

Cowgirls' defense kept scoring low

The Cowgirls' defense held the Lady Trojans of Stanton County High to seven points or less in each quarter of their game Wednesday in Johnson City, winning 58-22.

"We played with much more intensity on both ends of the floor," said Coach Don Smith. "We did not look like the same team that played against Quinter."

Smith said the team's performance in its 40-38 win at Quinter on Dec. 16 was the poorest of the season.

Three Cowgirls scored in double figures. Junior Kaylee Billinger led the team for the second time this season with 11 points, while senior Justeen Koehler and junior Emily Murray both added 10.

Junior Whitney Archer scored nine points, followed by senior

Melissa Swager with seven and junior Lindsay Schields with five. Juniors Alicia Studer and Stephanie Sheldon and sophomore Samantha Raymer each scored two.

"I was pleased with the scoring balance," said Smith. "Every non-starter contributed in a positive manner."

Every Cowgirl who played got at least two rebounds, too. Murray grabbed nine to lead Goodland, with Archer getting seven and Koehler six. Both Swager and Raymer got four rebounds, while Billinger and junior Nicolette Clancy had three each.

The Cowgirls outscored Stanton County 12-4 in the first period and 12-6 in the second to take a 24-10 lead into the half. Goodland outscored the Trojans 21-7 in the

third and 13-5 in the fourth, making the final 58-22.

"There were many positives in our game with Stanton County," Smith said.

Goodland out rebounded the Trojans 42-26 and shot better than 68 percent at the free throw line compared to 21 percent for Johnson City.

The Cowgirls, now 7-1 for the season, face the Lady Eagles of Colby at 5:30 p.m. today at Max Jones Field house for a non league game. The Eagles are 6-1 after defeating Thomas More Prep-Marian on Tuesday 46-32 in Colby.

Sophomore Lissa Mazanec led Colby in both scoring and rebounding with 21 points and 12 boards. Senior Jessica Stephens scored nine points.



The Cowgirls basketball team did some five-on-five drills during practice Monday in Max Jones Fieldhouse. The team went on to defeat Stanton County High 58-22 the next day but faces a tougher challenge tonight against the Lady Eagles of Colby. Tipoff will be around 5:30 at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Cowboys start year with win, 95-53

Highlighted by a 24-point run in the first half, the Goodland Cowboys won their first basketball game of 2006 and their sixth of the season Tuesday in Johnson City, whipping Stanton County High 95-53.

"We did a lot of good things for our first game back," said Coach Jon McLean. "We ran the floor well and got ourselves a lot of easy baskets."

For the first five minutes, the Cowboys and the Trojans seemed evenly matched, with six lead changes and three ties.

Then, with Goodland leading 13-11, the Cowboys scored 24 straight points for a 37-11 lead near the halfway mark in the second period. Goodland scored 17 of the next 24 points and led 54-18 at half-time.

Although the scoring was close in the third period,

with the Cowboys taking just a one-point edge 24-23, the Trojans trailed by 37 going into the final round.

Neither team could score during the first minute of the fourth quarter, then Goodland put up 17 points to Stanton County's 12 to make the final 95-53.

"Stanton County was not as strong as I thought they would be," McLean said, "so I was pleased with the big margin of victory. All 13 kids who suited up got in the game with 10 of them scoring."

Senior Jase Herl led the Cowboys with 22 points and seven rebounds. Senior Wyatt Dautel scored 17,

making three of four from three-point range.

Senior Heath Chatfield, in his first game of the season, and junior Mikey Doll both scored 10. Chatfield missed the first seven games due to injury.

Senior Derek Fenner had seven points, and both junior Nick Angelos and sophomore Tanner Smith had six. Junior Tyler Hillmer scored two and freshman Travis Angelos scored on a free throw.

This was Goodland's highest scoring output of the season. The Cowboys made 57 percent of their shots from the field and 73 percent

from the free-throw line.

Stanton County was 33 and 37 percent. Goodland had a slight edge in rebounds 39-38.

"We have several things to get better at," said McLean, "but for the first game back, it was a solid performance."

Goodland will be back in front of the home tonight when the Colby Eagles visit Max Jones Fieldhouse for a non-league game.

The boys' match should tip off around 7:30.

area basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 3, Northwest Kansas League	
Boys	
Goodland	95, Johnson City 53
St. Francis	66, Atwood 51
Thomas More-Marian	64, Colby 62
Hoxie	65, Dighton 29
Quinter	58, Hill City 57
Norton	59, Oberlin 24
Girls	
Goodland	58, Johnson City 22
Atwood	61, St. Francis 34
Colby	46, Thomas More-Marian 32
Hoxie	78, Dighton 9
Quinter	53, Hill City 32
Norton	42, Oberlin 31
Grainfield	59, Quinter 37
Western Kansas Liberty League	
Boys	
Sharon Springs	81, Weskan 48
Rexford	53, Winona 28
Girls	
Sharon Springs	56, Weskan 40
Rexford	69, Winona 12



College teams begin conference play

Most NCAA Division I basketball teams begin conference play this week, including three which include northwest Kansas high school players.

New Mexico State University, where Goodland's Jayci Stone is a junior guard, opened play in the Western Athletic Conference on Thursday with a home game against the University of Idaho.

The Lady Aggies finished the non-conference part of their schedule 3-8. Stone has played in seven games with one start this season, scoring 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds. She scored a season-high six points in New Mexico State's home loss to

the University of Texas at Arlington on Dec. 3.

