

# Blue Jays defeat Cowboys again, 56-52

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For the second time this season, the Blue Jays of Norton High School defeated Goodland Tuesday night on the Cowboys' home range. The first time was Dec. 13 in the game for third place at the Topside Tipoff Classic when the Blue Jays defeated Goodland 64-58. Tuesday's 56-52 loss dropped the Cowboys to 4-7 for the season.

There were six lead changes, most in the third period, in a game that saw Norton lead after one, Goodland after two and the team tied after three. After a couple of minutes of scoreless play, by both teams, to open the fourth quarter Norton took the lead for good. A late surge by the Cowboys with less than 25 seconds left on the clock that saw an eight-point Blue Jay lead shrink to two fell short to give Norton a 56-52 victory.

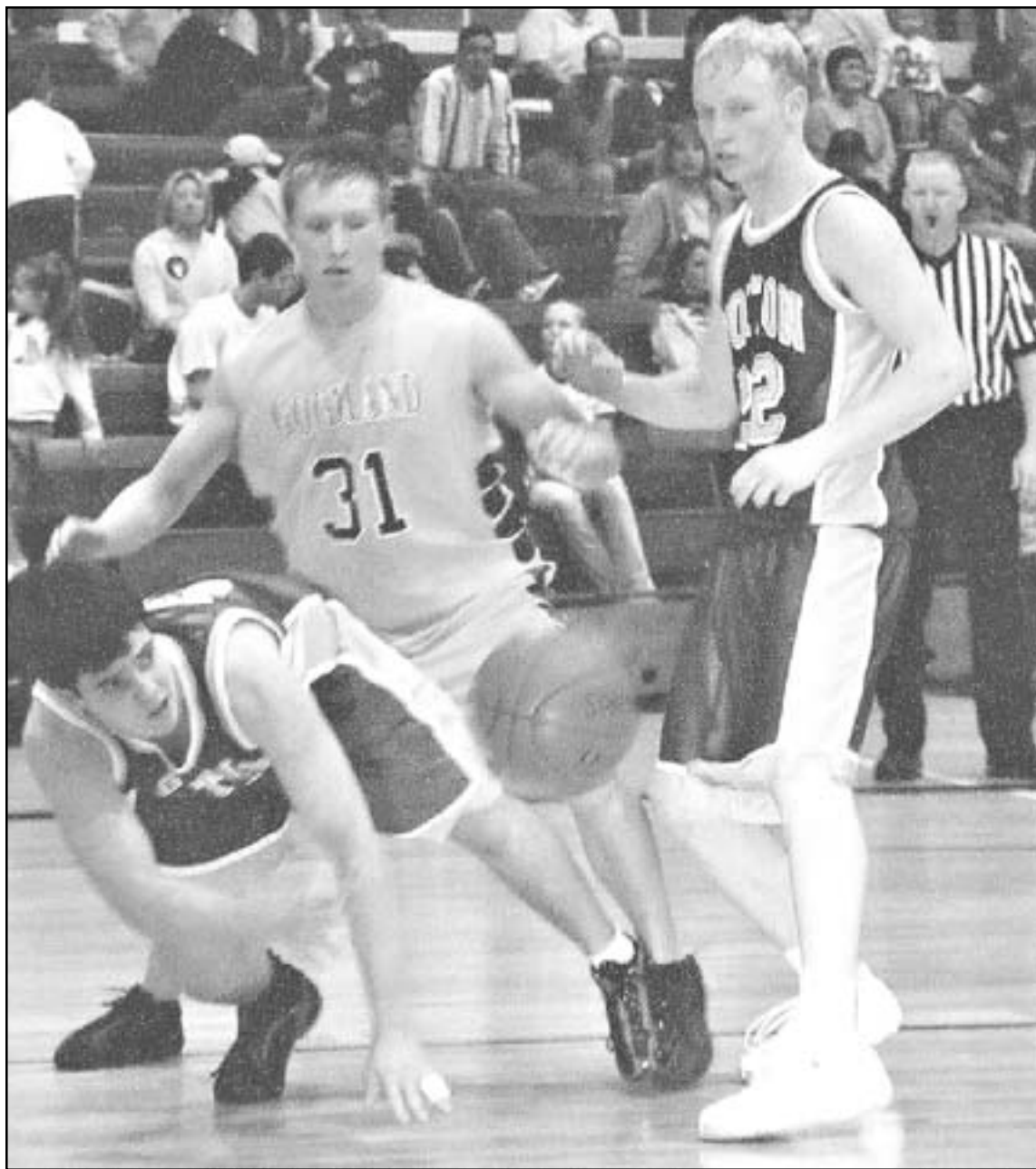
Norton scored the game's first five points and led 16-11 at the end of the first period. Goodland fought back to within one point in the final seconds of the second period when junior Derrick Raymer stole the ball and drove on the basket as time ran out, but his shot was blocked. However, Norton was charged with goal tending adding two points to the Cowboys' score and giving Goodland the lead at halftime 27-26.

