

Final-quarter comeback lifts Cowboys to big 61-55 win

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Fans who skipped Tuesday night's game between the Cowboys and the Trojans of Stanton County High of Johnson City may have missed the most exciting game of the season, as Goodland came from behind to win 61-55.

The Trojans came to Goodland unbeaten, coming off a 25-point victory over the Elkhart Wildcats last Friday. They have three players who are 6 foot, five inches tall, including one of eight seniors.

Although the stats and the "on paper" evaluation may have favored Stanton County, the outcome is still decided on the court, and at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday, it was the Cowboys who decided which team would win.

The Trojans scored the game's first four points then held the lead until the middle of the fourth period when Goodland senior Lane Winter intercepted a pass and scored on a layup to tie the game at 49. About 40 seconds later, freshman Jance McKee scored a free throw to give Goodland its first lead of the game,

increasing it to 51-49 with his second shot.

Stanton County's Ryan McElroy tied the game back up with two free throws, then his teammate Casey Cook scored on a free throw which gave the lead back to the Trojans 52-51.

With just under two minutes left, senior Brock Lohr scored a basket, returning the lead to the Cowboys, which they kept until the buzzer. Goodland was able to build a nine-point lead 61-52 with 16 seconds left, but the Trojans fought to the end, scoring on a three-point basket by Cook in the last few seconds to make the final score 61-55.

McElroy scored the game's opening basket, then about a minute later was fouled while shooting. Hitting both free throws, he gave the Trojans a 4-0 lead. A short time later, leading 6-4, the Trojans scored nine straight to increase their lead to 15-4. Both teams scored eight points after that, making it 23-12 going into the second period.

Stanton County kept at least an 11-point lead throughout most of the second quarter, stretching it to

15 at one point, until with about 17 second left in the half, junior Jase Herl scored a basket to make it 35-26 capping a five-point Cowboys run.

Senior Derrick Raymer started the scoring in the third period and junior Heath Chatfield scored the last points of the quarter on a pair of free throws. This gave Goodland a 13-12 edge for the period, narrowing the Trojans' lead to eight points 47-39.

Wyatt Dautel scored the first points of the fourth period, cutting Stanton County's lead to six. A basket by the Trojans' Sam Josserand made it 49-41, then the Cowboys scored 10 straight, with McKee's two free throws making the score 51-49.

Stanton County was able to tie the game at 51 then take the lead on a free throw with two minutes, 16 seconds left.

The Cowboys then made their decision known to the Trojans by scoring the next 10 points, four by Lohr and six by McKee, and taking a 61-52 lead with 16 second left. Cook's three-pointer in the final

seconds made it 61-55.

McKee led the Cowboys in scoring for the first time with 14 points, including seven of nine at the charity stripe and Goodland's only three-pointer. The Cowboys were just one for 16 from three-point range.

Raymer scored 13 points and Lohr 10. Herl had eight points and both Winter and Chatfield scored seven. Dautel scored two.

Chatfield led the team in rebounds with seven, followed by Raymer with six and Herl with five. Senior David Livengood, who fouled out late in the fourth period, and Lohr both had four rebounds.

McElroy led the Trojans with 17 points. Both Cook and Josserand scored 11. Stanton County is now 6-1 for the season.

The Cowboys travel to Atwood tonight to play Rawlins County High in a Northwest Kansas League game. The Buffaloes are 2-4 after defeating Republican Valley High of Nebraska 60-55 on Tuesday.

Tipoff will be about 7 p.m. (Mountain Time) and will be broadcast on Radio KLOE (730 AM).



Wyatt Dautel scored the first points of the fourth period Tuesday at Max Jones, cutting Stanton County's lead to six, and a few minutes later the Cowboys tied the game and went on to a 61-55 win.

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All-Star volleyball match Sunday at Max Jones

The ninth annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Max Jones Fieldhouse.

High school players this year are from Brewster, St. Francis, Oberlin, Oakley, Sharon Springs, Atwood, Golden Plains, Quinter, Grinnell, Hoxie, Scott City and Wheatland.

The coaches are Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin, Kelly Dewey of Atwood, Karen Thornton of Grinnell and

Orba Stevenson of Golden Plains.

A selection committee chose 19 volleyball seniors from northwest Kansas to play, based on their play, statistics and previous honors.

The Blackshirt team will feature Ragen Strube and Adrian Cook both from Scott City; Trina Shields from Oberlin; Veronica Kuhlman and Heather Horton, both from Oakley; Andrea Horney of Brewster; Sarah Hill of Wallace County High of

Sharon Springs; and Amber Havel of St. Francis. Coaches are Thornton and Dewey.

The Whiteshirt team will feature Jodi Zimmerman and Holly Flax both of Wheatland; Krista Waldman, Angie Stephens and Courtney Schoendaler all from Grinnell; Allison Mense from Hoxie; Shantel Leitner and Ariel Dunker both from Atwood; Bridgit Gourley from Quinter; and Crystal Follis from


Hoxie. Coaches are Dorshorst and Stevenson.

The match will be played under college rules, with the winner taking three of five games. At least four games will be played. A fifth game will be played only as a tie-breaker.

Participants will receive an all-star shirt and a medal, which will be presented to them by their high school coach during a prematch medal ceremony.

The Most Inspirational Player, as voted on by the players, will receive a plaque after the match, plus a scholarship.


The match is sponsored by KLOE/KKCI Radio, Nor'West Newspapers and Red Brick Road Promotions.



