

Boys meet sudden end

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The Cowboys' basketball season came to shocking end Monday when the Pratt High Greenbacks came from behind to win 71-67 in Goodland's third overtime game in its last five outings.

Goodland dominated the first half, building up an 11-point lead, 13-2, in the first period. The Cowboys still led by 11 at halftime, 28-17. The flow of the game started to change in the third quarter as Pratt closed to 31-28 about 3 1/2 minutes into the period.

Twice the Cowboys got back to a 10-point lead late in the third quarter, but extraordinary three-point shooting by Pratt's Tyson Taylor, including one just before the buzzer, made it 45-39 going into the fourth period.

About three minutes into the fourth, Pratt managed to tie the score at 49, then about 30 seconds later, the Greenbacks took their first, and only, lead in regulation at 51-50. A six-point Goodland run made it 56-51.

With the Cowboys leading 61-58 with four seconds left, the Greenbacks' Scott Krehbiel hit a three-pointer to tie it at 61. After McLean called a time out, Goodland took a desperation shot, which missed.

In overtime, it was the Cowboys who had to play catch-up, coming back to tie the score at 67 with 40 seconds left. A basket by Krehbiel with 20 seconds left on the clock gave Pratt the lead. Taylor added two more points on a pair of free throws in the final seconds to give Pratt the 71-67 win.

"We let them stay in the game, and the longer we did that, the more confident they played," said McLean. "Our defense had many breakdowns."

The Greenbacks advanced to the sub-state semifinals, which were to be played Thursday in Larned. Pratt, now 5-15, was to face Larned, 12-8, following the Colby/Scott City game. The Colby Eagles improved to 12-9 for the season after a 55-54 win over Ulysses.

The Goodland crowd watched Pratt score the first two points, then saw the Cowboys go on a 13-point run to close the first period. Four players scored, with senior Lane Winter and junior Jase Herl both contributing four points.

Freshman Jance McKee started the scoring in the second period with a three-pointer for a 16-2 Goodland lead. Pratt got to within five points at 18-13 about halfway through the quarter, but by halftime, both teams had scored 15 points to make it 28-17.

Whatever Greenback coach Pat Stivers came up with during the intermission seemed to work, as Pratt scored 11 of the first 14 points of the third period to close to 31-28. A few minutes later, the Cowboys used a five-point run to widen their lead to 10 at 40-30.

By the end of the third period, Pratt narrowed the gap to six points at 45-39 with the help of Taylor's three three-pointers.

With Goodland still leading by six, 49-43, the Greenbacks scored six straight to tie the game. After a free throw by Herl returned the lead to Goodland, 50-49, a basket by Krehbiel put Pratt up 51-50.

With the clock showing 1 minute 55 seconds, a free throw by Winter gave the Cowboys a 56-51 lead. The Greenbacks continued to fight back, and a long three-pointer by Taylor got Pratt to within one at 59-58 with 16 seconds left.

A pair of free throws by Herl made it 61-58, then Krehbiel's three-pointer tied the game with less than 4 seconds left. Herl missed on a long three-point shot, adding

an extra four minutes to the game.

Pratt's Matt Cramer scored the first six points in overtime, after which Derrick Raymer and McKee combined to score the next six to tie it up at 67 with 40 seconds left. Twenty seconds later, a basket by Krehbiel made it 69-67.

Goodland had a couple of chances in the final seconds but David Livengood went 0-for-4 at the free-throw line. A technical foul on Raymer for slamming the ball on the court sent Taylor to the free throw line for Pratt, where he made both shots to make the score 71-67.

Although Pratt inbounded the ball, it was intercepted by the Cowboys. A long three-point shot missed, preserving the four-point victory for the Greenbacks.

Raymer led Goodland with 23 points. McKee scored 15, Winter 13 and Herl 12 points. Senior David Livengood had three points and freshman Nick Angelos scored on a free throw.

Cramer led all scorers with 23 points. Taylor had 18 points and Krehbiel added 17.

