

Defense helps Cowboys defeat Colby, 27-18

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The Goodland Cowboys nursed a two-point lead until the final minutes on Friday to even their record at 3-3 with a 27-18 win over the Colby Eagles.

The win is the second straight for the Cowboys, and dropped the Eagles to a record of 1-5 and four losses in a row.

Friday the Cowboys will be one the road again at 6 p.m., as they travel to face the Norton Bluejays in a non-league game. The Bluejays have a 3-3 record having lost their last two games to Smith Center 58-20 and Perryton, Texas 28-19.

The Cowboys took an Eagle fumble in the first quarter and scored on a 34-yard run by Dax Ruhs to lead 6-0, but the Eagles came back and drove down with Eagle Luke Cox passing to Zane Winger for the touchdown to tie the score at 6-6. The extra point try for Goodland was no good, but a penalty on the Eagles gave the Cowboys a second try. The two-point conversion was no good. The extra point try for Colby was no good going wide left.

Both teams scored twice in the second quarter and the Cowboys held a two-point lead at halftime 20-18 on point after kicks by Austin Avelar and misses by the Eagles.

Neither team could score in the third quarter, and for most of the fourth quarter the Cowboys clung to their two-point lead. The Cowboys held the Eagles and forced them to punt with six minutes left in the game. The Cowboys got the ball at mid field and behind the running of Ruhs, who carried for seven plays, moved the ball down inside the Eagle four. Reed Bellamy got to inside the one, and Riley Oharah scored the touchdown to give the Cowboys breathing room with under one minute left. Avelar made the extra point to make it 27-18.

The Cowboys had to rely on Ruhs because team leading rusher Garrett Taylor was out with a shoulder injury.

A light sprinkle was falling as the game started, but quit and held off for most of the game. Last year the weather was a factor in the game in Goodland causing a two-hour rain delay, but the Cowboys were able to pull out a win.

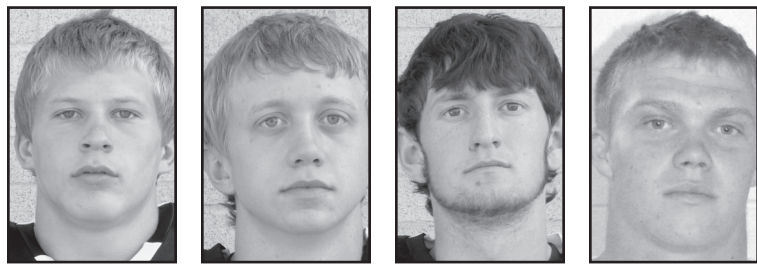
Before the game Cowboy Coach Kent Teeter had said the Cowboys would be up against a tough running game behind Eagle Beau Brown who averages about 5 yards a carry. The Cowboy defense had their hands full with Brown as he led the Eagles rushing attack.

The Cowboys won the toss but



A ghostly figure appeared in the homecoming bonfire letting the Cowboys know they were going to be victorious over the Lakin Broncs, and the winning continued on Friday at Colby. The Cowboys will be in Norton on Friday to try to extend the winning streak to three games.

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Ruhs Bellamy Hillmer Oharah

deferred and Avelar kicked off to Brown who got the ball at the 8 and returned it to the Eagle 27. On two runs Brown gets to the 35, but it is fourth and three. The Eagles took a time out to decide what to do.

With 10:08 left in the first the Eagles went for it and Brown picked up the three yards for the first down. Brown continues to carry the ball and gets a first down on the Cowboy 49.

On second and nine Cowboy Tyler Gastineau recovers a fumble to give Goodland a first down at the Eagle 44.

Dax Ruhs runs for a first down at the 34, and on the next play Ruhs breaks through several tackles for the first Cowboys touchdown with 6:46 left in the first. Avelar tried to kick the extra point, but it was not good. However, a flag for roughing the kicker gave the Cowboys a second chance from the one yard line. The Cowboys went for two points, but Ruhs was stopped short to make it 6-0.

On the kick off Avelar tried an on-

side kick, but the Eagles recovered at their 41.

Again Brown leads the way for the Eagles getting a first down at the Cowboy 40. On his next carry Brown got six yards, but the Cowboys had a penalty for an illegal block to give the Eagles a first down at the Cowboy 17.

Brown lost one yard on first down, but made it to the 14 on second down. Cox passed back over the middle to Winger for a touchdown to tie the game with 3:52 left in the first. The extra point try by Trek Keck was wide to the left leaving the score 6-6.

On the kick off Avelar returned it to the Cowboy 42. On first down Oharah ran up the middle, fumbled the ball and the Eagles recovered at the Cowboys 45.

