



Cowboy Brock Wilkens (above) drove to the basket against Wichita South on Friday as he led the Cowboys in scoring for the tournament hitting all eight of his shots against the Titans. Cowboy Garth Helton (below) had the ball stripped out of his hands as he tried to take a shot against the Titans.



Cowboy Ryan Hillmer looked for an open teammate to inbound the ball to against the Wichita South Titans Friday afternoon at the Colby

High School in the second round of the 25th annual Orange and Black Basketball Classic. The Cowboys lost to the Titans 53-29. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-news

Cowboys fall to Eagles, finish eighth

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The Cowboys had a chance to finish seventh in the 25th annual Paul Wintz and Tom Brown Orange and Black Basketball Classic Saturday and get a win over the rival Colby Eagles, but fell short, 51-48.

The Cowboys lost to Liberal, 64-41, in the opening round on Thursday and lost to the Wichita South Titans, 53-29, on Friday.

Tonight the Cowboys will play at 7 p.m. against the Norton Bluejays at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Coach Don Smith said the Cowboys showed improvement in the games at Colby, but a number of mistakes hurt the team in each game. He said the biggest problem seems to be a let down in the third quarter, but it was the fourth quarter against Colby that caused the most problems.

Against Colby the Cowboys started slowly, but Goodland led 9-5 after the first quarter, and had a 13-5 lead before the Eagles broke the Cowboys scoring run. The

Cowboys went on a run at the end of the second quarter to lead 23-18 at halftime.

In the third quarter the Eagles tied the score at 32-32 with under four minutes left. The Eagles got the last two baskets to lead 36-32 at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth period the Cowboys again took the lead, 37-36, but the Eagles came back to lead 47-38 with three minutes left. The Cowboys cut the lead to 47-46 with one minute left.

The Eagles hit two free throws to take a three-point lead, but Cowboy Kevin Amthor hit a basket to cut it to one point, 49-48, with 10 seconds left. The Cowboys could not get a foul call and the Eagles hit a final basket at the buzzer to win 51-48.

Coach Smith said he was disappointed the Cowboys were not able to win any of the games in the tournament, but especially the game against Colby.

Friday against Wichita South the Cowboys fell behind early in the quarter and fought back to trail 13-7 at the buzzer. The Titans played a very aggressive hand checking pressure defense, and it took the Cowboys the first half of the quarter to figure out how to handle the Titans.

In the second quarter the Cowboys continued to struggle and were behind 27-15 at the half.

The Cowboys managed to cut the lead in the third quarter down to 37-23.

In the fourth quarter the Titans took control and outscored the Cowboys 16 to 6 to win 53-29.

Against the Liberal Redskins on Thursday the Cowboys again had a slow start, and were behind 18-7 after the first quarter. The Redskins took a commanding 32-15 lead by halftime.

In the third quarter the Cowboys played the Redskins pretty even, but were down 47-27. In the fourth quarter the Cowboys could not cut into Liberal's lead to lose 64-41.

The three losses give the Cowboys a record of 2-11.

Wichita West won the tournament defeating Liberal 45-39 in the championship game Saturday. McCook was third defeating Ulysses 47-44, Scott City fourth defeating Wichita South 53-43.

Cowboys Brock Wilkens and Ryan Hillmer led the scoring against Colby with 17 points each. Hillmer hit two key 3-point baskets and made five of six from the floor and

one of two free throws. Wilkens hit six of his 12 shots from the floor and five of 10 free throws. He had eight rebounds to lead the team including three offensive rebounds.

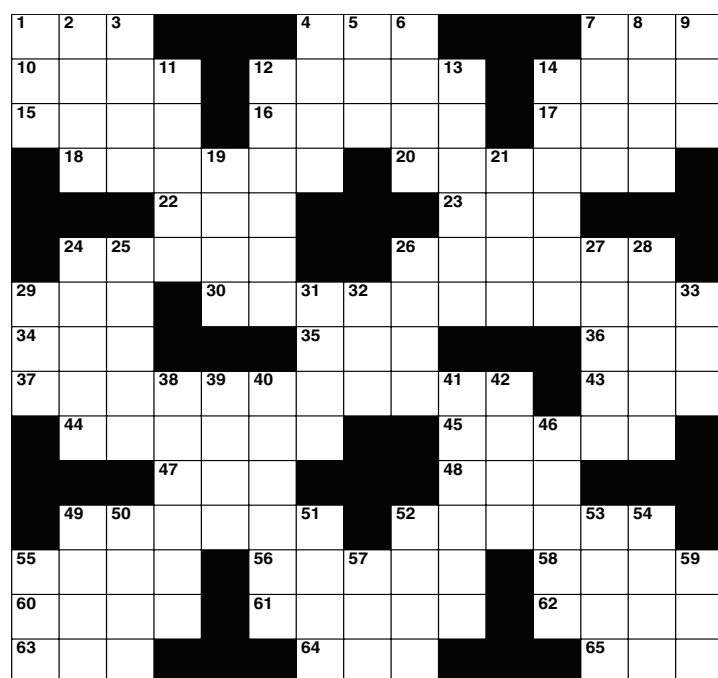
Cowboy Robert Cowan had nine on four baskets and one free throw. He had five rebounds, and four of his were offensive rebounds. Amthor had three points including his basket in the final seconds and one free throw. Landon Brenner had one basket for two points.

Wilkens was the leading scorer

against the Wichita South Titans with 16 points hitting all eight of his baskets for 100 percent. Cowan and Amthor each had four, Garth Helton had three on free throws and Hillmer had two free throws.

Wilkens led the Cowboys scoring against Liberal with 12 and had nine rebounds with four being offensive rebounds. Cowan had eight, Helton, seven, Hillmer, six, David Murray had four, and Brenner and Dillon Trachsel each had two.

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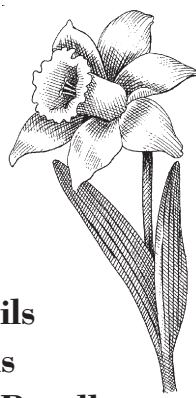
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- Computer-aided mfg.
- Marsh elder
- A sudden flood
- Sleeping noises
- Kansas City airport code
- "Cujo" author
- Grand ___, vintage
- ___s - SE Asian country
- Arrived extinct
- Book by 30 across
- The outward flow of the tide
- Put ashore on a desolate island
- Volcanic craters
- Floor cleaner
- Top part of an apron
- Strikes a heavy blow
- A musical composition
- Sci-Fi & Fantasy publisher
- Zen Buddhist riddles
- C C C
- Hillside (Scot.)
- Operatic songs
- Swiss river
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- Fiddler crabs
- Speed of sound
- Set "Rule Britannia" to music
- Declare untrue
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Impressive in scope
- Tranquil
- ___ 500, car race
- Licenses drugs
- Perch genus
- Fate
- Containing salt
- Comment
- Ingests
- River in England
- Transparent theater fabric
- Oldest Span. city in Peru
- A jigger of liquor
- Duck valued for it's down
- Arrogant people
- Thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Ardor
- Golf score
- Talk
- White winter weasel
- Fine coal debris
- Kansas capital
- Raise in a relief
- Precipitation
- Manila hemp
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