

# ON TAP

## GAMES THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY, DEC. 13

BASKETBALL: Roundball Classic – TBA, all games at either GCHS or GCCC; Keady Classic at Larned – TBA, Holcomb girls/boys; 2 p.m.,

GCCC women at Barton Co.; 4 p.m., GCCC men at Barton Co. WRESTLING: TBA, GCHS boys at Enid, Okla., Invite; TBA, GCHS girls at Cashe, Okla., Invite; 9 a.m., Holcomb girls at Great Bend Invite; 9:30 a.m., Holcomb boys at Ulysses Invite.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 16

SWIMMING: GCHS boys at Hutchinson Invite.

BASKETBALL: 6 P.M., Holcomb girls at Colby; 7:30 p.m., Holcomb boys at Colby.

## GCHS boys fall to Lawrence-Free State in Roundball opener

BY GCHS ATHLETICS

It wasn't the homecoming that Garden City High School High School boys' Coach Luke Swedberg was hoping for after his team came back from a three-day trek to Colorado Springs with a 2-1 record and a mini, 2-game winning streak.

Thursday's opening night of the Roundball Classic at The Garden proved that home court wasn't much of a home court for the Buffs, who were sluggish at the outset, gathered some steam in the second quarter only to run into a final buzz-saw from the Lawrence-Free State Firebirds that resulted in a 52-41 loss.

The setback, which evened the Buffs at 2-2 pushed them into the consolation bracket for Friday where they faced Tonganoxie, a 71-61 victim at Scott City Thursday night.

The other half of the bracket for Friday sent Ottawa against Hugoton at Garden City Community College's Perryman Athletic Complex. Ottawa rolled by Lakin 64-35 while Hugoton outscored Coronado, Colo., 76-62. The Lakin-Coronado game was at GCCC.

When the Buffs and Firebirds opened play, the first quarter looked as the Buffs were playing closer to the North Pole



Garden City High School's Kobe Rosales, left, goes up for a basket past Lawrence Free State's Brenden Barrett Thursday in an opening round game of the Roundball Classic at GCHS. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

as they could not buy a basket. Fortunately, the Buffs' defense was just good enough to keep the 'Birds from taking off, and trailed just 10-2 at the end of the period.

Daniel Monarrez kept the Buffs from getting skunked when he made a short-range jumper with 0:05 left in the quarter. Things didn't get any brighter for the Buffs at the start of the second, eventually trailing 21-6.

However, the Buffs righted the ship and scored the final 10 points of the second quarter with the run including two layups

from sophomore Kobe Rosales, a 3-pointer from senior Jesse Longa and then a trey from Rosales with 0:09 left on the clock. That made it 21-16 at the break.

"I actually thought we came out with some intensity on defense to start the game, but we couldn't match that on offense," Swedberg said. "It was more of us being indecisive on what do."

At the outset of the third quarter, Rosales scored to cut the deficit to three, 21-18, but from there the Firebirds went on a 12-4 run to take a 33-22 lead into the fourth quarter.

"I think their length caused us a lot of problems with handling the ball," Swedberg said of Free State. "They did a nice job of shrinking the floor. They were able to get enough easy ones around the rim."

The Firebirds built their lead to as many as 17, 47-30, 49-32 and 51-34 before the Buffs closed out with a 7-1 surge to finish down by 11.

"When you're down 8-0 to start, it's hard to make the big comeback to get even," Swedberg said. "I thought the fact we were only down by five at halftime was a good sign. In the third, we got

a few stops but would just turn it over."

The Buffs played without sophomore starting guard Mackay Hemmer, who Swedberg said was dealing with an undisclosed ailment. His status for the remainder of the tournament was uncertain, the coach said.

Rosales and Monarrez shouldered the bulk of the scoring for the Buffs, each finishing with 14 points. The Buffs had no answer in the second half for the Firebirds' Bennett Nagel. The forward scored 19 of his game-high 21 points in the final 16 minutes. Jackson McDaniel

added 11.

If the Buffs defeated Tonganoxie on Friday, they would play for fifth place on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at GCCC. A loss drops them into the seventh place game at 12:30 p.m., also at GCCC.

### LAWRENCE-FREE STATE 52, GARDEN CITY 41

LAWRENCE-FREE STATE (0-1) 10; 11; 12; 19; - 52

GARDEN CITY (2-1) 2;

14; 6; 19; - 41

Lawrence-Free State (52) – McDaniel 5 1-2 11, Prescott 4 0-1 8, Barrett 3 2-2 9, Nagel 8 5-6 21, De Bruin 1 0-0 3. Totals 21 8-11 52.

Garden City (41) – Rosales 5 2-4 14, Walter 1 4-4 6, Monarrez 4 5-6 14, Longa 1 0-0 3, B. Jagels 1 0-0 2, Strecker 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 11-14 41.

