

Cowboys at Phillipsburg tonight for crucial game

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The Cowboys play the Panthers at 6 p.m. tonight in Phillipsburg in a crucial Class 3A district game with each team 1-0 and trying to make the state playoffs.

Goodland won the first district game on Friday 17-0 over Norton, and Phillipsburg defeated Thomas More Prep 47-7. The winner of tonight's game will at least tie for a playoff spot with a 2-0 record.

The final district game on Thursday will match Norton with Phillipsburg and Goodland will play Thomas More Prep at Cowboy Stadium.

Last year the Cowboys lost the opening district game to Norton 40-9 at Cowboy Stadium, but defeated previously unbeaten Phillipsburg 48-28 to even the district record and won the final game over Thomas More Prep 54-13 to make the playoffs with a 2-1 record.

"The Norton win was big," Coach Kent Teeter said. "With Phillipsburg winning last week, this makes our game on Friday really big. They have a quarterback who is really good. They have a lot of confidence right now, and they remember us knocking them out of the playoffs as well."

Phillipsburg has a 4-2 record losing the first two games to Plainville 37-21 and Smith Center 46-17. The Panthers have won four straight: 49-28 over Oakley, 34-6 over Ellis, 63-20 over Washington County and 47-7 over Thomas More Prep.

MaxPreps sports website ranks Phillipsburg 11th and Goodland

18th in its Class 3A football playoff prediction race.

Through seven games the Cowboys are averaging 113 yards passing, 167 yards rushing, 19.7 points per game and 46 percent of passes.

Coach Teeter said it was great to have Cy Paxton step up on Friday at Norton and have the type of rushing game he did with 150 yards on 24 carries.

"It's really a credit to our offensive line and Riley Oharah at the fullback position to have three different guys in three weeks rush for over 100 yards in each game," he said: Garrett Taylor 108 yards against Lakin, Dax Ruhs 182 yards against Colby and Paxton 150 yards against Norton.

"All of them have different running styles," he said, "which makes it tough on defenses. Taylor had surgery this week and is out for the remainder of the season, Ruhs is doing a lot better and is expected to play, and Paxton will keep getting reps at running back as well."

Cowboy quarterback Reed Bellamy has completed 46 of 92 passes for 50 percent for 792 yards, five touchdowns and seven interceptions. His longest is 62 yards.

Rushing, Bellamy has carried 49 times for 234 yards and one touchdown. The longest is 58 yards.

Ruhs is the leading rusher with 85 carries for 407 yards and five touchdowns. His longest run is 34 yards.

Paxton ran for 150 yards on 24 carries against Norton and two touchdowns. His longest run is 42 yards.

Taylor, who is out with a season-



Cowboy Cy Paxton (6) follows the blocking of Riley Oharah (32) and the offensive line including Justin Cates (58), Gunner Helton (70) and wide receiver Austin Avelar (21) against the Norton Bluejays on

Friday. Paxton stepped in and ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the 17-0 win. The cowboys are at Phillipsburg tonight.

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ending injury, had 73 carries for 273 yards and one touchdown. His longest run was 62 yards.

Oharah has 93 yards on 38 carries and two touchdowns. He has 10 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns. His longest run is 10 yards, but his longest pass is 51 yards.

Ryan Hillmer is the leading receiver with 18 catches for 277 yards and one touchdown. His longest catch is for 62 yards.

Austin Avelar has seven catches for 176 yards and his longest is 51 yards. Avelar has kicked eight points after touchdown and made three of five field goals. He has returned 10 kickoffs for 196 yards with an average of 19.6 yards and his longest is 55 yards.

The Cowboys' defense is led by Oharah with 24 tackles and 47 assists. D. Ruhs has 24 tackles and 13 assists, Avelar has 23 tackles and 28 assists, Tyler Gastineau has 15 tack-

les and 37 assists, Sloan Ruhs has 14 tackles and 39 assists, Hillmer has 14 tackles and 34 assists, Dallas DeLaRosa has nine tackles and 29 assists, Bellamy has nine tackles and 11 assists and Taylor had eight tackles and 19 assists before being injured.

The Cowboys have 3.5 sacks with Gastineau, Colton Cooper and Jason Cowan each with one and DeLaRosa credited with half a sack.

Avelar and Hillmer have each recovered one fumble, Gastineau has recovered four, Paxton two, S. Ruhs, John Peden, Oharah and

DeLaRosa one each.

The Cowboys have eight interceptions with D. Ruhs (27 yards), Cooper Slough, Bellamy (87 yards), Oharah, Cowan and Gunner Helton (30 yards) with one each. Hillmer has two interceptions (19 yards).

Fans are being asked to wear pink on Thursday for the final home game as part of a Breast Cancer Awareness program being sponsored by Goodland Regional Medical Center. Special T-shirts can be ordered through today at Mann's Jewelry and Smitty's Sports.

Cowgirls sixth at state golf tournament

The Cowgirls improved on last year's finish moving up to sixth in the 3-2-1A State Golf Tournament held Monday at Emporia.

Coach Connie Livengood said the girls did a great job, and Jordan Knitig brought home an 13th place medal.

"Knitig shot a 99, and she got to be in a five-way playoff for the 10th place medal," Livengood said. "She did not get to go onto the second hole. She shot her personal best. What a great time for that."

Syracuse won the state championship with a team score of 398. Hoisington was second at 408; Silver Lake third, 411; Council Grove fourth, 417; Russell fifth, 419; Goodland sixth, 422; Caney Valley seventh, 424; Pretty Prairie eighth, 433; Bennington ninth, 445; Holcomb 10th, 454; Fredonia 11th, 487; and Uniontown 12th, 511.

