

Cowboys win first round at Topside

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The Cowboys won in the first round but lost the next two games to finish fourth in the 20th Annual Topside Tip-Off and bring their season record to 2-3.

Goodland won the opening game on Thursday against the Wray, Colo., Eagles, 56-49, but lost the second round game on Friday to McCook, 59-39, and lost on Saturday to Wallace County in the third place game, 73-45.

The Cowboys are in action at 7 p.m. tonight when they take on the Hays High Indians in Hays. The Cowboys will play Scott City at 7 p.m. on Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse before the Christmas break.

Cowboys beat Eagles
In all three games the Cowboys fell behind in the first quarter. Against Wray the Cowboys managed to stay close and outscore the Eagles in the second half to win the game 56-49.

Wray took the early lead outscoring Goodland in the first quarter 16-11. In the second the Cowboys cut the lead by outscoring the Eagles 16-14 to cut it to three at halftime 30-27.

In the third quarter the Cowboys tied the score at 32-32 with 6:30 remaining, and the two teams traded baskets, and the Cowboys tied the score again at 36-36 on a basket by sophomore Brock Wilkens. The Cowboys took the lead on a basket by senior Landon Brenner, but it was tied again at 40-40 with less than 1:30 left in the quarter.

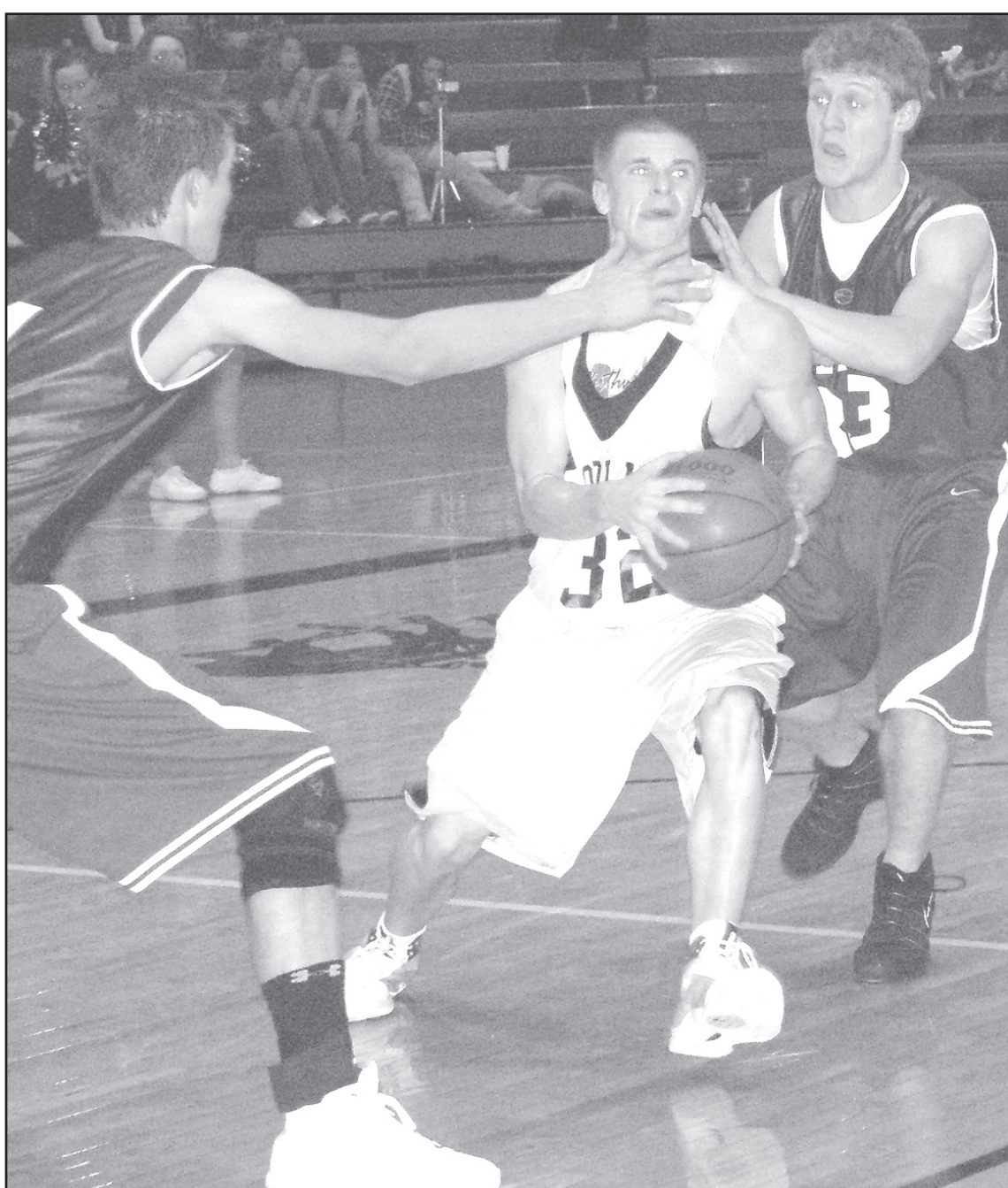
Senior Travis Angelos scored on a pass from Brenner to retake the lead 42-40 and that is how the third quarter ended. The Cowboys had outscored the Eagles 15 to 10 to take the lead.

