

Cowgirls win third straight game, 71-43

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The Goodland Star-News
The Cowgirls won their third straight basketball game Tuesday, corralling the visiting Lady Broncs of Lakin High 71-43 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Junior Emily Murray put Goodland on the scoreboard first with a basket a few seconds after the tipoff. After that, though, neither team could score for nearly two minutes until Lakin tied the game at 2.

The teams exchanged baskets to make it 4-all, then the Cowgirls scored eight straight points for a 12-4 lead.

Goodland maintained at least a five-point lead throughout the rest



Koehler



Billinger



Raymer



Archer

of the game.

The Cowgirls had a 19-6 lead with just under two minutes left in the first period, however the Broncs scored five straight to make it 19-11 going into the second quarter.

Lakin scored five of the first

seven points of the second to get within five at 21-16, but Goodland responded with six straight, making the score 27-16.

The Cowgirls then outscored their opponents 11-7, including a pair of three-pointers by Goodland

junior Kaylee Billinger, to take a 38-23 lead into the locker room.

Neither team could score in the opening minute of the third period. However, the Cowgirls went on to score 17 points in the quarter to just nine for Lakin and led 55-32 heading into the final period.

Goodland scored the first seven points, four on free throws by sophomore Samantha Raymer, to build a 30-point lead at 62-32 with under six minutes left in the game.

The two teams took turns scoring during most of the time remaining, with final ending up 71-43.

Four Cowgirls scored in double figures, led by senior Justeen Koehler, who tied her season high

with 23 points.

Koehler first scored 23 on Dec. 9 against Holyoke High from Colorado on the second day of the Topside Tip-Off tournament.

Billinger hit on three of four shot from three-point range and finished the game with 14 points.

Both Raymer and junior Whitney Archer scored 10. Murray had seven points, senior Melissa Swagerthree and junior Nicollete Clancy two. Juniors Lindsay Schields and Stephanie Sheldon each scored on a free throw.

Kirsten Gosch led the Lady Broncs with nine points, followed by Julie Jennings with seven.

Goodland edged Lakin in re-

bounding 28-26. Koehler grabbed seven boards to lead the Cowgirls, with Raymer getting five and Swager four.

Goodland went 14 of 21 at the free throw line while Lakin was 11 for 21.

The Cowgirls are now 13-4 overall and will finish the regular season with three straight Northwest Kansas League games starting with Oakley around 5:30 p.m. tonight at Max Jones.

Goodland travels to Colby on Tuesday and to Hoxie next Friday.

Oakley's Lady Plainsmen are 8-9 overall after falling to Brewster 61-47 Tuesday.

Goodland native scores season-high

Former Cowgirl Jayci Stone, a junior at New Mexico State University, scored a season-high 12 points on Feb. 12 in the Lady Aggies' 55-48 road win over Utah State University.

Two days later, the Aggies were back in action against the University of Nevada in Reno, losing to the Wolf Pack 61-51. In that game, Stone scored four



Stone

points.

New Mexico State is 7-13 overall and 4-5 in the Western Athletic Conference going into its rematch Thursday, at home in Las Cruces, against Utah State.

Stone, in her first season with the team, has seen action in 13 of 20 games, scoring 44 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

She played her first two college seasons for the Lady Trojans of Colby Community College

The Lady Aggies will face Nevada again on Saturday when the Wolf Pack travels to Las Cruces.

Two wrestlers win gold medals

Two Cowboy wrestlers won their weight brackets at the junior varsity tournament last Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Freshman Bryan Gray won all three of his matches at 119 pounds to take the gold medal.

Freshman Ryan Taylor won all

four of his matches at 152.

Junior Kerek Mason won 2-1 to place second at 125.

Sophomore Toby Hurst and freshman Fernando Martinez also won 2-1, finishing second at 145 and 171 pounds.

Other wrestlers competing for

Goodland were freshmen T.J. Freeman at 125 pounds, Brad Geist at 130 and Vance Johnson at 160.

Goodland's junior varsity will be in Colby on Saturday to compete in the Eagles' annual novice tournament.

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