

# Cowboys take control too late, lose

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Goodland High took control of the second half of the game against Scott City on Friday at Cowboys Stadium, but since the team lost the first half, it ended up losing the game, 20-7.

The Scott City Beavers scored a touchdown in the first quarter and two in the second to lead 20-0 at half time. In the second half, the Cowboys blanked the Beavers, but only scored one touchdown to make the final score 20-7.

The Cowboys had two passes intercepted in the first half, with one leading to a Scott City touchdown. The Beavers gave the Cowboys a break in the third quarter, fumbling the kick off to give the Cowboys a chance to score, and they took advantage to make it 20-7.

Four times in the game the Cowboys were inside the Beavers 20, but were unable to convert on fourth down.

The first time was in the second quarter, when the Cowboys' Tanner Smith returned a Scott City punt to the Beavers 45. The Cowboys quarterback Travis Angelos kept the drive alive with a sneak on fourth down to the Beavers 34.

A facemask penalty on Scott City gave the Cowboys a first down at the 19, but on the next three plays the Cowboys only managed to reach the 13. On fourth down, Angelos' pass went through Smith's fingers in the end zone and the Beavers took over.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys had good field position at the Scott City 30. The drive appeared to stall, but on fourth and five, the Cowboys got the Beavers to jump off sides to get a first down at the 22. Again the Cowboys moved to ball inside the Scott City 20, but on fourth and five at the 16, Angelos' pass went through the hands of Brandon Rome in the end zone.

With 11 minutes left in the game, the Cowboys got the ball at their 32. Running back Fernando Martinez got the Cowboys a first down at midfield, and then ran for a first down at the Scott City 37.

Three more carries by Martinez



Cowboys Fernando Martinez (21, on the ground with the football) pushed across the goal line in the third quarter of the game Friday against Scott City while his team members quarterback Travis Angelos (11) and offensive lineman Clay Schilling (77) signaled

touchdown. Offensive linemen Aaron Deeds (60) and Ryan Taylor (65) helped create the hole for the score. The touchdown was the Cowboys only score as they lost 20-7.

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gave the Cowboys a first down at the Scott City 25, and on the next play Martinez carried to the 15 for another first and 10.

Martinez carried on first down to the 12, on second down to the 10 and on third down to the 8. With 7 min-

utes left, the Cowboys took a time out to think about the play. When they came back, Angelos handed off to Martinez, who struggled forward to the 6, a yard short, giving the Beavers the ball.

On the next possession, the Cow-

boys made the Beavers kick and Casey Henderson (44) returned the punt to the Beavers 27.

Again the Cowboys handed the ball to Martinez, who carried for a first down at the Scott City 13. In three tries after that, the Cowboys

only got to the 12. Facing another fourth down with the clock running out, Angelos carried to the 4, but again the Cowboys were a yard short.

Coach Jonathan Dansel told his players they had no reason to hang

their heads with the way they played in the second half. He said the Cowboys played with a renewed heart in the second half and showed what they can do.

"We have something we can build on," he told the team as they gathered on the field after the game. "We found our identity in the second half, and if we play that way for a whole game there is no reason we cannot win."

He had praise for how the defense played and how they had dominated the second half.

"We owned the third quarter," he told the team. "I have praise for the special teams. That is best I have seen since I have been here."

"It was a case of too little, too late but we have no reason to hang our heads. We hung onto the ball and played well."

Looking a bit ahead, Dansel noted that this is Homecoming week, and that the team has to get up for that.

"Scott City was a good team, but I think everyone in the stadium saw we were the better team the second half. We have to get better in the Red Zone. You have to score when you get that close to pay dirt."

"Our Defense gave up about 50 total yards in the second half. There are not very many teams we cannot beat if we play like that for two more quarters of football."

"I am extremely proud of how the offensive line blocked in the second half. We started winning the battle in the trenches the second half and it was night and day from the first half. We just have to come out this week against Hays High and play four quarters of that kind of football and we will come out on top."

"The kids are getting there and the coaching staff is finding out the strengths, and hopefully this week we can build on our second half play from last week. We are getting better every week and hopefully are peaking come district play."

The team faces Hays High at 6 p.m. Friday at home. The Cowboys and Hays both have 1-3 records. Hays won their opener against Marysville 28-21, and has lost to Stilwell-Blue Valley, 12-0; Liberal, 42-7; and to Garden City 17-14 on Friday for their Homecoming game.

## Three Kansas colleges 2-0 in football

The Threshers of Bethel College moved up one spot to No. 20 in this week's Top 25 football poll by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Bethel is one of three teams in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference still undefeated after two weeks of action. Friends University, ranked No. 12 in the poll, and Bethany College are also 2-0.

The number of unbeaten teams will decline by at least one Saturday, as the Falcons of Friends will be in Lindsay to face the Bethany Swedes.

Other conference action on Saturday includes the Threshers facing the visiting Warriors of Sterling College, Ottawa University at the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth and the Bulldogs of McPherson College at Southwestern Col-

lege in Windfield. Sterling, Ottawa and Southwestern are 1-1 while McPherson and St. Mary are 0-2.

Nonconference games Saturday include Oklahoma Panhandle State University facing Tabor College in Hillsboro and Southwestern Assemblies of God University (Texas) taking on Kansas Wesleyan in Salina. Tabor is 0-2 and Wesleyan is 1-1.

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sity of Olathe, a member of the Heart of America Athletic Conference, ranked No. 16 in this week's poll with a 3-1 record.

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- Monday:** Board of Education meeting. 5 p.m., junior varsity football at Scott City. 3:30 p.m., C team volleyball at Colby Volleyball C Triangular. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North Elementary.
- Tuesday:** Gold Day. 4 p.m., junior varsity cross country at Oberlin. 4:30 p.m., varsity, junior varsity and C volleyball at Imperial, Neb. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North Elementary.
- Wednesday:** Black Day. Noon, Red Cross bloodmobile.
- Thursday:** Gold Day. 2 p.m., girls varsity and junior varsity golf at Oakley. 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m., 9th grade football vs Colby. 5 p.m., Goodland Activities Center Flag Football at North Elementary. 6:30 p.m., Homecoming parade, bonfire and pep rally.
- Friday:** Black Day. 6:30 p.m., Homecoming football game against Hay High School.
- Saturday:** 8 a.m., volleyball at Oakley. 8 a.m., girls junior varsity tennis at Colby. 8:30 a.m., girls varsity golf at Lakin. 10 a.m. Young Cowboys football.
- Monday:** No School. 8:30 a.m., Kids for Kansas Solid Waste. 4:30 p.m., junior varsity football vs Hays High School. 4:30 p.m., C team volleyball at Goodland Volleyball "C" Quad.

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