"There were 14 strokes between second place team, Hoisington and Goodland at sixth," Livengood said. "I do feel this was a good state tournament."

"I know Jazz Weis, Cortney Cowan and Shaina Varney were disappointed in their play, but unfortunately in any sport, at any level, things don't always go our way.

"We were in second place after the first nine holes, but then we had some tough holes to play and it got colder out as the day went on.

"I was really happy with Emily Purvis and Megan Siruta as they held their own. Their scores on this course were better than their average, as it was a long course."

The tournament had 90 players in 23 flights. Rebecca Holder of Silver Lake was the top golfer with an 87 and eight strokes ahead of the next three players who tied at 95.

Weis was in the third flight and played with the second place golfer Kaitlynn Walker of Russell who had a 95 and won a playoff with two other players. Weis finished 27th with a 107, and was ahead of the other two in her flight who finished 33rd and 34th.

Siruta and Purvis both had 108 finishing 30th and 31st. Cowan tied with two others at 114, and finished 46th. Varney had a 137 and finished 82nd.



Cowgirls golf team finished sixth at the 3-2-1A state tournament at Emporia on Monday.

"When you look at the over-all picture, this was a good state tournament," Livengood said. "I am very proud of this team and all of the girls who were on our team. It was a challenge having 18 girls out this year, but Coach Cebula helped and I am very to have a had her as a coach. The girls had fun with her and she helped the team a great deal."

"I had a lot of fun this year as well. The girls were good to work with, all 18 of them can say they had some highlights at a tournament or during practice."

"We enjoyed the foreign exchange students as well, Karen

Moonen and Ayin Martinez, they had fun learning the game."

"We will miss our two seniors, Michaela Garrett and Katelyn Coon, and we wish them well next year. Our other players this year were juniors Cowan, Brooke Lockhart, Carly McCracken, Trace Waugh, Weis and Elizabeth Wellman. Our sophomores were Miranda Hernandez, Knitig and Siruta. Our freshman were Makayla Kennedy, Purvis, Kristina Stasser, Sophia Thompson, Raquel Tomsic and Varney."

"I hope all of them made some new friends and had a good experi-

ence in girls golf. They did a great job."

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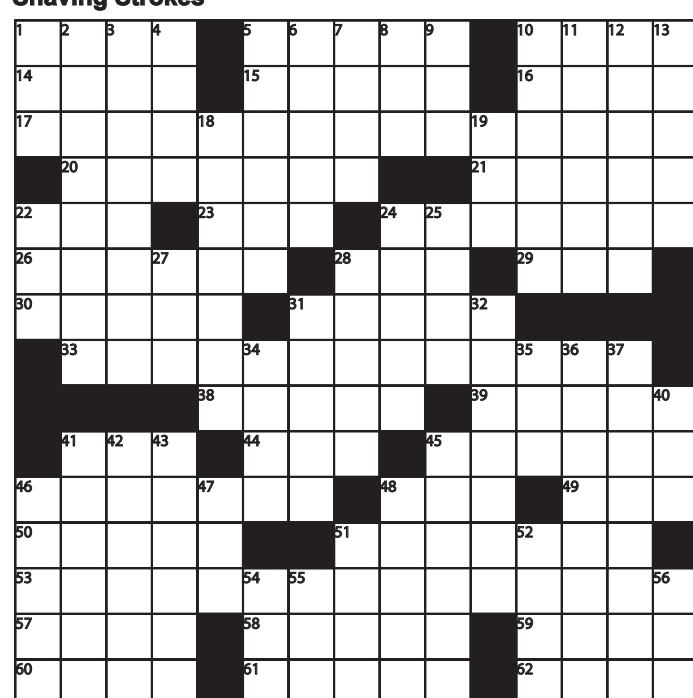
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1. Sporting wingtips
5. Predatory whales
10. Have the nerve
14. Golfer Isao _
15. Boils or broils
16. QED middle
17. "The Bridge on the River Kwai" tune, to a cheating golfer?
20. Brand that "nobody doesn't like"
21. Quite similar
22. "Beavis and Butt-head" chuckle
23. Word before kite or turtle
24. Hard-working sort
26. Outfielder's yell
28. Form 1040 completer
29. Bottom-line figure
30. Deep sleeps
31. Agronomists' concerns
33. Shutterbug's command, to a cheating golfer?

DOWN

1. Cul-de-__
2. Slammer
3. State with a panhandle
4. Noted Christian
5. Spotted wildcat
6. Pricy timepiece
7. Face one's responsibilities
8. Rap sheet letters
9. Latvia or Lithuania, once: Abbr.
10. Admit to a poker game
11. Roll in, so to speak
12. Handful for Serena or Venus

13. Obsolete anesthetic
18. Oreo makers
19. Fold, spindle, or mutilate
22. "How Dry I Am" punctuation, maybe
24. Gathered intelligence
25. Chaucer piece
27. Tit for _
28. Skater Sasha
31. Valuable violin, for short
32. Sushi alternative
34. Also-ran of fable
35. Day-__ paints
36. Lilac color
37. Night, to poets
40. Magazine VIPs: Abbr.

41. "One if by land" man
42. Point in the right direction
43. Bibliography data
45. Bottom-feeder's milieu
46. Make more lean
47. "___ Kapital"
48. Parkinsonism treatment
51. Just __ (the slightest bit)
52. He sang about Alice's
54. "That's disgusting!"
55. Country club figure
56. Tricky turn

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