

# Hugoton downs Cowgirls again

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The Cowgirls ended their basketball season with a 53-48 loss to the Lady Eagles of Hugoton on Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in the first round of the Class 4A substate tournament.

This was the second time in 10 days that Hugoton had defeated the Cowgirls on their home court. The Lady Eagles whipped Goodland 70-50 on Feb. 21 to end the Cowgirls regular season.

As they had the earlier game, Hugoton used a long scoring run to start the third period to build a lead the Cowgirls could not overcome. The Eagles led at halftime 24-23, then scored 10 straight points to open the second half. They kept the Cowgirls scoreless until, with less than three minutes left in the quarter, freshman Dani Bedore sank a free throw.

Twice in the fourth quarter, the Cowgirls closed to within two, but with the score 43-40 Hugoton went on a 10-3 scoring run to give the Eagles the lead 53-43 with less than a minute left. Goodland scored five points in the final 13 seconds to close to 53-48.

Bedore scored the game's first two points as Goodland took a 6-3 lead early in the first period. Hugoton scored the next six to lead 9-6. With the score 11-8, the Cowgirls made a six-point run of their own, retaking the lead 14-11. Again the Eagles came back, and the period ended with the score tied at 15.

Neither team could score in the first minute of the second quarter. Freshman Whitney Archer injured her right ankle while fouling a Hugoton player and sat out the rest

of the half. Hugoton scored on one of the resulting free throws to take the lead 16-15. Sophomore Justeen Koehler scored a basket to give Goodland a 17-16 lead.

Hugoton scored next, regaining the lead at 18-17, then increased it to 20-17. Koehler then scored four straight points to give the Cowgirls their final lead of the game, 21-20. Four straight points by the Eagles made it 24-21 and another basket by Koehler made it 24-23 going into the locker room at halftime. Koehler scored all eight of the Cowgirls' points in the second period.

The Eagles held Goodland scoreless for over five minutes to open the third quarter, while scoring 10 points of their own to stretch their lead to 11 at 34-23. Bedore's free throw at 2:47 left in the third got Goodland back on the scoring track and the Cowgirls were able to get within eight, 38-30, by the end of the quarter.

The Cowgirls opened the fourth period with a 8-2 scoring run to narrow Hugoton's lead to 40-38. However, Goodland could not get any closer. After the Cowgirls got within two again, at 44-42, the Eagles scored nine of the next ten points to make it 53-43.

With 13 seconds left on the clock, Bedore scored a basket, making the score 53-45. After a jump gave the Cowgirls the ball, senior Jessica Osborn hit a three-pointer as the buzzer went off to make the final 53-48.

Koehler scored 16 points to lead Goodland, followed by Bedore with 12. Archer added six and sophomore Melissa Swager four. Osborn and freshmen Kaylee Billinger and Emily Murray each scor-



Sophomore Justeen Koehler (No. 42 in right photo) scored two of her team-leading 16 points in the second half of the Cowgirls' game with Hugoton. Senior Jessica Osborn (on right in above photo) tried to get around the Lady Eagle's Kendrea Bense. Hugoton defeated Goodland 53-48 and advanced to the substate semifinals Thursday in Ulysses.

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ed three points. Senior Cortney Schields scored on a free throw.

Bedore led the team in rebounds with eight. Goodland outrebounded Hugoton 32-18.

Eagle senior Kilah Bond led all scorers with 18 points, including 12 of 16 from the free throw line. Other players in double-figures for Hugo-

ton were seniors Kendrea Bensel with 11 and Alison Owens with 10.

The Cowgirls ended their season 9-12. The Eagles also are now 9-12 and were to take on Colby, 20-1, in the substate semifinals Thursday in Ulysses. The substate winner advances to the state tournament March 10-13 in Topeka.



## Lady Trojans face busy weekend

The Colby Community College softball team will play its home opener Saturday against the Lady Beavers of Pratt Community College in a non-conference doubleheader on the campus softball field.

Starting with Pratt, the Lady Trojans will play three doubleheaders over a four-day period, Sunday they host Otero Junior College from Colorado, and on Tuesday, Garden City Community College in the conference opener.

Coach Carl Adams is in his 17th year at Colby, with an overall record going into this season of 464-363. Seven starters return from last year's team that went 36-22 and finished second at the regional tourna-



**Schields** **Calkins**

ment.

