

Cowgirls win their fourth game of season 70-59

By Tom Betz
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The Cowgirls climbed back into the win column Friday with a 70-59 win over the Atwood Lady Buffaloes at Max Jones Fieldhouse to give them a 4-3 record heading into the Orange and Black Classic this week in Colby.

Thursday the Cowgirls will face Liberal at 7:45 p.m. Mountain Time at Colby High School in the first round of the three day tournament.

Coach Terry Daise said he knows Liberal has a good team, and that it will be a tough tournament.

Friday they will face either McCook or Ulysses in the second round at 2:30 p.m. If the Cowgirls win Thursday the game on Friday will be at the Community Building, but if they lose the Friday game will be at the high school.

Other teams in the Orange and Black are Colby, Wichita South, Scott City and Beloit. The tournament girls championship game will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the community building.

Friday the Cowgirls got off to a slow start against Atwood, but built a 6-0 lead before Atwood got a basket. It appeared both teams would end the first quarter with the score in single digits, but Dani Bedore hit her second basket of the quarter with six seconds remaining to give Goodland a 10-7 lead.

Justeen Koehler, Melissa Swager and Cortney Schields each had a basket in the quarter.

"We started pretty slow," Coach Daise said, "but we did pick it up

later and the shots started to fall."

Atwood came out with a little spurt to take the lead 11-10 in the first minute of the second quarter. The lead changed hands eight times and was tied three times before the Lady Buffs managed to hold a 26-23 lead when Emily Murray's shot at the buzzer wouldn't fall through.

Opening the second half the Cowgirls went on a nine point run to lead 32-26 before Atwood cut the lead with a 3-point basket. Whitney Archer hit 12 of her game high 20 points in the quarter including two 3-point shots as the Cowgirls managed to take charge of the game and lead 44-35.

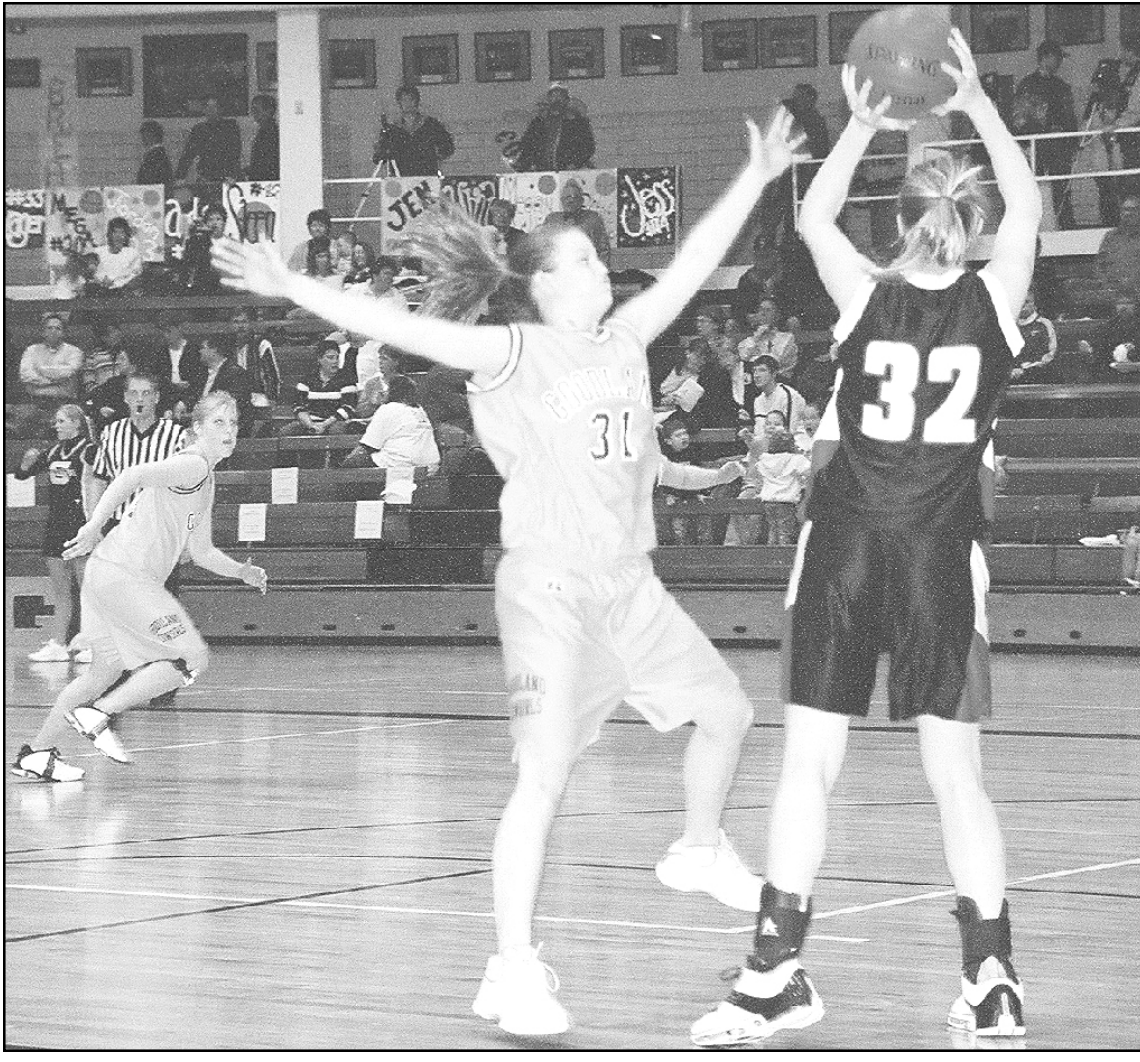
Jessica Osborn, who has been in something of a scoring slump, got a 3-point basket in the third quarter and another in the fourth to help Goodland continue their momentum.

