## **Blackshirts win match**

#### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News About 300 fans at Max Jones Fieldhouse Sunday afternoon watched the action in the Ninth Annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball match.

For the third year, the Blackshirt team won the classic, but it took five games with the Blackshirts winning the final set 15-7.

There was some great plays and long rallies as the girls battled on the court.

The Blackshirts featured Ragen Strube and Adrian Cook from Scott City; Trina Shields from Oberlin; Veronica Kuhlman and Heather Horton from Oakley; Andrea Horney of Brewster; Sarah Hill of Wallace County High in Sharon Springs; and Amber Havel of St. Francis. Coaches were Karen Thornton of Grinnell and Kelly Dewey of Atwood.

The Whiteshirt team featured Jodi Zimmerman and Holly Flax of Wheatland; Krista Waldman, Angie Stephens and Courtney Schoendaler from Grinnell; Allison Mense from Hoxie; Shantel Leitner and Ariel Dunker from Atwood; Bridgit Gourley from Quinter; and Crystal Follis from Hoxie. Coaches were Pat Dorshorst of Oberlin and Orba Stevenson of Golden Plains.

The Whiteshirts won the first game 30-27. The Blackshirts were behind most of the game, but did manage to tie it at 23 before the Whiteshirts retook the lead and scored the final two points to win.

In the second game, the Blackshirts fell behind, but managed to tie the score at 10. They took the lead, but the Whiteshirts tied it at 13. The Blackshirts scored the next five points and managed to hold off the Whiteshirts for a 30-28 win.

The Blackshirts won the third game 30-28, but the Whiteshirts tied it up at 2 wins each by taking the fourth game 30-26.

In game five, the Blackshirts man-





Volleyball was the action of the day Sunday afternoon at the Max Jones Fieldhouse for the Ninth Annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball match. The Blackshirts won the day defeating the Whiteshirts 3-2. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

aged to take a lead and win 15-7 Each player and coach rethem by their high school coach Promotions.

before the match.

The match was sponsored by ceived an all-star shirt and a KLOE/KKCI Radio, Nor'West medal, which was presented to Newspapers and Red Brick Road

# **Cowgirls beat Rawlins** to extend win streak

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The Goodland Star-News The Cowgirls took an early 10point lead, then held off the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes Friday at Atwood to extend their winning streak with a 52-41 victory.

Thursday, the Cowgirls will put their 9-1 record on the line against the Lady Tigers of Ulysses at 4:45 p.m. Central Time as Colby High School in the opening round of the Orange and Black Classic in Colby.

The Ulysses Lady Tigers (1-7) got their first win of the season and the first of the past three years Tuesday, defeating the Scott City Lady Beavers (0-7), 49-31.

Neither team could score for the first two minutes Friday before the Lady Buffaloes took the lead on a 3-point basket. The Cowgirls got on the board with a basket by Lindsey Schields, and then after another Buffaloes basket, Justeen Koehler cut the Atwood lead to 1.

"I expected the game to be difficult," Coach Don Smith said. "Atwood has a good coach and that is a difficult place to play.

"We did not get many turnovers with our press, but in the fourth quarter we made some defensive adjustments and we got some good shots from outside.

"We need to balance our inside shooting with some outside. It was good to get the win."

The Lady Buffaloes extended that to 3 before Koehler cut it back and then Whitney Carmichael gave the Cowgirls their first lead at 8-7 with less than half the quarter remaining.

Dani Bedore hit a shot and was fouled to give her a traditional 3-point play. She was fouled on the next trip down the court and made both free throws to make it a 13-7 lead.

Koehler hit the final shot of the quarter to give the Cowgirls a 15-9

kets by Kaylee Billinger and Bedore gave the Cowgirls a 19-9 before the Lady Buffaloes started coming back.

Both teams had trouble handling the ball for several minutes, and the Cowgirls held an 8-point lead with less than 4 minutes left in the half, 20-12.

As time ran down, the Lady Buffaloes closed the gap and with 1:15 left they had cut it to 4 points at 21-17. Missed free throws by the Cowgirls kept the ball in the hands of the Lady Buffaloes, who managed to get the last shot of the quarter at the is one he has faced for several years. buzzer to tie the score at 21.

As the third quarter began, Emily Murray got the Cowgirls the lead back, but the Buffaloes hit a basket a tough one with Ponca City, Okla and on a free throw took the lead at 24-23 with 6:40 remaining in the quarter.

Bedore and Murray got he lead back and extended it for the Cowgirls to 28-24 a minute later. However, the Buffaloes stayed close, cutting it to 28-27 with 5:07 remaining.

The score remained close until the Buffaloes took a 31-30 lead with 3:15 left.

A basket by Bedore and a free throw kept it close as the third quar- (19-43) from the floor and 58 perter ended with the Lady Buffaloes leading 35-33.

Bedore tied the game a minute into the final quarter and the Cowgirls seemed to step up the intensity, taking a 43-37 lead with under 5 minutes left in the game.

Billinger hit two free throws and record at 5-3.

Early in the second quarter, bas- got a lay-up with about 2 minutes left to extend the Cowgirl lead to 10, 49-39. Another two free throws by Billinger with 44 seconds remaining gave the Cowgirls an 11-point lead. 52-41.

> The Cowgirls got a steal with 25 second remaining and ran out the clock to seal the win and extend their league record to 3-0 and their season record to 9-1.

