Cowboys falter against Norton

By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com The Cowboys started strong Tuesday against the Norton Bluejays, but the second and third quarters were the downfall as the Cowboys lost 60-41.

The loss drops the Cowboys record to 2-12, and they play the Oberlin Red Devils at 7 p.m. tonight in Oberlin. The Red Devils are 1-12 coming off a 61-44 loss to Hoxie. There will not be C team games at Oberlin, and the junior varsity and varsity games will run as usual with the Cowgirls varsity game at 5:30 p.m. and the Cowboys junior varsity game at the same time followed by the boys varsity and the Cowgirls junior varsity.

The Cowboys will play Burlington at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Cowboys junior varsity will participate in the Colby tournament with the first round at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at Colby High School. The second round will be on Thursday.

(Due to a shortage of team members the Cowgirls will not participate in the Colby junior varsity tournament.)

Cowboy's Coach Don Smith said he was glad to see some of the younger players getting some action against Norton. He felt the team played well in the first quarter, but in the second and third they could not get shots to fall and allowed Norton too many easy baskets.

The Cowboys started with a 6-0 run before the Bluejays went on a run to make it 8-7 with half the period gone.

Cowboy Brock Wilkens had six of his game high 12 points in the first quarter hitting his third basket to make it 10-7. The Blue jays hit the next two baskets to take an 11-10 lead with about two minutes left.

Cowboy Robert Cowan got a rebound a few seconds later to give Goodland a 12-11 lead. Cowboy Ryan Hillmer hit the first basket of the quarter and with 15 seconds left hitting a three-point shot to make it 15-11. Not to be outdone the Bluejays Terrell Lane hit a three point basket to make it 15-14 at the buzzer.

In the second quarter the Blue jays opened with a quick basket to take a 16-15 lead. The Blue jays went on to hit two more baskets before the Cowboys hit on a shot by Kevin Amthor to make it 20-17 with under six minutes left in the half.

Wilkens cut the lead back to three at 26-23 with about two minutes left, but the Blue jays scored the final five point to lead 31-23 at the half. The Cowboys were outscored 17 to 8 in the quarter. The Bluejays continued their scoring run in the third quarter leading 38-23 with 4:30 left before Hillmer hit two free throws to break the Cowboys scoring drought. With a minute left Norton led 44-29 and Coach Smith was trying to find a combination to change the pace. He had Amthor, Hillmer, Blaine Luther, Landon Brenner and Caleb Fugleberg on the floor and had David Murray, Cowan, Wilkens and Reed Bellamy on the bench.



Cowboy Blaine Luther vied for a rebound against Norton's Jordan Wahlmeier on Tuesday. The Cowboys lost to the Bluejays, 60-41. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

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fourth quarter, but the Cowboys were the first to score on a basket by Luther to make it 48-31. Lane hit a from three-point with Hillmer and basket for the Bluejays and Luther Luther hitting those. From the floor came back with a three-point basket

to make it 50-34 with 6:20 left. up and the Cowboys could not get 3 of 8. a basket to fall as several shots by The Bluejays were led by Lane

Wilkens was high scorer for Goodland with 12, Hillmer and Lu-Norton had the ball to start the thereach had 9, Amthor 5, Cowan 4, and Bellamy 2.

The Cowboys hit 29 percent the Cowboys hit 44 percent making 16 of 36 shots. At the charity stripe The Blue jays kept the pressure the Cowboys hit 38 percent making

with 17, Ashton Draper and Jordan

Wahlmeier each had 10, Dakota

Cowgirls lose to Lady Jays

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pischiefen@nwkansas.com The Goodland High School Cowgirls were unable to get their game going at their game on Tuesday night against the Lady Bluejays of Norton. Goodland lost, 40-23.

The next action for the Cowgirls will be at 5:30 p.m. tonight (Mountain Time) against Oberlin at Oberlin. The Cowgirls record for the season is 7-7.

There will be no C team games at Oberlin. The Cowgirls will not play at the junior varsity basketball tournament at Colby next week.

At the beginning of the first quarter the Cowgirls got off to a slow start. Norton scored at 7:23 into the game. The Cowgirls were plagued with turn overs and missed shots. With 2:55 left in the quarter Ashley Archer scored the first basket for the team. The score at the end of the first quarter was Norton, 12-2.

Norton quickly made another basket after the second quarter started. At 6:55 left in the quarter Archer was fouled. In her trip to the charity stripe she sank both baskets. The score was Norton, 14-4. Archer made another basket at 6:05 and at 2:48 in the quarter. Archer scored all eight points for the Cowgirls in the first half. Norton led the game 16-8.

The Cowgirls had trouble getting their shots to land until Alexis Bateman sank a basket at 5:33 in the third quarter. That made the score Norton. 20-10. Bateman added two more to the score. Archer was fouled again and sank two at the charity stripe. With less than two minutes left in the quarter Jennifer Rome made a basket. Norton led 25-16.

Jade Herl made her first basket of the night at 6:31 in the quarter. She picked up two more at the free throw line and made a three-point shot. The Cowgirls continued to miss shots and began fouling. The game ended with Norton winning, 40-23.

Archer led the team with 10 points all made in the first half. She was followed by Herl with seven, Bateman

Phillips had recovered enough from three, M'Lynn Hinger and Phillips her elbow injury to play. Archer and Bateman each had

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Cowgirl Jennifer Rome reached through the hands of the Norton

Lady Bluejay players to take a shot at Max Jones Fieldhouse on

The third quarter ended with Norton leading 48-29. The Cow-



Wilkens and Amthor rolled out.

The Cowboys final basket came from Bellamy with under four Dreher 8, J.D. Gall and Dillon Mcminutes left to make it 56-41. In the Conney each had 6, and Marcus final three minutes the Cowboys Herman had 3. were forced to foul to have a chance to get the ball back, but again they could not buy a basket. The Blue jays passed the ball around with about the floor hitting 22 of 43 shots. The 1:45 left to run out the clock to win 60-41.

The Bluejays hit 33 percent from

three-point distance hitting three of nine shots and 51 percent from Blue jays hit 58 percent of their free throws hitting seven of 12.



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