

Boys beat Red Devils, break losing streak

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The Goodland High School boys basketball team found its way back to the winning trail on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse with a 72-57 victory over Decatur Community High of Oberlin.

Except for when the score was tied at 2, the Cowboys led throughout the contest although the Red Devils did get to within one point twice during the first period.

The Cowboys broke a three-game losing streak and are now 11-4 overall for the season. They are 4-0 in the Northwest Kansas League.

Coach Jon McLean said the team was having a tough time recently with some players fighting illnesses along with the three-game skid and that its confidence was down a little. However, he said the win over the Red Devils and the six-day break before Goodland's next action will help the team regain some its confidence.

Senior Lane Winter scored the game's first basket for a 2-0 Goodland lead but a few seconds later Oberlin's Lance Fortin tied the game up with a basket of his own. The Cowboys scored the next six points to make it 8-2 before senior Brock Lohr was called for an intentional foul.

Shooting for the Red Devils, Andy Anderson made the second of two free throws which started a five-point run for Oberlin to make the score 8-7. Goodland scored the next four points and the Red Devils the last four points of the first period to make it 12-11 going into the second quarter.

For most of the second period Oberlin stayed within five points of the Cowboys, closing to within two points three times. However, with the score 27-22, junior Jase Herl was fouled making a basket and with the successful free throw gave Goodland an eight-point lead 30-22.

Taking the inbound pass then driving the length of the court Fortin scored on a layup to make it 30-24 but with 8 seconds left in the half an Oberlin foul sent Herl back to the free throw line where he made both shots to give the Cowboys a 32-24



Sophomore Nick Angelos (No. 20 in left photo) scored the first basket of the second period of Friday's 72-57 win over Oberlin in Max Jones Fieldhouse. Angelos was fouled while making the basket and hit the free throw to complete the three-point play. Junior Jase Herl (left in top photo) passed the ball to senior Lane Winter during the first half of the game. The Cowboys face the Indians of St. Francis on Friday. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

half-time lead. Lohr scored the first basket in the third period giving Goodland its first 10-point lead of the game. Later in the period a six-point Cowboys run made the score 44-30 and

a five-point run to close the quarter gave Goodland a 53-38 lead going into the fourth.

The Cowboys continued to dominate the game and steadily increased their lead when, about half-

way through the period, Herl scored a basket giving Goodland a 21-point lead 64-43. Later, with the score 71-49 and less than two minutes left, the Red Devils scored eight of the game's last nine points

making the final 72-57.

Herl had a busy night leading the Cowboys with 19 points, 10 assists, seven steals and seven rebounds. Freshman Jance McKee, in his first start of the season, scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Senior Derrick Raymer, seeing limited action due to illness, came off the bench to score 10 points. Winter scored nine points, freshman Nick Angelos eight, Lohr four and senior David Livengood two points. Juniors Wyatt Dautel and Derek Fenner both scored on a free throw.

Fortin led the Red Devils with 17

points followed by Andy Inman with 11.

The Indians of St. Francis invade Max Jones Fieldhouse next Friday for a league showdown with the Cowboys, tipoff will be around 7 p.m. depending on the conclusion of the girls' game. The Indians lost to the Brewster Bulldogs 81-44 on Friday.

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Wednesday - "Black Day"; FCCLA Star Events; Math Department meeting in the IYV room at lunch time; Elementary Bank Day; PDC meeting 3:45 p.m.; city/county recreation at fieldhouse and junior high gym, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; junior high wrestling in Atwood, 3:30 p.m.; seventh and eighth basketball in Atwood, 3:30 p.m.; Regional Scholars Bowl in Kingman 3 p.m.; junior varsity basketball tournament in Colby 5 p.m.; Snoball Dance decorating in the high school gym 7 p.m.

Friday - "Black Day"; wrestling in St. Francis, 5:30 p.m.; basketball in Goodland against St. Francis 3:45 p.m.; Snoball Dance in high school gym 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday - Junior Varsity wrestling tournament in Goodland 8 a.m.; Regional Piano Festival.

Monday - National Honor Society induction 7 p.m.

Tuesday - "Black Day"; Seminar - STUCO; seventh grade basketball in Burlington 4 p.m.; eighth grade basketball in Goodland against Burlington 4 p.m.; basketball in Lakin 3:45 p.m., Track rules meeting/

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