

Cowboys lose by three after fourth-quarter rally

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The Cowboys came within three points of winning their game with the Norton Blue Jays on Tuesday night, losing 73-70 after a fourth-quarter rally.

The Cowboys played a seesaw game in the first quarter. Norton made the first basket but Reed Bellamy reduced that to a one-point lead when he sank a free throw.

With a little over four minutes left in the quarter sophomore Taylor Smith made two baskets in a row, tying the score at 5-5. Norton made a basket and then Gannon Ihrig hit a three-point shot to give the Cowboys the lead until Norton answered with a three-pointer of their own.

In the last few seconds of the quarter Parker Sieck made a basket and the score was tied 10-10.

In the second quarter the Blue Jays built up a 16-point lead. With 4:45 left in the quarter, Sieck made his second bucket of the night. At 3:09 he was fouled and made one of two free throws.

Smith had a basket with about 2:30 left in the quarter. Gage Ihrig hit a three-point shot and with 15 seconds left Ryan Hillmer made a two-pointer. The first half ended with Norton leading 33-20.

The third quarter continued much the same way, the Cowboys scored 21 to Norton's 24 in the quarter. Bellamy hit two free throws, Smith made a bucket and a free throw, Hillmer hit a three-pointer, Bellamy made another bucket and Gage Ihrig made a three-pointer. With one minute to play in the quarter Smith hit another bucket to end the quarter with Norton up 57-41.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Norton lost possession of the ball to the Cowboys. The Blue Jays stole it back but missed a shot. Goodland rebounded. Gannon Ihrig made a basket followed quickly by a bucket made by Gage Ihrig.

With 6:13 left in the quarter Hillmer made a bucket. Gage Ihrig stole the ball from Norton and made a bucket. Hillmer sank two free throws. Gage then made a three-pointer.

The last three minutes of the quarter were plagued with fouls on both sides. Hillmer made three more buckets. With 17 seconds left in the game Hillmer made a three-pointer and a bucket. Just before the buzzer Smith sank another bucket. The Cowboys made 29 points to Norton's 16 in the fourth quarter, three short of making up the deficit. The final score had



Cowboy senior Ryan Hillmer went up for a shot during Goodland's 73-70 loss to Norton on Tuesday. Hillmer ended up with 21 points that night. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Norton on top 73-70.

The top scorer for the Cowboys was Hillmer with 21. He made eight of 18 field goals for 44 percent and three of five free throws. Next was Smith with 19 points. He made eight of 15 field goals for 53 percent and three of four free throws. Gage Ihrig made 13 points and made five of eight field goals. Bellamy made seven points and made two of four field goals for 50 percent. Gannon Ihrig made five points hitting two of six field goals for 33 percent. Sieck also made five points hitting two of

four field goals for 50 percent and one of two free throws.

Smith had the most rebounds with 15, six offensive and none defensive. Sieck had five with four offensive and one defensive. Bellamy had five rebound with four offensive and one defensive. Blaine Luther had four offensive rebounds. Hillmer had four rebounds two offensive and two defensive. Gage Ihrig had one offensive rebound and Gunner Helton had one defensive rebound.

The next game for the Cowboys is at 7 p.m. tonight at Holcomb.

Goodland girls team falls to Norton 43-23

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The Goodland High School varsity girls basketball team had a disappointing 20-point loss to the Norton Lady Blue Jays on Tuesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The girls kept things close at the beginning of the game. Brianna White shot a short jumper to get things started. Norton answered with a layup to tie the score at two each. M'Lynn Hinger got a putback off a shot from Berkley White to take the lead again.

Norton tied the ballgame at four and then went ahead on two free throws. Brianna White put in two free throws of her own to make it 6-6. Norton went on a run, doubling their score until with 40 second left, Berkley White made a bucket. The Cowgirls ended the quarter down 12-8.

Goodland missed four putback opportunities in their first possession of the seconds quarter. Norton went on a five-point run until halfway through the quarter when Brianna White put in a free throw.

That ended the Cowgirls' scoring drought. Megan Siruta hit a long jumper to make it 17-11. Hinger picked off a Norton pass only to have it stolen back by Norton. The ball was stolen a third time and passed to Berkley White, who put it in for two.

A Norton player was fouled while putting in a shot and hit her free throw to end the half up 20-13.

Hinger opened things up in the second half with a two-point shot. The Lady Blue Jays came back with four points to make it 24-15. Hinger and Berkley White put in two points each to make the score 24-19.

Norton would keep the Cowgirls scoreless for the rest of the quarter while putting in seven more points.

With the score at 31-19 at the top of the fourth quarter, the Lady Blue Jays put in two free throws off a foul by Taryn Bedore. Berkley White hit a two-point bucket to make it 33-21 with 7:15 left in the game.

Maddie Mayer was fouled with 5:21 left, but missed both her free throws. The Lady Blue Jays sank



Goodland sophomore Brianna White shot over the Norton defender during the Cowgirls' 43-23 loss Tuesday night at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. White had five points in the game. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

one free throw on a foul by Siruta to make it 34-21.

Norton had a breakaway layup off a steal to go up 36-21, but Berkley White pulled the same move on the next play make it 36-23.

Norton scored twice after a timeout by the Cowgirls. They put in a free throw and scored once more. The Cowgirls were unable to make any more points, ending the game with a 43-23 loss.

Berkley White led the Cowgirls with 10 points. Hinger put in six; Brianna White, five; and Siruta, two. The Cowgirls fall to 0-11 for the season. They play again at 5:30 p.m. tonight at Holcomb.

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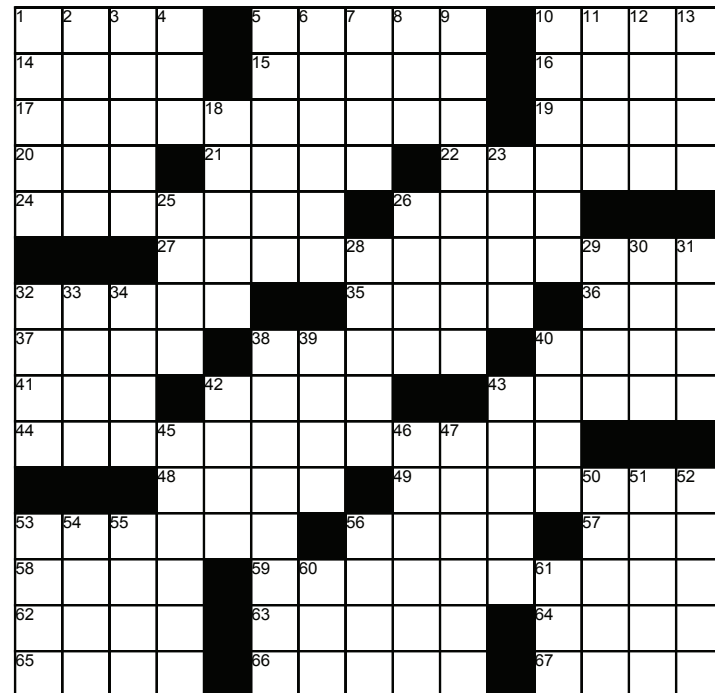
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