Go Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Basketball Today, in Atwood, 3:45 p.m. (Mountain Time)
Thursday, Orange and Black Classic in Colby
Friday, Jan. 21, Orange and Black Classic in Colby
Saturday, Jan. 22, Orange and Black Classic in Colby

Wrestling Today, varsity at Basehor-Linwood
Saturday, varsity at Basehor-Linwood and junior varsity at Hays 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, at Colby, 5 p.m. (Mountain Time)
Friday, Jan. 21, varsity in Hays
Saturday, Jan. 22, varsity in Hays.

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Sports television schedule

SATURDAY MORNING	AFTERNOON
10:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Indiana at Purdue. (Live) (CC)	11:00 13/7 FOX NFL Football NFC Divisional Playoff — Minnesota Vikings at Philadelphia Eagles. The Vikings visit the Eagles in a rematch from week 2 - a game the Eagles won 27-16. From Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. (Live) (CC)
11:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC High School Football U.S. Army All-American Bowl. From the Alamodome in San Antonio. (Live) (CC)	22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling El Paso Classic. From El Paso, Texas. (Live) (CC)
7/11 CBS College Basketball Louisville at Cincinnati. (Live) (CC)	11:30 7/11 CBS College Basketball Michigan State at Wisconsin. (Live) (CC)
11:30 4/6 ABC College Basketball Iowa State at Oklahoma State. (Live)	
12:00 22/56 ESPN College Football East/West Shrine Game. From San Francisco. (Live) (CC)	12:30 22/56 ESPN Women's College Gymnastics Super Six. From Gainesville, Fla. (Live)
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Missouri at Iowa State. (Live)	1:00 30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Arizona State at USC. (Live)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Temple at Maryland. (Live) (CC)	54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Rutgers at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)
1:30 7/11 CBS NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel; with Boomer Esiason, Dan Marino, Marcus Allen and Shannon Sharpe. (Live) (CC)	60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana Atlante vs. Guadalajara. (En Vivo)
2:00 4/6 ABC Figure Skating State Farm U.S. Championships. From Portland, Ore. (Live) (CC)	2:00 7/11 CBS NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel; with Boomer Esiason, Dan Marino, Marcus Allen and Shannon Sharpe. (Live) (CC)
2:30 7/11 CBS NFL Football AFC Divisional Playoff — New York Jets at Pittsburgh Steelers. The Jets look for their first-ever win in Pittsburgh but the Steelers will try to continue their home dominance. From Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. (Live) (CC)	2:30 7/11 CBS NFL Football AFC Divisional Playoff — Indianapolis Colts at New England Patriots. The Colts play the Patriots for the fourth time in two seasons with New England winning the first three meetings. From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (Live) (CC)
3:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Utah State at Cal State Northridge. (Live)	3:00 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Tipoff Show (Live)
5:00 22/56 ESPN PGA Golf Sony Open Third Round. From Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. (Live) (CC)	54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Purdue at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)
5:30 13/7 FOX Fox NFL Pregame (Live) (CC)	3:30 30/55 FXSP College Basketball Georgia Tech at North Carolina State. (Live)
SUNDAY MORNING	5:00 54/57 ESPN2 Tennis Australian Open — Early Round — Day 1. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) (CC)
10:00 13/7 FOX Fox NFL Sunday (Live) (CC)	5:30 22/56 ESPN PGA Golf Sony Open Final Round. From Waialae Country Club in Honolulu. (Live) (CC)

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Like luxurious carpeting
- River to the Baltic
- 1982 Robin Williams role
- Popular women's mag
- Horrible-tasting
- Sailor's salutation
- Tough to climb, perhaps
- Guitarist Clapton
- Unmitigated ___
- Seance communication, perhaps
- Sleep acronym
- GI entertainers
- Wire diameter unit
- Cincinnati nine
- Speak irritably to
- Spirited steed
- Courage, informally
- Cockamamie
- Be influential in November, perhaps
- Red Sea peninsula
- "The Blackboard Jungle" novelist Hunter
- ___-European (language group)
- Train puller
- Engrave on glass
- Kayo count
- ___-mo (replay technique)
- "You bet!"
- Add extra spices, maybe
- Natural balm
- Z ___ zebra
- Get a grip on
- Menial laborer
- Riverbed deposit
- Roaring Camp creator Bret

DOWN

- Alternatives to Macs
- Place to park
- Exploitative type
- Dirty political tactic
- Hedda of Hollywood
- Bakery appliance
- Gossip, slangily
- Yale or Root
- School break
- Totally smitten
- Moby's pursuer
- Parker House, for one

- Old U.S. gas brand
- Norway's capital
- "Tippecanoe and ___ too"

- Gomer of Mayberry
- Last Greek letter
- Mixer with gin
- Tricky pool shot
- Professor ___ Corey
- "The Divided Self" author R.D. ___
- Desert hill
- Carlton of Cooperstown
- Opposed to
- Work with oils
- Battery terminal
- Mortise mate
- ___ B'rith
- Venetian blind part
- Super-sharp knife
- Multivolume ref.

- Rio Grande city
- Driver's license datum
- Caravan's stopover
- Deodorant type
- Make fun of
- Pub pints
- Bronx and San Diego attractions
- Original Stoic
- Small stream
- Inner: Prefix
- ___ Grey tea
- Sault ___ Marie, Mich.
- ___ capita income

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