Mullen Broncos outlast Cowboys 57-47

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On December 19, 2025, the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys hosted the Mullen Broncos in Cody, Nebraska. The game featured a perfect blend of sloppy passing that translated to too many turnovers, which spelled doom for the Cowboys. In the end the Cowboys suffered defeat to the Broncos 57-47.

During the first quarter of action, the Cowboys kept it close, but the disjointed nature of the game resulted in few offensive possessions for either team. By the end of the quarter, the Broncos held the advantage by three points as the Cowboys trailed 9-6.

By the second quarter, both teams settled into the game and began scoring points as the pace of the play increased. Although Mullen held the advantage throughout the game, the Cowboys kept pace. By halftime, the Broncos led by seven, 28-21.

Coming out of half time, the Cowboys sought to pick away at the Mullen lead, but the pesky Broncos held firm. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Cowboys still trailed by seven points, 41-34.

In the final period of action, the Broncos padded their growing lead, and the Cowboys ran out of time to respond. In the end, Mullen snatched an early Christmas gift from the Cowboys as they cruised into winter vacation victorious 57-47.

Individual highlights for the Cowboys include:

CK senior Hesston Fay (24) led all Cowboys in scoring with 18 points, while grabbing seven defensive rebounds, and snatching seven steals.



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CK senior Cash Cooper (3) added 14 points, 12 rebounds, four steals, and two assists. CK sophomore Teagan Fish (2) scored 11 points, hauled in four rebounds, and pocketed two steals.

Up next, the Cowboys will play in the Brady Holiday Tournament to start the new year, and play host to the Hay Springs Hawks in a Highway 20 showdown slated for Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the Crown Jewel of the Sandhills, Cody, Nebraska.

Cowgirls fall to Mullen Broncos 45-21

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The Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls played host to the Mullen Broncos for some Holiday Hoops prior to winter break. Unfortunately for the Cowgirls, the Lady Broncos galloped away victorious 45-21. From the jump, the Lady Broncos defined the tone of the game. The Cowgirls had difficulty establishing offensive rhythm, while the Lady Broncos capitalized on Cody-Kilgore en route to a dominant win.

By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Broncos led the Cowgirls 11-5, and continued to pad the lead for the remainder er of the game. At halftime, Mullen led Cody-Kilgore 28-8. In the third quarter, though the Lady Broncos maintained a firm lead, the Cowgirls showed some life offensively by scoring nine points to push their total to 17 points. Unfortunately, the Lady Broncos doubled Cody-Kilgore's effort, which resulted in a commanding 20-point lead heading into the final period of action.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Broncos, satisfied with a comfortable lead, set the cruise control to victory. As substitutes made entry into the contest, Mullen's scoring flurry began to wane. Another eight points by Mullen doubled up the four points scored by the Cowgirls to end the contest in a 45-21 Lady Bronco victory.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley (10) led all Cowgirls scoring with eight



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points. Farley also added seven rebounds, and five steals. CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft (2) scored five points, and added three rebounds, while fellow sophomore Mikena Sterkel (1) netted four points, eight rebounds, and three steals.

Up next, the Cowgirls will ring in the new year by participating in the Brady Holiday Tournament, before hosting the Hay Springs Lady Hawks on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Cowboys defeat Hay Springs Hawks

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The Cody-Kilgore Cowboys rang in the new year with a thrilling come-from-behind victory over the Hay Springs Hawks, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Cody, Nebraska. Prior to the Hay Springs game, the Cowboys participated in the Brady Holiday Tournament, where the Cowboys lost to the Anselmo-Merna Coyotes 60-40 during the opening round, but rebounded in a victory over the Brady Eagles, 57-42. Cody-Kilgore parlayed the momentum gained during the holiday tournament to defeat the Hay Springs Hawks 39-36.

From the start, the game proved to be a defensive struggle, which resulted in both teams committing what seemed like an endless deluge of personal fouls. At the end of the first quarter, the Hawks led by one point, 7-6.

In the second quarter, both teams traded scores, but the contest remained a one-score affair. By halftime, Hay Springs led 19-16, after a mystifying call reversed a last second shot by CK sophomore Teagan Fish (2).

