

# Goodland boys beat Burlington, lose to the Oberlin Red Devils

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The momentum from a 90-68 home win over Burlington on Thursday lasted about five minutes into the third period Friday night as the Cowboys played Decatur Community High in Oberlin, but the Red Devils whipped Goodland 68-59.

The Cowboys scored the first four points Friday and kept the lead throughout the first period for a 14-11 lead. Goodland maintained the lead throughout the second quarter. The Red Devils closed to within two points at 17-15, but later in the period the Cowboys stretched their lead to 13 at one point and took a 35-26 lead into the locker room at half-time.

With Goodland leading 43-41 and less than three minutes left in the third period, Oberlin scored on a three-point basket to go up for the first time in the game, 44-43. From that point the Red Devils outscored the Cowboys 9-3 and led 52-46 at the end of the third quarter.

Both teams went scoreless during the first three minutes of the fourth

period, during which Goodland senior Jared Doke fouled out. A foul by junior Wade Taylor sent Oberlin to the free throw for two shots, both of which were good, and the scoring drought was broken. Sophomore Jase Herl hit from three-point range to close the Cowboys to within five at 54-49, but Oberlin responded with six straight points to make the score 60-49 with less than four minutes left.

The lead proved to be too much to overcome. Although senior Lance Tedford scored five straight points to get the Cowboys within six at 60-54, the Red Devils responded four of their own to widen their lead to 10 with less than a minute left. Oberlin then held off Goodland comeback try to win 68-59.

"This was another gut-wrenching loss for us," Coach Jon McLean said. "We haven't shot the ball very well in the last few games which, hopefully, is just a mid-season slump that we can work out of."

With the loss, the Cowboys fell to 5-8 for the season while the Red Devils improved to 10-4.

Herl led the Cowboys in scoring with 19, followed by Tedford with 14. Doke scored nine, junior Derrick Raymer seven, junior Drew Wilkens six and Taylor four.

Both Doke and Taylor had seven rebounds to lead Goodland. Herl was the assist leader with six.

Thursday night, Burlington led 5-4 early in the first period, but that was their only lead of the game. From that point on, the Cowboy's dominated, outscoring the Cougars 20-3 to lead 24-8 after the first period.

With the score 29-14 in the second, Goodland scored 10 straight points. Burlington then hit a three-point goal to make it 39-17 and the Cowboys scored eight straight points to go up 47-17. The Cougars narrowed the lead a bit by halftime 49-25.

The rest of the game continued much the same way, as Goodland led 73-45 after three periods. Although Burlington outscored the Cowboys 23-17 in the fourth, Goodland went on to win 90-68.

McLean said it was good to get

the win and build back some confidence especially after the tough loss to Norton last Tuesday.

Five Cowboys players scored in double-figures, led by Wilkens with 17 and Herl with 15. Both Raymer and Taylor had 14 points, and Doke had 12 before fouling out 28 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Junior David Livengood and Tedford both scored six points, sophomore Heath Chatfield added four and junior Lane Winter had two.

Doke led the team in rebounds with eight followed by Raymer with seven and Taylor with five. Herl led in assists with seven.

Friday, the Cowboys travel to St. Francis to face the Indians, who are 4-11 for the season. The game can be heard on Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) starting around 7:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

The next home action for the Cowboy varsity will be Saturday against the Hays Indians in a non-league matchup. Tipoff will be around 6 p.m.



Junior David Livengood (No. 23) pressed to keep a Burlington player from passing the ball during the Cowboys' 90-68 victory over the Cougars on Thursday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.  
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## sports shorts

**Colby men and women win again**

The Colby Community College men's and women's basketball teams both won Saturday, defeating Butler County Community College at the Community Building in Colby.

The Lady Trojans defeated the Lady Grizzlies 66-47 after leading 32-25 at halftime. Sophomore Louise McLean led Colby with 23 points, followed by sophomores Jelena Spiric with 13 and Bojana Samardziska with 12. Samardziska was the rebound leader with 11.

The Lady Trojans are now 21-2 overall and 8-1 in conference play.

