

By Greg Stover
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The Cowgirls routed the Lady Indians of St. Francis 60-25 in a Northwest Kansas League game Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, running their season record to 13-3.

The Goodland girls, a perfect 5-0 in league play, travel to Oakley on Friday, then a week later face Hoxie in a home game to end the regular season.

Goodland led from tipoff to buzzer on Friday, with the Indians getting no closer than eights points. The Cowgirls' "defensive intensity" held St. Francis to four points in the first quarter and five in the second. Goodland's dominance continued in the second half, as the Indians scored only 10 points in the third quarter and six in the fourth.

"Everyone got to play," said coach Don Smith. "We had a better balance of scoring between the perimeter game and the inside game. The team had a good shooting percentage in both halves."

The Cowgirls kept St. Francis scoreless for nearly the first five minutes, building a 10-0 lead before Megan Rice scored the first basket for the Indians. Goodland scored eight of the next 10 points to lead 18-4 going into the second period.

The Cowgirls went on a six-point run to start the second quarter, making the score 24-4. Then both teams entered a scoring drought for nearly three minutes until a basket by sophomore Lindsay Schields ended the slump. This time, the Goodland defense held the Indians scoreless for over five minutes until a pair of free throws by Amy Grace made it 26-6.

Goodland led 32-9 at halftime.

Grace connected on another pair of free throws to start the scoring in the third period. After a basket by Goodland sophomore Dani Bedore, Grace scored her first field goal of the game to make it 34-13. The Cowgirls next went on a nine-point run, after which they outscored St. Francis 8-6 for a 51-19 lead going into the final period.

By league rules, when one team has at least a 30-point lead going into the fourth period, a continuous clock is used except for timeouts.



Cowgirls' junior Justeen Koehler (above, second from left) went up for a shot in the third period against the Lady Indians from St. Francis on Friday. Sophomore Dani Bedore (right, No. 25) scored two of her 15 points in the second half when she went up against the Lady Indians' Kelsey Dunn.

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School calendar for Feb. 9 - Feb. 15

Wednesday - "Gold Day"; FCCLA District "A" Election at Oakley or Wakeeney; Central Site Council meeting 4 p.m.; city/county recreation at fieldhouse and junior high gym, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday - "Black Day"; Seminar - FCCLA; junior high wrestling in Goodland against Colby, 3:30 p.m.; seventh and eighth basketball in Goodland against Hoxie, 3:30 p.m.; "C" team basketball in Goodland against Tribune, 5 p.m., in the high school gym.

Friday - "Gold Day"; wrestling in Goodland against Oakley, 5:30 p.m.; basketball in Oakley 3:45 p.m.

Saturday - Junior Varsity wrestling in Goodland 8 a.m.; State Scholar's Bowl; ACT test in high school cafeteria, 8 a.m.; seventh and eighth graded "B" basketball Fun Day in Goodland 8 a.m.

Sunday - Knight's of Columbus Free Throw competition, noon to 3 p.m.; FCCLA week.

Monday - FCCLA Week; Board of Education meeting at the Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday - "Gold Day"; Seminar - Girl's Athletic Association and G-Club, Sophomores KMA Online practice test with Miss Elliott; basketball in Colby. 3:30 p.m.; State Survey's (Harder and Witman) 10:40 a.m.

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