

# Ihrig helps Cowboys to second straight win

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Helped along by 21 points from sophomore Gage Ihrig, the Goodland High School varsity boys overcame the Hugoton Eagles 50-41 on Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Some new starters took the floor for senior night: Caleb Fugleberg and Jeremy Linin joined Parker Sieck, Ryan Hillmer and Reed Bellamy. Hillmer and Taylen Smith had nine points each. Bellamy and Gannon Ihrig had four each, Blaine Luther had two and Ruben Lazaro had one.

The Cowboys go on the road against Scott City tonight at 7 p.m. (Mountain Time).

The first quarter began slowly with heavy defense on both sides. Hugoton made the first score after one minute and 20 seconds. Hillmer went inside to tie things up at 3:55 left in the quarter, but Hugoton quickly made a three pointer to take the lead.

The Eagles made four more points in the remaining minutes to go up 9-2, but Gage Ihrig made a last-second three pointer to cut that lead to four to end the quarter.

Gage Ihrig made the first points in the second quarter as well on two good free throws. Gannon Ihrig made a layup to tie the game at 9-9. The Eagles pulled ahead again on a jump shot. Another good shot by Hugoton was called back because of traveling.

Gage Ihrig made another three pointer to give the Cowboys their first lead of the game, but it was taken away by a two-point shot from Hugoton to make it 13-12.

Bellamy made his first points of the game to put the Cowboys on top again 14-13. Hugoton got the lead again with a jumper, then the Cowboys pulled away on a two-point shot from Gannon Ihrig and a third three pointer from Gage Ihrig. Hugoton put in one more two pointer to make it 19-17 at the end of the half.

The Eagles got the lead early in the third quarter with two baskets. Smith tied things up at 21 each with a two pointer. Hugoton scored again and pulled away with two good free throws.

With the score at 25-21, Smith and Hillmer each made two to tie



Goodland senior Ryan Hillmer went to the floor with a Hugoton player during Friday's game at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Hillmer had nine points in the game, three of them from free throws.

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things up at 25. Hugoton got two points off a steal, but Gage Ihrig made his fourth three pointer of the night to take back the lead with 3:20 left in the third quarter.

Hugoton took the lead again with two straight baskets, but the Cowboys went on a run, scoring eight unanswered points on two-point shots from Hillmer and Smith, Gage Ihrig's fifth three pointer and a free throw from Smith. The Cowboys ended the third quarter on top 36-31.

Hillmer put in a three to open the fourth quarter. Bellamy got a

rebound and put it in for two to make it 41-31. Hugoton put in the next five points. Hillmer put in a free throw, answered by a free throw and another two-point shot from Hugoton. Hillmer put in two more free throws to make it 44-39 with two minutes left in the game.

Smith got a putback to make it 46-39. Gage Ihrig was fouled and put in a free throw. Blaine Luther put in two free throws, and with only a few seconds left, Lazaro also made a free throw. Hugoton put in two with five seconds left, but it was too little, too late. The Cowboys won 50-41.

# Cowgirls fall 47-27 on Friday to Lady Eagles from Hugoton

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The Cowgirls played the Hugoton Lady Eagles Friday and had a good first half, trailing by one at the end of the first quarter and by seven at the half. The second half didn't go so well, and the Cowgirls ended up losing 47-27.

It was senior night at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, with seniors and their parents being recognized at halftime. Tonight the Cowgirls play at 5:30 p.m. at Scott City.

The Lady Eagles were the first to score with a three-point shot. They added another three-point shot before Maddie Mayer put in the Cowgirls' first two points from two free throws with 4:40 left in the quarter.

Megan Siruta added a bucket to give the Cowgirls four, just two points behind Hugoton. M'Lynn Hinger added a bucket to tie the game. Hugoton was fouled on the next play and Miranda Ramsey made both of her free throws. The final score of the quarter was a free throw by Berkely White who made one of two. Hugoton led 8-7.

In the first minute of the second quarter Ramsey hit another basket giving Hugoton 10. With 5:30 to go Hinger added a bucket of her own. When Hugoton made a three-point shot they were also fouled by Brianna White and they made one of two. Hugoton led 13-9. Hugoton added a bucket. Then Berkely White was fouled and made one of two. With a minute left in the quarter Hugoton made a bucket, and with 10 second left Hinger made a bucket. Hugoton led 19-12.

In the third quarter Hugoton added three points to get things started. Berkely White put in three points of her own. Then Hugoton added a bucket and Brianna White answered with a two-point shot. Hugoton added another bucket and with four minutes left Hugoton led, 26-17.

With two minutes left Berkely White added the last bucket of the quarter. The Cowgirls trailed, 32-19.

Hugoton continued to score in the fourth quarter



Goodland sophomore Mara Kling got around a Hugoton player during the girls' Friday home game. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

until Mayer sank a bucket with three minutes left in the fourth quarter. That made the score 42-21 in favor of the Lady Eagles. Hinger made two more buckets and Mayer made two free throws. The game ended with Hugoton winning 47-27.



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Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School  
West Elementary School • Central Elementary School



Wednesday: Gold day  
Thursday: Black day  
High School KMEA State Honor Jazz/Concert Band/Vocal  
State wrestling  
First Round Boys Junior High basketball at League Tournament  
Friday: State wrestling  
High School KMEA State Honor Jazz/Concert Band/Vocal  
Saturday: High School KMEA State Honor Jazz/Concert Band/Vocal  
9 a.m.: Boys Junior High basketball GWAC Tourney at Ulysses  
Monday: Black day  
Earliest practice date for Spring Sports  
Board of Education meeting  
Sub-State basketball tournament  
Tuesday: Gold day  
Sub-State basketball tournament  
3 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl GWAC League in Scott City

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