Cowboys win big over Rawlins Buffaloes, 59-43

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nt.betz@nwkansas.com The Cowboys had to take a timeout late in the fourth quarter Friday night to look around and realize they were leading by 10 points and about to win their second game of the season over the Rawlins County Buffaloes, 59-43.

Unlike the past several games the Cowboys did not fall behind in the first quarter. The Cowboys played close and took a lead before the Buffaloes retook the lead only to have the Cowboys tie the game at the end of the quarter. By halftime the Cowboys had built a nine point advantage.

In the second half the Cowboys built on their lead to 14 points in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter the Cowboys kept the lead at double digits. The Cowboys won 59-43.

Goodland now has a 2-8 record and will face Liberal at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday in the first round of the Orange and Black Classic at the Community Building in Colby.

The Cowboys junior varsity had a good game Friday against the Atwood team winning 52-39. Some of the players on both the Cowboys and Buffaloes junior varsity played in the varsity game.

In the first quarter the Cowboys fell behind 2-0, but junior Brock Wilkens hit a basket to tie it 2-2 with 6:50 left.

The two teams traded turnovers and the Buffaloes took a 4-2 lead, but Cowboy Landon Brenner tied the game again.

Atwood again took the lead and the Cowboys tied it again. Goodland took a 10-8 lead, and Wilkens made it a 12-8 lead with 1:25 left. Atwood scored the next six points to lead 14-12, but Cowboy Robert Cowan hit a basket at the end of the quarter to tie it at 14.

The second quarter started with a steal by Cowboy Kevin Amthor, but a Buffalo knocked it out of bounds. The Cowboys got three shots, but none would fall. The Buffaloes had the ball, but Wilkens got a steal and drove down and scored to give the Cowboys a 16-14 lead. That started a Cowboys scoring run to lead 20-14 with 3:49 left.

An Atwood player scored and was fouled and made the free throw to stop the scoring run and close the margin to 20-17.

Neither team scored until Cowan got a pass from Wilkens to make it 22-17 with 1:50 left.

Atwood closed the margin with a 3-point basket 22-20 with 1 minute left in the first half. Wilkens scored and Cowan scored to make it 26-20 with time running out, and a 3-point basket by Ryan Hillmer at the buzzer gave the Cowboys a 29-20 lead. The Cowboys came out in the third quarter and continued to score leading 36-20 before the Buffaloes hit with about 5 minutes left. Coach Don Smith called a time out with 3:46 left to get his players attention after making a couple of mistakes and giving Atwood two easy baskets. The Cowboys got their act together and went back to playing and scoring to lead 43-29 at the end of the quarter.



in the fourth quarter of the game against the Rawlins County Buffaloes Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Cowboy Blaine Lugther (15) Wilkens (24) was in position for a rebound if needed. Wilkens had was being tightly guarded down near the basket. The Cowboys won 10 points in the game.

Cowboy Reed Ballamy (22 abote) looked for a teammate to pass to the game 59-43. Cowboy Robert Cowan (40 below) set for a shot to hit a basket as he led the team scoring with 16. Cowboy Brock

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when the Cowboys were not trying to dig out of a deep well or under a continuous clock for being behind by 40 points.

The Buffaloes cut the margin to 10, but every time the Cowboys came back to push it back to 12 and had a 14 point lead, 48-34, with 4:50 left. Another 3-point basket by Hillmer gave the Cowboys a 51-37 lead with 4 minutes left.

Cowboy David Murray hit to make it 53-37. The Cowboys led 56-43 with 1:37 left. The Cowboys scored the final three points on a free throw and basket by Cowan to make it a 59-43 final.

Coach Smith said he felt the boys played well, and that they worked to get the ball to the open man and to get more inside shots. He said it was a good effort, and hopes the win will give the boys some confidence heading into the Orange and Black Classic.

Cowan was one of three Cowboys in double figures as he led the scoring with 16 points, Hillmer had 12 points and Wilkens had 10. Landon Brenner had 6, Blaine Luther and Garth Helton each had 4, David Murray 3, and Amthor and Dillon Trachsel each had 2.

The Cowboys his 36.2 percent from the floor (21 of 58) and 72.7 percent of their free throws (8 of 11).

The Cowboys out rebounded the Buffaloes 37 to 23 and had 16 offensive rebounds to 6 for Atwood.





When the fourth quarter started it was the first time in several games

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