

Goodland boys fall to rival Colby Eagles

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Few things excite a hometown crowd like coming from behind to win a basketball game against a long-time rival that beat the home team earlier in the season.

That is what happened on Tuesday in the Colby Community Building as the Colby Eagles defeated the Goodland Cowboys 47-40. The teams played close throughout the first three periods, with Goodland leading by two points after the first period, Colby leading by two at halftime, and Goodland again by two after the third.

After Colby tied the score at 33-all to begin the fourth quarter, Goodland junior Jase Herl hit a three-point basket to put the Cowboys back up 36-33. The Eagles then scored six straight to go ahead 39-36 and kept the lead for the rest of the game.

"We just did not play well," coach Jon McLean said, "especially on the offensive end. We worked pretty hard on defense and that kept us in the game. We gave up too many offensive rebounds and turned the ball over 20 times.

"We got off to a great start, but after the four-minute mark of the first quarter nothing went right for us. It was a very frustrating and disappointing night.

The first three minutes of the game appeared to be the Winter/Augustine show as Goodland senior Lane Winter scored the game's first four points and Colby senior Matt Augustine scored the next four. About 15 seconds after Augustine tied the game at 4, Winter scored his third basket to give the Cowboys a 6-4 lead.

Winter's basket started a 10-point run highlighted by a pair of three-pointers by senior Derrick Raymer for a 14-4 Goodland lead. The Eagles responded with an eight-point run of their own to close to within two at the end of the quarter, 14-12.

The scoring pace slowed down in the second period, with neither team scoring in the first two minutes. Colby's Irvin Dinkel broke the scoring drought with a basket that tied the game at 14 with just over five minutes left.

Goodland's scoring drought lasted over four minutes until Herl broke the tie with a basket. He followed that up a few seconds later with a steal that he took in for a layup to give the Cowboys an 18-14 lead.

The Eagles responded with a pair of three-point baskets, earning their first lead 20-18 to close the half.

Goodland scored the first seven points of the third period to regain the lead 25-20. The teams exchanged baskets for a while until, with the Cowboys leading 30-24, Colby went on a seven-point scoring run for a 31-30 lead. A free throw by senior Brock Lohr tied the game and a short time later a pair of free throws by Herl gave Goodland a 33-31 going into the fourth period.

Dinkel tied the game up with a basket to start the fourth quarter but a three-pointer by Herl put the Cowboys back up 36-33. Colby regained the lead during a six-point run and kept it for the rest of the game.

A basket by Herl about halfway through the period got Goodland to within one at 39-38 but a seven-point run made it 46-38 with 11 seconds left on the clock. A basket by Herl followed by a free throw by Augustine made the final 47-40.

Herl led the Cowboys with 16 points, followed by Raymer with 11. Winter scored eight, Lohr three and senior David Livengood two. Both Lohr and Winter grabbed seven rebounds to lead Goodland.



Senior Brock Lohr (with ball) went up for a layup while Colby's Irvin Dinkel tried to stop him in the second half of the Eagles' 47-40 win over the Cowboys on Friday at the Colby Community Building. Lohr finished the game with three points and seven rebounds.

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Herl had five of the Cowboys' nine steals.

Augustine led all scorers with 17 points. Sharp also scored in double-figures for the Eagles with 10 points. Both Dinkel and Trey Barnett scored eight, and Christopher Finley had four.

The win evened the Eagles' overall record at 9-9 while Goodland fell to 13-5. Before Tuesday's loss, the Cowboys were ranked No. 9 in Class 4A by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association.

Goodland faces Hoxie tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse for the final Northwest Kansas League game of the season. The Indians enter the

game 12-6 after losing to Norton on Tuesday 62-52. The Cowboys, 6-0 in league play, have already clinched the league title. Hoxie is 4-2 in the league.

"Hoxie will be tough," McLean said. "They have four players who can score and rebound. They have good quickness and shoot a bunch of threes. Our guys will have to be ready to play well. I know they will want to bounce back."

Tipoff for tonight's game will be around 7 p.m., depending on the finish of the girls' game. The Cowboys finish their regular season next Tuesday in Lakin.

Cowgirls defeated 70-49

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The Cowgirls suffered their worst defeat of the season on Tuesday when the Lady Eagles of Colby pounced on them, inflicting a 70-49 defeat.

On Monday, coach Don Smith said "the team that executes the best will win." and Tuesday night in the Colby Community Building, that was the Eagles.

