

Cowboys place fifth in annual tourney

By Greg Stover
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The Goodland boys basketball team finished fifth at the 20th annual Paul Wintz Orange and Black Classic held Thursday through Saturday in Colby.

The Cowboys won their first game on Thursday, defeating Ulysses 63-55, but then lost to Liberal on Friday 62-42 and to Hays, for the second time this season, 68-63 on Saturday. Goodland is now 10-3 for the season with all three losses to Class 5A teams.

“We played some good basketball in a very tough tournament,” said Cowboy coach Jon McLean, “which will only help us for the remainder of our season.”

The Redskins of Liberal won the tournament, defeating the Scott City Beavers 67-54 in the championship game on Saturday in the Colby Community Building. Also on Saturday, Colby defeated Ulysses 44-36 for fourth place and Beloit edged McCook 45-44 for seventh.

In the game for third place, the Cowboys faced the Indians of Hays High, who defeated Colby 69-56 on Thursday then lost to Scott City 84-77 on Friday.

The two teams played close throughout the first half, with Hays earning a two-point lead 20-18 in the first period and outscoring Goodland 15-14 in the second to lead 35-32 at halftime.

The Cowboys held a two-point edge in the third quarter, cutting the Indians’ lead to one point 48-47. Then Hays outscored Goodland 20-16 in the fourth to hold on for a 68-63 win and the third-place trophy. “We had our chances,” said coach McLean. “We missed some easy shots and had some critical turnovers. Still I was proud of these guys; they played hard and executed our press offense.”

Senior Derrick Raymer led the Cowboys with 22 points, followed by senior Lane Winter with 14. Junior Heath Chatfield and freshman Jance McKee both scored eight points for Goodland. Junior Jase Herl scored seven and sophomore Nick Angelos four.

Raymer and senior Brock Lohr



Senior Derrick Raymer (right) looked for a way around Liberal's Justin Morton (second from right) while senior Lane Winter tried

to block Tyler Westerman from the play.

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both grabbed six rebounds to lead Goodland.

Hays junior Matt Stramel led all scorers with 28 points. Senior Casey Miles scored 15 for the Indians and sophomore Kameron Parker scored 10.

On Thursday, the Cowboys faced the Tigers of Ulysses in the Colby High School gym for the tournament's opening boys game.

Herl scored the game's first basket, but soon after Scott Hilton of Ulysses hit a three-pointer to give the Tigers the lead, which they kept until the middle of the second pe-

riod. McKee then broke a 21-all tie by making a basket while being fouled. The free throw gave Goodland a 24-21 lead. However, Ulysses scored the next five points to take a 26-24 lead into the half.

The Tigers outscored Goodland 16-12 in the third period to make it 42-36. The momentum turned for Goodland in the fourth as the Cowboys scored the first six points to tie the game at 42. Ulysses took the lead back with a free throw but Goodland senior David Livengood soon after hit a pair of free throws to give the Cowboys back the lead,

which they kept.

With Goodland leading 56-50 with less than two minutes left, the Tigers started to foul in an attempt to get the ball, but solid free throw shooting by Raymer, Herl and McKee preserved the Cowboys' victory with the final score 63-55.

“We made a great comeback to win it in the fourth quarter,” said McLean. “We did not play well in the first three quarters but stayed close enough with our defense to give us a chance in the fourth. Derrick and Jase had solid games, Brock had a great game with 10

points and 10 rebounds.”

Raymer led Goodland with 18 points, followed by Herl with 15 and Lohr with 10. Winter and McKee both scored eight, and both Livengood and Chatfield scored two. Lohr's 10 rebounds led the Cowboys.

In other games Thursday, Liberal beat McCook 77-53 and Scott City beat Beloit 57-46.

On Friday in the Community Building, Goodland took on undefeated Liberal, one of the top teams in Class 5A. In the first period the lead changed four times, with the

Cowboys having a 12-9 advantage going into the second quarter. With Goodland leading 16-13 about 90 seconds into the period, the Redskins took a 30-second timeout, after which they went on a 13-point scoring run to make it 26-16.

Liberal kept the lead throughout the rest of the game. The Redskins led 28-21 at halftime, even though Raymer hit a three-pointer for the Cowboys as the buzzer sounded.

Liberal led 42-30 at the end of the third period, then outscored Goodland 20-12 in the fourth to make the final 62-42.

“Their press killed us,” McLean said. “We stood still and held the ball instead of attacking their pressure. Their quickness and size gave us some problems, however the kids never gave up and hustled their tails off.”

Raymer scored 14 points to lead the Cowboys, followed by Winter with 11. Herl scored seven points, both Lohr and McKee had four, and Chatfield scored two.

Also on Friday, Colby edged Beloit 41-39 and Ulysses beat McCook 68-44.

Raymer, who led the Cowboys in scoring for all three games, made the all-tournament team and the academic all-tournament team.

This was the 19th year the Cowboys took part in the Orange and Black Classic, missing 1987. Goodland finished sixth last year and seventh in 2003.

The Cowboys are in action tonight in Norton against the Blue Jays. Tipoff will be around 7 p.m. Goodland defeated Norton 44-42 in the championship of the Topside Tip-Off on Dec. 11. The Blue Jays lost to Trego Community High of WaKeeney on Friday 65-51.

“Norton will be tough,” McLean said, “they always are. They play good defense and are very patient on offense. They have a great player in Ryan Maddy, who we will have to work very hard to contain.”



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Thursday - “Black Day”; Seminar - Stuco and GRACE; junior high wrestling in Goodland, 3:30 p.m.; seventh and eighth basketball in Goodland against Quinter, 3:30 p.m.; DECA to Topeka as Legislative Pages.

Friday - “Gold Day”; wrestling in Oberlin, 5 p.m.; basketball in Goodland against Oberlin 3:45 p.m.

Saturday - Northwest Kansas League wrestling in Atwood; Wild Blue Country, Air Force country band, in the high school auditorium, 7 p.m., sponsored by The Goodland Star-News and the Goodland School District

Monday - Junior High Scholar's Bowl in Goodland, 4 p.m.; junior varsity basketball tournament in Colby; Project Graduation 2005 meeting in the cafeteria 7 p.m.

Tuesday - “Gold Day”; Seminar - American Field Service; seventh grade basketball in Scott City 3:30 p.m.; eighth grade Basketball in Goodland against Scott City 3:30 p.m.; National Honor Society interviews 4 p.m.



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