plainsmen played for the last shot, but it was no good and Trachsel fought for the rebound on the floor, surrounded by the Plainsmen. Trachsel was called for traveling, and the Plainsmen took a time out with 1.9 seconds left.

The ball was passed to one of Oakley's outside shooters, who took a shot from long range. The ball bounced off the left side of the rim to give the Cowboys the win, 51-49.

Farris led the Cowboys with 17 points, including his final four of the game from the free throw line. Senior Grant Wilkens and junior Travis Angelos each had 9. Senior Preston Dautel had 8, Trachsel 5

Friday, the Cowboys will finish the regular season against the Hoxie Indians at 7 p.m. in Hoxie. The Indians are 7-10 coming off a 77-61 win over Oberlin on Friday. The Hoxie boys will face the Norton Blue Jays at Norton tonight before playing the Cowboys.

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Colby, Feb. 2

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School calendar for February 12 to February 18

Today: Gold Day. 3:45 p.m., high school basketball at Colby. 4 p.m., West Site Council meeting.

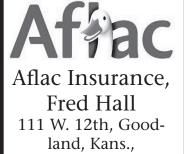
Wednesday: Black Day. 4 p.m., Central Site Council meeting. Junior high league music festival at Colby.

Thursday: Gold Day. 3:30 p.m., Eighth grade basketball against Colby and seventh grade basketball against Colby at Colby. 3:30 p.m.. junior high wrestling triangular against Oakley and St. Francis at home.

Friday: Black Day. 3:45 p.m., varsity and junior varsity basketball at Hoxie. Regional wrestling.

Saturday: State piano at Wichita. Regional wrestling.

Monday: No School. Teacher professional day. First round of junior high league basketball tournament.



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