

# Home crowd spurs Cowboys to beat Hoxie

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For the second time in eight days, the Goodland Cowboys needed overtime to win a Northwest Kansas League game, but this time they got to do it for the home crowd.

On Feb. 11, the Goodland boys went to overtime in Oakley to beat the Plainsmen 72-67.

Friday, the Hoxie Indians visited Max Jones Fieldhouse to play Goodland in the final league game of the season for both teams. A controversial call at the end of the fourth period disallowed an apparent basket by Goodland junior Jase Herl leaving the score tied at 67. That forced a four-minute overtime after some vocal criticism of the officials' eyesight.

The Cowboys went on to outscore Hoxie 12-8 in the fifth period, winning the game 79-75.

"It was a great team victory," said coach Jon McLean. "We hung tough the entire game."

The crowd saw the lead change 26 times, 13 in the fourth quarter alone. The teams stayed close in the first period, with the Indians leading at the end 15-14.

The lead changed six times in the first four minutes of the second quarter, with Goodland leading 24-23, freshman Jance McKee hit a three-pointer, giving the Cowboys a four-point lead. Pair of free throws by Herl made it six, then another three-pointer by McKee made the score 32-23. Goodland led 37-32 at halftime.

The Cowboys maintained their lead through nearly the first seven minutes of the third period, until Hoxie's Jordan Vickers hit a three-



Freshman Jance McKee (right) scored a basket despite the defensive efforts of Hoxie's Jeff Cameron during the fourth period of Goodland's 79-75 overtime win over Hoxie on Friday in Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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to tie the game at 47. Neither team scored in the final minute of the period.

The fourth period saw both teams score 20 points, with neither one getting more than a four-point lead. Twice in the quarter, five straight baskets produced five lead changes.

McLean said the controversy at the end of regulation came when one of the referees tried to call a foul

on Herl as he was making a basket while the buzzer sounded. The three referees held a conference and determined that the foul and subsequent basket happened after time ran out, leaving the score tied at 67.

Gerid Spreser of Hoxie scored first in overtime, making it 69-67. Then a basket by Herl tied it up again. Sophomore Nick Angelos

put Goodland ahead to stay with a basket to make it 71-69.

Hoxie starter Jeff Cameron fouled out with 1 minute, 50 seconds left in overtime. That sent Herl to the free-throw line, where he hit one of two shots for a three-point Goodland lead at 72-69.

A basket by Hoxie's Toliver Bird got the Indians to within one with

about 90 seconds left. During the next minute or so, fouls by Hoxie sent Herl to the free throw line three straight times. He made four of six making the score 76-71.

With 19 seconds left, senior Derrick Raymer fouled Vickers as he was trying a three-pointer. This put Raymer out of the game and sent Vickers to the charity stripe for three shots. He made two.

Another free throw by Herl made it 77-73, then one by junior Wyatt

Dautel made it 78-73. A basket by Spreser got Hoxie to within three at 78-75 with less than three seconds left in the game.

Then a Hoxie foul sent McKee to the line with less than a second left. He connected on one of two to make the final 79-75.

Raymer led the Cowboys with 20 points, followed by Herl with 19 and McKee with 15. Senior Lane Winter scored nine, senior David Livengood six, sophomore Landon Williams five, Dautel three and Angelos two.

Herl had nine rebounds to lead the team, followed by Angelos with seven. Raymer and McKee both grabbed six.

"Jase, David, Derrick, Jance and Lane all did good things throughout the game," said McLean. "Landon Williams, Nick Angelos and Wyatt Dautel gave us some great minutes off the bench."

Four Indians scored in double figures, led by Cameron with 18. Vickers scored 16, Spreser 14 and Bird had 11.

The Cowboys are now 14-5 overall for the season. They are a perfect 7-0 in league play, clinching the title with their win over Oakley.

Goodland ends its regular season tonight in Lakin. The Broncos were 9-8 going into Friday's game against Elkhart.

"Lakin is always a tough place to play," McLean said. "They have a solid team with size, quickness and some good shooters. Our defense will have to be solid to give us a good chance to win."

