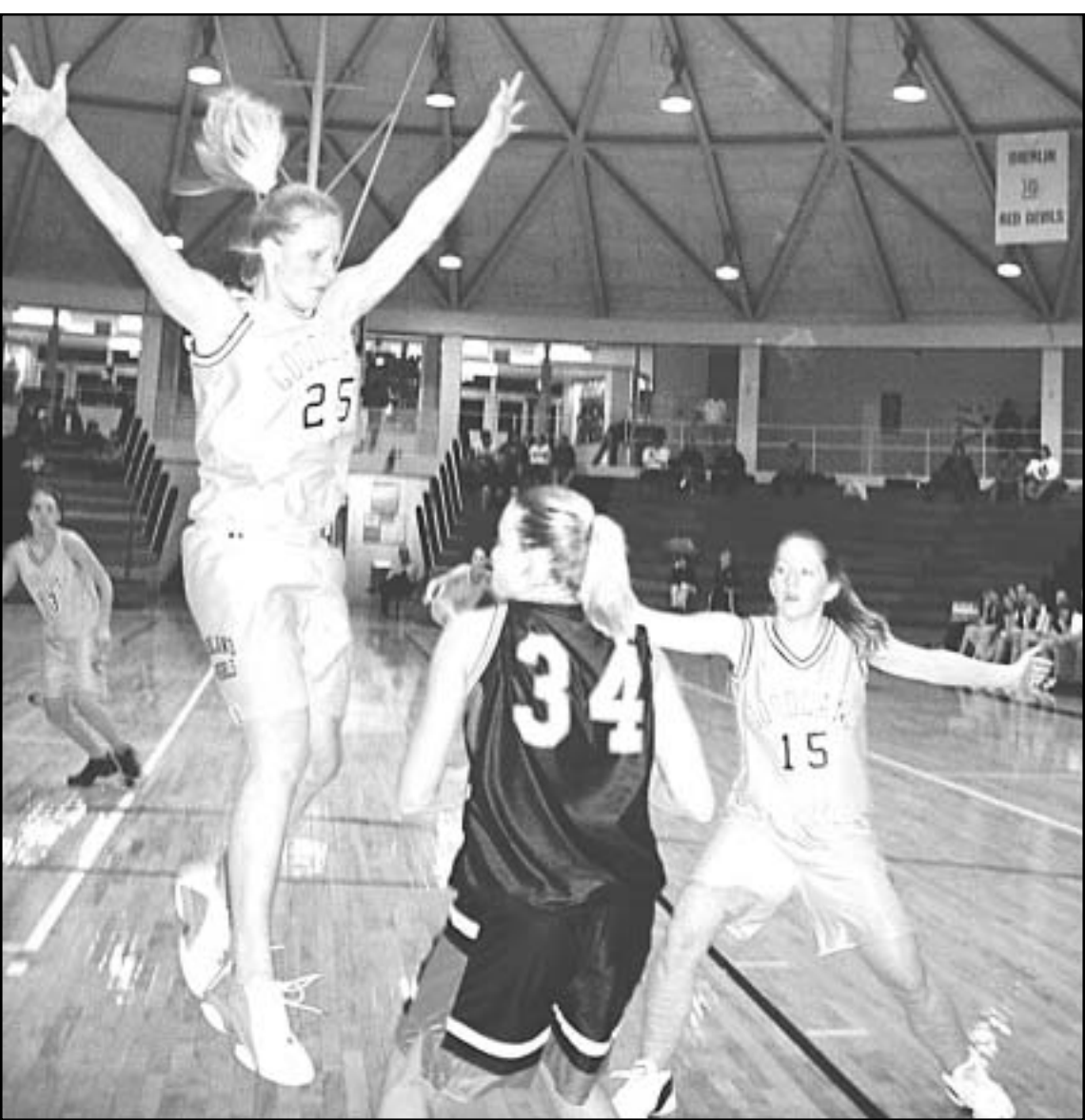


Cowgirls corral Longhorns, 56-33



By Greg Stover
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The Cowgirls corralled their first win of the season Friday night by rounding up the Lady Longhorns of Chase County High School of Imperial, Neb., 56-33 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland held the lead throughout the game.

First-year coach Don Smith said getting this win was important, and he was especially pleased with the team play. He said he was happy with the contributions of the players off the bench and pleased with the rebounding margin, 51-30.

Sophomore Whitney Archer scored the Cowgirls' first two points, then junior Justeen Koehler made it 5-0 after she was fouled making a basket and sank the free throw.

The Longhorns scored the next four points to make it 5-4, then Goodland sophomore Dani Bedore scored a basket to make it 7-4.

Cowgirl sophomore Dani Bedore (No. 25) and senior Whitney Carmichael (No. 15) tried to keep Whitney Paisley of Chase County High from inbounding the ball during the second period of Goodland's 56-33 win Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Three times after that Chase County got to within two points, but with the score 15-13 early in the second period Goodland scored 14 straight by playing aggressive defense and putting pressure on the Longhorns as they tried to inbound the ball.

Smith said that short period of intensity was what won the game for Goodland.

"We got to learn to play with that level of intensity throughout the game," he said.

The Cowgirls outscored their opponents 22-4 in the second period to lead 35-15 at the half.

Smith give the Longhorns credit for defensive changes they made in the second half which left the Cowgirls struggling with for awhile.

Chase County outscored Goodland 10-7 in the third period, but the Longhorns still trailed by 17 points, 42-25. In the fourth, with the score 47-29, the Cowgirls scored nine straight to take a 56-29 lead. Chase County scored the final four points of the game to make it 56-33 at the end.

