

Leader & Times staff report

GARDEN CITY — The Liberal High School boys and girls varsity bowling squads both finished second in a tri-match against Garden City and Holcomb on Tuesday at Garden City Bowl. The boys used a furious comeback to overtake Holcomb, while the girls played solid overall.

The Garden City boys won with 2625, Liberal was second at 2358 and Holcomb third at 2234.

The Garden City girls won with 2142, Liberal was second at 2061 and Holcomb third at 1913.

“The boys made a big comeback after shooting a really poor first game,” Liberal bowling coach Robert Burkey said. “They made some great adjustments and overcame a 70-pin deficit to Holcomb and beat them by 100.”

Liberal bowled a total of 675 in the first game with Jared Hall’s 181 leading the way. But in the second game, Liberal bowled an 834, led by Adrian Amado’s 232.

The Redskins were even better in the third and final game, bowling 849, led by Jared Hall’s 234.

“The varsity bowled at Garden City Bowl, which is Holcomb’s home house,” Burkey said. “The big first game by Garden and the poor first game by Liberal was too much for them to come back from. They did improve each game, which is a real good sign.”

Jeff Minor bowled 170-171-203; Sytan Sandell 139-201-221; Hunter Sandell 162-180-132;

Adrian Amado 162-232-187; Hunter Rinehart 145-164-201, and Jared Hall 181-221-224.

The Lady Redskins bowled well in the first two games, “But got out-done by a big third game by the Garden girls,” Burkey said. “It was tight, but the Garden girls shot their best game when our girls bowled their worst.”

Liberal was led by Kylie Jennings, who bowled 216-190-160; Kimberly Vanley bowled 194-173-151; Erica Fowler 183-165-175; Katie Jennings 125-155-129; Jessica Fowler 144-141-129, and Madison Butler 135-140-155.

Two girls bowled for the Liberal JV. Summer Stimpson bowled 83-125-116, and Rachell Denoyer 64-44-35.

The LHS boys JV finished second with a team total of 1887. Garden City finished first with 2103, and Holcomb third at 1473.

Esteban Michel bowled 120-126-101; Joe Cotto 131-124-161; Alez Merklin 151-139-142; Micah McLane 135-122-107; Lucas Pulton 223-147-158 and Dakin Baier 174-146-191.

Liberal travels to Maize on Saturday and will host a tournament at Ayr Lanes in Liberal on Tuesday beginning at 8 a.m.