It seemed Colby coach Tom Beckman applied one of Goodland's own strategies against the Cowgirls, using a full-court press which forced numerous Cowgirl turnovers. Smith said the Cowgirls gave up too many easy points on those turnovers and on the Eagles' fastbreaks.

"Colby played an outstanding game," Smith said. "They executed better and were more aggressive. They were better than we were in every phase of the game."

The Eagles hit on over 59 percent of their shots from the field compared to 39 percent for Goodland. Colby outrebounded the Cowgirls 24-20.

Except for a 2-0 lead in the opening seconds, Goodland trailed throughout the game. Colby led 16-6 after the first period and 28-23 at halftime. The Eagles outscored the Cowgirls 21-9 in the third quarter then 21-17 in the fourth to make the final 70-49.

Colby improved to 15-3 overall for the season while Goodland falls to 14-4. Both teams have a good chance of facing each other again in the Class 4A sub-state tournament to be held in Larned in two weeks. The Cowgirls defeated Colby 65-58 on Jan. 7 in Goodland for their league game of the season.

Controlling the ball after the tipoff, the Cowgirls quickly scored the game's first points on a basket by sophomore Kaylee Billinger. Within seconds, Colby tied the game with a basket by Lissa Mazanec. The Eagles also scored the next four points for a 6-2 lead.

After a basket by sophomore Dani Bedore made it 6-4, Colby went on an eight-point run, earning its first 10-point lead at 14-4 with about 80 seconds left in the first period. Then Bedore scored her second basket of the game, which was quickly followed by one by the Mazanec to make it 16-6 going into the second period.

Emily Sloan scored the first four points of the second quarter for a 20-6 Colby lead. Bedore scored the next five points to make it 20-11. A free throw by Koehler made it 20-12, after which the Eagles' lead alternated between eight and 10 points until with the score 26-18 Then Bedore hit a three to close Goodland to within five points.

In the final seconds of the first half, Bedore responded to a basket by Mazanec with one of her own to keep the Cowgirls within five at halftime, 28-23.

Bedore scored the first two points of the second half, getting the Cowgirls to within three at 28-25. Later however, with the score 33-29, Colby scored four straight, building an eight-point lead 37-29.

Bedore was fouled making a basket, and with the free throw made it 37-32. After that, turnovers and poor shooting by Goodland combined to allow the Eagles to score 12 straight points to close the third period with a 49-32 lead.

The Cowgirls scored the first five points of the fourth quarter to make it 49-37. After that, however, Colby would respond to each Goodland score. Late in the period, with the score 63-48, the Eagles scored five straight, earning a 20-point lead at 68-48 and eventually winning 70-49.

Bedore scored 29 points to lead all scorers. Both Koehler and sophomore Kaylee Billinger scored nine points for Goodland. Sophomore Lindsay Schields scored two. Bedore had 10 rebounds to lead the team.

Mazanec led the Colby attack with 27 points. Emily Sloan scored 12 and Brittany Kersenbrock had 10.

The Cowgirls face Hoxie tonight for the Northwest Kansas League title. Both teams are 6-0 in league play. The Lady Indians are 18-0 after winning a close game over Norton on Tuesday 61-60.

"Hoxie is led by an outstanding player in Jacie Hoyt," said Smith, "who I believe is the leading scorer in Kansas averaging about 28 points per game. She may also be the assist leader in the state which tells us that she has the ball in her hands most of the time."

Hoyt, a senior, led the Indians against Norton with 28 points, followed by junior Dani Pratt with 19.

"As a team Hoxie plays a very fast tempo," Smith said. They pressure the ball on defense and are very, very aggressive with a lot of hacks and grabs for the ball. To still be undefeated for the season, at this point of the year, tells us a lot about the quality of their team."

Tipoff for the game will be 5:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"I hope the fans understand the opportunity that they have [tonight]," Smith said. "The most important part is that they can help us reach a goal of being the league champs. We would like to have their full support at the game and it would be a great help if they could get to the game early so we can have their support for the entire game."



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13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Hershey's TAKE 5 300. From Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. (Live) (CC)
AFTERNOON
12:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Xavier at Dayton. (Live) (CC)
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Vermont at Nevada. (Live) (CC)
1:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Nissan Open — Third Round. From Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Live)
30/55 FXSP College Basketball USC at California. (Live)
1:30 7/11 CBS College Basketball Texas Tech at Oklahoma State. (Live) (CC)
2:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Alabama-Birmingham at Cincinnati. (Live) (CC)
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3:00 30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Missouri at Oklahoma. (Live)
4:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Syracuse at Boston College. (Live) (CC)
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