Archer added her third 3-point basket and a three-point play in the final quarter to give the Cowgirls a 50-37 lead with 6:45 remaining.

Schields hit a basket and two free throws to keep the lead at 56-43, and Bedore had a three-point play with 3:45 remaining to extend it to 59-45.

Swager and Lindsay Schields kept the Lady Buffs at bay with free throws in the final 1:30 to give Goodland a 69-59 lead.

The final Cowgirl point came on a free throw by Megan Leonard, who made the first of two attempts. Atwood's Shantel Leitner had the final free throws of the game with 8 seconds left, but missed both shots



Freshman Emily Murray (center) guarded Atwood's Ariel Dunker as the Cowgirls tried to break up the Lady Buffaloes offensive rhythm Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Goodland defeated Atwood 70-59.

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to leave the final 70-59.

"I was pleased with the rebounds," Daise said. "The offensive

number shows we were going to the boards when the shot goes up and are not just standing around."

Archer was the Cowgirls high scorer with 20 points on five field goals, three 3-point baskets and one

free throw and Bedore had 13 on four field goals and five free throws.

Cortney Schields and Koehler each had 8. Koehler had four field goals and missed two free throws. Schields had three field goals and two free throws.

Osborn had two 3-point baskets for 6, and Murray had two field goals and two of three free throws for 6.

Swager had 4 on one field goal and two free throws. Whitney Carmichael and Lindsay Schields each had 2 and Leonard had 1.

Osborn helped with nine assists, Koehler 5, Archer, Bedore and Cortney Schields each had 3, Billinger and Murray each had 1 for a team total of 25.

Bedore is averaging 14.4 points per game, Archer 13.6, Koehler 9.1, Osborn 7.4, Murray 6.6, Cortney Schields 3.6, Swager 3, Lindsay Schields and Kaylee Billinger 2, Carmichael 1.1 and Leonard 1.

The Cowgirls hit 45 percent (25/56) of their shots to 35 percent (18/51) for the Lady Buffs. Both teams did well at shooting free throws with the Cowgirls hitting 73 percent (15/20) and the Lady Buffs 72 percent (21/29).

The Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady Buffs 32 to 19, and 22 of the Cowgirls rebounds were on the offensive end.

Rachel Woody was high scorer for Atwood with 14, Emily Walters 11, Ariel Dunker and Leitner each had 10, Chelsie Kramer 8, Emily Timm 4 and Jade Green 2.

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Siblings win at separate swim meets

Morgan Hagerman, a senior at St. Bonaventure University, and Rachel Hagerman, a sophomore at Michigan State University, both won swimming events at different meets this past weekend.

Rachel Hagerman swam a leg on both the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay teams that came in first at dual meet Friday against Northwestern University. She also finished second in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.26 seconds. Northwestern defeated Michigan State 136-105.

The next day, against Purdue, the Rachel and her teammates again won the 200-yard medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relay. However the Boilermakers proved to be too much beating the Spartans 184.5-112.5.

Michigan State is 1-7 for the season in dual meets and will host the University of Notre Dame and Ohio



Rachel



Morgan

State University on Jan. 30-31.

Morgan Hagerman swam a leg on the winning 400-yard medley relay team at a home meet Sunday against the Mountmen of West Virginia University.

The team scoring was close, but St. Bonaventure was edged by West Virginia 124.5-118.5. The loss dropped the Bonnies' record to 3-4, they are in action again Thursday when they host the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

The Hagermans are the children of Mark and Sue Hagerman of Goodland.

Trojans split with Blue Dragons

Both the men's and women's games between Colby Community College and Hutchinson Community College were decided by two points, but with different results.

The Trojan men lost their second game of the season to Hutchinson 77-75. Colby, ranked No. 5 by the National Junior College Athletic Association, is now 18-2 overall and 4-2 in the west division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The Blue Dragons, ranked No. 7, are 18-1 overall and 4-1 in conference play.

The No. 16-ranked Lady Trojans won their game over Hutchinson 69-67 in overtime improving their record to 18-2. They are tied with Seward County Community College for first place in the west division with 5-1 records.

Seward County is ranked No. 6 in the junior college women's poll.

Colby hosts Pratt Community College Sunday at the Community Building with the women's game starting at 2 p.m. (Central Time) and the men's about two hours later.

The men's game can be heard on KQLS-KXXX radio Colby.

Preparing to grapple



Members of the Mustang wrestling team from Grant Junior High School warmed up Thursday afternoon prior to their season-opening triangular meet against Oberlin and Quinter at Max Jones Fieldhouse. More than 80 matches took place in 20 weight classes. Grant's next action is Saturday at the Mustang Wrestling Invitational at Max Jones Fieldhouse starting at 9 a.m.

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community volleyball

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