

# Coach says defense is key

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He's said it before, and he'll say it again.

"The key to us, again, is defense," said Chris Walters, head coach of Goodland's high school football team.

With a 1-3 season record, the Cowboys need to play a strong defensive game on Friday, said the coach, to stop the Phillipsburg Plainsmen from scoring early and scoring big.

He said it could be enough to unlock the Cowboys' power and lead the team to victory.

The Class 4A Cowboys will face the Class 3A Plainsmen at 6:30 p.m. at Cowboys' Stadium.

Coach Walters said it should be a tough game, as the Plainsmen are undefeated and considered to be one of the top Class 3A teams in the state.

"I think it will be a physical game," he said, "they have some great athletes."

But, he said, the Cowboys have a chance to win if they play hard on both sides of the ball.

From Goodland's first loss to Hay's High, the coach has said the team needs to strengthen its defense.

"If we can get after them and hold them down," Walters said, "then we have a shot at winning."

The coach said the same thing before last week's game, where the undefeated Atwood Buffaloes scored 14 points against the Cowboys in the first quarter, ending the first half with a score of 35-0 Atwood. After the league's "mercy rule" was put into effect, the second half quickly



The Cowboys' Donald Raymer paused briefly Friday night after catching a pass from Quarterback Andrew Melia. Raymer caught two passes during the game and made one interception but couldn't find the end zone and the Cowboys lost to the Atwood Buffaloes 48-0. The team will face the Phillipsburg Plainsmen at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at Cowboy Stadium. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

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With some key offensive players on the sidelines for the game, Coach Walters said, the Cowboys' offense was unable to score points and the team's confidence dropped as Atwood's score rose.

Five of the team's starting players sat out for the Atwood game, including the quarterback, tailback and wide receiver, two because of injuries and three for reasons the coach won't discuss.

That and a loss the week before to the undefeated St. Francis Indians, the coach said, added up to low team confidence going into the Atwood game.

"It's a mind set thing," Coach Walters said after last week's game. "They were wondering if they could do it."

He said a win this week will give the team a shot of confidence.

Plus, Coach Walters said, all of the Cowboys' players are healthy and will be able to play.

# Rockies' hitter is in the groove

DENVER (AP) — Jeff Cirillo is in a groove.

"I told (hitting coach) Clint Hurdle about 10 days ago, I feel really close," Cirillo said. "I've only felt like that a couple of times all year, getting a good rhythm and I'm tracking the ball good and not jumping as much."

Cirillo has seven hits in his last 10 at-bats, including a 3-for-5 game Wednesday, as the Colorado Rockies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-4.

Todd Helton and Cirillo had RBI singles after Terry Shumpert hit a tying home run as the Rockies rallied in the eighth inning.

"I even choked up," said Cirillo of his eighth inning single. "I really haven't choked up all year."

"Jeff was the right guy for the situation," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said. "He had a great at-bat and has been swinging the bat great this series."

Todd Walker went 4-for-4 and Todd Hollandsworth hit a two-run homer for the Rockies.

"It's good to finish good because that gives you a positive spin for the off season and you remember what you did in September," Cirillo said. "It's like hitting a good golf shot, it makes you want to come back."

Shumpert's solo shot off the left-field foul pole against Dan Plesac (5-1) made it 4-all in the eighth. Two outs later, Juan Pierre and Neifi Perez singled.

"I knew he had a pretty good slider, down and in like Randy Johnson kept doing to me the other night," Shumpert said. "I thought he would go that way and actually threw a changeup and I hit it just far enough, 347 feet."

Russ Springer relieved and gave up the run-scoring singles to Cirillo and Helton.

Gabe White (11-2) pitched two innings for the win. Jose Jimenez worked the ninth for his 22nd save in 28 tries.

Luis Gonzalez hit his 30th home run for the Diamondbacks.

"Curt Schilling gave us all he had,

battled his way through six and two thirds and Plesac came in and got a big out for us," Arizona manager Buck Showalter said. "We just couldn't shut them down after that."