Norton's Jered Sloan started the scoring in the third period with a slam-dunk to the lead back to the Blue Jays 28-27. The lead changed four more times during the quarter, the last after a six-point run by Norton to go up 41-40 near the end of the third. Cowboy senior Lance Tedford was fouled while shooting and made one of two free throws to tie the score at 41 which is how the period ended.

Although the action did not slow down in the beginning of the fourth



Sophomore Jace Herl (above, right) tried to get around Norton's Kyle Kats during the second half of Tuesday's game against the Blue Jays at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Herl ended the game with eight points, seven assists and two steals. A loose ball caught the attention of senior Jared Doke (right, center) and two Blue Jay players late in the game. Norton held off a Cowboy comeback to win 56-52.  
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period, the scoring did as both teams went scoreless for more than two minutes. It was the Blue Jays that finally broke the tie scoring four straight points to go up 45-41.

With about 20 seconds left in the game and Goodland behind 53-45, sophomore Jace Herl was fouled attempting a lay-up and made both free throws to cut the Blue Jays' lead to six. As Norton was moving down the court Raymer again stole the ball and with 10 seconds showing on the clock passed to Tedford who hit from beyond three-point range at make the score 53-50.

Norton increased its lead to 54-50 on a free throw after which Herl scored a basket with three seconds showing to narrow the gap to two points. A foul by Raymer stopped

the clock at two seconds and sent Norton to the free throw line for two shots, hitting on both making the score 56-52. A desperation shot by the Cowboys fell short as time ran out.

Tedford was the Cowboys leading scorer with 17 points, including 12 from behind the three-point line. Raymer scored 13 with six coming from beyond the arc.

Senior Jared Doke scored 10 points and Herl eight. Juniors Drew Wilkens and Wade Taylor both had two points. Raymer led the Cowboys with six rebounds followed by junior David Livengood and Doke who both had five. Herl was the team's assist leader with seven. Sophomore Bobby Miller, the

Cowboys' leading scorer for the season, missed the game after suffering a knee injury in weight training class Monday. Coach Jon Mc-

Lean said Miller will be out indefinitely. Goodland is in action today in Oberlin against the Red Devils of

Decatur Community High School. C team action starts at 3:45 p.m. (Mountain Time) with the boys varsity tipping off around 7:30.

## sports shorts

### Lady Trojans up in poll, celebrate with win

The Colby Community College women's basketball team moved up two spots to No. 11 this week's National Junior College Athletic Association poll released Tuesday.

The Lady Trojans improved to 20-2 overall and 7-1 in the west division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference after defeating Dodge City Community College, on the road, Wednesday 70-68.

This was the first home loss for the Lady Conquistadors this season. They are ranked No. 20 in Tuesday's poll.

Colby trailed 35-29 at halftime but came back to outscore Dodge City 41-33 for the win. Sophomore Jelena Spirac scored 13 of her team leading 18 points in the second half. Sophomore Ivana Dramanac scored all 11 of her points in the second half as well.