The third quarter played out in similar fashion to the previous periods. The Hawks continued to score, but the Cowboys kept pace, always keeping the game to a one-score possession. At the end of the quarter, the Cowboys trailed the Hawks by three 29-27.

During the fourth quarter, the Cowboys stormed into the lead and did not look back. The final two minutes of the game proved pivotal for the Cowboys, as they took the lead and played with a ferocious defensive tenacity the resulted in a coveted victory over Hay Springs, 39-36.



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Individual Cowboys highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay led the Cowboys in scoring with 17 points. Fay also added six rebounds, two assists, and two steals. CK sophomore Teagan Fish added seven points, and 10 rebounds, while CK senior Cash Cooper totaled six points, four rebounds, and two steals.

Up next, the Cowboys will host the North Central Knights on Friday, January 9, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Hay Springs Lady Hawks defeat Cowgirls

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Despite having a small squad of six girls this year, the Cowgirls held their own against bigger schools at the Brady Holiday Tournament held January 3-4, 2026. During the first round, the Cowgirls lost to Anselmo-Merna 56-42. In the second round, the Cowgirls fell to Hitchcock County 50-35.

The following week, the Cowgirls hosted the Hay Springs Lady Hawks on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska. Cody-Kilgore kept the game close late into the contest, but eventually the Lady Hawks pulled away by 10 points in the fourth quarter en route to a 56-46 victory over the Cowgirls. In the loss, the Cowgirls showed moxie as they kept the game close and made the Lady Hawks earn the victory.

In the first quarter, both teams exchanged scores resulting in a one-point Lady Hawk lead, 13-12. By the second quarter, the Lady Hawks were able to separate from the Cowgirls by building a seven point lead by halftime, 31-24.

During the third quarter, the Cowgirls chipped away at the Lady Hawk lead, and they eventually pulled within four points trailing 42-38 heading into the fourth quarter. In the final period of action, the Lady Hawks were able to hold off the surging Cowgirls. Eventually, Hay Springs extended the lead to 10 points after CK senior Rachel Farley (10) fouled out of the game, resulting in a Lady Hawk victory with the final score 56-46.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:



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CK senior Rachel Farley led all Cowgirls in scoring with 16 points, while adding eight rebounds, six steals, and three assists. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel added 15 points, with 12 rebounds, three assists, two blocks, and two steals. CK senior Kayleigh Ravenscroft scored eight points and added three rebounds and one assist.

Up next, the Cowgirls will host the North Central Knights on Friday, January 9, 2026 in Cody, Nebraska.

Knights survive, defeat Cowboys 48-42

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On Friday, January 9, the Cowboys hosted North Central in a night out in the hills. Unfortunately for the Cowboys, the Knights came prepared for the date and took advantage of Cody-Kilgore's miscues to come away victorious 48-42.

In the first quarter, North Central stormed to an early lead, but the Cowboys responded, which foreshadowed what would become a tight contest. By the end of the period, the Knights led by one point 10-9.

The second quarter of action mirrored the first period. Both teams traded points and turnovers, so no team was able to fully pull away with a definitive lead. Despite the Cowboys playing with tenacity, the Knights still held a one point advantage headed into halftime 20-19.

At the start of the third quarter, both teams continued to assert dominance, so the close nature of the game meant each possession came at a premium. Any momentum the Knights built, the Cowboys would effectively answer. Through three quarters of play, it was still a one-score game, with the Knights leading 33-32.

During the fourth quarter, turnovers and foul issues began to plague the Cowboys. As a result, the Knights were able to build a lead that weathered a frantic Cowboy comeback late in the game. In the end, the Knights were victorious 48-42.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay led all Cowboy scorers with 22 points. Defensively, Fay also collected six rebounds, amassed three steals, and added one block. CK freshman Bentley Ford scored seven points, and accounted for 10 rebounds, and two assists. CK sophomore Luke Cooper netted four points, and totaled three rebounds, one steal and one block.

Up next, the Cowboys will hit the road west to face the Banner County Wildcats in Harrisburg, Nebraska on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Lady Knights too much for Cowgirls

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Coming off a close loss to the Hay Springs Lady Hawks, any hope the Cowgirls had of getting right against North Central ended when the Lady Knights took the opening tipoff. From the start, the Cowgirls ran into a North Central buzz saw that ended in a dominating 61-35 victory for the Lady Knights.

