

Cowboys fight hard, almost make it

By Rachel Miscall
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At the last second, the Goodland Cowboys almost made it.

In a hard-fought game which ended with a pass interception in the visiting team's end zone, the Cowboys fell to the undefeated St. Francis Indians Friday night with a 28-22 loss.

The Cowboys' season record is now 1-2, after the team lost their first game of the season to the Class 5A Hays Indians and soundly defeated the Class 3A Holcomb Longhorns at home.

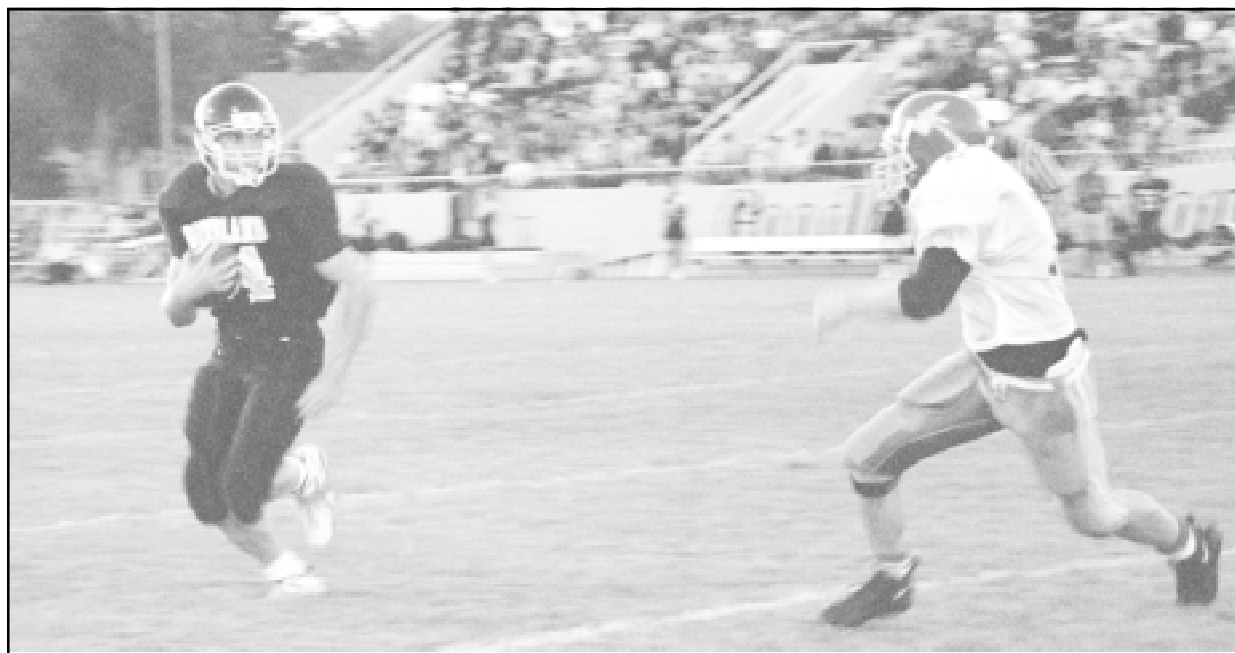
The two teams faced off on the Cowboy's home turf, with the Class 2A Indians quickly taking control the first quarter with the score 6-0 St. Francis.

The Indians, who now have a season record of 3-0, stayed in the lead throughout the game, with a score of 14-6 at half-time and 22-14 at the end of the third quarter.

The Cowboys put up a good fight, though, closing a 6-point score gap in the second quarter with a 70-yard touchdown run by Mickey Steiner, and scoring 16 points in the second half with two touchdowns and two 2-point conversions.

With 36 seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter, the scoreboard read 22 home and 28 visitors. The Cowboys had the ball and were at the 15-yard line, looking to score.

Quarterback Luke Stone threw into the end zone, but an Indian intercepted



The Cowboys' Mickey Steiner (above) tried to avoid a St. Francis tackler during the football team's third game of the season Friday night, but went down anyway. The game ended with St. Francis as victors.

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the pass and St. Francis held the ball until time ran out.

Coach Chris Walters said he was proud of his players' determination, but was disappointed in the defensive line, which allowed the Indians to gain 424 rushing yards.

