

Cowboys fall to Indians at homecoming

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With a couple of big plays and taking advantage of Cowboys turnovers, the Hays High Indians dampened the homecoming crowd on Friday with a 24-7 win.

The two teams came into the game with similar 1-3 records, and at times both teams seemed bent on giving the game away as each team lost three fumbles and had two passes intercepted.

The Indians had the better of it scoring on two runs of 50 and 48 yards by Jessie Stewart. The third Indian score came on a 13-yard pass from Kenton Rule to Ryan Rounkles with two seconds left in the half to make it 21-0.

The Indians final points came on a 33-yard field goal in the third quarter by Jay Wickham to make it 24-0.

The Cowboys did not give up and after the two teams traded interceptions the Indians fumbled at their 24-yard line and Cowboys Bob Doxon recovered with 5:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Cowboys quarterback Travis An-

gelos passed to Forrest Trachsel for a first down at the Indian 11. It took two tries, but Angelos connected with Brandon Rome in the end zone for the Cowboys touchdown with 4:58 left.

Ren Scherling's point after kick was good, making it 24-7.

At halftime Cowboys Tanner Smith was crowned homecoming King and Amanda Amthor was crowned homecoming Queen.

Cowboys Coach Jonathan Dansel praised his team and told them they have to keep fighting.

"I have faith in you," he said. "The coaches have faith in you and the fans have faith in you. We gave up a couple of big plays, and without them it would have been a different game."

"There will be a lot worse things in life, and we have to step up and face the disappointment. We will have to step it up this week to get ready for the next game."

Dansel and his players gathered in a circle after the game.

"This is the greatest sport in the world," Dansel said, "and we have played it."

Cowboys running back Casey Henderson (44) ran for 18 yards and a first down in the first quarter of the homecoming game on Friday. Henderson had 62 yards in the game plus several kick off and punt returns. The Cowboys lost to Hays High Indians 24-7.

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Goodland comes up short against Hays despite opportunities

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Homecoming was not a great night for the Cowboys as they came up short against the Hays Indians 24-7.

The Cowboys had opportunities in the game and Casey Henderson had a break out game gaining 62 yards on 20 carries and his longest was 17 yards in the first quarter. He had at least one pass reception and ran hard on two kick off returns.

Fernando Martinez had 28 yards on 17 carries.

Angelos was the leading rusher with 69 yards on 9 carries and he had 79 yards passing completing 9 of 22 attempts and 1 touchdown.

The Cowboys had 238 yards total offense to 263 for the Hays Indians. The Indians held the edge in time of possession with 36 minutes to 12 for the Cowboys. On third downs the Indians converted 0 of 10 and the Cowboys converted 2 of 14. The Indians were 1 for 2 on fourth down and the Cowboys were 1 for 5 tries.

Cowboys Jake Kling was carried off the field after the opening series, and taken to the hospital for X-rays. He was back on the field by the end of the game with crutches. He said he would know on Monday if his leg

was broken.

Henderson set up the first Cowboys opportunity with a kick off return and breaking tackles to the 31. On first down he broke through the Indians for a first down at the 49.

The Cowboys faced fourth and four at the Indians 45, but Henderson was tackled a yard short and the ball went over to the Indians.

The Indians drove down to the Goodland 35, but on fourth down Steward fumbled and the Cowboys recovered. The Cowboys drove the ball back to midfield, but had to punt.

The punt was partially blocked by the Indians, but Thomas Rohleder fumbled the ball and Cowboys Josh Duke recovered.

On an exchange of punts Cowboys Smith muffed and the Indians recovered at the Cowboys 48. On the next play Stewart out-ran the Cowboys for his second touchdown making it 14-0.

After the kick off the Cowboys found themselves in another fourth down situation after Angelos was stopped short at the Cowboys 37. On an officials measurement the Cowboys faced fourth and an inch.

Dansel called a timeout to talk it over and the Cowboys decided to go for it on fourth down, but the quar-

terback sneak did not develop well and Angelos was short by an inch.

In the third quarter the Cowboys' Grant Wilkens intercepted an Indian pass, but the Cowboys gave the ball back on a fumble at the Indian 43.

The Indians drove down to the Cowboys 16, but had to settle for a 33 yard field goal to make it 24-0 with 1:59 left in the third quarter.

The Indians and Cowboys traded interceptions in the fourth quarter

and with 5:41 left Doxon recovered a fumble at the Indians' 24 to give the Cowboys their best field position.

The Cowboys scored three plays later on an 11-yard pass from Angelos to Rome and Scherling's point after touchdown kick was good making it 24-7.

The Cowboys final drive began after Henderson returned a punt to the Cowboys 20 with 2:45 left.

The win gives the Indians a 2-3 record while the Cowboys drop to 1-4.

The Cowboys face the Oakley Plains men at 6 p.m. on Friday in Oakley.

Junior Cowboys to play Saturday on home field

The Junior Cowboys fifth and sixth grade teams will have their final home games Saturday against the Phillipsburg Cowboys.

The fifth grade game will start at 10 a.m., and the sixth grade 11 a.m. It will be the final game of the season for the sixth-graders — Goodland has a bye next weekend.

"This will be the last home game of the year," said Coach Mike Ruhs, "and we would like to have the fans come out and support the Goodland Cowboys."

If the Junior Cowboys win, they will finish the season undefeated.

They won their road games the past two weekends, beating Oberlin 48-0 Saturday, Sept. 22, and Norton 26-0 the 29th.

The fifth graders will have their final game Saturday, Oct. 13, in Colby. The game will start at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time at the Colby High School.

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School calendar for October 2 to October 8

- Tuesday:** Black Day. West School picture day. 3:30 p.m., 7th grade football at Scott City. 3:30 p.m., varsity and junior varsity volleyball at Atwood Quad.
- Wednesday:** Gold Day. Elementary Bank Day. 3:45 p.m., PDC meeting. Kansas State Deca Fall Chapter Development Conference at Rock Springs. 5 p.m., Topside Tip-Off meeting.
- Thursday:** Black Day. 3:30 p.m., 7/8 volleyball vs Oberlin. 3:30 p.m., Eighth grade football vs Oberlin. 4:30 p.m., Seventh grade football at St. Francis. Varsity regional tennis. Noon, girls varsity golf at Syracuse.
- Friday:** Gold Day. 11:30 a.m., American Field Service walk. 6 p.m., varsity football at Oakley. North School picture day.
- Saturday:** 8 a.m., junior varsity volleyball at Hays Tournament. 9 a.m., cross country at Lakin Invitational. 9 a.m., Young Guns football at Cowboy Stadium.
- Monday:** Girls regional golf. 7 p.m., Goodland School Board meeting.

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