

Cowboys suffer loss

By Sharon Corcoran
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The Goodland Cowboys suffered their second loss of the season at the hands of the Holcomb Longhorns, with a score of 21-0 Friday in a game of offensive frustration.

The team didn't get anything going on its first drive, Coach Chris Walters said, and on the second drive dropped a pass in the end zone that would have been a touchdown.

The Cowboys had good field position in the second half, the coach said, but didn't score. The team has a good enough defense to win, he said, but needs to work on offense to have any success.

The offense isn't really deep, he said, and when tight end Donald Raymer was injured, there was no one who could really replace him.

His absence in the second half of the game was definitely a factor, the coach said.

"He's the one guy playing that position," Walters said, "and we need to have someone else available. It doesn't look good for him to play in the next game."

The Cowboys travel to St. Francis to face the Class AA Indians at 6:30 p.m. Friday. They're a big physical team,

Walters said, one of the biggest in the state, despite the small size of the school.

"We will need to stop the run against St. Francis," he said, "as they had almost 400 yards rushing against us last year."

The Cowboys put forth a good effort Friday against the Longhorns but just was not able to get off the ground offensively, the coach said.

Despite several good catches by Raymer in the first quarter, one of them a one-handed catch, and good offensive plays by Jared Doke and Sean Greenlee and achieving several first downs, the Cowboys failed to score.

That was OK for a while, because Holcomb hadn't scored either, and the Longhorns turned the ball over to the Cowboys on downs to start the second quarter.

But the second quarter was no better for the Cowboys.

Doke and Greenlee led the offense and had help from Andrew Melia, but the Cowboys didn't score while the Longhorns scored two touchdowns, making the score 14-0 at the half.

Raymer suffered a knee injury in the second quarter and was not able to play the second half.

Goodland had the only first down of

the third quarter but still did not score. After Holcomb got off to a good start on the kick-off return, the Cowboy defense held them and got the ball on downs. But the Longhorn defense kept the Cowboys from advancing to the end zone.

Goodland ended the third quarter with the ball in their possession but were unable to advance with it in the fourth and had to punt. Holcomb promptly fumbled which the Cowboys recovered, but gave the ball up on downs.

The Cowboy defense held the Longhorns back and forced them to punt again, giving Goodland another shot. But the Cowboys again gave the ball up on downs.

Holcomb had only two first downs in the fourth quarter, their only two in the second half, but it was enough for the Longhorns to tack on another touchdown with only three minutes to go in the game, making the final score 21-0.

Greenlee led the Cowboys in rushing with 26 attempts for a gain of 118 yards and Doke threw 26 passes and had seven completions for 110 yards.

David Russell recovered two fumbles for the Cowboys and Brandon Nemecheck recovered one.

Goodland short on runners

By Tom Betz
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Five Cowboys and one Cowgirl attended the Wamego Invitational on Saturday for the second cross country meet of the season.

Coach Don Smith said the Wamego meet would be one of the toughest they would see, with many of the state's top teams competing.

"We knew it was going to be a tough meet," Smith said, "and we do not have all of our best runners because of ...

scheduling conflicts."

The Wamego meet was won by Baldwin on the boys side and Andover on the girls side. The Goodland boys finished 20th while there were not enough Cowgirls to receive a team score.

The lone Cowgirl runner was Wendy Keith, who finished 87th out of 113 with a time of 15:36, in the girls 3,200-meter run.

For the Cowboys, the top runner was Speedy Aguilar, who finished 31st out

of 147 with a time of 18:15 in the boys 5,000-meter run. Timothy Kafka was 96th with a time of 19:43; Daniel Blake was 124th, 20:37; Jordan Zweygardt was 129th, 20:46; and Shawn Weber was 130th, 20:46.

Thursday, the teams travel to Oakley for a meet beginning at 3 p.m. Smith said he hopes to have more of the team ready for the next meet, but admits with the smaller squad, it is not going to be an easy season for the Goodland runners.

Broncos face Giants in first game

DENVER (AP) — From the NFL office to the know-it-all media, the New York Giants feel their recent achievements have gone unappreciated.

Start with Monday night's season-opener in Denver.

When the 2001 schedule arrived last spring, the NFC champions learned they would begin the season against the Broncos — a playoff team opening its

new \$400 million stadium in front of a national audience.

"There were a lot of guys that came up to me in the league at different times and said, 'They are going to test you off the bat because you have to go to Denver,'" Giants coach Jim Fassel said. "My biggest concern is that we've got to be ready to go right out of the blocks."

Fassel will find out when the Giants

and Broncos play the first regular-season game at Invesco Field at Mile High.

Both teams enjoyed success in 2000, with New York (12-4) advancing to the Super Bowl and Denver (11-5) returning to the playoffs after a one-year hiatus. While the Broncos have been mentioned as possible title contenders this year, the Giants perceive themselves as underdogs again.

Bonds hits three homers to beat Rockies

DENVER (AP) — At age 37, Barry Bonds just keeps getting better, and no one seems more surprised than Bonds himself.

Bonds hit three home runs Sunday, giving him 63 for the season to pass Roger Maris' once-magical mark and move him closer to Mark McGwire's record of 70.

Bonds' third homer was a three-run shot in the 11th inning that helped lift the San Francisco Giants over the Colorado Rockies 9-4. J.T. Snow broke a 4-4 tie with a two-run homer earlier in the inning.

