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If the Cowgirls were concerned about playing in “The Pit” against the Lady Cougars in Burlington on Tuesday, they didn’t show it, as Goodland jumped out to a 15-0 lead on the way to 58-29 win.

Sophomore Dani Bedore scored eight of her game-leading 24 points during the Cowgirls’ run. Burlington finally got on the scoreboard when Kylie Winslow scored a basket with 3 minutes, 15 seconds left in the first period.

The Cowgirls took a 21-9 lead into the second period, then out-scored Burlington 11-7 to take a 32-16 lead into the locker room.

Goodland started the second half with almost the same intensity as the first, scoring 16 of the first 18 points in the third period making the score 48-18. The Cowgirls led 50-22 at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth period, Goodland increased its lead to 25 points at 58-23, after which Burlington scored the last six points of the game to make the final 58-29.

Sophomore Whitney Archer scored 13 and junior Justeen Koehler seven. Both Junior Melissa Swager and sophomore Lindsey Shields scored six, and junior Jordan Frazier had two points.

The Cowgirls outrebounded

Burlington 32-20, Koehler leading the way with seven grabs, followed by Bedore with six. Senior Whitney Carmichael and sophomore Emily Murray each had four rebounds.

Goodland also did a better job at the free throw line, making 11 of 15 attempts (73 percent) compared to 8 of 18 (44 percent) for the Cougars.

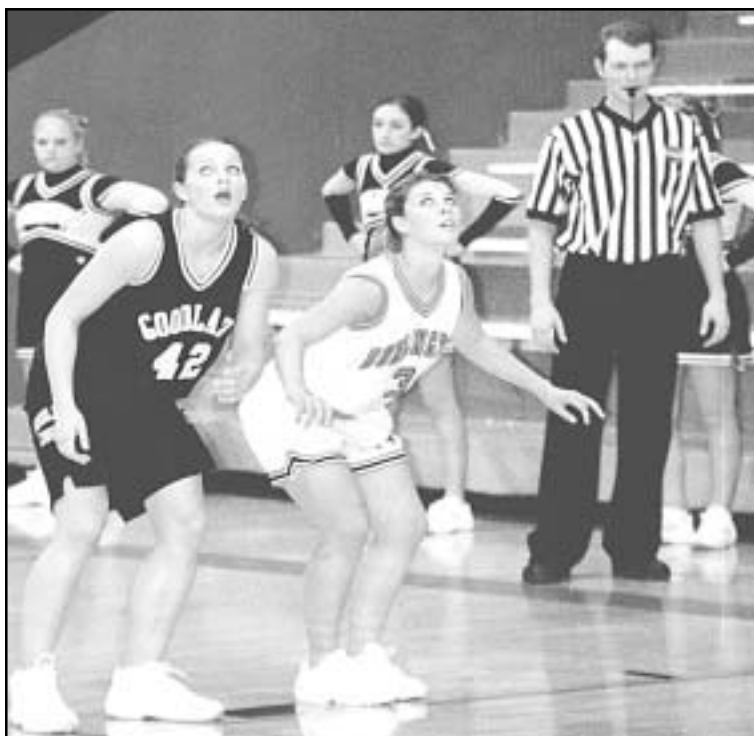
“I thought we sustained defensive intensity better against Burlington than we did against Imperial,” said Coach Don Smith.

In that game, played last Friday, the Cowgirls scored 14 straight points in a period of defensive intensity which Smith said made the difference in the game.

Although Goodland led from start to finish this time, Smith said there are still some things the players need to work, including timing on offense and looking for scoring opportunities. He also said he would like to see a better balance of scoring between inside and outside.

The junior varsity team improved to 2-0 by defeating Burlington 32-30 in another come-from-behind win for the Cowgirls.

The girls were to have played the Lady Coyotes of Weskan on Thursday during the first round of the Topside Tip-Off. They play at 6 to-night against either Wray High from Colorado or McCook of Nebraska. Goodland also will play a game on