Colby's men held off several late rallies by Butler County to hang on for a 76-69 win. Four Trojan players scored in double-digits, led by sophomore Justin Williams with 24. Sophomore Branden Miller scored 14, freshman Ontario McKee 13 and sophomore E.J. Drayton 11.

The victory made Brian Ostermann, in his fifth season, the winningest men's coach in the school history. His record now stands at 86-62. The Trojans are 20-3 overall for the season and 6-3 in the west division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

Both teams travel to Garden City tomorrow to face the Broncbusters of Garden City Community College. Tipoff for the women's game is 6 p.m. (Central Time) and about two hours later for the men.

**Grizzly player has ties to Goodland**

E.J. Zahradnik, a freshman from Anthony, Kan., played on the Butler County Community College football team that won the 2003 National Junior College Athletic

Association football championship.

Zahradnik is the grandson of Dale and Iva Lee Stephens of Goodland and Ernie and Rosalee Seemann of Levant. Listed as a defensive lineman, Zahradnik was primarily a special teams player. He finished the season with 15 tackles, including a quarterback sack, and recovered one fumble.

The Grizzlies won the national title 14-10 over Dixie State College of Utah on Dec. 6 at the Rotary Bowl, finishing the season 12-0. This was Butler County's third championship in six years. They won back-to-back titles in 1998 and 1999.

**Youth basketball tournament in Colby next month**

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

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Seven Goodland wrestlers won their weight class Jan. 24 at the Mustang Invitational held at Max Jones Fieldhouse by Grant Junior High School.

Thirteen teams competed at the tournament, which had six mats set up to accommodate more than 400 matches.

Grant Wilkens won at 96 pounds, pinning his opponent from Kenneth Henderson Junior High of Garden City in 27 seconds in the championship match. Brad Geist finished fourth in that weight class.

Ben Davis earned first place in the 110-pound class, defeating teammate Keegan Smith 2-0 in the title match. The Mustangs also took the top two spots at 116 pounds with Forrest Trachsel pinning Andrew Taylor in the first period of the championship.

A.J. Stephens took first place at 120 pounds, winning the final match by forfeit when his opponent from Buchanan Middle School of Wray, Colo. failed to start. Casey Henderson won the 160-pound championship when his opponent from Kepley Middle School of Ulysses was disqualified. Nick

Smith placed third at 160 pounds.

Fernando Martinez earned first place at 166 pounds with a 9-6 decision over Buchanan. Danny Hachmeister won 10-6 over teammate Casey House to take the heavyweight title.

Four other wrestlers from Grant also earned second place: Bryan Gray at 90 pounds, Nelson Bergemann at 106, Jonathan McClung at 127 and Nathan Heiter at 220. Eight Mustangs placed third in their classes and six others finished fourth.

The Mustang wrestling team defeated Quinter 100-16 and Oberlin 65-32 Jan. 15 at a triangular meet in Max Jones Fieldhouse to open its 2004 season.

Against Quinter, the Mustangs won 17 of 20 matches. Michael Klinge (85 pounds), Allen Normandin (95 pounds), Levi Coon (100 pounds), Michael Ledesma (105), Davis (110), Stephens (120 pounds), Jake Kling (125 pounds), Jordan Roane (155), T.J. Hawkins (165 pounds) and Clay Schilling (heavyweight) each won his match by a pin.

Aaron Deeds won his match by major decision, 13-5, at 130 pounds. Grant won six matches by forfeit. Also wrestling in varsity competition were Trachsel at 115 pounds, Jace Mosbarger at 135 pounds and Zach Lohr at 145 pounds.

The Mustangs had a tougher time

against Oberlin, winning 13 of 20 matches. Kling, Deeds, Hawkins and Kling all pinned their opponents, and Stephens won by technical fall 21-3. Kade Sheldon (75 pounds), Gray (90 pounds), Davis and Schilling all won by decision. Grant won four matches by forfeit.

The Mustangs defeated both Quinter and Oberlin in junior varsity competition, 64-6 and 28-27 respectively.

The Mustangs will be in Cheyenne Wells, Colo., this afternoon for a tournament. Their next home action is Thursday starting at 3:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse for a triangular meet against Oakley and Atwood.

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