Colby started its season 0-2 after dropping both games of a non-conference doubleheader, 8-0 and 13-9, against the Lady Broncbusters of Garden City Feb. 22 in Garden City.

"We need to improve in all areas of the game," Adams said. "We need to approach the games like we

have been practicing, with desire and intensity. Our team is capable of being one of the top teams in the conference and the region. We just need to prove it on the field."

Last Friday, the team traveled to La Junta for a doubleheader against Otero. Colby again losing both games 10-2 and 5-1.

"Our defense and pitching was much better than in our first two games," said Adams. "We are still struggling at the plate, but we did have better intensity and desire than we did against Garden City. It is still early in the season and we have time to put it together. We need everybody to step up in all areas of the game for us to improve."

Two former Cowgirls are playing for the Trojans this season, Shanae Calkins and Alissa Schields. Both graduated from Goodland High in 2003 and are freshmen in their first season on the team. Last season the Cowgirls finished 11-11 and made it to the quarterfinals of the state Class 4A championship tourney.

Colby was ranked No. 2 in the West Division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference in the coaches preseason poll. Hutchinson Community College was the top-ranked team.

The Trojans received some votes in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll released Feb. 6.

## sports shorts

**Youth basketball in Colby this month; Goodland, Oberlin in April**

A Mid-America Youth Basketball tournament will be held in Colby March 20-21 and two others are coming up in April.

Colby will host a tournament for third through eighth-grade boys and girls teams. Deadline for registration is today. For information, call (785) 462-3736.

Goodland will have a tournament April 3-4 for third- through 12th-grade boys and girls teams. The games will be played at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the Goodland High School gym. The deadline is Friday, March 19. For information, call James Foster at (785) 890-7242.

Oberlin will host the Sappa Valley Shootout for third through 10th-grade boys and girls teams April 17 at the Decatur Community High School gyms. The cost, \$30 per team, must be paid by April 7. For information, call Sue Glodt at (785) 475-3383 or Barbara Olson at (785) 475-3602.

Teams in all of the tournaments are guaranteed three games.

For information about the program, call (316) 284-0354 ore-mail mayb@mayb.com.

**Trojans split doubleheader with Arapahoe**

The Colby Community College baseball is 3-3 for the season after splitting a doubleheader with

Arapahoe Community College of Littleton, Colo., last Saturday in Colby.

The Trojans lost the first game to the Coyotes 3-2, in 10 innings. Colby had players in scoring position in three of the last four innings but could not get them home. The Trojans left 14 players on base in the game.

Colby had a better time offensively in the second game, scoring nine runs while keeping the Coyotes scoreless. Freshman pitcher Conner Bramlet threw five complete innings striking out six batters and giving up just two hits in his first collegiate start.

The Trojans opened their season with a pair of losses Feb. 18 against the Antelopes of Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colo., dropping the first game 12-1 and the second 5-4.

On Feb. 25, Colby evened its record by sweeping two games from the U.S. Air Force Academy junior varsity in Colorado Springs 13-3 and 13-1.

The Trojan's doubleheader with Otero Junior College scheduled for Wednesday in Colby was called off due to weather. No decision has been made whether it is postponed or cancelled.

The Trojans open conference play Saturday hosting Seward County Community College on the campus baseball field starting at 1 p.m. Colby hosts Lamar, same time same place, Sunday.

## bowling results

**Wednesday Night Men's Scratch**  
March 3, 2004

Fun & Games over L & M Steel 18-2  
The Western Times over  
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 12-8  
Weber Kennels over  
Witzel & Rhea Imp. 10.5-9.5  
MLS, Inc. over Basgall Construction 12-8  
Bowladium Lanes over  
The Good, Bad & Ugly 15-5

**High Individual Game:** Phil Helzer 246  
**High Individual Series:** Jerry Amthor 821

**High Team Game:** Bowladium Lanes 643  
**High Team Series:** MLS, Inc. 2,286

**League Standings:**  
Weber Kennels 60.5-19.5  
MLS, Inc. 49-31  
Bowladium Lanes 46.5-33.5  
Fun & Games 45-35  
Fitzgibbons, Inc. 43.5-36.5  
Witzel & Rhea Imp. 41.5-38.5  
Basgall Construction 41-39  
The Western Times 26-54  
The Good, Bad & Ugly 24.5-55.5  
L & M Steel 22.5-57.5



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