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# Cowgirls weather tough ride



Sophomore Emily Murray (No. 31) scored two of her seven points late in the third period of Tuesday's 60-50 win over Russell in the first round of the substate tournament. The Cowgirls will be in Larned today to face the Lady Greenbacks of Pratt in the second round.

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The Russell High School girls may have won only three basketball games during the regular season, but the Lady Broncos gave the Goodland Cowgirls a tough ride before falling 60-50 on Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The win put the Cowgirls, now 16-5 for the season, on the road to Larned today for the substate semifinals against the Lady Greenbacks of Pratt High. Pratt improved to 12-8 overall after defeating Ulysses 53-46 on Tuesday.

The road could lead the Cowgirls back to another match with the Colby Lady Eagles, who also won their first-round game.

The Cowgirls won a league game in January against the Lady Eagles, 65-58, but lost the second game in Colby in February, 70-49.

On the other side of the bracket, the Lady Eagles soared to 18-3 after dominating Scott City 68-29 and Larned improved to 11-9 by beating Hugoton 49-28.

In the first period against Russell, Goodland scored the first three points. The Broncos came back, scoring the next four to take the lead, and held it for nearly six minutes.

A basket by sophomore Kaylee Billinger with about 20 seconds left in the period gave the Cowgirls a 13-12 lead going into the second.

Russell tied the game at 13 to start the second quarter, then Goodland went on an eight-point run to make it 21-13.

After a Bronco basket made it 21-15, the Cowgirls scored seven straight to take a 13-point lead, 28-15. Russell was able to narrow the gap to nine points, 30-21, at half-time.

Goodland outscored the Broncos 16-8 in the third quarter to make the score 46-29. The teams combined for 35 points in the fourth, with Russell outscoring the Cowgirls 21-14 to make the final 60-50. The Broncos got to within five points twice in the final minute, but good free throw shooting allowed the Cowgirls to hold on for the 60-50 win.

"Russell played hard the entire game," coach Don Smith said. "That is the reason they have been playing their opponents much closer later in the season."

Billinger started the scoring with a free throw, followed a few seconds later by a basket by sophomore Emily Murray. Katie Coker of Russell got the Broncos on the scoreboard with a basket, then one by Bethany Dougherty gave them the lead 4-3.

A three-pointer by Coker made it 7-3. After a free throw by Cowgirl sophomore Dani Bedore, Mallory Mahoney hit another three-pointer for Russell to make it 10-4. Five straight points by Bedore got Goodland to within one, then an exchange of baskets made it 12-11.

Murray fouled Dougherty 15 seconds into the second period, sending her to the free-throw line, where she made one of two to tie the game at 13. A basket by sophomore Lind-

say Shields but the Cowgirls back up 15-13, then six straight points by junior Jordan Frazier made it 21-13.

After a basket by Mahoney got Russell to within six, Goodland went on a seven-point run to take a 13-point lead at 28-15. The Broncos responded by scoring six straight to make the score 28-21, then a basket by junior Justeen Koehler with nine seconds left in the half made it 30-21 going into the locker rooms.

In the third quarter, the Cowgirls scored two points for every one by the Broncos, 16-8, but also picked up nine fouls with three players getting their third. At one point, a Russell player took an inbound pass under Goodland's basket and immediately tried to score. She missed, and Koehler grabbed the rebound, then sank a basket. Goodland led 46-29 going into the fourth.

The Broncos opened the final period with a nine-point run to make it 46-38. They continued to cut into Goodland's lead until a basket by Mahoney got Russell to within five at 54-49 with less than a minute left in the game. Both teams hit free throws to make it 55-50 with 42 seconds left.

Russell was forced to foul to save time, but the Cowgirls hit on five of eight from the charity stripe while keeping the Broncos from scoring to make the final tally 60-50.

Bedore led the Cowgirls with 17

points, followed by Koehler with 12 and Billinger with 10. Murray scored seven points, Frazier six and Shields three. Both junior Melissa Swager and freshman Sammie Raymer scored two and sophomore Nicolette Clancy scored on a free throw.

Koehler led the team with 14 rebounds. Murray grabbed seven and Bedore six.

The day before the game, Smith had said rebounding was Russell's greatest strength and Goodland would have to keep the Broncos off the offensive boards.

It worked; only nine of Russell's 34 rebounds were on the offensive end.

Both Mahoney and Dougherty scored 12 points to lead the Broncos. Coker and Rebecca Tribble both scored seven.

The tipoff for the Cowgirls' game against Pratt will be at 5 p.m. (Mountain Time) at the Larned Middle School, 904 Corse Ave. Andrew Melia of Goodland radio KLOE (730AM) will broadcast the game live starting about 15 minutes prior to tipoff.

"Pratt is an experienced team," Smith said. "They have good overall team size and are very aggressive on both ends of the court."

