

Tigers use big plays to shut out Cowboys, 27-0

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The Goodland Cowboys had their chances to score against the Ulysses Tigers, but were unable to cash in and the Tigers used a couple big plays to shut the Cowboys out 27-0.

Coach Kent Teeter was short in his comments and said, "Yes, we lost some golden opportunities to score, and we gave up a few big plays."

He said the Cowboys came out of the game without any injuries. The loss at Ulysses drops the Cowboys record to 1-1.

The Cowboys return to Cowboy Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Friday to play Holcomb.

Looking ahead Coach Teeter said, "Holcomb won big the first week against Chapparral, and lost big last week to Scott City."

"They are better this year. They are running a spread offense similar to what we have done in the past. The quarterback is really good. He's thrown for a lot of yards and he's their leading rusher as well. They have good speed and play aggressive."

The game against the Tigers began with a solid defensive effort by both teams as they failed to move on their first possessions.

The Tigers seemed to win the field position battle forcing the Cowboys to work deep in their territory. The Cowboys were on their 14 yard line, and could not get a first down forcing Gannon Ihrig, who was kicking in place of Taylen Smith who had an injured thumb, to punt from the end zone. Ihrig got it out to the Cowboy 35.

The Tigers got the ball moving behind the running of senior Josh Jarnagin who ran for 102 yards and two rushing touchdowns and caught a pass for his third Tiger score.

The Cowboys gave up ground grudgingly but Tiger Sandoval converted a fourth and two for a first down at the Cowboys 20.

On third down Tiger quarterback senior Braden Langston threw into the end zone, but Cowboy Riley



Cowboy Dax Ruhs was smothered by Hugoton players on a carry in the first quarter of the Cowboys opening game at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys lost on the road to Ulysses 27-0 on Friday. The

Oharah intercepted to cut that drive off.

However, Cowboy quarterback Reed Bellamy gave the ball back to the Tigers on an interception that was returned to the Cowboy 9 with under three minutes left in the quarter.

This time Jarnagin ran three times going airborne from the two to score the touchdown with 2:26 left. Jarnagin kicked the extra point to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead.

On the kick off Dax Ruhs returned the ball to the Cowboy 40 to give the Cowboys good field position. The Cowboys pushed into Tiger territory for a first down, but stalled at the Tiger 42 and at the start of the second quarter punted to Jarnagin who was stopped by Ty Paxton at the Tiger 19.

The Tigers moved the ball on runs by Jarnagin and Sandoval, and Langston threw passes to Sandoval and Newell to get a first and goal at the Cowboys 8. On first and goal

Sandoval fumbled and Ruhs recovered at the 5 stopping another Tiger scoring drive.

The Cowboys found some life as Garrett Taylor got 9 yards and Oharah carried on third and one to get a first down at the 19. Bellamy passed to Hillmer for a first down and then on a pass to Oharah the ball was tipped and Oharah caught it at the Cowboy 45 and ran down to the Tigers 38. Taylor got a first down on a 14 yard run to the Tiger 25.

Bellamy got sacked back to the 30, but on the next play ran 12 yards to the 18. The Cowboys took time out with 1:21 left in the half to talk about what to do on fourth and 2. A field goal try by Austin Avelar of 35 yards missed to the left.

The Tigers took over at their 20, and Jarnagin ran for 22 yards and a first down with 1:07 left in the half. When Langston was sacked by Tyler Gastineau for a loss of 8 the Tigers took a time out with 39 seconds left. From the shotgun on third and 11

Cowboys return to Cowboy Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on Friday to play Holcomb with both teams having a 1-1 record.

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Langston threw to Chase Newell at the Cowboy 21. Sandoval gave the Tigers a first and goal at the 6 with 18 seconds left. The Cowboys took a timeout, and the officials reset the clock to 18.5 seconds. Jarnagin ran to the 2 and the Tigers took another timeout with 12.5 seconds left. Jarnagin ran again, but was stopped inside the 1 with 8.8 seconds left. On the next play Jarnagin fell into the end zone for the second Tiger touchdown with 6 seconds left to make it 13-0. The point after by Jarnagin was blocked by Dallas DeLaRosa to leave it 13-0.

On the kickoff Hillmer returned the ball to the Cowboy 40 at the end of the half.

To start the second half Avelar puffed kicked to keep the ball away from Jarnagin and Sandoval misjudged the kick and fumbled with Oharah recovering for the Cowboys at the Ulysses 41.

Ruhs ran for three plays down to the 32, and the Cowboys went for it

on fourth down, but the ball came loose and the Tigers recovered at their 35.

Jarnagin ran to the 39 on first down, but was stopped by Colton Cooper on second down for a two-yard loss. On third down a mishandled snap was recovered by Gastineau at the Tigers 35.

The Cowboys had another chance, but Bellamy got sacked back to the Tiger 45. On third down Bellamy threw to Ruhs at the Tiger 31 for 14 yards, but they were short and took a timeout with 6:59 in the third. Bellamy threw to Hillmer at the Tiger 12 and he ran down to the 8 for a first and goal. On first down Rush was dropped for a two-yard loss at the 10. Bellamy missed on two passes one to Oharah and one in the end zone to Avelar. A 27-yard field goal attempt by Avelar again missed to the left.

The Tigers took over at the 20, and on fourth and 1 at the 29 Langston throws to Jarnagin who caught it for

a first down at the 47. On the next play Langston threw to Jarnagin who ran 53 yards for his third Tiger touchdown with 4:09 left in the third. The Tigers went for a two-point conversion and Langston threw to Newell to make it 21-0.

The Cowboys got a first down at their 40 on the next drive, but were unable to move any further and Ihrig punted on the first play of the fourth quarter. Jarnagin got the punt at midfield and was run out of bounds by Cowan at the Cowboys 45.

The Tigers got seven yards on runs by Sandoval and Newell. On third down Jarnagin caught a pass and went out of bounds at the Cowboys 33. Jarnagin got up limping and went off the field.

On first down Sandoval ran to the Cowboys 9 for a first and goal. He took it to the 4, and on third down Morales ran in for the touchdown to make it 27-0. On the two-point try Langston was sacked to leave the score 27-0 with 8:45 left in the game.

Langston kicked off for the Tigers with Jarnagin on the sidelines.

Avelar returned the kick from the 20 out to the 42. Bellamy threw to Oharah on second down for 23 yards and a first down at the Tiger 31. The Cowboys moved down for a first down at the Tiger 20. Ruhs ran to the 13 on second down, but Bellamy was sacked at the 16 on third down. Facing fourth and 7 Bellamy rolled out and threw to the end zone for Avelar, but he was unable to make the catch and the Tigers took over on downs and ran the clock out for the 27-0 win.

Bellamy completed 6 of 12 passes for 100 yards. Taylor led the rushing with 14 carries for 47 yards, Ruhs had 14 carries for 31 yards and Oharah had 4 carries for 7 yards. Oharah led the receiving with 3 catches for 62 yards and a long of 33. Hillmer had 2 catches for 24 yards and Ruhs 1 for 14 yards.

With his two field goal tries at Ulysses, Avelar is now 2-2 for the season.






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