

# Cowboys beat Longhorns 62-39 to open season



Senior Lane Winter (No. 21) scored two of his 17 points during the second half of the Cowboys win over Chase County High Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Five area teams among top 10

The Lady Eagles of Colby High School were ranked No. 1 in Class 4A by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association in its pre-season poll. Colby finished 23-3 last season, losing to Hayden High School of Topeka in the semifinals of the state playoffs. The Eagles placed fourth after losing to Abilene in the consolation game, while Hayden went on to win the state title. The Lady Indians of Hoxie High

are ranked No. 2 in Class 2A. The Indians finished 24-2 last season losing in the state championship semifinals to Olpe, then beating Claflin High in the consolation game for third place. The Western Kansas Liberty League had three teams, two boys and one girls, make the top 10 in Class 1A. The Coyotes of Weskan High are ranked No. 4. Weskan finished 20-6 last season, losing to Frankfort in

the first round of the state tournament. Wallace County High of Sharon Springs ranked No. 7. The Wildcats finished the year 18-8 and also ended their season in the first round of state play. The Lady Bulldogs of Brewster High are ranked No. 6. They finished 20-5 last season losing to Tipton in the finals of the sub-state tournament.

**By Greg Stover**  
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The Goodland Cowboys opened their basketball season Friday night the same way they opened last season, with a victory over Chase County High School of Imperial, Neb.

The Cowboys defeated the Longhorns 62-39 at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Last year the score was 65-56 in a game played in Imperial.

Coach Jon McLean said he was pleased with the players' performance for their first game, although they started out a little ragged and had trouble shooting in the first half. He said the players hustled throughout the game and played well once they settled down. He said he thought they played their best during the fourth period.

Senior Brock Lohr scored the game's first two points, which was the only scoring done by either team for the first four minutes. Chase County tied the score at 2 then again at 4, then junior Heath Chatfield scored three points on a basket and a free throw to give Goodland a 7-4 lead.

Junior Jase Herl made it 10-4 on a three-point shot, and after that, the Cowboys steadily increased their lead.

Leading 10-6 after the first period, Goodland outscored the Longhorns 17-12 to take a 27-18 lead at halftime. About two minutes into the third period, Lohr hit a basket to give the Cowboys their first 10-point lead at 31-21. Goodland led after three, 43-31.

The Cowboys scored 13 of the first 15 points in the fourth period to make it 56-35, then six of the next

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10 to make the final 62-39.

Herl led the Cowboys with 20 points, followed by senior Lane Winter with 17. Senior Derrick Raymer scored 12, Chatfield five and Lohr four. Junior Wyatt Dautel and freshman Jance McKee each scored two.

Raymer and Herl both had eight rebounds to lead the team. Lohr grabbed seven and both Winter and Dautel had four. The Cowboys stole the ball 14 times, led by Herl with six thefts.

Senior Aaron Fuehrer led Chase County with 13 points, and senior

Trey Boggs added eight.

Although he saw some things the team needs to work on, McLean said it is always good to get a win in the first game of the season.

The Cowboys face their next challenge about 7 p.m. tonight in Burlington, when they take on the Cougars, who also won their season opener Friday 86-72 over Wray.

The Cowboys return to Max Jones Fieldhouse on Thursday for an 8 p.m. game against the Weskan Coyotes on the first round of the Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament.

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