> Looking ahead to the Orange and Black Classic Coach Smith said that Ulysses will be a physical ball club, and that they will not have a lot of finesse. He said the Ulysses coach He said the Lady Tigers did lose to Liberal on Friday.

> He expects the tournament to be in the mix.

> "We will have to take it one game at a time," Smith said.

> Bedore led the Cowgirls with 23 points, Billinger and Koehler had 8, Murray 6, Schields 5, and Carmichael 2.

> Good new for the Cowgirls was that Jordan Frazier, who had been injured before Christmas, was back and played in the game.

The Cowgirls hit on 44 percent cent (14-24) from the charity stripe. The Lady Buffaloes hit 33 percent (15-47) from the floor and 52 percent (13-25) of their free throws. The Cowgirls out rebounded the Lady Buffaloes 38-32.

The loss left the Lady Buffaloes'



### Cowboys defeat buffaloes, 74-51

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The Goodland Star-News The final half of the third quarter was the key for the Cowboys Friday loes, as Goodland took control of 41 lead with 1 minute left in the have been to very good teams.

throws again put the Cowboys back on top, 42-41.

the game and extended its record to third. At the end of the quarter, "This tournament will solidify

went for the shot. McKee's two free a real test with their quickness and 11) of their 3-point shots. From the size

"They know how to handle the A third steal by Raymer and bas- ball," McLean said. "They lost to against the Rawlins County Buffa- ket by McKee gave Goodland a 44- Liberal on Friday, but all their losses 14 percent (1-7) of their 3-point

charity stripe they hid 57 percent (12-18). The Buffaloes hit 47 percent (18-38) from the floor and hit shots.

From the charity strip the Buffa-

9-1 with at 74-51 win.

Thursday, the Cowboys will travel to Colby for the Orange and Black Classic, facing Ulysses at 3 p.m. Central Time at Colby High School in the first round. The Tigers (5-2) lost to Scott City (6-1) 75-57 on Tuesday.

Against the Buffaloes Friday, the Cowboys held a 4-point lead at the end of the first quarter (20-16), but found themselves behind 30-28 at the half.

"We didn't play as well as we can," said Coach Jon McLean. "We had too many turnovers in the first half, and were not able to get any 3point shots.

"We did better in the second half. and in the fourth quarter we got a lot of lay-ups and played a little better." In the third quarter, the Cowboys fell behind by 5 points before battling back and cutting the lead to 1 point, 35-34, on a lay-up by David Livengood.

The Cowboys fell behind again by 4 points, 39-35. Then with 2:14 remaining in the quarter, Jance McKee hit a basket, was fouled and got the free throw to cut the lead back to 1, 39-38. On the next play Derrick Raymer got a steal and fed the ball to McKee to give the Cowboys a 40-39 lead.

Rawlins County retook the lead, but Raymer got another steal and be an extremely tough tournament, this time McKee was fouled as he and expects the Ulysses Tigers to be

McKee scored again on a pass from our team and show what we can loes hit 50 percent (12-24) Livengood to make it a 46-41 Cow- have for the rest of the season." boy lead.

kept the Buffaloes from getting closer than 3 points.

combined with Lane Winter on an Alley Oop play, and a minute later Winter had a reverse lay-up to make it 52-45.

Jace Herl got into the act with a steal and passed the ball to Raymer, who made the lay-up. A minute later, Livengood got another steal and fed the ball to Herl for a basket to make a 9-point lead, 56-47.

McKee again went to the charity strip to make it a double-digit lead, 58-47. McKee then passed the ball into Herl on the next play to make it 60-47.

The Cowboys were in control as Raymer got another basket on a pass from Livengood before the Buffaloes got their next score with 3 minutes left.

In the final minutes, Brock Lohr hit three buckets and a free throw to make it 70-49.

Derek Fenner and Mikey Doll got the final baskets for the Cowboys to make the score 74-51 at the end.

Coach McLean thinks the Orange and Black Classic is going to



McKee was the high scorer for In the fourth quarter, the Cow- the second straight game, coming boys continued to play well and off the bench to hit 18 points. Four other Cowboys were in double figures, with Raymer getting 13 and With 7:15 remaining, Livengood Herl, Winter and Lohr each with 11. Livengood had 4, Chatfield, Fenner and Doll each had 2.

> The Cowboys hit 62 percent (28-45) from the floor and 18 percent (2-

### **Brewster All-Star Booster Club**

### School calendar for Jan. 19 - Jan. 25

Wednesday - Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar's at Cheylin, 12 p.m.; Western Kansas Liberty League meeting at Cheylin, 1 p.m. Thursday - Junior high basketball at Brewster against Cheylin, 3 p.m. Friday - High school basketball at Brewster against Wheatland, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Monday - No school; QPA Inservice; junior high Academic Bowl in Brewster, 2 p.m.; high school Academic Bowl 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - High school basketball in Brewster against

Quinter, 6 and 8 p.m.



The Buffaloes out rebounded the Cowboys 33-26, and had 14 offensive rebounds to 5 for the Cowboys. The Cowboys had 20 steals to 10 for the Buffaloes. Raymer led with 6 steals, Herl had 5, Winter 4, Livengood 3, and Lohr 2.

The win extends the Cowboys' season record to 9-1 and their Northwest Kansas League record to 3-0.

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