Cox scrambled down to the 41. On second Brown breaks through and down to the 34. Giving Brown a break Eagle Woolter carried for a first down at the 24 for a first down. Taylor dives down to the 10 for a first and goal. As the clock ticked down in the quarter Taylor went in for the touchdown to make it 12-6 for the Eagles. Going for two the Eagles failed to leave it 12-6.

The Cowboys start the second quarter and Bellamy throws to Ryan Hillmer for a first down at the Eagle 39. Ruhs carries on two plays to a first down on the Eagle 27, and to the Eagle 24.

A flag on the Cowboys make it second and 12 at the 30. Bellamy threw to Hillmer who caught the ball, and it was ripped out of his hands and into the end zone where Hillmer recovers for the touchdown to make it 12-12 with 9:40 left in the half. Avelar's kick was good and Goodland led 13-12.

On the kick off the Eagles started at their 30. The Eagles got a first down at their 41, and then another first down at the Cowboy 47. On a fourth and two the Eagles go for it and Brown gets the first down at the Cowboy 32. A penalty sets the Eagles back and on third and 21 Brown was hit in the backfield by Laine Herl and dropped for a three-yard loss. The Eagles punted out of bounds to the Cowboy 21.

Ruhs runs 24 yards to the 45 for a first down. A holding penalty moves the Cowboys back 10 yards. On third and 18 Bellamy runs the draw and gets loose across mid field and runs 58 yards down to the five. On first and goal Ruhs runs for the touchdown to give the Cowboys a 19-12 lead. The extra point by Avelar was good making it 20-12 with 2:55 left in the half.

The Cowboys kicked off and the

Eagles took the short kick at their 40. A holding call pushed the Eagles back to their 30. On second and 20 brown gets 15 to the 45. On his next carry Brown gets 11 yards and another first down to the Cowboys 38.

With 1:36 left Cox runs to the 28, and a face mask penalty on Goodland make is first down at the Cowboy 12. With 50 seconds left Andrew Taylor squirts through for the touchdown to make it 20-18. On the two-point conversion the Cowboys stopped Brown to keep the narrow lead at 20-18.

This was the fourth game the Cowboys have given up a touchdown in the final minute of the first half.

In the third the Cowboys got the kick off and drove down to the Eagle 43, but on fourth and two Ruhs came up inches short and turned the ball over to the Eagles.

The Eagles took over and moved down to the Cowboy 15 for a first down. On fourth and 10 Cox threw and it was caught at the one, but offsetting penalties made them do another play. This time Cox threw toward the end zone, but Hillmer intercepted and carried it back to the 14.

Goodland had the ball with 1:56 left in the third, and on second and 10 Ruhs rolled out to pass and Hillmer came back for the catch to give the Cowboys a first down at the 35. The drive stalled and on the first play of the fourth quarter the Cowboys punted and Taylen Smith's kick went out of bounds at the Colby 39.

On third down Cox tried to pass and Ruhs intercepted, returning it to the Eagles 35. The Cowboys went for it on fourth and 10, and Bellamy's pass was intercepted by Cox at the Eagle 15 and returned to the 22.

The Cowboys stopped the Eagles, and Brown went off the field appearing to have some leg cramps. The Eagles punted and it was recovered by Goodland at the 46, with 5:58 left.

Ruhs carried six times for a first down at the Eagle 23. On first down Ruhs ran through a big hole and down to the seven for a first and goal with 2:32 left. Ruhs carried on the next play and the ball came loose, but bounced back into his hands and he was stopped at the four.

Bellamy carried on second down and got inside the one yard line. With 1:30 left Bellamy handed off to Oharah who scored to make it 26-18. Avelar made the extra point to make the final margin 27-18.

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School calendar for October 12-18

Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School
West Elementary School • Central Elementary School



Wednesday: Gold day
PSAT Test for Juniors
4 p.m.: Central Site Council

Thursday: Black day
2:40 p.m.: Senior Gowns with Balfour
3 p.m.: Junior High Football at Scott City
C team Volleyball Quad, here

Friday: Gold day
6 p.m.: Varsity Football at Norton

Saturday: 9 a.m.: Varsity Cross Country at Colby
Varsity Volleyball, here, GWAC Tourney

Monday: Black day
Girls State Golf
3 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Oakley
3:30 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Cheylin
4:30 p.m.: Junior Varsity Football, here, vs. Norton

Tuesday: Gold day
Early Childhood Development Screening
4 p.m.: Varsity/Junior Varsity Volleyball Triangular, here



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