Arthur County Wolves outlast Cowboys

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On Friday, December 12th, 2025, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys hosted the Arthur County Wolves in the season opener. The Cowboys played a tight game against the Wolves, ending up with a tough loss of 46-51.

The first quarter saw both teams trying to each build an early lead; however, both teams were evenly matched. The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys could not break out against the Wolves, with the Wolves answering each of the Cowboy's shots with shots of their own, ending the first period with a tied score of 10-10. This game was turning out to be anyone's game.

The second quarter was good to the Cowboys as they finally got a lead they were looking for in the first quarter, breaking the stalemate by scoring nine points. This lead change did not rattle the Wolves, as they scored five more points of their own, ending the quarter with a final score of 19-15, signaling halftime.

After halftime, both teams came back with a strong desire to take home the win. The third quarter saw both teams trade scores, but both Arthur County and Cody-Kilgore remained locked in a headlock most of the game. A quick three-pointer by Arthur Sophomore Carter Storer, effectively pushed the Wolves to a lead, ending the quarter with a score of 32-35.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowboys came back with a vengeance, putting up layup after layup and free-throw after free-throw; however, the Wolves remained firm, despite the Cowboys' best efforts, ending the game with a hard loss of 46-51.

Notable moments for the Cowboys included: CK senior Hesston Fay (24) being the lead shooter for the Cowboys, scoring a total of 16 points, grabbing eight rebounds as well as six steals and assists. Following close behind was CK



senior Cash Cooper (3), who scored nine total points, grabbed 10 total rebounds, and snatched three steals, while adding one assist. CK senior Kaden McNare (1) netted eight points, totaled five rebounds and one assist. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) added seven points, eight rebounds and three steals. Rounding out the stat sheet CK freshman Bentley Ford (0) scored five points, while adding five rebounds, and two steals.

This intense match ended with a narrow loss for the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys, leaving the Cowboys looking for the win as they hit Highway 20 east for a game against the Stuart Broncos.

Cowgirls trap Lady Wolves 51-41

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The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls faced the Arthur County Lady Wolves on Friday, December 12th in Cody, Nebraska. After coming up short in two close scrimmages against Crawford and Hemingford during the Hall of Fame Jamboree, the Cowgirls began their Class D girls' basketball campaign by daring to tame the Lady Wolves. In the first quarter, the Cowgirls broke out early and viciously with CK senior Kayleigh Ravenscroft (0) setting the tone with a successful three-pointer. The Cowgirls continued their forward momentum against the Lady Wolves, racking up a commanding 14-point lead, and ended the first quarter in outstanding fashion leading 20-6, foreshadowing the success to come for the Cowgirls.

In the second quarter, the Lady Wolves tried to fight back against the Cowgirls' lead, by scoring 10 points, but their effort failed as the Cowgirls held the line. The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls answered the Lady Wolves's challenge by scoring 16 of their own points, securing their lead at halftime with a score 36-22.

After taking time to recharge over halftime, the Lady Wolves came back with a debt to settle against the Cowgirls, scoring 11 points; however, the Cowgirls were not deterred and scored point for point with the Lady Wolves, ending the quarter with a score 47-33.

In the fourth and final quarter, the Cowgirls started to run into trouble with both fouls and injured players, unfortunately having to play with only four players on the court in the last two minutes of the game. Naturally, the Lady Wolves saw this opportunity as their prime time to



strike and close the score gap; scoring a quarter high score of 14 points to the Cowgirls' 4 points. Each team scrapped and fought for points; however, the Lady Wolves could not claw back into the lead.

Despite the many obstacles the Cowgirls faced in their game against Arthur County, they still came out victorious, surely a wonderful sign of games to come. In the end, the Cowgirls still took home the win with a final score of 51-41. Next on the Cowgirls' schedule, they hit the road headed east to go take on the Stuart Lady Broncos.

Cowboys drop road opener to Stuart

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On Saturday, December 13th, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys traveled east down Highway 20 to Stuart to tip off against the Broncos. Despite their hard work and strong team mentality throughout the game, the Cowboys faced a hard defeat of 61-33,

First quarter saw action with both teams breaking the silence. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) set the stage early by scoring the first points on the board; however, the Broncos ended the first quarter with a lead of 21-7.

In the second quarter, the Broncos continued their scoring trend, but the Cowboys were unfazed. The Cowboys showed their signature grit and spirit, staying positive despite the obstacles put forth by the Broncos. By halftime, the Broncos' lead had ballooned to 30 points with a score of 41-11.

As the third quarter began, the Cowboys had a new fire to them, scoring a quarter-high of 11 points--effectively doubling their previous score in the two quarters, to try to shrink the lead between them and the Broncos, but the Broncos' lead was too big for the Cowboys to close, ending the third quarter with a score of 53-22.


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The fourth quarter saw the Cowboys continuing their momentum, tying their previous quarter high of 11 points, but the Broncos' lead still was too wide to close, and the game ended with a final score of 61-33, signaling another hard loss for the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys.

CK senior Cash Cooper (3) led the Cowboys in scoring with 12 total points. Cooper also grabbed the most rebounds at 11, and he added one steal. CK sophomore Teagen Fish (2) followed Cooper in scoring with seven points, four total rebounds, one steal. CK senior Blake Lancaster rounded out the Cowboy output with six points, two rebounds and one steal.

This loss will motivate the Cowboys, while they will continue showcasing their humble nature, as they take these difficult losses with pride. The Cowboys are facing their next opponents, the Mullen Broncos, on Friday, December 19th at the CK Coral in the Crown Jewel of the Sandhills, Cody, Nebraska.

Stuart Lady Broncos defeat Cowgirls

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On Saturday, December 13th, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls hit the road to continue their undefeated campaign at their next game in Stuart, Nebraska, as they faced off against the Lady Broncos on their very own home turf in Holt County.

In the first quarter, the Lady Broncos started the fight with a strong hit, when Paityn Shefflied (2) scored the first out of 10 straight points for the Lady Broncos, forcing the Cowgirls to play catch up from the opening tip. The Cowgirl's scored a total of 3 points, thus ending the first quarter with a score of 3-10.

Unfortunately, the second quarter was not in the Cowgirls' favor, either. Scoring four points was not enough for the Cowgirls to put a dent in the Lady Broncos' lead before halftime; however, the Cowgirls did not allow the Stuart Lady Broncos to intimidate them. The second quarter ended with a total score of 7-23.



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The halftime break gave the Cowgirls just enough time to rest up and get themselves back into the game. The Cowgirls were able to make beneficial plays, thanks to CK senior Rachel Farley (10), for netting eight points. The Lady Broncos, however, were rested and ready as well, and they answered the Cody-Kilgore rally with 24 points, ending the third quarter with a score of 47-15.

As the fourth and final quarter began, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls were beginning to feel the Lady Broncos' kick. With only four players left on the court after Aubryanna Schmidt (23) took a hard fall, the Cowgirl's had no choice but to keep fighting. And fight they did. The Cowgirl's tied their previous quarter high score of eight points, managing to break through the tough of the Lady Broncos defense; however, the Stuart proved too much for the Cowgirls as they added 14 points, effectively ending the game 60-23.

Next up for Cody-Kilgore, the Cowgirls' will play host to the Mullen Broncos on Friday, December 19th at the CK Coral.