Senior Greg Farris scored on the first Cowboy possession of the fourth quarter to give Goodland a 4-point lead, 44-40, and again a minute later to make it 46-40. The Eagles tried to cut the lead, but the Cowboys kept making shots and free throws and Wilkens hit with about four minutes left to make it 50-44.

Senior Brandon Rome fouled while shooting and made his two free throws to make it 52-44. The Cowboys final points of the game came at the free throw line with Rome making one, Wilkens one and Farris two while the Eagles had a free throw and a 3-point basket to finish 56-49.

Three Cowboys were in double figures with Farris putting in 17, Angelos 12 and Rome 10. Wilkens had 5, sophomore David Murry 7, Brenner 3 and senior Kevin Amthor 2.

Goodland hit 22 percent (2 of 9) from 3-point range, 58 percent (18



Cowboys senior Greg Farris (center above) drove through the outstretched hands of Wray Eagles Jarret Cure (left) and Kelly Siegrist during the opening game of the Topside Tip-Off on Thursday. Cowboys sophomore David Murray (right) tried to shoot over the hands of Wallace County Wildcat Mitch Harrison during the third place game on Saturday.

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of 31) field goals and 52 percent (14 of 27) free throws. Goodland had 29 rebounds to 24 by Wray and 20 turnovers for the Cowboys to 23 for the Eagles.

Cowboys lose to McCook

Angelos gave the Cowboys an early 2-0 lead in the second round game against McCook, but with 4 minutes gone Goodland was down 7-2. With three minutes left in the first quarter, McCook's Connor Larsen hit a 3-point basket and Rome responded with a 3-point basket, but that left the Cowboys behind 16-8. Cowboys sophomore Robert Cowan hit two baskets with under two minutes left to make it 20-12. McCook hit another field goal before the end to make it 22-12 after the first quarter.

The Cowboys had trouble getting the ball to drop as many shots bounced out or rolled off.

McCook extended the lead on a 3-point basket to make it 25-12, and it wasn't until two minutes later Farris hit a 3-point shot for Goodland to make it 25-15. With three minutes left in the half, McCook led 30-15. Farris hit two free throws with less than two minutes left to make it 36-17, and two more free throws to make it 36-19 at half time.

In the second half, Goodland fell further behind to 41-19 before Farris hit a free throw with six minutes left to make it 41-20. McCook extended the lead to 46-20 before Farris hit a 3-point shot with 3 minutes left in the third quarter to make it 46-23. Brenner followed with another 3-point basket to make it 47-26. Cowan hit a basket and was fouled but did not make the free throw to make it 47-28 at the end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, the Bison

stayed ahead, outscoring the Cowboys 12-11 to win 59-39.

Rome and Farris were the Cowboys in double figures with Farris hitting 13 and Rome 12. Cowan had 6, Brenner 5 and Angelos 3.

The Cowboys hit 40 percent (6 of 15) from 3-point range, 21 percent on field goals (6 of 29) and 64 percent of free throws (9 of 14). The Cowboys had 23 turnovers to 19 for McCook and the Bison out rebounded the Cowboys 36-28.

Cowboys lose third place game

Playing for third place against the Wallace County Wildcats, the Cowboys fell behind in the first quarter but tried to stay close, and with less than two minutes left, Cowan hit two free throws to make it a three point lead for the Wildcats 13-10.

The Wildcats Tate Andrews hit a field goal and a 3-point basket to

stretch the lead to 18-10. Farris hit a long 3-point shot at the buzzer to make it 19-13 after the first.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys had trouble scoring in the first two minutes as the Wildcats stretched the lead to 21-13 before Cowan hit a free throw for the first Cowboy point of the quarter.

With 1:28 left in the half, the score was 30-15 when Amthor hit a free throw to make it 33-18 at half time.

The scoring for the Cowboys did not improve in the second half as they were outscored 23 to 16 in the third quarter and 17 to 11 in the fourth quarter to end the game los-

ing to the Wildcats 73-45.

Rome was the lead scorer with 14 points, and Farris was in double figures with 10. Wilkens and Cowan each had 5, Angelos 4, Brenner and Amthor 3, and Murray 1.

Goodland hit 14 percent (2 of 14) of the 3-points shots, 27 percent (12 of 44) from the field and 52 percent (15-29) of the free throws. The Wildcats out rebounded the Cowboys 46-31.

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Wednesday-Black Day
1 PM-7th League Basketball Tournament at Quinter
1 PM-8th League Basketball Tournament at Oakley
7 PM-Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
Thursday-Gold Day
Miss Elliott's PreCalc Final
3 PM-Boys/Girls Junior Varsity Basketball (here)
Friday-Black Day
Miss Elliott's math Matter 1 Semester Final
Saturday-8 AM-Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament

Monday-Gold Day
3:45 PM-Boys C/9th Basketball versus Scott City High School
5:30 PM-Boys/Girls Junior Varsity Basketball versus Scott City High School
7 PM-Boys/Girls Varsity Basketball versus Scott City High School
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