Schilling, 5-6 since being acquired on July 26 from Philadelphia, started for Arizona and got a no-decision.

"It was a struggle, no question," Schilling said. "I was throwing one pitch for a strike and when you do that you're up against a lot."

Hollandsworth capped an 11-pitch at-bat with his 18th homer in the fourth for a 2-1 lead. Cirillo opened the inning with a single and Hollandsworth fouled off five pitches before lining a fastball into the seats in left.

Schilling walked Helton with two outs in the fifth inning and Walker hit an RBI double. Steve Finley, in a 3-for-31 slump, tied it with a two-out, two-run double in the Arizona sixth.

The Diamondbacks took a 4-3 lead off White in the seventh, scoring a run on a double-play grounder.

# Runner catches two of five medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Olympic history, the sequel.

A happy tale for Marion Jones, winner of the second track and field gold of the unprecedented five she's chasing. A sad story for the defending champion U.S. women's soccer team — it lost 3-2 in overtime to Norway, squandering a chance to win its second straight gold.

Jones pulled away from the world's best sprinters in Thursday's 200-meter final like she was turbocharged.

Under intense scrutiny both because of her quest for five track golds at one Summer Games — something no woman has ever achieved — and for the revelation that her shot-putter husband tested positive for steroids, Jones seemed completely at ease as she sped to the finish line in 21.84 seconds.

She stopped to kiss and hug husband C.J. Hunter, watching from the stands, after the race.

Hunter has denied he knowingly took drugs to improve his performance.

Off the track, Jones got some good news when world-class U.S. sprinter Inger Miller said she would be back from a hamstring injury to compete in the 400-meter relay on Friday.

Jones also is part of the 1,600 relay team and is in the long jump final Friday.

It's her weakest event. "I don't think anybody doubted me in the sprints. But my real test will come tomorrow," she said.

In women's soccer, Norway won a dramatic gold medal game.

Dagny Mellgren scored in the 12th

minute of sudden death, knocking a 7-yard shot to the left of U.S. goalkeeper Siri Mullinix. The American managed to get a hand on the ball, but couldn't deflect it enough to keep it out of the net.

Norway had been ahead 2-1 in regulation play, but Tiffeny Milbrett tied with virtually no time left, heading in a long cross from Mia Hamm.

The victory puts the Norwegians on roughly equal footing with the U.S. women in international soccer.

Norway also won the 1995 World Cup, while the Americans were 1991 and '99 World Cup champions and won the gold in Atlanta four years ago.

The United States had 75 medals (31 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze) at the end of Thursday, followed by Russia with 58 (19-18-21) and China with 56 (26-15-15).

**DRUG TESTING:** At an Olympics tainted by drug use, a sports arbitration panel sent a clear message to athletes Thursday: When it comes to doping, "I didn't mean to" is no excuse.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld the IOC's decision to strip Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducan of her all-around gold medal for taking an over-the-counter cold medicine containing a banned stimulant.

The drug, pseudoephedrine, often is found in cold remedies and was in the pills that Raducan took on her team doctor's advice.

The Romanians said the gymnast, just 16, shouldn't suffer for her doctor's mistake. That argument went nowhere with the arbitrators, just as it failed with the International Olympic

Committee. The decision said athletes who test positive for drugs are breaking the rules "irrespective of whether or not the competitor intended to ingest the prohibited substance."

Raducan said she was disappointed, but knows she did nothing wrong.

The pseudoephedrine "didn't help me compete," she said. "On the contrary, it gave me some dizziness."

**TRACK AND FIELD:** A shut out and an upset in the men's 200 meters.

With Maurice Greene and Michael Johnson both injuring themselves in the U.S. trials and failing to qualify in the 200, the American men couldn't manage a medal at the Olympics.

Coby Miller and John Capel finished seventh and eighth, while Greek Konstantinos Kenteris accelerated past the field in the last half of the race to pull off an upset victory. He finished in 20.09 seconds.