"Defensively, if we could have just held them a couple times," said Walters, "we would have had a chance. But it's tough to win when they always

have the ball."

The coach had the same complaints after the Cowboys' loss against state-ranked Hays High. He said the line looked better against the Longhorns, but that was partly due to the fact that Holcomb had a weaker team.

He said the team will be solid if they can strengthen the defense.

Offensively, the coach said, they played well.

Steiner gained 201 yards over 14 carries, and made two of the Cowboys' three touchdowns. Mark Carmichael made the other touchdown, catching a pass by Stone.

"I was very proud of the way the kids never gave up," Walters said.

The Cowboys will travel to Atwood Friday to face the Buffaloes at 6:30 p.m. The stadium is east of downtown Atwood at the high school.

Keck gets tryout

Tinker Keck, a 1995 Goodland High School graduate, was called in this morning to work-out with the Carolina Panthers.

Jane Reitz, Keck's mother, said that they will not know until tomorrow whether or not Keck will get the

chance to play with the Panthers. He was called after an injury to a player left a possible opening.

Keck, who attended the University of Cincinnati, was a free agent with the New York Giants this summer.

Coach pleased with runners' performance

By Janet Craft
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Coach Richard Schwasinger said he was pleased with the performance of the junior high cross country team on Thursday.

The Grant Junior High Mustangs ran Thursday afternoon at an invitational in McCook, Neb.

"The kids really did a nice job," Schwasinger said. "Right at the finish, they had to run 100 meters uphill."

He said the team ran 1.1 miles rather than the usual one mile.

"Their times were good," he said. "I was really pleased with them."

Some of the kids improved two minutes, he added.

For one of the kids, David Sprecker, it was the first time he ever ran a mile, Schwasinger said.

"We had some good performances," the coach said.

For the boys, Craig Mason had a time of 7:06 for ninth place, Jordan Anderson had 7:57 for 14th, Charles Lammers had a time of 9:07 for 18th place, and David Sprecker had 9:39 for 19th.

Among the junior high girls, Tiffany Thomas ran the distance in a time of 7:16 to take fifth place, Chelsea Ontiveroz had a time of 7:39 for 11th, Julie Leiker, had 8:09 for 14th place, Kelsi Ihrig had a time of 8:19 for 17th, Jenna McGinley had 8:23 for 18th place, Kaitlin Lee had a time of 8:46 for 20th, Jennifer Enfield ran it in 8:52 for 21st place, Alicia Felver had 9:25 for 22nd, Samantha Philbrick had 9:48 for 23rd place, and Jill Corcoran had 9:50 for 24th.

Schwasinger said the top kids were the ones who came to a two-day camp he held this summer. He said there were eight junior high teams at the meet and 43 boys and girls who participated.

"We were by far the biggest in numbers," he said. "We go to McCook because there isn't much competition for junior high in western Kansas."

He said the varsity team doesn't go

to McCook because the girls run more than two miles and in Kansas girls aren't allowed to run more than that.

Schwasinger said there are benefits to the junior high cross country program. Some boys are small and maybe can't play football or some girls aren't volleyball players, so this gives them another option for fall sports, he said.

"We're allowed six meets and that's why we have the Flatlander race," he said. "We have three in Nebraska, two in Goodland, and one in Hoisington."

There are 14 kids out for junior high cross country, which is now in its fourth year.

"The program really feeds the high school program well," Schwasinger said. "My first three years, I had to hunt up kids, but now they're coming to me."

Schwasinger said the program was started six years ago, but then went by the wayside for a year. Then he and Don Smith approached the school board and were able to bring it back by not adding a coach, uniforms or additional cost.

He said at this level, he teaches the kids how to run, works on their self-esteem, and lets them have fun.

"We don't have team scores," he said, "but we do have individual awards."

He said runners win medals at both of the Goodland meets.

"We don't push being competitive at this age," he said. "They'll have plenty of years for that."

"We don't have a first team. Everybody participates that is physically able to. It really works well that way. If they improve, I'm more than happy."

Their next race will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ogallala, Neb. Then they will have the Flatlander race, which is an exhibition run, to begin at 8:40 a.m. Saturday at Ninth and Main in Goodland. Schwasinger said Lakin's junior high team may come to this race.

If not, then the Mustangs will be the only ones to run.