Early in the first quarter, the Lady Knights set the tone by taking an early lead, but the Cowgirls kept it close, for the time being. By the end of the first quarter, North Central's ability to exploit Cody-Kilgore's smaller roster proved an early indicator of the eventual outcome. By the end of the quarter, the Cowgirls vigilant defensive effort began to wear on the team. North Central's effective and efficient substitutions resulted in a nine point lead with the Lady Knights in front 22-13.

In the second quarter, the Lady Knights unleashed a flurry of points that ballooned North Central's lead to 25 points. The Cowgirls had a difficult time establishing offensive rhythm as they were under constant duress from North Central's relentless defensive press. By halftime, the Lady Knights led 44-19.

In the second half of action, the Lady Knights continued to substitute, while the Cowgirls struggled to chip away at North Central's commanding lead. Content to play defense and rely on support from the bench, the Lady Knights ended the third quarter with a 52-25 lead.

The Cowgirls did not quit. In fact, they outscored the Lady Knights in the fourth quarter by one point, but by that time, it was too little, too late for the Cowgirls as the Lady Knights won the game 61-35.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley and sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft both tallied 13 points. Farely also added seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals. L. Ravenscroft recorded two rebounds, two assists, and two steals. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel scored five points, and added eight rebounds, three assists, and six steals.

Up Next, the Cowgirls will travel to Harrisburg, Nebraska to face the Banner County Lady Wildcats on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Banner day for Cowboys against Wildcats

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On Saturday, January 10, the Cowboys made the trip out west to Harrisburg, Nebraska to take on the Banner County Wildcats. The long trip proved to be a banner day for the Cowboys as they defeated the Wildcats in definitive fashion 59-11.

The Cowboys knew that they had to break out early this game, and break out they did. The Cowboys' offense had the Wildcats scrambling to defend them and Cody-Kilgore's signature "Chaos" offense had even the best Wildcat defender on their toes. The Cowboys worked for an early lead of 11 points, making the Wildcats think twice about their competitors. The first quarter ended with a score of 15-4 in the Cowboys' favor.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys slammed the door on the Wildcats as Cody-Kilgore piled 27 points on Banner County, which essentially put the game away for the Cowboys. By halftime, Cody-Kilgore cruised to a 42-8 lead.

During the third quarter, the Cowboys worked in some substitutions, but maintained defensive intensity by shutting out the Wildcats in the period. By the end of the third quarter, the Cowboys set the cruise control to victory with a 51-8 lead.

The fourth quarter allowed the Cowboys to continue to substitute, which continued to wear down the young and outnumbered Wildcats. In the end, the Cowboys added eight points en route to a dominating 59-11 victory.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Hesston Fay, who led all Cowboy scoring with 17 points. Fay also added three rebounds, three assists, and five steals. CK senior Cash Cooper and sophomore Teagan Fish both scored 10 points. Cooper totaled four rebounds, with one assist and five steals. Fish added four rebounds, four assists, and six steals. CK freshman Bentley Ford totaled eight points, with five rebounds, one assist, and two steals.



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Up next, the Cowboys will travel to the Heart City to face the Top-10 ranked (C2) Valentine Badgers on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in Valentine, Nebraska.

Cowgirls defeat Banner County 54-22

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The Cowgirls took advantage of a scenic trip west to Harrisburg, Nebraska to chalk up a 54-22 victory over the Banner County Lady Wildcats.

After a sluggish start to the new year, the Cowgirls did waste any time taking the lead and controlling the game against Banner County. In the first quarter, Cody-Kilgore surged to a 12-point lead and never looked back. By the end of the first quarter, the Cowgirls led 16-4.

The Cowgirl scoring machine continued into the second quarter as Cody-Kilgore piled on 17 more points to take a commanding 24-point lead into halftime up 33-9.

A brief Cowgirl scoring lull in the third quarter resulted in the Wildcats developing some momentum, which resulted in Banner County outscoring Cody-Kilgore by four points, but by the end of the third, the Cowgirls maintained the overall lead 38-18.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowgirls removed any doubt about a Wildcat comeback by adding 16 points, to extend Cody-Kilgore's lead to 32 points over the Wildcats. In the end, the Cowgirls defeated Banner County 54-22.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft led all Cowgirls in scoring with 16 points. Ravenscroft added seven rebounds, three assists, two steals, and two blocks. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel totaled 14 points, with 8 steals, four rebounds, and three assists. CK senior Rachel Farley added 10 points, five rebounds, five assists, and seven steals. CK sophomore Aubryanna Schmit scored eight points and added 13 rebounds and one steal.



