

Cowboys defeat Colby 59-55

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If the Colby Eagles came away with one lesson from Monday's basketball game, it's that you don't send the Cowboys to the charity stripe with the game on the line.

The Cowboys went to the free throw line 18 times during the fourth quarter and put in 13 of those attempts, which helped them overcome a seven-point deficit to win the game 59-55.

The Goodland varsity team was looking for its first win since a Jan. 10 victory over Oakley. They faced a 1-9 Colby team whose only win was over Goodland on Jan. 3.

After passing the ball from one team to the other Colby's Luke Cox put the first points on the score board. Tylen Smith put in the first points for Cowboys when he made one of two free throws. Colby's Dalaan Organ added a bucket at two minutes into the quarter. Ryan Hillmer took a shot and missed. Smith rebounded the ball and scored a bucket, putting Goodland in the lead 4-3.

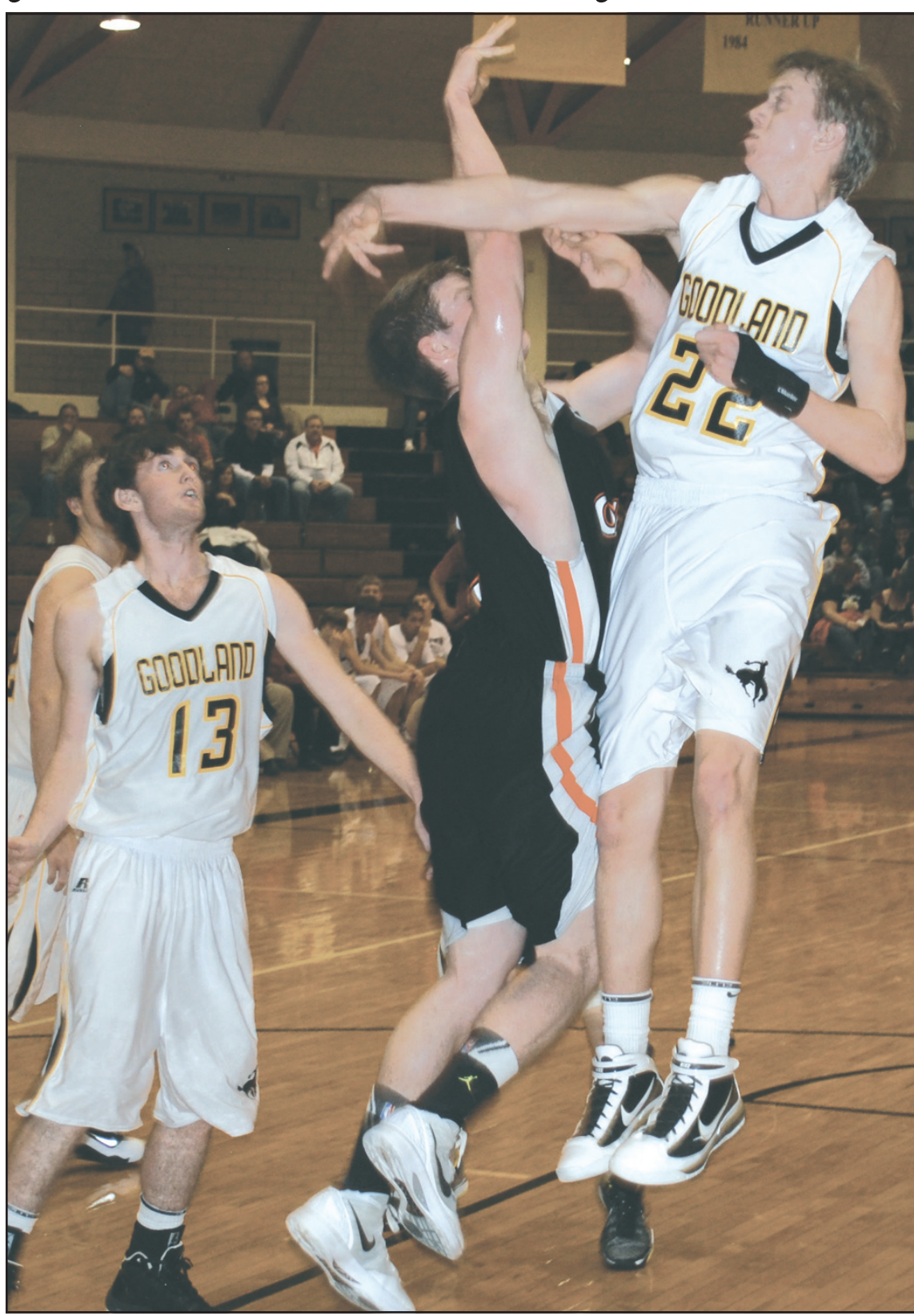
Colby's Cox added another bucket and Hillmer made his first points of the night with around two minutes left in the quarter. With 18 seconds left Gage Ihrig made one of two free throws. The final score of the quarter was a three-pointer made by Colby's Kaden Staab. Colby led 11-6 at the buzzer.

