

Cowgirls take third place at Colby tournament

The Cowgirls came home with third place from the 25th annual Paul Wintz and Tom Bowen Orange and Black Classic at Colby with a victory over Liberal on Saturday afternoon, 46-39.

The Cowgirls won their first game playing the rival Colby Lady Eagles on Thursday, 38-27. In their second game the Cowgirls lost to the Pine Creek Lady Eagles, 45-39. Paige Phillips was unable to play due to an elbow injury.

Tonight the Cowgirls will play at 5:30 p.m. against the Norton Blue-jays at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowgirls had a couple of things going for them in their third place game against Liberal. The Cowgirls had a height advantage and three of Liberal's starters weren't eligible to play due to a team rules violation at the motel on Friday night.

The Cowgirls took off with four baskets, with M'Lynn Hinger scoring four points, and Alexis Bateman and Jennifer Rome with two points each. The shooting for the Cowgirls went flat with Liberal having an eight point run. Bateman broke the trend and was able to sink a basket just before the end of the first quarter. The score was tied at 10.

At 7:20 in the second quarter, Bateman scored two for the Cowgirls. Liberal came back to sink two baskets in a row. Ashley Archer made a basket to even the score at 14. Liberal went on to score a two-point and a three-point shot. The score was Liberal, 19-14. One of Liberal's player made two fouls in a row giving Hinger the chance at the charity stripe. She made one of two. At 2:57 Liberal again fouled giving Archer a chance to sink two free throws. At this point Goodland was still behind Liberal by two points, 19-17. At 2:15 in the quarter Bateman hit a basket evening the score at 19. Liberal managed to score once more before the end of the first half giving them a two-point lead, 21-19.

Goodland remained scoreless in third until Archer made two free throws. The Liberal team had increased their lead by six points so the score was Liberal, 27-21. Hinger and Archer both made baskets. Hinger was fouled and made one of her free throw shots bringing the score to Liberal, 27-16. Goodland had a seven point run at this point. Liberal added five points to their score when Jade Herl sunk her first three-point shot for the game at 1:53. The score was Liberal, 32-29. She added three more at 1:12. The score was tied at 32 at the end of the third quarter.

Archer added two from the charity stripe plus another basket in the fourth quarter. Bateman added two more to the Cowgirls' score. Goodland led 38-34. Liberal only managed to score a three-point shot and a basket before the end of the game. Hinger added four more and Rome added two before the game ended with Goodland winning, 46-39.

In the first game of the tournament against the Colby Lady Eagles



Cowgirl Ashley Archer (above) found it hard to get inside for a shot against the Pine Creek Eagles Friday afternoon in the second round of the 25th annual Paul Wintz and Tom Bowen Orange and Black Basketball Classic held in Colby. The Cowgirls lost to the Eagles, but defeated Liberal on Saturday to finish third. Cowgirl Alexis Bateman (left photo #24) struggled against the taller girls from Pine Creek, but had one of her best games on Saturday against Liberal scoring 10 points.

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on Thursday the Cowgirls slowed the pace of the game down. The Cowgirls led throughout the game winning 38-27. The Colby team's style is to have a low scoring game at a slower pace.

Archer made the first basket for the Cowgirls at eight seconds into the first quarter. Goodland led 9-8 at the end of the first quarter, 15-13 at the end of the first half and 27-20 at the end of the third quarter.

In the game Archer made 20 points, Herl 13, Bateman 2, Rome 2 and Hinger 1. Goodland made one of 29 two-point shots for 37.9 percent and two of six three-point shots for 33.3 percent and 14 of 22 free throws for 63.6 percent.

In the Cowgirls' second game against Pine Creek they had shooting problems and 14 turn overs. At the end of the first quarter Goodland led 11-4. Pine Creek managed to tie

the score up at the end of the first half. During the third quarter Pine Creek managed to pull ahead and they kept their led until the end of the game.

Herl led the scoring with 19 points, Archer had 10, Hinger four, Rome four and Bateman two.

The Cowgirls have a record of seven wins and six losses for the season.

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Thursday-Gold Day
3:30 p.m.-7/8 Basketball at Quinter
5:30 p.m.-Varsity/Junior Varsity Wrestling, here, versus Burlington
6 p.m.-Boys C Team Basketball, here, versus Cheylin
Friday-Black Day
3:45 p.m.-Varsity/Junior Varsity/C Team Basketball at Oberlin
Saturday-8:30 a.m.-NWKL Wrestling at St. Francis
9:30 a.m.-Junior Varsity Wrestling at Stratton
10 a.m.-Jump Rope for Heart
Monday-Gold Day
QAR Visti
3:30 p.m.-Junior High Scholar's Bowl, here
5 p.m.-Junior Varsity Basketball at Colby
6 p.m.-Youth Boys Basketball
Tuesday-Black Day
QAR Visit
FCCLA Flag Ceremony and "Money Grab"
2 p.m.-Junior High Wrestling at Cheyenne Wells
3 p.m.-Varsity/Junior Varsity/C Team Basketball, here, versus Burlington
3:30 p.m.-8th Basketball, here, versus Scott City
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