The Cowboys finish their season 15-6, winning the Northwest Kansas League title.

"We did not play well the last month of the season," McLean said. "Instead of improving, we got worse, especially on defense. I'll take full responsibility for this."



Junior Jase Herl (No. 10) tried to find a way around two Pratt defenders during the third period of the Cowboys' 71-67 overtime loss to the Greenbacks on Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse in the first round of the substate tournament.
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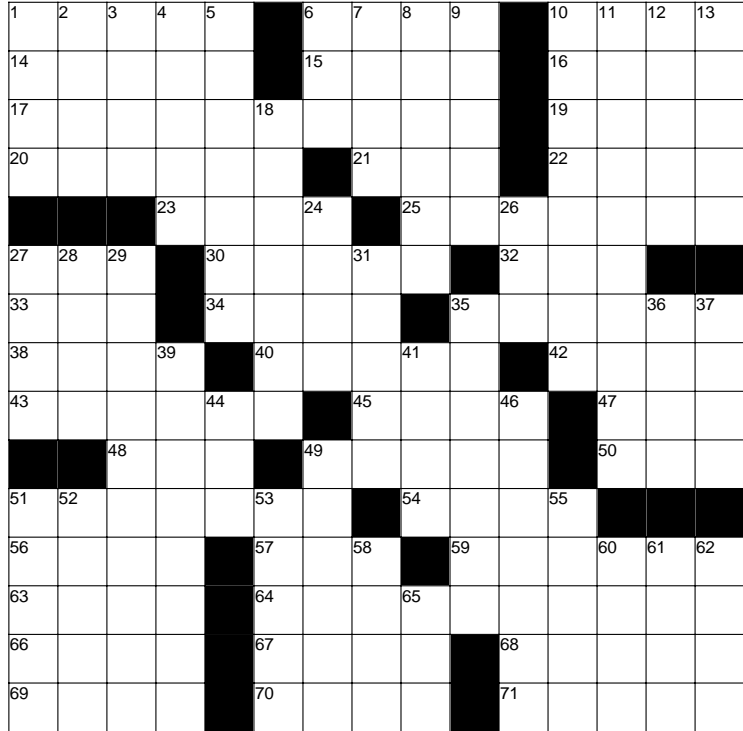
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- Hobo concoction
- Clarinetist Artie
- Shorthand whiz
- New Rochelle, N.Y. College
- "Toodle-oo!"
- Wiener holder
- Slaughter in Cooperstown
- Store, as fodder
- "__ the season ..."
- Writer Ferber
- Vittles
- Frozen dessert
- Garment bottom
- Renter's sign
- Like Dali's watches
- Yalie
- "See no __ ..."
- Analyzed, grammatically
- The "E" in BPOE
- Draw out
- Terrier type
- KP tool
- Defective fireworks
- Prior to, in poetry
- "__ Master's Voice" (gramophone slogan)
- Tungsten or mercury
- President pro __
- Compete hand-to-hand
- Urban blight
- Like Dali's watches
- Dadaist Jean
- Wore away
- High point
- Steinway offering
- Timid creature
- Word on Irish stamps

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- Watergate's Senator Sam
- Drops the ball
- Clarinetist's buy
- Boy Scouts' actions

- Make amends
- Attended
- Recover from
- Tried to beat the tag
- Air-quality org.
- Dickens's Uriah
- Model Macpherson
- Mickey Spillane sleuth
- Give the slip to
- Went by bike
- Bronte's Jane
- Consider
- "Bunny" footwear, e.g.
- Skips class
- Mentalist's claim
- Drank noisily

- __ Melodies (old cartoons)
- Forest clearing
- Kitchen gadget
- Brewer's offering
- Wavy pattern in fabric
- Whittle down
- Jay's late-night rival
- Author Bagnold
- Mob rulers
- Sparks or Rorem

DOWN

- Arthur of the court
- Lay __ the line
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