3-point goals—

Lawrence-Free State 2

(Barrett 1, De Bruin 1);

Garden City 4 (Rosales 2, Monarrez 1, Longa 1).

Fouls—Lawrence-Free State 10, Garden City 11. Fouled out—

Garden City (Strecker).

Technical Fouls—

Lawrence-Free State (Prescott).

### QUARTERFINAL SCORES

Thursday, Dec. 11

(At Home of SWKS Schools)

Lawrence-Free State 52, Garden City 41

Scott City 71,

Tonganoxie 61

Ottawa 64 Lakin 35

Hugoton 76,

Coronado, Colo. 62

## GIRLS

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the closing minute, Free State had kept the deficit to under 15 thanks in part of Fulscher's two 3-pointers.

"Our balanced attack makes it hard to guard," Snodgrass said. "I thought Free State got some threes down, and then we made some good adjustments on defense as a unit."

In those early minutes of the first quarter, Snodgrass said the girls had trouble grabbing passes.

"It was almost like butter fingers," she said. "But the girls



Garden City High School's Myah Korf, right, battles for control of a loose ball with Lawrence Free State's Taylor Hulcher Thursday at GCHS during an opening round game of the Roundball Classic. BRAD NADING/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

persevered and things improved after that."

The Buffs once

again had three players in double figures with Hannagan leading the way with her

21 points, all coming from three-pointers of the deep style. Livi Meng and Korf contributed 11 points apiece.

For Free State, the Firebirds got 13 points from McClarey and 12 from Fulscher.

"It's great to have a deep bench because it gives us flexibility and we can manage minutes for the girls," Snodgrass said. "We got some great help off the bench from Erin (Finch) and Sophie (Doll). Erin gave us a spark early on and Sophie is a solid post rebounder."

**GARDEN CITY 60, LAWRENCE-FREE STATE 42**

LAWRENCE-FREE STATE (1-0) 11; 7; 14; 10; - 42

GARDEN CITY (3-0) 11; 13; 18; 18; - 60

Lawrence-Free

State (42) – Fulscher

4 0-0 12, Grooms 1 0-0

3, Vail 2 1-2 6, Hulcher

1 3-4 6, Preston 0 2-4

2, McClarey 4 5-6 13.

Totals 12 11-16 42.

Garden City (60) –

Powers 0 2-2 2, Finch 3

0-0 7, Hannagan 7 0-0

21, Meng 4 3-4 11, Korf

4 2-2 11, Snodgrass 4

0-0 8. Totals 22 7-8 60.

3-point goals—

Lawrence-Free State

7 (Fulscher 4, Grooms

1, Vail 1, Hulcher 1); Garden City 9 (Hannagan 7, Finch 1, Korf 1). Fouls—

Lawrence-Free State 12, Garden City 19.

Fouled out—None.

### GIRLS' QUARTERFINAL SCORES

Thursday, Dec. 11

(At Home Sites of SWKS Schools)

Garden City 60,

Lawrence-Free State 42

Tonganoxie 56,

Scott City 45

Ottawa 62, Lakin 40

Hugoton 69,

Coronado, Colo. 14

### INVITATION TO BID

#### Project: Commercial Restroom Renovation

The Hamilton County Fair Board is accepting sealed bids for the renovation of existing commercial restrooms and the construction of an additional restroom at the Fair Building, located at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Syracuse, Kansas. This project will include a complete renovation of the current restroom facilities and the addition of new restroom space to improve accessibility, capacity, and overall functionality.

#### Scope of Work

The work will consist of, but is not limited to:

- Demolition and removal of existing restroom fixtures, finishes, and materials as necessary.

- Construction and renovation of restroom areas, including concrete walls, ceilings, and all necessary plumbing and electrical connections.

- Installation of restroom utilities and fixtures.

- Fixtures will be basic and economical, chosen for functionality and cost-efficiency.

- Sinks will be two-station hand wash troughs with basic faucets (non-automatic).

- Toilets will be standard manual flush toilets (gravity flush type).

- All materials and finishes will be the most budget-friendly options available that still meet required standards for safety, durability, and code compliance.

- All work must comply with local building codes, health and safety regulations, and ADA accessibility requirements.

#### Bid Submission

All sealed bids must be submitted by 10:00 AM (MST) on January 13, 2026.

Bid specifications and detailed project information may be picked up in person at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in the brick 4-H Building, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

For questions or to request documents electronically, please contact the Fair Board Office: (620) 384-5433 x fairbrd@pid.com.

#### Requirements

- All contractors must be properly licensed and insured.

- Contractors must have experience in commercial construction and renovation projects.

- All work must be performed in compliance with applicable local building codes and ADA accessibility standards.

The Hamilton County Fair Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract in the best interest of the project.

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