Sophomore Dani Bedore led the Cowgirls with 18 points, connecting on seven of 12 shots from the field. She hit all four of her shots from the free throw line. Sophomore Emily Murray hit five of six from the field and one of three from

the charity stripe for 11 points.

Archer scored eight points, junior Jordan Frazier seven and sophomore Nicolette Clancy four. Both Koehler and junior Melissa Swager scored three points, and sophomore Lindsey Shields two.

Bedore led Goodland in rebounds with 11. Swager grabbed 10 rebounds and both Archer and Murray had seven.

Archer led in assists with five.

Sophomore Whitney Paisley scored 10 points to lead Chase County, followed by junior Sarah Miller with eight.

Chase County won the girls junior varsity game 41-37 after trailing 22-21 at halftime. Freshman Samantha Raymer led the Cowgirls with 16 points.

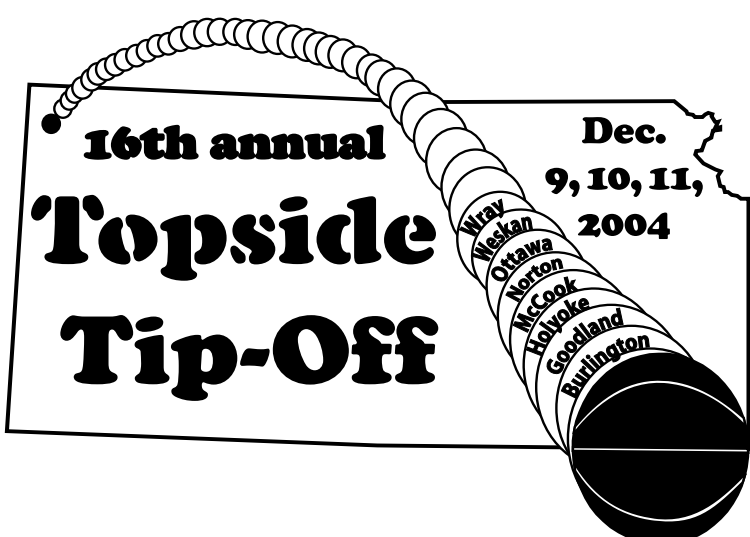
The Cowgirls travel to Burlington today for a game against the Lady Cougars starting around 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Goodland beat Burlington twice last season, 100-35 on Dec. 11 and 70-48 on Jan. 29.

Goodland Radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast the game starting around 5:30 p.m.

The hometown fans will get to see their team play again at 6 p.m. Thursday against the Lady Coyotes of Weskan as part of the first day's action of the Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament.



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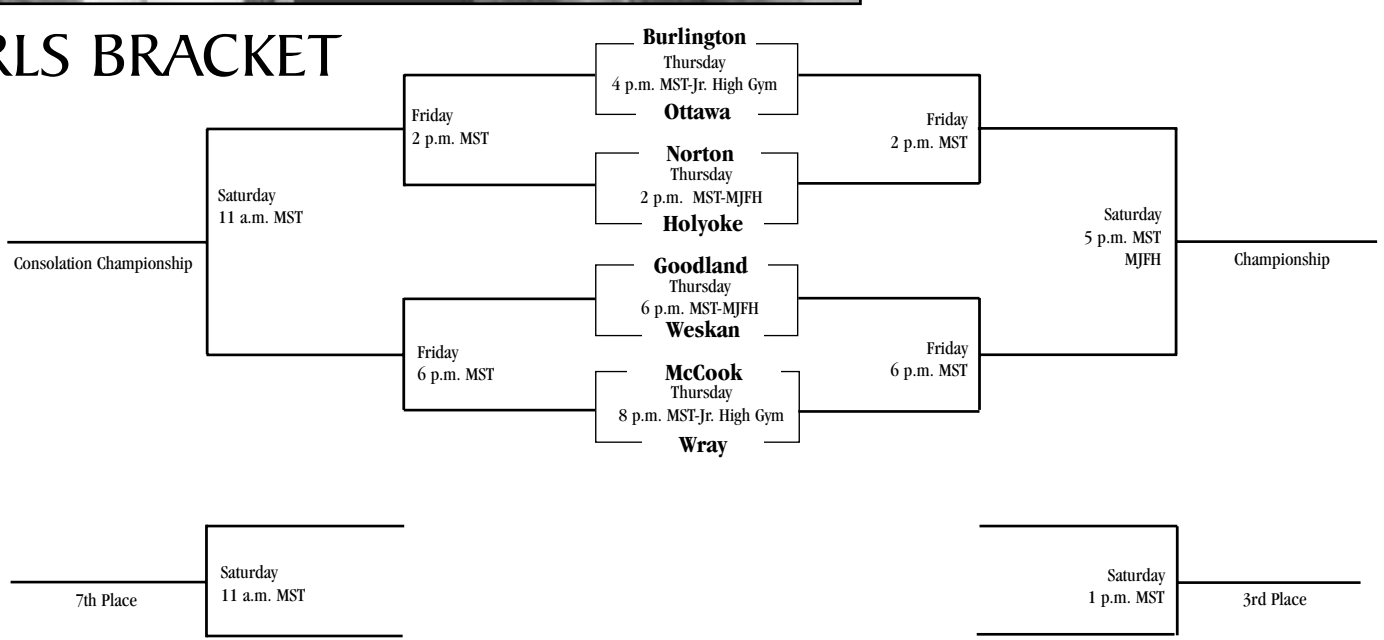
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