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Up next, the Cowgirls will face the Valentine Badgers on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in Valentine, Nebraska.

Valentine Badgers Cowboys 81-26

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On Tuesday, January 13, the Cowboys made the trip east to Valentine, Nebraska to take on the ninth-ranked (OWH) Badgers in the Heart City. The Badgers presented a tall order for the Cowboys and the Valentine squad was as advertised in their impressive 81-26 win over the Cowboys.

From the tipoff, the Badgers asserted their dominance amassing a 27-point lead in the first quarter in what would quickly become a blowout against the over-matched Cowboy Five. By the end of the first quarter, the Badger led 32-5.

In the second quarter, the Badgers kept the pressure on Cody-Kilgore by raining down 30 more points on the beleaguered Cowboys to lead 62-16. At halftime, the Badger lead swelled to 46 points, triggering the running clock rule for the second half of the game.

The scoring cooled considerably in the third quarter as the Badgers began substituting reserves, while the Cowboys struggled to develop any kind of momentum. With the game in hand, the Badgers ended the third period of play up 70-20.

A truncated fourth quarter ended with a whimper as the Badgers vanquished the Cowboys 81-26.

Individual Badger highlights include:

VHS junior Dominic Beebout led all Badgers in scoring with 21 points. D. Beebout also added seven assists, two rebounds, two steals, and one block. VHS senior Isaac Cronin totaled 15 points, with nine rebounds, three steals, and two assists. VHS junior Trystan Beebout added 13 points, with two assists, one steal, one rebound, and one block.

Individual Cowboy highlights include:

CK senior Kaden McNare led all Cowboys in scoring with 10 points. McNare also added four rebounds and one steal. CK senior Hesston Fay totaled eight points, four steals, and two rebounds. CK freshman Bentley Ford netted four points and one rebound. CK sophomore Teagan Fish tallied three points, three rebounds, and one steal.



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Up next, the Cowboys will travel west on U.S. 20 to Sheridan County to face the Gordon-Rushville Mustangs on Saturday, January 17, 2026, in Gordon, Nebraska.

Cowgirls fall to Valentine Badgers 57-31

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On Tuesday, January 13, the Cody-Kilgore Cowgirls made the trip to the 'Big City' to tipoff against the Lady Badgers in Valentine, Nebraska. The Cowgirl Five played with heart but their effort fell short against the Lady Badgers as Valentine defeated Cody-Kilgore 57-31.

The Lady Badgers applied fierce defensive pressure throughout the game, but the Cowgirls turned in a gritty performance against a much larger roster.

During the first quarter, the Cowgirls kept pace with the Lady Badgers, and by the end of the period, trailed by one point 10-9. Any sense of a close game evaporated when the Lady Badgers shut out the Cowgirls in the second quarter, while adding 20 points to Valentine's overall score by taking a 21-point lead into halftime up 30-9.

The Cowgirls broke their scoring draught in the third quarter by notching eight points, but at that point, the damage had been done as the Lady Badgers continued to pad their lead. Going into the final period of play, the Lady Badgers led 40-17.

Despite relentless Lady Badger pressure, the Cowgirls managed to score 14 points on Valentine, which demonstrated Cody-Kilgore's resolve to continue fighthing, regardless of the outcome. In the end, the Lady Badgers defeated the Cowgirls 57-31.

Individual Cowgirl highlights include:

CK senior Rachel Farley and Sophomore Aubryanna Schmit led all Cowgirls in scoring with 8 points. Schmit added 15 rebounds, and three steals. Farley totaled nine rebounds, five blocks, and four steals. CK sophomore Mikena Sterkel totaled seven points, with five rebounds, three steals, and two assists. CK sophomore Lilly Ravenscroft tallied six points, six rebounds, two steals, one assist, and one block.



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Up next, the Cowgirls will face the Gordon-Rushville Lady Mustangs on Saturday, January 17, 2026, in Gordon, Nebraska.