



Goodland sophomore Taylen Smith went inside for a shot in Tuesday's game against Burlington High School at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Smith had seven points and shot 43 percent from the field in the Cowboys 54-50 loss to the Cougars.

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Cowgirls fall 64-37 to Burlington High

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Despite good performances from sophomores Berkley White and Taryn Bedore, the Goodland High School varsity girls basketball team couldn't overcome the Burlington Lady Cougars on Tuesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The girls kept up in the beginning, but couldn't make up the difference after an 11-0 run by Burlington, who was coming off a nine-game winning streak. Late game turnovers left the Cowgirls even deeper in the hole, and they ended up losing 64-37.

The Cowgirls couldn't connect on their first possession, despite M'Lynn Hinger's putback attempt. Burlington got on the board first with a two-point shot. White put in a layup to tie things at two, then Hope Cochran got a putback to give the Cowgirls the lead 4-2.

Burlington went ahead with a three-pointer. The Lady Cougars put in another two with a foul on the play, but their and-one free throw was no good. With the score at 7-4, a Cowgirl basket was called back because of an offensive foul by Megan Siruta.

Bedore was fouled and made two free throws to make it 7-6. Burlington came back with a free throw and a basket to extend their lead to four. Then, Bedore scored off a pass by Hinger to make it 10-8. Burlington put in another two, answered quickly with a jumper by Hinger to make it 12-10.

The Lady Cougars would put in four more points before White got a putback to end the first quarter with Burlington ahead 16-12.

The Lady Cougars got things started in the second quarter with two points. Mayer went inside for her first points of the game, making the score 18-14.

Coming off a timeout, Burlington went on an 11-0 run, holding the Cowgirls scoreless until the final seconds of the quarter. Bedore had a steal, but it was stolen back after she had to pass it back outside to White. Siruta scored with 10 seconds left to make it 29-16 at the half.

The Lady Cougars gave up the ball on a traveling call in the first possession of the second half, but stole it back and put in two. They put in another two points before Hinger scored, making it 33-18.

The Cowgirls gave up several more turnovers to the Lady Cougars' smothering defense, allowing four more points before White got two of her own. After another two by Burlington, White got a rebound and took it all the way down the court for a layup to make it 39-22 with 4:55 remaining in the quarter.

Burlington put in a free throw and White made another two, putting the score at 40-24. The Lady Cougars hit a three pointer with 3:41 left.



Goodland High School sophomore Berkley White took a shot during the Cowgirls' 64-37 loss to the Lady Cougars on Tuesday.

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Last-second free throws end well-fought boys game

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The Cowboys were neck and neck with the Burlington Cougars on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

With the score tied at 50-50 and less than minutes left in the game, Tobin Mettling of Burlington hit a bucket. The Cowboys tried and tried to sink another bucket but never got the job done. They committed several fouls, giving Burlington its last two points with just seconds left on the clock. The Cowboys lost 54-50.

In the first quarter Burlington took off, scoring five points in the first minute. Gannon Ihrig made the first Cowboy score on a foul. Burlington increased their lead to 11 before Parker Sieck made a bucket.

The Cougars managed to keep the basketball in their half of the court until the Cowboys figured out what to do and began to keep possession of the ball and score. The Burlington team had seven fouls at the end of the quarter. Burlington lead 17-12.

Burlington managed to maintain a small lead in the second quarter until Gage Ihrig hit a three-point shot to tie the game, 23-23, with 2:24 left to play. Burlington only added two more buckets to their score and Reed Bellamy hit a free

throw. Burlington led at the half, 27-24. Goodland put in 12 points to Burlington's 10.

Gage Ihrig hit a bucket and a three pointer at the beginning of the third quarter to give the Cowboys the lead, 29-27. At the five minute mark, the Cougar's Patrick Carson hit a bucket and the score was again tied. The largest lead The Cowboys had was four until at 3:12 the Cougars tied the score again, 33-33. Carson hit another bucket to take the lead.

Sieck blocked a Burlington shot and Gannon Ihrig followed with a bucket, again tying the score at 35-35. With less than a half a minute left in the quarter Gage Ihrig was fouled and made one of two free throws. In the final second Mettling made a bucket to give Burlington a one point lead at the end of the third quarter, 37-36. Again Goodland put in 12 to Burlington's 10.

Burlington threw the ball away on their first possession. Ryan Hillmer made a bucket with Taylen Smith assisting to give Goodland

the lead, 38-37. Gage Ihrig made a three-point shot. Smith followed with a bucket of his own after Burlington's Coley David's two-pointer. With less than five minutes to go Goodland at one point led by five points, 48-43. Burlington chipped away at the score with free throws and buckets. Hillmer made the final bucket for Goodland to tie the score, 50-50. The game ended with Burlington winning, 54-50.

The top scorer for the Cowboys was Gage Ihrig with 15. Gannon Ihrig had nine, Hillmer eight, Smith seven, Blaine Luther six, Bellamy three and Sieck two. Gage Ihrig hit 56 percent of his field goals, Smith 43, Gannon Ihrig 40, Luther 38, Sieck 33 and Hillmer 20 percent.

The next game for the Cowboys is today at 7 p.m. against Ulysses at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Monday is the "Go Red" night for Goodland High School when the Cowgirls and Cowboys play Colby. The event by the Girls Athletic Association raises money for the American Heart Association.

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Mayer scored, but then fouled a Burlington player. The free throw was good to make the score 46-24. The Lady Cougars would score twice more to end the quarter at 50-26.

Mayer fouled out early in the fourth. Burlington scored, followed by a layup from Cochran. She was fouled on the play but missed her free throw.

Burlington scored again, followed by a two-point shot from Siruta to make it 54-30. After three more from the Lady Cougars, Siruta made a free throw and Bedore a three pointer to make it 57-34.

Burlington added four more points before Bedore made another

three pointer. The Lady Cougars kept up the pressure, putting in three more and holding the Cowgirls scoreless. In the final minutes, Stephani DeLaRosa intercepted a pass and Bedore went to the free throw line, but none of the Cowgirls could connect.

The game ended with a 64-37 Burlington win.

The girls will be in action at 5:30 p.m. tonight against Ulysses at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. They will face Colby next week in a game that was rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Monday. That night's games will be part of a "Go Red" fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

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