"It is a chance to get 15 wins before sub-state which would be a great accomplishment."

Tipoff will be around 7 p.m. (Mountain time) about 20 minutes after the end of the girls game. Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast both games.

# Cowgirls fall to Lady Indians at home

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The No. 2-ranked Lady Indians of Hoxie made the Goodland Cowgirls their latest victim Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, pounding the home team 82-63 to win the Northwest Kansas League title.

Both teams had entered the game 6-0 in league play.

Except for the opening seconds,

though, the Indians led throughout the game, building up a 14-point lead, 27-13, in the first period and increasing it to 26 points at halftime, 52-26.

Hoxie stretched its lead to 30 points about three minutes into the third quarter, but the Cowgirls were able to cut into it enough to avoid getting a continuous clock in the fourth.

Trailing 70-42 going in to the final period, Goodland outscored the Indians 21-12 and got to within 16 points late in the quarter before losing 82-63.

"Hoxie played a great game on both ends of the floor," Cowgirl coach Don Smith said. "When you give up 50 points in the first half of any high school game your chances of recovering for a victory is very slim."

The Indians improved to 20-0 overall for the season while Goodland fell to 14-5.

Hoxie is ranked No. 2 in Class 2A by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association.

Goodland sophomore Kaylee Billinger started the scoring with a three-point basket to give the Cowgirls their only lead of the game 3-0. Hoxie's Danielle Pratt quickly responded with a three of her own to tie the game and, after a Goodland turnover, hit another one for a 6-3 Indian lead.

Halfway through the period, a pair of free throws by sophomore Dani Bedore got Goodland within three at 12-9, but Hoxie then went on an 11-point run to make the score 23-9.

Both teams scored four points to



Sophomore Emily Murray (No. 31) scored her first basket of the game in the first period of the Cowgirls' 82-63 loss to Hoxie on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

close the period, with Billinger hitting a basket at the buzzer making it 27-13.

Hoxie's Jacie Hoyt scored the first four points of the second period, extended the Indians' lead to 31-13.

Later in the quarter, Hoyt scored six straight to make it 44-21.

After, that Hoxie outscored Goodland 8-5 to lead 52-26 at halftime.

Hoyt, who did not have any points in the first period, scored 14 of the Indians' 25 points in the second, including a basket at the buzzer which many in the crowd thought was too late.

In the third period, Hoxie kept at least a 26-point lead throughout, stretching it to 30 at one point, and taking a 70-42 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Cowgirls outscored Hoxie 18-6 during the first six minutes of the period to get to within 16 at 76-60.

After Billinger fouled out of the game with 1 minute, 40 seconds left, the Indians scored the next four points, all on free throws, making it

80-60.

Sophomore Alicia Studer hit a three-pointer for Goodland with 35 seconds left, then Hoxie's Corinna Hoyt, Jacie's younger sister, sank the last basket of the game, making the final 82-63.

Three Cowgirls scored in double figures, led by Bedore with 16. Junior Justeen Koehler had 15 and sophomore Emily Murray 10.

Billinger scored seven points, sophomore Lindsay Schields six, junior Melissa Swager four, Studer three and senior Whitney Carmichael two.

Bedore led the team in rebounds with 14, followed by Koehler with eight and Murray with six. Bedore had three of Goodland's six steals.

Pratt led all scorers with 28 points, 21 in the first quarter including four three-pointers. Jacie Hoyt, who did not get her first basket until the second period, scored 26.

"Pratt's shooting at the beginning of the game put us in a hole that we were never able to recover from," Smith said. "[Jacie] Hoyt's penetration and passing skills allowed all her teammates to be offensive threats."