Sophomores Bojana Samardziska and Louise McLean both scored 17 points. Samardziska led Colby in rebounds with 14.

Last Sunday the Lady Trojans defeated Pratt Community College 89-70 at the Colby Community Building. Colby led the Lady Beavers 49-37 at halftime and maintained a double-digit lead through the rest of the game.

Spirac led the Trojans with 25 points followed by McLean with

23. Samardziska added 16 points and former Goodland Cowgirl Jayci Stone scored 11 points.

Colby outrebounded Pratt 52-40 led by Drmanac and Samardziska who grabbed 10 rebounds each.

The next home action for the Lady Trojans is Saturday against Butler County Community College starting at 2 p.m. (Central Time) in the Colby Community Building.

### Youth basketball tournament in Colby

Colby will be the host of a Mid-America Youth Basketball tournament March 20-21 for third-through eighth-grade boys and girls teams.

Teams participating in the tournament are guaranteed three games. The deadline for registration is March 5. For more information call (785) 462-3736.

Mid-America Youth Basketball is in its 11th year of sponsoring tournaments. The program started in 1993 with 68 teams increasing to 4,000 teams last year. It now offers more than 200 tournaments annually in over 20 states.

Greg Raleigh, president of Mid-America Youth Basketball, said the program's goal is to provide quality court time and competition to teams of all types. He said the program's growth is proof of its success and hopes to continue growing and expanding in the years to come.

For more information about program as a whole call (316) 284-0354 or e-mail mayb@mayb.com.

### Trojans lose to Conquistadors

The Trojan basketball team picked up its third loss of the season Wednesday night at Dodge City Community College 73-66.

The loss drops Colby's overall record to 19-3 overall and 5-3 in conference play. Sophomore E.J. Drayton led the Trojans with 21 points followed sophomores Branden Miller and Dillion Sneed who both scored 11. Freshman forward Andrais Thornton grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Colby.

The Trojans defeated the Beavers of Pratt Community College last Sunday 96-68 at the Colby Community Building. That win helped Colby move up two spots to No. 8 in the latest national poll released Tuesday.

Sophomore center Justin Williams led Colby with 26 points and 15 rebounds. Miller added 23 points including 18 from three-point range. Drayton scored 14 and sophomore Zane Davis 10.

Colby hosts Butler County Community College Saturday at the Community Building starting around 4 p.m. The game can be heard over Colby radio on either KQLS (100.3 FM) or KXXX (790 AM).

## Cowboy C team extends win streak

The Cowboy basketball C team extended its win streak to four games Tuesday afternoon, defeating the Blue Jays of Norton High School 60-31.

The Blue Jays held a 11-10 lead at the end of the first period but were outscored 14-10 in the second as Goodland took a 24-21 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Cowboys played inspired basketball in the third period scoring 20 points while holding Norton to just two points increasing their lead to 44-23 at the end of three periods. Although the action was a bit less intense in the fourth Goodland still doubled the Blue Jays scoring output 16-8 to seal the win 60-31.

Every Cowboy on the bench scored at least two points in the game. Freshman Nick Angelos led with 22 points, followed by freshmen Landon Williams and Jerrod Goodman who both had eight. Sophomore Heath Chatfield along with freshmen Mikey Doll, Tyler Hillmer and Taylor Frazier all

scored four points. Sophomores Kalan Lambrecht and Derek Fenner, and freshmen Nathan Linin each added two.

The win improves the C team's record to 5-2 as it faces the Red Devils of Decatur Community High School today at 3:45 p.m. (Mountain Time) in Oberlin. The C team's

next game is next Friday against the St. Francis Indians.

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**Basketball** Today, junior varsity and varsity in Oberlin 3:45 p.m., Mon. junior varsity tournament in Colby, Thurs., junior varsity tournament in Colby, Fri., Feb. 6, "C", junior varsity and varsity in St. Francis 3:45 p.m., Sat., Feb. 7, junior varsity and varsity in Goodland against Hays 6 p.m., "C" at Golden Plains.

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