Parker Sieck made the first bucket of the second quarter. Colby added a bucket and two free throws. When Organ fouled Gage Ihrig he made both free throws. Goodland stole the ball from Colby in its next possession, but Hillmer's shot was blocked by Colby's Todd Kane. Hillmer made one of two free throws.

After Colby missed its next shot Gannon Ihrig was able to hit a three pointer. Colby led by one point, 15-14, with about five minutes left in the quarter. When Colby's Zane Winger fouled Blaine Luther he made both free throw shots giving Goodland the lead 16-15. Colby regained the lead and increased it to five. Luther was fouled by Colby's Braden Sager and made both free throw shots. The last bucket of the quarter for the Cowboys was made by Smith on a pass from Gannon Ihrig. The score at the end of the half had Colby in the lead 25-20.

Hillmer made the first bucket for the third quarter. Luther made one of two free throws after being fouled by Cox. Smith made a free throw from another foul by Cox. Colby then increased its lead to 37-24. Luther made a bucket with an assist from Hillmer. When Hillmer went for his next shot he sunk the basket but was fouled by Winger, giving him a chance for the and-one free throw, which he made. Hillmer then hit a three pointer.

With about two minutes left in the quarter Smith sunk another bucket. Hillmer hit another three pointer before the end of the quarter.



Goodland senior Reed Bellamy blocked a shot during the tense fourth quarter at Monday's game against the Colby Eagles. Bellamy had three points in the game, all of them on free throws in the fourth quarter.
Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Colby still held a 43-37 lead at the buzzer.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter Gage Ihrig made a bucket, bringing Goodland within four points of tying. When Colby missed its next chance to score, Gage Ihrig made a three-point shot and put the Cowboys only one point behind at 43-42. Then, Hillmer hit two free throws from a foul by Kane to take a 44-43 lead.

Smith added two free throws when fouled by Kane. Colby's Organ hit a three-pointer to tie up the game 46-46, but he soon fouled out.

With about four minutes left in the quarter Smith made a bucket. Cox answered with a bucket of his own to keep the score tied at 48-48.

When Reed Bellamy was fouled he made one of two free throws to take the lead again. About 30 seconds later Bellamy made two more free throws. Colby added a bucket, but the Cowboys were still leading 51-50.

Hillmer made another bucket and Gannon Ihrig made one of two free throws to give Goodland a four point lead, 54-50. Colby added a bucket, then Hillmer was fouled by Winger and made two free throws. With 44 seconds left in the game Hillmer made two more free throws making the score 59-52. Colby added three more points before the end of the quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Cowboys, who ended up on top with a score of 59-55.

Hillmer was the top scorer with

22 points. Smith had 12, Gage Ihrig eight, Luther seven, Gannon Ihrig five, Bellamy three and Sieck two.

The next game for the Cowboys is at 7 p.m. today at Ulysses.



Goodland sophomore Taryn Bedore looked for a way around a Colby defender in Monday's game against the Eagles.
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Cowgirls fall to Eagles 66-23

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The Cowgirls faced an uphill battle on Monday night against the Colby Lady Eagles at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Lady Eagles controlled the ball for the first four minutes of the first quarter giving them a 10-0 lead over the Cowgirls. Brianna White made the first bucket for the Cowgirls at that point.

Colby had increased its lead to 18 when Colby's Karly Kriss fouled Megan Siruta, who hit one of two free throws. Colby led 18-3. In the last 10 seconds of the quarter Berkeley White was fouled and made a free throw, making the score 20-4.

