star-news sports Cowboys open season tonight

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News The Cowboys basketball team opens its season tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse against the Longhorns of Chase County High School of Imperial, Neb.

Tip-off will be around 7 p.m., or 20 minutes after the completion of the girls game.

Coach Jon McLean, starting his sixth season, said he was pleased with what he saw from the players at Monday's scrimmage. Although there are some things the team will have to work on, he said, he saw a lot of good execution and unselfish teamwork and the players passed well.

The format Monday consisted of five periods with the line-ups for both the black and gold teams being changed each time. McLean said he did this to test a variety of different line-ups. All 23 players got to play at least two periods.

McLean said some of the other goals for the scrimmage was to have the players see their first action with officials, get some experience inbounding the ball under game conditions and give him a chance to evaluate performance moving up and down the court.

Thirteen players return from last year's roster, led by seniors Lane Winter, Derrick Raymer and David Livengood. Senior Brock Lohr returns to the hard court after skipping basketball last season due to a knee injury. He played as a freshman and sophomore.

Raymer was one of two Cowboys named to the Northwest Kansas All-League Team last season. The other was Lance Tedford, who is a freshman at MidAmerica Nazarene University is a starting guard on the Pioneers' junior varsity.

McLean said Raymer does a lot of good things on the floor. Last season, he led the Cowboys in scoring with over 14 points per game. Starting 20 of Goodland's 21 games, Raymer also led the team in rebounds, steals and blocked shots.

Mclean said Winter has excellent jumping ability and a nice shooting touch. Livengood, said Mclean, is a tremendous hustler and great defensive player, and is strong, which makes him a good rebounder for a guard.

McLean said all four seniors need to have a good year to make the team go.

Juniors returning to the Cowboys lineup include Jase Herl, Heath Chatfield, Wyatt Dautel and Derek Fenner. Returning sophomores are Nathan Linin, Tyler Hilmer, Mikey Doll, Nick Angelos, Taylor Frazier and Landon Williams.

Freshman joining the team are Chris Irvin, Preston Dautel, Grant and sophomore Kerek Mason will Wilkens, Tanner Smith, Spencer film the games. Senior Emily Windell, Darrick Ihrig, Josh Doke, Jance McKee and Tom Terry.

Assisting McLean for the sixth He played basketball for the Bulldogs of Syracuse High School. Se-



Goodland High senior Brock Lohr (with ball in right photo) scored during Monday's scrimmage as junior Derek Fenner tried to defend. Cowboys coach Jon McLean and his 4-year-old daughter Maggie watched and evaluated the players performance.

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nior Brian Dawdy and junior Cory their season against Chase County Yarbrough are the team managers, Burkett is the student trainer for both the Cowboys and Cowgirls.

"I'm excited about the season," straight season is Brad Bergsma, said Mclean, "and am enjoying who owns and manages Seamhead coaching the kids. They all get Sports and Apparel, 1011 Main Ave. along pretty well and people will enjoy watching them play."

Last year, the Cowboys opened (Mountain Time).

in Imperial, winning 65-56. The Longhorns finished the season 17-7, losing in the first round of the Nebraska Class C1 state championships. Goodland finished 8-13.

The boys game will be broadcast live on Goodland radio KLOE (730AM). Goodland's next action will be Tuesday at Burlington, with the C team game starting at 3:45



Lady Trojans defeat Air Force Prep 90-61

Sophomore Jayci Stone of Colby and 2002-2003 seasons as a Cow-Community College scored 23 points on Nov. 23 to lead the Lady Trojans basketball team to a 90-61 win over the U.S. Air Force Prep School.

Stone is averaging over 16 points per game for the season. A 2003 graduate of Goodland High, she College at 1 p.m. (Central Time) was a Northwest Kansas All-League selection for the 2001-2002

girl.

Colby improved to 8-0 for the season. The Trojans are back in action this afternoon against Highland Community College at the Jayhawk Shootout in Coffeyville. Colby faces Johnson County Community Saturday.

Topside Tip-Off set for next weekend

ACROSS

The 16th annual Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament opens at 2 p.m. Thursday at Max Jones versus Ottawa at 4 p.m. on the junior high court and

Fieldhouse with the girls teams from Norton and Holyoke on the main court and the boys from Burlington and Ottawa on the junior high court.

The Goodland Cowgirls will play the Lady Coyotes of Weskan on the main court at 6 p.m. The Cowboys face Weskan on the same court around 8 p.m., depending on the end of the girls' game. The Weskan boys are ranked No. 4 in Class 1A in the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association's preseason poll.

Other girls games on Thursday are Burlington

McCook facing Wray at 8 p.m., also on the junior high court. Other boys games include Holyoke playing Norton at 4 p.m. on the main court and McCook versus Wray on the junior high court.

On Friday, the Cowgirls will play at 6 p.m., with the court and opponent determined by the results of Thursday's game. The Cowboys will play at 8 p.m. Saturday's schedule will depend on Friday's results.

Teams designated as home on the scoreboards will be wearing their light jerseys.

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Greetings

Mr. Selby, Mr. Swager, Mr. Raymer and the USD 352 Board of Education cordially invite you to attend their Holiday Dinner.

The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society (NHS), and Girls' Athletic Association (GAA) will serve as the Hosts and Hostesses.

When: December 15, 2004

11 a.m. - Entertainment by students of GHS 12 noon - Dinner

Where: Goodland High School (Please come through the South doors on 13th St.)

RSVP: Please RSVP before December 8th by calling 899-5656 or 899-2397. *If you have already given your RSVP this year, you need not do so again. We thank you.

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