

Cowgirls have hard work ahead after winless basketball season

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Putting a good face on a winless season isn't easy, but Goodland High School girls basketball head coach Andy Scheopner has found a few silver linings and has some encouraging words for next year.

The Cowgirls averaged 33.1 points a game in their 0-21 season, scoring more points on average in the second half than the first. The team would often have good quarters, outscoring or keeping pace with their opponents, such as the first quarter of the substate tournament game where the girls had a 7-6 lead at one point. However, it wasn't enough to compensate for other quarters where they let their opponents get ahead by double digits.

Scheopner said he saw some good things as the season progressed. The girls handled the pressure better in the second half of the season and did better with rebounding.

"They were a very young team," Scheopner said. "This year was

good experience. Hopefully they learned a lot."

Only two seniors saw much playtime, with the 5 foot 8 starter M'Lynn Hinger, making up the majority.

Hinger had 141 total points this year. She was the team's leading scorer. She made 59 of 132 field goal attempts, but made no three pointers. She shot 57.9 percent from the free throw line and pulled down 136 rebounds.

Sydney Winston got playtime in 18 games and started once. She put in four points, two of those on free throws, but she got 14 rebounds.

There were also only a few juniors on the team. Paige Phillips started in eight games before hurting her knee in a game against Holcomb on Jan. 13. Scheopner said losing Phillips for the rest of the season hurt the team.

"She brought us some confidence," he said.

In her eight games, Phillips put in 20 points, 16 of those on free throws.

She made 2 of 35 field goal attempts. Scheopner said he expects Phillips to be able to play volleyball in the fall and be back on the basketball team next winter.

Hope Cochran also battled injury throughout the second half of the season. She played in 18 games and was in the starting lineup for 15. She put in 93 points, shooting 29 of 120 from the field – including 10 three pointers. She made exactly half of her free throw attempts and got 45 rebounds.

Junior Jazz Weis played in five games this season. She put in 10 points from three field goals and three free throws. She also got 10 rebounds.

The team saw a lot of contributions from the sophomore class.

Brianna White was the team's second highest scorer with 123 points. She only shot 21.5 percent from the field, but put in 37 of 60 free throws and pulled down 50 rebounds. She was also the only Cowgirl to play in all 21 games this

season.

Berkley White was the third highest-scoring Cowgirl with 110 points. She edged out her sister in scoring percentage with 32.6 percent shooting from the floor. She put in 16 of 43 free throws and pulled 70 rebounds.

Both of the White sisters are hard workers, Scheopner added.

Maddie Mayer saw a lot of playtime late in the season. She put in 56 total points, including five three pointers. She put in 17 out of 33 free throw attempts and got 46 rebounds.

Mara Kling got playtime in 15 games. She put in six points, three of those on free throws, as well as getting six rebounds.

Megan Siruta played in 20 games this season and, after Hinger, had

the team's second highest number of rebounds. She also had some of the better shooting states. She shot 29 of 75 from the floor – 38.7 percent – and hit 62.5 percent of her free throws.

Taryn Bedore had 42 points in her 20 games. She shot just 12 of 50 from the field, but she sank 4 three pointers and 14 free throws. She also pulled down 64 rebounds, averaging 3.2 per game.

Scheopner said he expects good things next year Siruta and Bedore and expects all the sophomores to step up next year as juniors.

As for freshmen, a number of that class got playtime on the varsity squad.

Stephani DeLaRosa saw playtime in nine games this season. She put in three points on a field goal

and a free throw as well as getting five rebounds.

Kate-Lynn King put in four points for the Cowgirls. She put in 2 of 4 field goal attempts and got six rebounds.

Carlee Cooper played in three games this year. She shot twice and sank one for two points. She also pulled down two rebounds.

As for next year, Scheopner said he's going to be working on getting the girls strong enough in the post – points on either side of the basket and by the free throw line – so they can feel confident driving inside for layups. Scheopner said he's planning several team camps this summer.

"They really want to work hard," he said. "We still have a ways to go."



