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The Goodland Cowgirls used their defensive intensity to prevent Thursday against the Lady Coyotes. Five times during the period 3 lead in the first on their way to a 75-17 win. Weskan from inbounding the ball during the first period of their game the Cowgirls forced a turnover this way. The Cowgirls built up a 27-Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Cowgirls lose to Ottawa in finals of Topside Tip-Off

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland Cowgirls held a 10-9 lead at the end of the first period in Saturday's title game at the 16th annual Topside Tip-Off basketball tournament, but the Lady Cyclones of Ottawa dominated the rest of the game.

The Ottawa girls took off early in the second period and hung on to win 56-46.

After a slow start by both teams, with no scoring in the first minute, Goodland went on a six-point run for a 8-4 lead. then Ottawa closed up to 10-9 by the end of the first period.

Sophomore Dani Bedore scored the first basket of the second period to increase the Cowgirls lead to 12-9, then the momentum changed abruptly and permanently. A threepoint basket by Ottawa's Mallory Geist tied the score, then teammate Megan Ramsey hit two straight three-pointers to build a 18-12 Cyclone lead.

Ottawa increased its lead to 24-12 before Goodland could score again, and the Cowgirls trailed 26-18 at halftime.

Sophomore Whitney Archer hit a three-pointer to start the third period, but the Cyclones scored the next nine points for a 35-21 lead. Starting the fourth period behind

Topside Tip-Off titles. The first one, in 1989, recognized two champion's with Goodland winning the big-school competition and Atwood the small-school title. The Cowgirls won again in 1999, 2000 and 2003.

Against Ottawa, Bedore scored 14 points to lead Goodland, followed by junior Justeen Koehler with 11 and Archer with 10. Sophomore Lindsay Schields added four points, junior Jordan Frazier three and sophomores Emily Murray and Kaylee Billinger each had two.

Bedore and Koehler both had six rebounds to lead the team.

Ottawa senior Kelsie Studley led all scorers with 22 points and Ottawa senior Gaitlin Smith had a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Lady Bluejays of Norton placed third, beating the McCook Lady Bison 56-28 Saturday. Holyoke defeated Wray 51-36 for fifth place and Burlington beat Weskan 68-44 for seventh.

On Thursday, the first day of the tournament, the Cowgirls dominated the Lady Coyotes of Weskan 75-17 for Goodland's third win of the season. Bedore scored 18 points and Archer 17.

Freshman Samantha Raymer had eight points and both Murrav and

Goodland won the first three four rebounds to lead the team, and free throw. Swager and Archer both Swager, Koehler and Murray each had four rebounds. had three.

> defeated Holyoke 44-32, McCook beat Wray 55-31 and Ottawa beat Burlington 83-51.

Friday, the Cowgirls scored the first six points and the Bison never caught up. The final score was 43-26. Bedore led the team in scoring with 15, followed by Koehler with 12. Murray had six and Archer five. Both Schields and Frazier scored two and Billinger scored on a single Time).

Also on Friday, Ottawa defeated In other games Thursday, Norton Norton 65-59, Wray beat Weskan 63-29 and Holyoke beat Burlington 55-29.

Bedore and Koehler were named to In their game against McCook on the all-tournament team. Ottawa won the team free throw title, hitting 53 of 86 for 61 percent. Breanna Hilgeman won the three-point contest.

The Cowgirls will be in action again tonight in Hays against the Lady Indians. The varsity game will tip-off around 5:30 p.m. (Central



42-32, the Cowgirls fought back to within four at 45-41 with about four minutes left in the game, but foul trouble started to take its toll. Archer fouled out with 3 1/2 minutes left, then with the Cowgirls trailing 52-42 and just under a minute left, Bedore fouled out.

Both teams scored four points after that, making the final 56-46 second tournament title in four runners-up in 2002 and 2003.



Sophomore Whitney Archer (No. 43) scored two points during the first half of the Cowgirls game against the McCook Lady Bison on Friday during the second day of the Topside Tip-Off. Goodland won Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News 43-26.

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years. In 2001, Ottawa defeated Goodland by the same score in the and earning the Lady Cyclones their finals. The Lady Cyclones were the

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Billinger had six. Koehler and junior Melissa Swager both added five points and Schields had four. Senior Whitney Carmichael and sophomores Stephanie Sheldon and Nicolette Clancy each scored two. Frazier and Archer both grabbed

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