Stone, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High, played her freshman and sophomore seasons at Colby Community College.

Western Illinois University, where junior guard Troy Okeson of Weskan is playing his second season, also opened conference play Thursday.

The Leathernecks, members of the Mid-Continent Conference, went into Thursday's home game



Stone



Okeson

against Centenary College of Louisiana with a 4-7 record.

Okeson has started 10 of 11 games for Western Illinois and is averaging nine points per game.

He scored 10 in the Leathernecks' 83-54 road loss to the University of Arkansas on New Year's Day.

Okeson, a 2002 graduate, played his freshman season at Dodge City Community College. His older brother Todd and older sister Wendy both played two seasons of

junior college hoops in Kansas before moving on to four-year schools.

The Wildcats of Kansas State University improved to 9-2 with an 82-56 win over North Dakota State University Monday in Manhattan. The 'Cats open play in the Big 12 Conference on Saturday at Iowa State University.

Senior Josh Campbell, a 2002 graduate of Hoxie High, is in his second season as a backup guard for K-State.

Campbell played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Cloud County Community College in Concordia.

Volleyball players honored for season

Five northwest Kansas players have been honored by the Kansas Volleyball Association for their performance during the 2005 season.

Hoxie senior Dani Pratt made the Class 2A first team, while Colby sophomore Lissa Mazanec made the Class 4A second team.

Decatur Community High School in Oberlin had two players honored. Senior Lydia Karnopp was named to the second team and

junior Tricia Dorshorst earned honorable mention.

All four players made the All-Northwest Kansas League team.

Brewster senior Caitlin Rush earned honorable mention in Class 1A. Rush was one of four Lady Bulldogs who made the All-Western Kansas Liberty League team this season. She was a first-team all-league pick as a junior and a third-team pick her sophomore season.

Colby College wrestling tourney this week

The Colby Community College Trojans play hosts to their annual Tournament of Champions this weekend at the Community Building downtown, featuring seven of the top 10 junior college wrestling teams in the country.

The action starts at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) today and picks back up at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the finals taking around 6 p.m.

Colby is ranked No. 4 in wrestling by the latest poll by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Other teams of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference in the top 10 are Labette County, No. 3, and Neosho County, No. 6. Both will be at the tournament.

Other top 10-teams making the trip are No. 2 Iowa Central Community College, No. 5 Northwest College (Wyoming), No. 7 Ellsworth Community College (Iowa) and No. ??? Lincoln College (Illinois).

Rounding out the field of 12 teams are Western Wyoming Community College, Ridgewater College (Minnesota), Glendale Community College (Arizona), Minnesota West Community College and the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School.

Five Colby wrestlers are ranked among the top eight in their weight class by the association. Sophomore Matt Schippers is No. 1 at 157 pounds while his brother Jason is No. 6 at 165. Both are graduates of

Hoxie High. Matt placed fifth at the junior college nationals last season at 149 pounds.

Freshman Levi Younkin, a 2005 Oakley graduate, is ranked No. 2 at 133 pounds. Younkin was the Class 3-2-1A state champion at 135 pounds last season.

Sophomore Mat Gilliland, an-

other Hoxie graduate, is No. 3 at 149 pounds.

Sophomore Daniel Prater of Pratt is No. 7 at 141 pounds. As a freshman, Prater finished seventh at 133 at the junior college nationals.

Another Oakley native wrestling for Colby is sophomore Bobby Dennis, at 184 pounds.

Recreation contract OK'd

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it started at 5 p.m. and was over by 5:25 p.m. — Commissioner John Garcia asked Simon about possible contamination of the city well near the old landfill north of town.

Simon said he had given the pumping information to the county, and would be waiting for word as to what the state health department might recommend.

He said one option is to drill a monitoring well closer to the city well to see if the contamination of trichloroethylene, a chemical used in dry cleaning, is approaching.

Daniels said he was driving back to town on I-70, and noticed there are signs about the High Plains Museum, and wondered why there

was no sign pointing out the Van Gogh painting.

Hill said he did not know, but would ask to see who handles these signs.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a new agreement with Sherman County for central dispatch operations.s.
- Approved a request for reimbursement from the Federal Aviation Administration for \$34,501.
- * Reappointed Harold Gillihan to the city plumbing board for a three-year term..

The next City Commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th..

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11 a.m. NBC High-School Football All-Star Game U.S. Army All-American Bowl	11 a.m. ESPN PBA Bowling Medford Classic from Medford, OR
12 p.m. CBS Women's Basketball Connecticut at Tennessee	FOX NFL Playoff Wild Card game
ESPN College Basketball Illinois Fighting Illini at Iowa Hawkeyes from Carver-Hawkeye Arena	11:30 a.m. CBS College Basketball Michigan State at Wisconsin
2 p.m. CBS College Basketball Teams TBA	1 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Tulsa Lady Golden Hurricane at Tulane Lady Green Wave from Fogelman Arena
2:30 p.m. ABC NFL Playoff Wild Card game	2:30 p.m. CBS NFL Playoff Wild Card game
5 p.m. ESPN PGA Tournament Mercedes Championships: Third Round from Kapalua, Hawaii	5 p.m. ESPN PGA Tournament Mercedes Championships: Final Round from Kapalua, Hawaii
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