



Junior Mikey Doll (No. 25) scored two of his 10 points with a layup early in the fourth period of the Cowboys' game Friday against Colby at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Cowboys win, 67-62, in double overtime

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Basketball fans got their money's worth Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, as both of Goodland's varsity games against Colby went into overtime.

The Cowboys, in fact, needed two extra periods to beat the Eagles 67-62.

Goodland had to come from behind back to tie the game at 52 in the final minute of regulation play. Later, Colby had to score a basket with seven seconds left in overtime to tie it at 60 and force a second extra period.

"I'm still not sure how we won the game," said Coach Jon McLean. "We played pretty poorly, and I was really disappointed in our defense, but I'll give our kids credit for finding a way to win. They never quit."

Colby's Trey Barnett scored the game's first three points, but Goodland senior Jase Herl scored the next four. After that, Goodland kept the lead until late in the second period.

With less than two minutes left in the first half, though, the Eagles' Trevor Siebert scored a basket to give Colby a 27-26 lead. Siebert's basket started an eight-point run which gave the Eagles a 33-26 half-time advantage.

Colby outscored Goodland 9-7 in a low-scoring third period and took a 42-33 lead into the fourth.

The Eagles scored six of the first eight points of the fourth quarter, building a 13-point lead 48-35. The Cowboys came back with an eight-point run started by a three-pointer by senior Wyatt Dautel to get Goodland within five at 48-43.

With less than three minutes left on the clock and Goodland trailing 50-46, junior Nick Angelos scored two baskets in a 20-second span to tie the game at 50. Then Stephen Dinkel of Colby hit a pair of free throws to put the Eagles up by two. Angelos then scored with about 40 seconds left to make it 52-all.

Tough defense by both teams in the final seconds forced a missed shot by each and sent the game into a four-minute overtime.

Goodland struck first, scoring on another three-point shot by Dautel. Colby then scored on a free throw, followed shortly by a basket by sophomore Tanner Smith to make the score 57-53.

Colby's Cory Sager scored two to make it 57-55. Barnett fouled Smith, who made one of two from the charity stripe to give Goodland a 58-55 lead.

R.J. Ladenburger hit a three-pointer for the Eagles to tie the game at 58. Seventeen seconds later, Herl drove in for a layup to make it 60-58, but Sager scored with seven seconds left to tie it up again at 60.

The second overtime belonged to Goodland, as the Cowboys scored

the first four points on a pair of free throws by Herl and a basket by Angelos. Dinkel then scored a basket for Colby's only points of the period, making it 64-62.

Junior Mikey Doll hit a pair of free throws with about 45 seconds left to give the Cowboys a 66-62 lead, then made one of two about 30 seconds later to make it 67-62.

Goodland senior Jon Beeson made a layup as the buzzer sounded but it was waved off.

"I think it is always a positive when you can win and not play even close to your potential," McLean said. "For how poorly we played, it was a remarkable win."

Three Cowboys scored in double figures, led by Herl with 14. Angelos scored 13 and Doll added 10. Dautel had nine points, Smith seven, and junior Landon Williams six. Seniors Derek Fenner and Heath Chatfield each scored four.

Herl led the team in rebounds with nine, followed by Smith with seven, Angelos with six and Doll with five. Goodland won the battle of the boards 36-26.

With the win, the Cowboys improved to 7-2 for the season while Colby fell to 0-8. Goodland's next court action will be Friday, when the Buffaloes from Atwood stampede into town. Tipoff for the boys game should be about 7:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Cowgirls lose a heartbreaker game to Lady Eagles 47-46 in overtime period

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It was a heartbreaker for the hometown fans Friday as the Cowgirls basketball team lost to the Colby Lady Eagles 47-46 in overtime at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Goodland trailed 42-38 with less than a minute left in the game, but junior Kaylee Billinger intercepted a Colby pass and broke away for a layup to get the Cowgirls within two. About 40 seconds later, Billinger scored again, just before the buzzer sounded, tying the score at 42 and sending the game into overtime.

"This was a very disappointing loss for the Cowgirls," said Coach Don Smith. "Much of our season may hinge on how they respond to this loss. I am confident that they will bounce back."

Senior Justeen Koehler scored the first three points of the extra period, giving Goodland a 45-42 lead. Next, Colby's Jessica Stephens made a basket to get the Eagles within one at 45-44. Both teams then scored on a free throw to make it 46-45 with about a minute left.

About 30 seconds later, Colby got the ball off a Cowgirl turnover and worked to set up a final shot. With less than 10 seconds left, Stephens passed to her cousin Paige Stephens for a layup and a 47-46 Colby lead.

Goodland coach Don Smith called a timeout with the clock showing seven seconds. After that, Goodland brought the ball down the court with Billinger making a drive to the basket but her short jumper bounced back off the rim as time ran out.

Colby improved to 7-1 for the season while the Cowgirls fell to 7-2.

The score stayed close throughout the game. Colby led 10-8 after the first period, which saw the scored tied at 2, 4, 6 and 8.

Junior Whitney Archer opened the second quarter with a three-pointer for a 11-10 Goodland lead. After a basket by Colby's Lissa Mazanec made it 12-11, Koehler scored six straight points to give the Cowgirls a 17-12 advantage.

The Cowgirls kept the lead throughout the rest of the period and led 22-18 at halftime.

The action in the third period resembled the first. The score was tied six times, but a free throw by Jessica Stephens with 17 seconds left

gave the Eagles a 35-34 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Colby scored the first four points to make it 39-34, but Goodland scored the next four to get back to within one. A basket by Mazanec and a free throw by her teammate Ashley Barnes made the score 42-38, then Billinger scored twice to tie the game and force overtime.

"I was very pleased how the Cowgirls capitalized on some Colby mistakes late in the fourth quarter to force overtime," Smith said, "but then the Lady Eagles converted on some Goodland mistakes to earn a close victory."

Koehler led the Cowgirls with 17 points and Billinger had 12. Both Archer and junior Emily Murray scored seven, Senior Melissa

Swagger two and junior Nicolette Clancy one.

Koehler also led the team in rebounds with nine. Archer grabbed seven and Clancy five.

Mazanec scored a game-high 24 points before fouling out 82 seconds into overtime.

Goodland made 21 of 45 shots from the field to Colby's 21 of 50. The Eagles had the edge at the free-throw line, making 5 of 11 compared to 3 of 9 for the Cowgirls. Colby out rebounded Goodland 27-26.

Goodland returns to action Friday when the Buffaloes of Rawlins County High visit Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Lady Buffaloes defeated Decatur Community High of Oberlin 63-56 Friday.



Senior Justeen Koehler (center) and junior Lindsay Shields (right) battled Colby's Zanae Baird for a loose ball during the second half of the Cowgirls' home game Friday against the Lady Eagles. Colby won 47-46 in overtime.

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