

# Mustangs cap perfect season with 30-0 win



Dawson Ensign dodged Scott City Blue Jays on his way to his second touchdown during the Mustang seventh graders' 30-0 victory at home on Thursday. Ensign scored three touchdowns and Dawson Raymer scored a fourth. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

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The Grant Junior High seventh grade football team finished an undefeated season on Tuesday with a 30-0 shutout of Scott City.

The Mustangs finished with a 7-0 record, outscoring opponents 188-6.

After kicking off to the Blue Jays, the Mustangs forced a turnover on downs at the 50 yard line. Dawson Ensign ran around the left and got to the 28 for a first down. Then, Evan Peter ran up the middle for a first down at the 15. Quarterback Levi Archer passed to Dawson Raymer for a touchdown. The Blue Jays stopped the two point conversion, but the Mustangs had a 6-0 lead.

With 2:19 left in the quarter, the Mustangs got the ball back. Their kickoff went short and a Scott City player tried to fall on the ball but couldn't hold onto it. The Mustangs recovered. Archer was brought down in the backfield for a loss of 10 yards. A delay of game penalty set them back even further to second and 25 at the 25 yard line. With 57 seconds left, Ensign found a hole and got out to the 35, but a high snap on the next play lost the Mustangs another 16 yards. They punted the ball, which rolled out of bounds at their own 43 yard line.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Mustangs intercepted a pass and returned to the 25 yard line. Ensign ran up the middle for five yards, but Archer was sacked to bring up fourth and 12. The Mustangs went for it, with Archer throwing to Ensign, who ran it in for a touchdown. Archer then powered his way through the line for a two point conversion.

Leading 14-0 with 5:10 left in the half, the Mustangs were once again kicking off. This time the Blue Jays recovered, but couldn't manage any gains. Brandt Mull made a sack to

bring up fourth and 10. The Blue Jays failed to convert, giving the Mustangs the ball on the 48 yard line. After an incomplete pass, Ensign ran for 48 yards and his second touchdown of the game. Peter ran it in for the two-point conversion, giving the Mustangs a 22-0 lead.

Back on defense, the Blue Jays got an automatic first down from a roughing the passer penalty, but were unable to capitalize on it as the half ended.

Receiving the kickoff in the second half was Chris Gamboa, who made a fair catch at the 38 yard line. After a one-yard gain, a penalty took the Mustangs back to second and 14. Another penalty and an incomplete pass brought up fourth and 22. The Mustangs punted, and the Blue Jays took over at their own 45 yard line.

It was to be a short drive as Ensign made an interception and returned all the way to the 18 yard line. After a couple short gains, Ensign pushed through the middle for a touchdown. Archer scored his second two-point conversion of the game to put the Mustangs up 30-0 with 2:33 left in the third quarter.

On the kickoff, Peter recovered his own kick after it was dropped by a Scott City player. The Mustangs started at the 41 yard line. After short gains, Archer completed a pass to Mull for a first down at the 13 yard line.

Starting the fourth quarter, Scott City made an interception. The Blue Jays had their best drive of the game, getting three first downs and making it to the Mustang's 44 yard line before being stopped at the line of scrimmage and turning over on downs.

With only 1:32 left in the game, Gamboa ran the ball three times, getting a first down. Kyle Simmerman was taken down in the backfield on the last play.

## Cowboys fall 21-12 to Clay Center in district opener

The Goodland High School varsity football team lost the first round of district play to the Clay Center Tigers on Friday at Cowboy Stadium.

The Cowboys had a good start, but allowed 13 points and lost the lead in the second quarter. Penalties in the second half prevented them from getting back on the scoreboard.

Goodland is still vying for the second seat at bi-districts. Concordia beat Colby 37-6 on Friday, putting the Panthers at 1-0 in district play. The Cowboys will play at Concordia on Friday and face Colby at home on Thursday, Oct. 25. Concordia has a 5-2 record, while the Colby Eagles match Goodland's record of 2-5.

The Cowboys got out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter against Clay Center. The Goodland defense held the Tigers scoreless going into the second quarter. Dax Ruhs ran 52 yards for a touchdown, but the Cowboys were blocked on their extra point attempts both times.

The Tigers came back in a big way in the second quarter, scoring two touchdowns and making one extra point to put them ahead 13-12 at the half.

The Cowboys kicked off to the Tigers to open the second half and the defense forced a three and out. Clay Center punted and the Cowboys took over on their own 14. Ruhs picked up seven yards on the first play. Quarterback Trey Teeter handed off to Garrett Taylor, who ran for four yards and a first down. The Cowboys were unable to get another first down and were forced to punt.

On the Clay Center drive, the Cowboys gave up 30 yards on personal fouls. They took the ball down for a touchdown with 5:45 left in the quarter, giving the Tigers a 21-12 lead.

The Cowboys received, starting on their own 49. Teeter completed a pass to Taylen Smith for 10 yards and a first down. Then, a pass intended for Ruhs was intercepted.

After being called for several penalties, Tyler Gastineau brought down a Clay Center runner in the backfield. The Tigers were still able to get a first down.

The Cowboys started out the fourth quarter with another penalty on the kickoff, forcing them to start from the 10 yard line. Gage Ihrig got out to the 44 on a pass, but another penalty was called, this time an illegal block on Ruhs. The Cowboys ended up punting.

Clay Center took over on the 49. The Cowboys were able to stop them, forcing a punt. The Cowboys themselves had to punt with less than six minutes left. The Cowboys had two more possessions, but mounting penalties kept them from getting anywhere.

The game ended in a 21-12 loss for the Cowboys. Goodland falls to 2-5 for the season.

The Cowboys rushed for 140 yards, 121 of those by Ruhs. Taylor ran for 18. Teeter made 6 of 14 passing attempts for 72 yards as well

as rushing for one yard. Ihrig was put in briefly at quarterback and completed one pass to Smith for 16 yards and a touchdown. Smith

caught three passes for a total of 42 yards. Ihrig caught two passes for 35 yards and Gastineau, one pass for 11 yards.

Ruhs made one fumble, but Ruben Lazaro made one interception.

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West Elementary School • Central Elementary School

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Wednesday: Gold day  
Early Childhood Developmental Screening  
7:30 a.m.: PLC  
8 a.m.: PSAT Test for Juniors  
Thursday: END OF FIRST 9 WEEKS  
Friday: NO SCHOOL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DAY  
6 p.m.: Varsity Football at Concordia  
Saturday: Regional Cross Country  
Girls Sub-State Volleyball

Monday: Board of Education meeting  
3 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Oakley  
3:30 p.m.: Junior High Scholar's Bowl at Cheylin  
Tuesday: Gold day  
4-8 p.m.: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
7 p.m.: 6th Grade Vocal concert in High School auditorium

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