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Plaintiffs allege that because the Companies sell motor fuel to retail consumers for a specified price per gallon without disclosing or adjusting for temperature expansion, they are liable for unconscionable acts and willful omission under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) and civil conspiracy. On March 1, 2012, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion to dismiss without prejudice class claims for affirmative misrepresentation under the KCPA and unjust enrichment. The cases are called *Wilson v. Ampride, Inc.*, No. 06-2582, and *American Fiber & Cabling, LLC v. BP Corp.*, No. 07-2053, and are in the United States District Court of Kansas.

For purposes of determining liability and injunctive relief, the Court has allowed the lawsuit to proceed as a class action. In May, 2012, the Court will conduct a trial at which time it will be determined whether the Companies are liable on plaintiffs' claims. If the plaintiffs succeed in proving liability, the Court will then decide whether injunctive and/or declaratory relief is appropriate. Also, if the plaintiffs succeed in proving liability, plaintiffs may ask the Court to allow the lawsuit to proceed as a class action to determine money damages. If the Court declines to certify a class for money damages, class members would need to proceed individually to prove any claims for money damages.

The Companies have denied all allegations. They have filed motions asking the Court to dismiss this case on the merits. If those motions are granted, it may extinguish any claims you have related to this matter. Copies of the motions are available at www.KansasHotFuelLitigation.com. When the Court enters orders ruling on the Companies' motions, copies of the orders will also be available on the website.

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about this case is also available at the Court's website: <http://www.ksd.uscourts.gov/motor-fuel-temperature-sales-practices-litigation/>.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

The Court appointed Robert Horn, Thomas Bender and George Barton to represent you as "Class Counsel." You do not have to pay Class Counsel, or anyone else, to participate. Instead, if they get money or benefits for the class, they may ask the Court to award attorneys' fees and costs, which would be paid by the Companies or out of any money recovered under a settlement, before giving the rest to class members. You may hire your own attorney to appear in Court for you; if you do, you have to pay that lawyer. Zach Wilson and Matthew Cook are class members, and the Court has appointed them to represent the class.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

If you are a member of the class, you have a choice of whether to stay in the class or not, and you must decide this now. You can do nothing and remain in the class, or you can ask to be excluded from the class.

Do Nothing. Stay In This Lawsuit. Await The Outcome. Give Up The Right To Sue For Claims You May Have. If you want to remain a class member, you do not need to do anything at this time. You automatically will be included in the class. If you choose to remain in the certified class, you will be bound by the judgment obtained on the liability and injunctive relief aspects of the claims. If plaintiffs prove that the Companies are liable, you may use that judgment either as a member of the class (if the Court decides to certify a class on money damages) or individually to prove certain elements of a claim for money damages. In addition, if you choose to remain in the certified class, you will be entitled to your share of any benefits awarded to the class through any settlement approved by the Court (net of attorneys' fees and expenses which may be determined by the Court to be payable from any recovery or paid directly by one or more of the Companies). You will not be personally responsible for attorneys' fees or costs unless you hire your own individual attorney. If you do nothing and the Companies win or settle the lawsuit, you will lose your claims covered by this lawsuit. In short, you give up the right to sue the Companies on your own for the same legal claims in this lawsuit. If you want to independently pursue any claim related to the issues in this lawsuit, you may need to opt out of the class action.

Ask To Be Excluded. Get Out Of This Lawsuit. Keep Your Right To Sue For Claims You May Have. If you ask to be excluded and plaintiffs prove that the Companies are liable, you will not be able to use the judgment to obtain money damages through a class action lawsuit or individually. Also, if you ask to be excluded and plaintiffs obtain a favorable settlement which the Court approves, you will not be able to ask for a share of the settlement. Similarly, if you ask to be excluded and the Companies win or settle the lawsuit, your claims will not be lost as a result of this lawsuit and you will not be bound by any judgments or orders of the Court. You will be able to sue the Companies for the same legal claims that are involved in this lawsuit. It is possible that if you ask to be excluded and do not sue the Companies on your own within the required legal time period you will lose your right to bring those claims.

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