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Goodland takes 13 wrestlers to regional tourney in Norton

The Cowboys wrestling team weekend.

many of the weights will have tournament." six or seven kids who are state quality wrestlers.

wrestlers in each weight will remaining 13 weights. make it to state the next weekend," he said.

The regional tournament will wrestle at 112 pounds, begin the Class 3-2-1 Aregional starts at 1 p.m. today, and the sophomore Corey Davis will tournament in Norton today teams will wrestle up to the wrestle at 119 pounds, juwith 13 wrestlers competing to Semi Finals. On Saturday the nior Seth Miller wrestles at go to the state tournament next tournament begins at 10 a.m. 125 pounds, freshman Jeff

Coach Sramek said the field end of wrestling with some Chris Bustillos wrestles at at Norton will include six of the of the best wrestlers in the 135 pounds, junior Nathan top 10 state ranked teams in 3-2- state competing," he said, "and Deeds wrestles at 140 pounds, 1Awrestlingincluding Norton, it will be fun to watch how junior Kayler Rietcheck at Phillipsburg, Hoxie, Goodland, things come out with all good 145 pounds, senior Loren-Oakley and Plainville. He said wrestlers participating in the zo Delgado at 152 pounds,

wrestler in the 103 pound class, 171, sophomore Riley Oharah "Unfortunately only four but have filled the roster for the at 189 pounds, sophomore

> **Cowboys lineup** Sophomore Austin Avelar pounds.

"It will be an exiting week- House wrestles at 130 pounds, sophomore Laine Herl at 160 The Cowboys do not have a pounds, senior Paul Starr at Tyler Fisher at 215 pounds, and senior Jay Cotter at 285



Cowboy Austin Avelar wrestled with Calvin Ochs of Hoxie at 112 pounds at their dual on Jan. 14 at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Avelar will wrestle in regionals today. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Cowboys fall short against Colby Eagles, 52-51

Winning or losing came down to the last shot of the Cowboys' game against Colby on Tuesday at Colby, but the bounce did not favor Goodland's junior Brock Wilkens and his shot missed to give the Eagles a 52-51 win.

The loss was a tough one for the Cowboys who had led by as many as 10 points and led through the first three quarters. The loss drops the Cowboys record to 4-15 and tonight the Cowboys finish the regular season at 7 p.m. at Hoxie.

The game tonight will be the last for the Cowboys in the Northwest Kansas League and Activity Director Don Smith said the afternoon will start at 3:45 p.m. with two quarters of junior varsity Cowgirls action followed at 4:30 p.m. by two quarters of junior varsity Cowboys action. The Cowgirls varsity game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Cowboys varsity will follow about 7 p.m.

The Hoxie Indians are 10-9 and coming off a 65-43 loss to Norton on Tuesday. The Indians scoring is led by senior Taylor Rall (5'10") who averages 18.8 points a game, and sophomore Jaxsen Moss (6'1") who averages 13.2 points a game.



Cowboy Dillon Trachsel brought the bal up the court against Colby's Ryley Hass in Tuesdays' game

free throws to cut it to a one-point was at the free throw line with 13 lead, 46-45, with two minutes left.

A traveling call against the Cowboys gave the ball back to Colby and a 3-point basket gave the Eagles a 48-46 lead for the first time since the first quarter.

The lead did not last long as Cowan hit to tie it at 48-48.

Hillmer hit a free throw with one minute left to give the Cowboys a 49-48 lead. A few seconds later a Colby free throw again tied the game at 49, and a second free throw gave the Eagles a 50-49 lead.

back at the free throw line and he made both ends of the one-and-one to give Goodland a 51-50 lead with 39 seconds left.

The Eagles answered with a basket to take a 52-51 lead with 29 seconds left. After a time out the Eagles 34 to 23. The Cowboys had Cowboys had the ball and under the Goodland basket a push foul was called against Colby sending Wilkens to the free throw line for two shots as the Cowboys were in the double bonus. Wilkens missed both free throws and the rebound went to Colby.

The Eagles got a basket and two the clock and Colby's C. Winger seconds left. Winger missed and Wilkens got the rebound. He drove down the court and with five seconds left Wilkens' shot was no good and the Eagles got the rebound to preserve their win 52-51.

Hillmer led the Cowboys scoring with a season high of 19 including three 3-point baskets. Cowan had 15 points, Wilkens 7, Blaine Luther 4, Brenner 3, Murray 2, and Dillon Trachsel 1.

The Cowboys hit 40 percent (4 of 10) from 3-point range, 37 percent A foul by the Eagles put Hillmer (15 of 41) from the field and 50 percent (9 of 18) free throws. Colby his 42 percent (5 of 12) from 3-point range, 34 percent (13 of 38) from the field and 79 percent (11 of 14) free throws.

> The Cowboys out rebounded the 14 turnovers in the game to 13 for Colby.

> Gordon Stephens led the Eagles with 25 points, Ryley Hass had 10, Braden Mckee had 6, Brock Wagoner 5, Spencer Tubbs, Chaz Winger and Andrew Ketchum each had 2.

Coach Smith said Hoxie is a difficult place to play. Two players for Hoxie do most of the shooting and scoring, he said. Our concern is that an opponent's perimeter player has scored 33 and 25 points in the past two games.

Against Colby, the Cowboys fell behind 11-4 in the first quarter before catching fire and running off 14 straight points to lead 18-11 at the end of the quarter.

Cowboy sophomore Ryan Hillmer had 9 points in the fist quarter, including two 3-point baskets to spark the Cowboys 'run to take an 18-11 lead.

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In the second quarter Cowboy senior Landon Brenner hit a 3-point basket to give the Cowboys a 10 point lead 21-11. With 25 seconds left in the quarter the Cowboys led 24-19 and a shot by Cowboy Robert Cowan missed but a put back by Cowboy David Murray went in to make it 26-19 at the end of the quarter

half with six turnovers and were make it 35-28. playing good defense against the Eagles.

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at the Colby Community Building. The Cowboys lost in the final seconds 52-51 Photo by Andy Heintz/The Colby Free Perss

> Starting the third quarter, the Eagles cut the lead with two baskets to make it 26-24. Wilkens had a shot blocked, but got the rebound and put it back in to make it 28-24.

Colby cut the lead to two points, but Cowboy junior Robert Cowan hit a basket followed by a 3-point basket from Hillmer to make it 33-26. With about three minutes The Cowboys finished the first left Hillmer had a reverse layup to

> Cowan hit two baskets in the next two minutes to make it 39-30 and

> > The

that was the score at the buzzer. Starting the fourth quarter Colby cut the lead to 39-34 before Wilkens hit to make it 41-34 with six minutes left.

A free throw by Cowan and a basket by Hillmer gave the Cowboys a 44-36 lead with five minutes left.

Halfway through the quarter Goodland led 44-38, but a 3-point basket by Colby cut it to 44-41.

Coach Smith called a time out with 2:58 and the Cowboys leading 46-41.

The Cowboys had to foul to stop

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