The winner of Friday's game will face the winner of the Colby-Larned game at 6 p.m. Saturday on the same court.

## bowling results

**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
Feb. 23, 2005  
4 Stars over The Pits 4-0  
Guzzlin Socializers over Fun Lovers 4-0  
Kabredlo's over Shear Dimensions 4-0  
D&G Clan over Shamrock Foods 3-1

**Women's high game:** Vivian McClung 208  
**Women's high series:** Mary Callahan 509  
**Men's high game:** Todd Cunningham 258  
**Men's high series:** Todd Cunningham 650  
**Team high game:** Shear Dimensions 781  
**Team high series:** Shear Dimensions 2,186

**League Standings:**  
**No. 1** Shamrock Foods  
**No. 2** The Pits  
**No. 3** 4 Stars

**Wednesday Night Scratch Classic League**  
February 23  
Floyd's Refrig. & AC over Hank's Cafe 13-7  
Fitzgibbons Inc. over Phil's Pro Shop 12-8  
Steve's Body Shop over Bowladium Lanes 11-9  
R&W Duell Farms over Weber Kenels 13-7

**High Individual Game:** John Fixsen 268  
**High Individual Series:** Darren Hickson 908  
**High Team Game:** Fitzgibbon's Inc. 703  
**High Team Series:** Steve's Body Shop 2420

**League Standings:**

Floyd's Refrig. & AC	37-23
Steve's Body Shop	36-24
Fitzgibbons, Inc.	30.5-29.5
Hank's Cafe	30-30
Weber Kennels	28.5-31.5
Bowladium Lanes	26-34
Phil's Pro Shop	22-38
R&W Duell Farms	11-30

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## Weekend sports television schedule

**SATURDAY MORNING**  
10:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Louisville at DePaul. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Big South Tournament Final — Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)

**AFTERNOON**  
12:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Pittsburgh at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)  
22/56 ESPN College Basketball George Washington at Rhode Island. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball Atlantic Sun Tournament Final — Teams TBA. From Nashville, Tenn. (Live) (CC)  
1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC PGA Golf Ford Championship at Doral — Third Round. From Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami. (Live) (CC)  
30/55 FXSP MLB Preseason Baseball Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. From Tempe Diablo Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)  
2:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Syracuse at Connecticut. (Live) (CC)  
22/56 ESPN College Basketball Cincinnati at Memphis. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball OVC Tournament Final — Teams TBA. From the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn. (Live) (CC)  
3:00 4/6 ABC Horse Racing Fountain of Youth Stakes. From Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Fla. (Live)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas Tech. (Live) (CC)  
30/55 FXSP College Basketball Arizona at Arizona State. (Live)  
54/57 ESPN2 College Basketball CIAA Tournament Final — Teams TBA. From Raleigh, N.C. (Live) (CC)  
**SUNDAY MORNING**  
10:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Arena Football Regional Coverage — New York Dragons at Philadelphia Soul or San Jose SaberCats at Orlando Predators. (Live) (CC)  
7/11 CBS College Basketball Illinois at Ohio State. (Live) (CC)  
10:30 22/56 ESPN PBA Bowling Baby Ruth Real Deal Classic. From Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)  
11:00 4/6 ABC NBA Basket-

ball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston. (Live)  
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball ACC Tournament Semifinal — Teams TBA. From the Greensboro Coliseum Complex in Greensboro, N.C. (Live)  
60/89 UNIV Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana UNAM vs. Atlas. (En Vivo)  
**AFTERNOON**  
12:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Kansas at Missouri. (Live) (CC)  
22/56 ESPN IndyCar Racing Toyota Indy 300. From Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. (Live) (CC)  
54/57 ESPN2 IndyCar Racing Toyota Indy 300 — InCar Simulcast. From Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. (Live) (CC)  
1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC PGA Golf Ford Championship at Doral — Final Round. From Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami. (Live) (CC)  
13/7 FOX NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Mexico 200. From Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City. (Live) (CC)  
1:30 4/6 ABC NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Sacramento Kings. From ARCO Arena in Sacramento, Calif. (Live)  
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball ACC Tournament Semifinal — Teams TBA. From the Greensboro Coliseum Complex in Greensboro, N.C. (Live)  
2:00 7/11 CBS College Basketball Duke at North Carolina. (Live) (CC)  
3:00 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Conference USA Tournament Final — Teams TBA. From Charlotte, N.C. (Live) (CC)  
4:00 22/56 ESPN SportsCenter (Live) (CC)  
30/55 FXSP Women's College Basketball Pac-10 Tournament Semifinal — Teams TBA. From the HP Pavilion at San Jose in San Jose, Calif. (Live)  
5:00 54/57 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball SEC Tournament Final — Teams TBA. From the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, S.C. (Live) (CC)  
5:30 22/56 ESPN NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Cleveland Cavaliers. From Gund Arena in Cleveland. (Live)

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