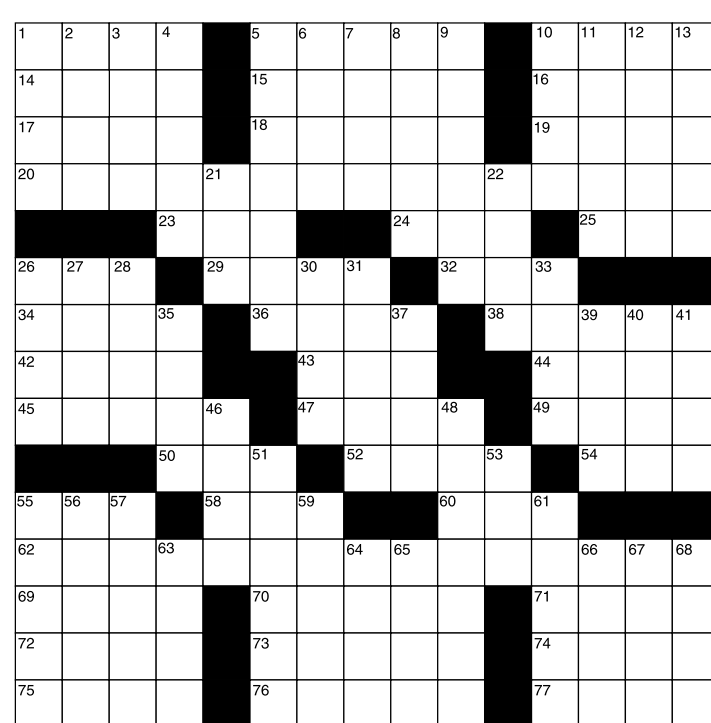
In the loss to Colby last Tuesday, the Cowgirls shot 39 percent from the field.

Against Hoxie, they improved to 52 percent, but the Indians had a better night, hitting 72 percent.

Goodland finishes its regular season today in Lakin. The Lady Broncos are 13-6 after beating Elkhart on Friday 62-33. Tipoff will be at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Goodland radio KLOE (730 AM) will broadcast the game starting around 5:20 p.m.

## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Land a fish
5. A way to expel
10. Lowest part of a structure
14. Dunking cookies
15. Pariah
16. Blue-pencil
17. Hiking equipment
18. Artiodactyl
19. Eat a snack
20. UV
23. Causing sorrow
24. Cord used as a fastener
25. Right angle
26. An explosion fails to occur
29. \_\_\_ vu
32. Announce in public
34. Afloat
36. In a way, drops
38. Bowl-shaped for holding liquids
42. Mark as different
43. An instance of some kind
44. Add alcohol beverages
45. Farewell
47. Slithered
49. At all times
50. Monetary unit
52. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
54. Tokyo (ancient name)
55. Central processing unit
58. Viral disease
60. Gov. agency
62. Billing items
69. Subject matter
70. A dark region of considerable extent on the surface of the moon
71. Acarine
72. Creation place
73. Kind of pipe
74. Dark olive black
75. Become feeble
76. A council
77. Scratch

### CLUES DOWN

1. Vincent Van \_\_\_, painter
2. Region
3. Dread
4. Molds
5. Refers
6. Church
7. Opaque gem
8. Pay
9. Marked by sorrow
10. Used of back or head
11. A way to love
12. Plant fiber
13. Antiknock fluid
21. Type of furor
22. Seasoner
26. A collection of facts
27. Employed in accomplishing something
28. Food store
30. Stabs
31. Mentally resourceful
33. A university in Connecticut
35. Away from wind
37. Excite
39. Buy at a reduced price
40. Frosted
41. He fiddled
46. Sports league
48. One who adheres to traditional views
51. Ascents
53. An accountant certified by the state
55. Foreman
56. "Andy \_\_\_", cartoon
57. Ill-fed
59. Consisting of a single element or component
61. Used of persons or the military
63. Finished
64. Smile
65. Aloha
66. Scoff
67. British School
68. Posted

## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FEB. 23 - MARCH 1

**Wednesday** - Western Kansas Educational Service Center seminar on "Medieval History" grades second through fifth.

**Thursday** - High school basketball Regionals in Tribune.  
**Friday** - High school basketball Regionals in Tribune.

**Saturday** - High school basketball Regionals in Tribune.

**Monday** - Freedom League instrumental clinic in Tribune, 1 p.m.; concert in Tribune, 6 p.m.

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