In the first minute of the second quarter Brianna White was fouled by Colby's Morgan Bell. She made both free throws. Brianna White made the next bucket and a three-pointer in the next couple of minutes. The last bucket of the quarter for the Cowgirls was made by M'Lynn Hinger. At the end of the first half Colby increased its lead, 37-13.

Brianna White hit a bucket and two free throws in the third quarter. Hinger added two more free throws. Colby, however, added 16 points to its score, leading 53-19 at the end of the quarter.

Due to Colby's 34-point lead, the clock ran continuously in the fourth quarter. In the first minute Siruta made a bucket. With about two minutes left in the quarter Hinger stole the ball and was fouled by Haileigh Shull. She made both free throws for Goodland's last points in the game. Colby made 13 points in the quarter. The final score was 66-23.

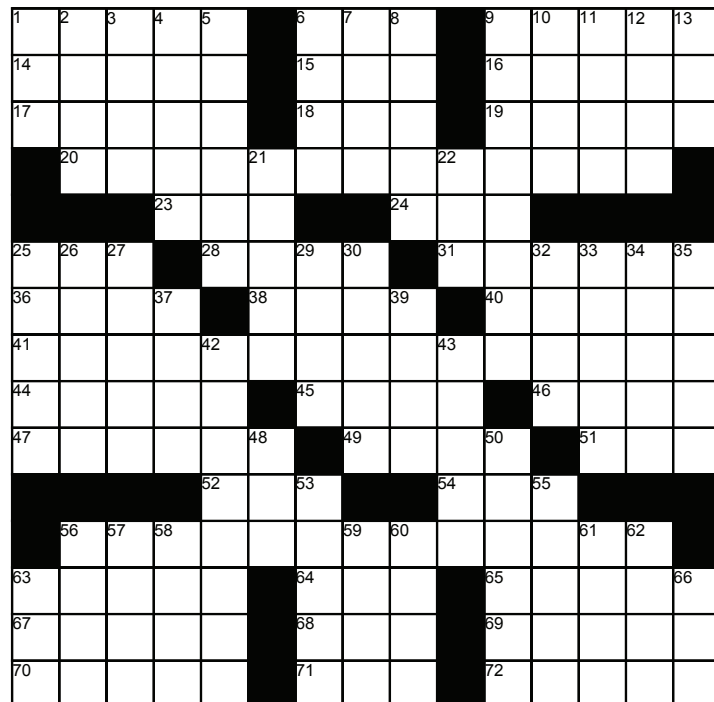
Brianna White made the most points in the game with 13. Hinger made six, Berkley White and Megan Siruta each made one.

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14. "... and thereby hangs ..."
15. "Bali ..."
16. Staff anew
17. Soda shop freebie
18. Social connections
19. Cordial flavor
20. PIN
23. Have ___ at (try)
24. Tie up the phone
25. Tippler's road offense, briefly
28. Lustful god
31. Indicate a turn
36. Cube creator Rubik
38. Cavern comeback
40. Slug's trail
41. PIN
44. "Once upon ..."
45. Culinary directive
46. Confined, with "up"
47. Take umbrage at
49. Baseball great Slaughter

DOWN

1. Barker and Kettle
2. Singer James or Jones
3. Bit of Halloween makeup
4. Woolly Andean
5. When treated, it becomes sludge
6. "Blondie" creator Young
7. Ruination
8. Pantywaist
9. Having a salty taste
10. Janet of the Clinton cabinet
11. In the thick of
12. Bud holder
13. 1300 hours
21. Kitchen utensil
22. KLM rival
25. ___ flask (inspiration for the Thermos)

26. Put on paper
27. Roy or Niger of CORE
29. Newspaperman Adolph
30. "On the Beach" novelist Nevil
32. Hardly four-star fare
33. Bruce of Sherlock Holmes films
34. Appliance brand
35. Slowly, on a score
37. "All ___" (popular '30s tune)
39. Actor Ken or Lena
42. Winemaker's science
43. Sweden's monetary unit
48. ___ kwon do
50. IHOP condiments

53. TV beatnik Maynard G. ___
55. Plumed wader
56. Take the bait
57. "Put a lid ___!"
58. Took a turn
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