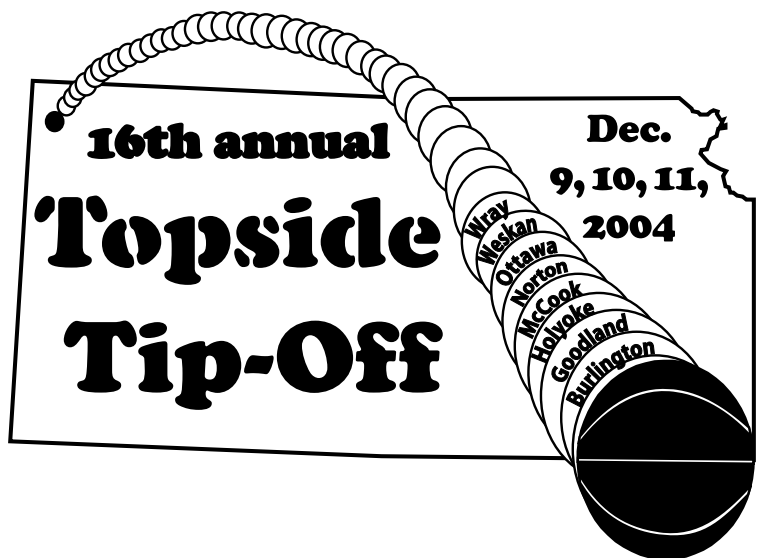
Under the critical eye of some of the Cowboy players, sophomore Dani Bedore (in air in right photo) scored two of her 24 points during the third period of the Cowgirls 58-29 win Tuesday over the Lady Cougars in Burlington. Junior Justeen Koehler of Goodland and Alex Whitmore of Burlington watched a Cowgirl free throw on its way to the basket.

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Saturday, with the opponent and time depending on the results of tonight’s game.

The Cowgirls travel to Hays on Tuesday for a game against the Lady Indians. Tipoff will be around 5:30 (Central Time) at the high school.



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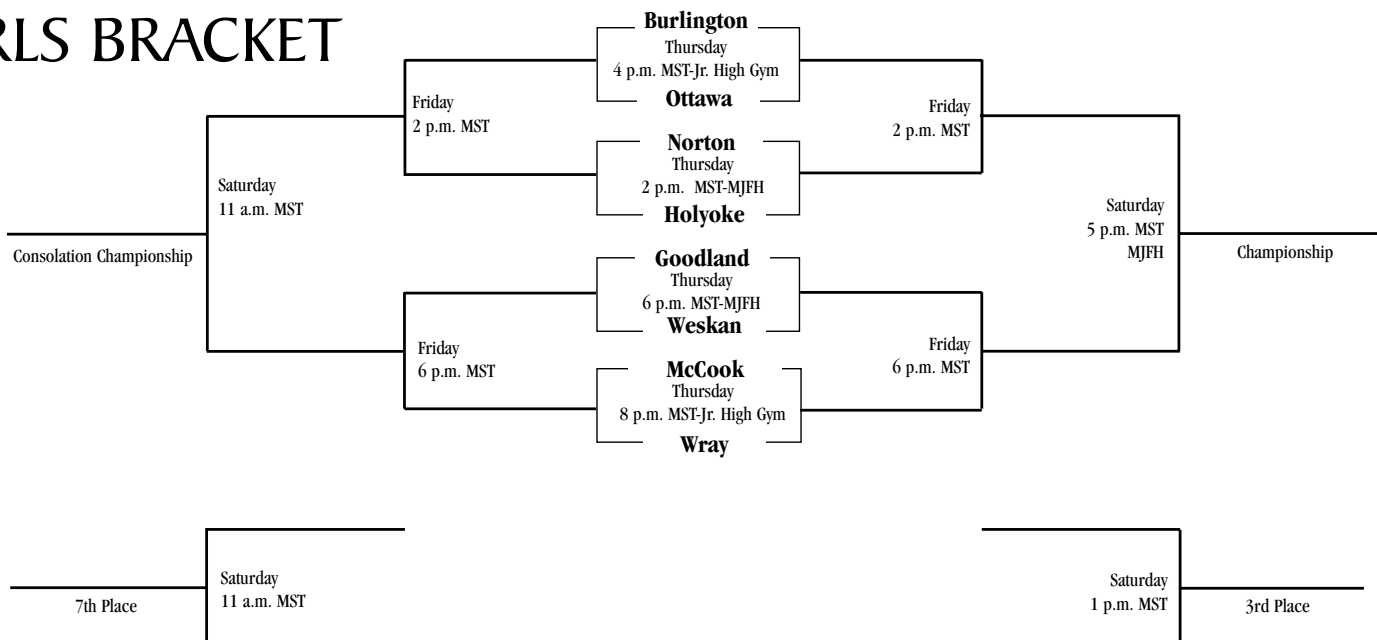
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