

Cowboys take hit from Indians

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Goodland High suffered a painful loss Friday as the St. Francis Indians romped, 22-6, with the Cowboys scoring their only points in the first few seconds.

The team put together a couple of decent drives later in the game but saw their only touchdown called back on a penalty for having 12 men on the field. Another drive ended on a failed fourth-down conversion.

The game kicked off with a bang as senior wide receiver Tanner Smith ran back the opening kickoff 79 yards for a touchdown. The extra point try was no good, and the score stood at 6-0. It would be Goodland's only lead of the night.

The Indians answered with a late-first-quarter touchdown by sophomore running back Trent Raile. Senior quarterback Ted Crabtree took the ball over the line for two points to give the Indians their first lead.

Shade covered the field as the second quarter got under way. St. Francis pulled ahead of the Cowboys 14-6 on another touchdown run by Raile.

Junior quarterback Travis Angelos came out swinging on the next Cowboy possession. A deep pass to sophomore wide receiver Brandon Rome set up a first and goal at the two-yard line. The Cowboys first two attempts failed to produce any points but set up a third down on the two-foot mark. The next play was an incomplete pass off the hands of senior fullback T.J. Hawkins.

On fourth and goal, the play was a run up the middle to Hawkins. The Cowboys scored, the music blaring, and the Goodland fans went crazy. Then a late yellow flag flew near the Head Referee. To the dismay of the Cowboys, the penalty was for too many men on the field. The team was stripped of the touchdown and forced to attempt a 34-yard field goal. The kick was short, and the Indians took over.

As night fell, the stadium lights kicked on and the second half kicked off. The Indians took the kick and scored on their first possession with a 44-yard romp from senior running back David Guthmiller. Raile ran in the two-point conversion to make the score 22-6.

Toward the end of the third quarter, the Cowboys were putting together another comeback. With some incredible runs by junior running back, Fernando Martinez, the boys found themselves on the Indians side of the field looking to score. The Cowboys ended the third quarter with a fourth and one deep in Indian territory.

The stadium filled with suspense as the teams traded ends of the field and the Cowboys looked to keep the



Cowboys junior quarterback Travis Angelos (11 in above photo) threw a pass to junior wide receiver Brandon Rome (3) for a short gain in the first half of a game Friday against St. Francis at Cowboys Stadium. The Cowboys lost 22-6. The bright spot of the game for the Cowboys was a return on the opening kick off for a touchdown by senior Tanner Smith (88 in photo at right).

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drive going. The play failed, though, as Angelos was unable to find Hawkins for a first-down pass.

The Cowboys never gave up and played hard. They did not give up any more points.

"The season is long gentlemen," Coach Jonathan Dansel told the team after the game. "It hurts, and it should; if it doesn't hurt, then what're we doing this for, guys? We need to go out next week and keep rollin'."

The Cowboys face Hoxie on the road at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday.

Tennis girls third

The Cowgirls tennis team placed third at the Ulysses Invitational with one doubles team winning the gold medal, another finishing third for a bronze and a singles player earning a bronze.

Goodland earned 13 points for third at the tournament Thursday. Ulysses won with 21 points, and Garden City was second with 16. Liberal was fourth with nine.

In No. 1 doubles, Kaitlin Fugleberg and Shonna Webster were 3-0, winning the gold. They beat Shore and Horton of Ulysses 6-2, Victor and Brandt of Garden City, 6-1 and Canfield and Limon of Liberal 6-2.

In No. 2 doubles, Kathy Wood and Hidee Lawson of Goodland went 1-2 for third. They beat Barbosa and Workman of Liberal 6-0 and lost to Rose and Barbo of Ulysses 6-4 and to Saucedo and Walz of Garden City 6-3.

In No. 2 singles, Sandra Redlin finished third, beating Young of Liberal 6-4. She lost to Russell of Garden City 6-0 and to Buxman of Ulysses 6-1.

Next action for the team is at 2 p.m. today at the eight-team Goodland Invitational at Steever Park.

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School calendar for September 11 to September 17

Tuesday: Gold Day. 1 p.m. Girls junior varsity golf at 2 p.m. in Ulysses. Varsity and junior varsity volleyball at 3:30 in Goodland Quad. West Site Council meeting at 4 p.m. at West Elementary.
Wednesday: Black Day
Thursday: Gold Day. 2 p.m., Girls junior varsity tennis at Hays High School. 3 p.m., Varsity and junior varsity cross country at Oakley High School. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North. 3:30 p.m., girls varsity and junior varsity volleyball at Norton High School. 4:30 p.m., junior high cross country at McCook High School. 6:15 p.m., parent-football team meal.
Friday: Black Day, 6 p.m., Varsity football at Hoxie High School.
Saturday: 9 a.m., Young Guns football at Cowboy Stadium.
Monday: Noon, Girls varsity tennis at Scott City High School. 2 p.m., girls varsity golf at Colby High School. 2 p.m., girls varsity golf at Russell High School. 4:30 p.m., junior varsity football vs Hoxie High School. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North. 6:30 p.m., Black and Gold Booster Club Meeting in cafeteria.

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