Cowgirls varsity volleyball team continues winning streak

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

The Cowgirls varsity volleyball

team continued their winning streak this Saturday when they traveled to Overland High School in Denver.

leges in Kansas and Oklahoma are expected and will compete in nine major college rodeo events.

Admission at the gate is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and free for children under 5 with a parent. Advance tickets are available at Vanderbilt's, the Sports Shoppe and the college bookstore in Colby.

Goodland won all of the matches that they played in a clean sweep of the tournament, walking away with the championship and an 11-0 record.

"We were able to win," said Coach Jerry McKee, "and beat Overland in the finals."

Goodland only suffered one game loss in the tournament.

In the first match, the Cowgirls played Bear Creek and won both games 15-2 and 15-3. The girls swept the second match over Sierra High School with a 15-2 and 15-7 win.

The third match of the tournament

was a little more challenging, as the Cowgirls suffered their first game loss for the day when facing Northglenn. The first game was won 15-13, but that was followed by a 10-15 loss. Goodland recovered in the last game with a 15-6 win.

The wins in the first three matches led Goodland into the first round of championship play against Weld Central. They defeated Weld with 15-5 and 15-6 wins.

In the final round, Goodland faced Overland and posted an easy 15-3 and 15-7 win.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	88	61	.591
New York	85	64	.570
Florida	70	78	.473
Montreal	63	85	.426
Philadelphia	62	86	.419

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	89	61	.593
Cincinnati	78	72	.520
Houston	67	83	.447
Milwaukee	64	85	.430
Pittsburgh	61	88	.409
Chicago	60	89	.403

West Division

	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	89	59	.601
Arizona	79	68	.537
Los Angeles	78	72	.520
Colorado	76	73	.510
San Diego	72	78	.480

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Atlanta 12, Arizona 10
Florida 3, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 10, Montreal 4
Houston 10, Pittsburgh 9, 10 innings

Los Angeles 5, Colorado 4

San Francisco 4, San Diego 3, 13 innings

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 4
Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 6, Florida 5
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 5, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 12, Colorado 6
Atlanta 7, Arizona 1

Monday's Games

Florida (Sanchez 9-10) at Montreal (Johnson 5-6), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 8-8) at Philadelphia (Bottenfield 1-2), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 13-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-8), 5:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Nation 0-0 or Van Poppel 3-4) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 11-5), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 10-11) at Los Angeles

(Brown 12-6), 8:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Fernandez 2-3) at San Francisco (Estes 15-4), 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Dempster 12-10) at Montreal (Thurman 4-6), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-5) at Philadelphia (Chen 7-2), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 10-10) at Atlanta (Ashby 10-12), 5:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-9) at Milwaukee (Haynes 12-12), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-6) at St. Louis (Hentgen 15-10), 6:10 p.m.

San Diego (Clemens 12-15) at Colorado (Bohanon 10-9), 7:05 p.m.

Arizona (Anderson 10-5) at Los Angeles (Park 15-10), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bell 7-7) at San Francisco (Hernandez 15-10), 8:15 p.m.

American League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	85	62	.578
Boston	78	70	.527
Toronto	78	71	.524
Baltimore	66	83	.443
Tampa Bay	61	87	.412

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	88	60	.595
Cleveland	79	66	.544
Detroit	73	76	.490
Kansas City	69	81	.460
Minnesota	64	84	.432

West Division

	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	83	66	.557
Oakland	79	67	.541
Anaheim	76	73	.510
Texas	69	81	.460

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 3
Boston 8, Detroit 5, 1st game
Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 3
Seattle 14, Baltimore 0
Detroit 12, Boston 2, 2nd game
Anaheim 7, Minnesota 6
Kansas City 8, Texas 5

Sunday's Games

Detroit 5, Boston 4

Cleveland 15, N.Y. Yankees 4

Seattle 3, Baltimore 2
Minnesota 1, Anaheim 0
Toronto 14, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 6, Kansas City 5

Monday's Games


Chicago White Sox (Parque 12-6) at Detroit (Weaver 9-14), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 13-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 8-11), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 13-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-6), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 9-6) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 6-10), 5:15 p.m.
Texas (Helling 15-11) at Minnesota (Milton 13-9), 6:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Lowe 3-1) at Detroit (Sparks 6-4), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 18-7) at Toronto


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