"I've been in disbelief over a lot of things I've done this year," Bonds ad-

mitted. "Everything is unreal. That was fun today, but not as much fun as J.T. winning it for us."

Asked about his chances of breaking McGwire's record, Bonds said, "I don't really think about that. We're trying to win. I'll take what I've got right now."

After his third homer, Bonds got his first curtain call on the road this season. Rockies fans, many of whom booed him earlier in the series, gave Bonds a standing ovation, and he emerged from the dugout to acknowledge the cheers.

Several of Bonds' teammates also assembled around home plate to congratulate him after No. 63, and man-

ager Dusty Baker later insisted that reports of coolness between Bonds and his teammates are untrue.

He's down!



Lucas Moore, No. 72, made a tackle for Brewster Friday against Jennings. Despite good defensive plays, the Bulldogs lost 40-20 at home.
Photo by Jay Kelley/The Colby Free Press

Chiefs lose opener to rivals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The credit for the Oakland Raiders' three-game winning streak in Kansas City lies as much with their kickers as with quarterback Rich Gannon.

Gannon, labeled a career backup during his four seasons with Kansas City, won for the fourth time in five games against his former team, rallying the Raiders to a 27-24 victory over the Chiefs on Sunday.

The Raiders' latest win in Arrowhead Stadium mirrored their last three, as a kicker delivered the decisive blow.

Sebastian Janikowski's fourth field goal of the game, a 31-yarder with 15 seconds remaining, sealed the win for the Raiders. He booted a 43-yarder in

the final minute to beat the Chiefs last season, and Joe Nedney hit a 33-yarder in overtime in 1999.

But it was the heroics of Gannon, who rallied Oakland from 10 points down in the final 3:10.

"He always does that," Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez said. "That's his style."

Gannon overcame two fumbles and an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

Gannon's first pass to new Oakland teammate Jerry Rice was intercepted by Eric Warfield, who returned it 51 yards for a touchdown. But in true Gannon style, he kept scrambling out of trouble and made big plays when big

plays were needed.

Gannon gave the Raiders a 24-17 lead with 3:10 left on a 15-yard TD pass to Jon Ritchie.

Then, after Trent Green's 30-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Minniss tied it at 24, Gannon's 31-yard pass to Tim Brown set up Janikowski's fourth field goal.

"It doesn't matter what happens early on," Chiefs cornerback Ray Crockett said. "We got him to make some turnovers and costly mistakes. But the guy made plays when it counted."

It was not a game the NFL will use to brag about replacement refs. Several times there was confusion, and a controversial reversal near the end of the first half might have cost the Raiders.

bowling results

Wednesday Night Mixed League Week of Sept. 5	
Shear Dimensions tie Kickers 2-2	
Mudslingers over Phantoms 4-0	
Guzzlin Socializers over Goodland Sheetmetal 3-1	
Phillips Brothers over Blossoms 4-0	
Mueller Grain over Gamblers 3-1	
D&G Clan tie Kanorado Coop 2-2	
Men's high game: Phil Helzer-230	
Men's high series: tie Phil Helzer and Harold Gillhan-620	
Women's high game: Elsie Matthews-189	
Women's high series: Tammy Blake-517	
Team high game: Mudslingers-880	
Team high series: Mudslingers-2506	
League Standings: 1. Mueller Grain 7, 1; Guzzlin Socializers 6, 2; 2. and 3. tie Guzzlin Socializers and Kanorado Coop 6, 2; 4., 5., 6. and 7. tie Mudslingers, D&G Clan, Shear Dimensions and Phillips Brothers 5, 3;	
Thursday Night Mixed League Sept. 6	
Team #1 over Team #2 3-1	
Mex & Company over Half Past Four 3 1/2 - 1/2	
The Grannies & The Gramps over Sunwest Investments 3-1	
Weis Oil over Team #8 3-1	
Rain or Shine split with Team #10 2-2	
Women's high game: Diana Nichols-203	
Women's high series: Diana Nichols-586	
Men's high game: Dave Hovis-226	
Men's high series: Dave Hovis-631	
Team high game: Sunwest Investments-868	
Team high series: The Grannies & The Gramps-2406	
League Standings: No. 1 Mex & Company 3 1/2, 1/2; No. 2 The Grannies & The Gramps 3, 1; No. 3 Weis Oil 3, 1.	

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Monday, Sept. 10 – JV-FB with Holcomb, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Golf at TMP, 8 a.m.; BOE Meeting 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 11 – Girls Tennis - Goodland Invitational, 2 p.m.; Girls Golf - Goodland Invitational 2 p.m.; JV & V VB at Leoti Quad, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Central site Council Meeting, 4 p.m.; ASVAB Test (Second Alternate Date).
Thursday, Sept. 13 – Jr. Class Mag. Sales Meeting, 11 a.m.; Girls Tennis at Hays; CC at Oakley, 3 p.m.; 7/8 VB with Atwood, JH Gym 3:30 p.m.; 8th FB with Atwood 3:30 p.m.; 7th FB at Scott City, 4:30 p.m.; JH CC at McCook, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14 – V-FB at St. Francis, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15 – Girls Tennis at Colby, 8 a.m.; VB at Overland, CO, 8 a.m.; 7th FB "B" team with Colby, 9 a.m.
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