Except for the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games, the United States hadn't been shut out of a medal in the 200 since 1928.

In the decathlon, Estonia's Erki Nool took the gold. American Chris Huffins led throughout the competition, but faded in the 1,500-meters and finished with a bronze.

**WRESTLING:** Another Russian champ fell to an American wrestler. Texan Brandon Slay took down defending Olympic gold medalist Bouvaissa Saitiev 4-3 in a 167 1/2-pound prelim freestyle match. U.S. wrestlers in the Greco-Roman and freestyle divisions have now beaten three Russian world champions in Sydney.

# Running back key player on 21st birthday

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — It was a 21st birthday to remember for David Winbush. Last Saturday the Kansas running back scored two of the Jayhawks' six touchdowns in a 42-0 rout of Division I-AA Southern Illinois.

"It was still a game, just a game day," Winbush said. "Yeah, it was my 21st birthday and I'm sure coach Allen knew that I had it in my mind

that I wanted to do really well, but we still had to stay with the game plan."

"I just knew that I had to perform well when I did get my hands on the ball," Winbush said. "And it just worked out that way, we did tremendously in the third quarter."

Winbush got both of his scores in that period, one on a 5-yard run, the other on an 11-yard pass from Dylon Smith. Kansas led only 14-0 at the

half, but Winbush's two touchdowns and another by Moran Norris on a 2-yard run made it 35-0 going into the final quarter.

In all, the 5-foot-7 Winbush carried 15 times for 75 yards, with the one touch down pass reception.

It was nice to display what he can do in front of a crowd that included his parents, who had driven up from Killeen, Texas, for the weekend.

# baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	94	64.595	—	
New York	90	68.570	4	
Florida	75	82.478	18 1/2	
Montreal	67	91.424	27	
Philadelphia	64	94.405	30	

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	93	65.589	—	
Cincinnati	82	76.519	11	
Milwaukee	72	86.456	21	
Houston	70	88.443	23	
Pittsburgh	66	92.418	27	
Chicago	64	94.405	29	

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	94	64.595	—	
Los Angeles	84	74.532	10	
Arizona	83	75.525	11	
Colorado	80	78.506	14	
San Diego	75	83.475	19	

x-clinched division title

y-clinched wild card

Wednesday's Games

Houston 10, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 6
Florida 6, Montreal 3
Chicago Cubs 1, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 6, Arizona 4
St. Louis 3, San Diego 0
San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 0

Thursday's Games

Montreal (Lira 5-7) at Florida (Penny 7-7), 11:05 a.m.
Philadelphia (Politte 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Nation 0-1), 12:20 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 10-12) at Colorado (Wasdin 0-2), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 10-5) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 12-6), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 19-9) at San Diego (Witasick 3-2), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 7-16) at Pittsburgh (Silva 10-9), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 19-8) at N.Y. Mets (BJJones 10-6), 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 15-6) at Los Angeles (Brown 13-6), 8:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Chen 7-3) at Florida (Smith 5-6), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Van Poppel 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Serafini 2-5), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 4-8) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 14-10), 5:10 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 11-10) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-5), 5:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 2-0) at Houston (Elarton 17-6), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 8-6) at St. Louis (Stephenson 16-8), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 16-11) at Arizona (Anderson 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 17-10) at San Diego (Williams 10-7), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	87	70.554	—	
Boston	83	75.525	4 1/2	

Toronto	83	75.525	4 1/2
Baltimore	70	88.443	17 1/2
Tampa Bay	66	91.420	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	93	65.589	—	
Cleveland	87	71.551	6	
Detroit	76	82.481	17	
Kansas City	75	83.475	18	
Minnesota	68	90.430	25	

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	89	69.563	—	
Oakland	88	69.561	1/2	
Anaheim	80	78.506	9	
Texas	70	88.443	19	

x-clinched division title

Wednesday's Games

Oakland 9, Anaheim 7
Toronto 4, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 11, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2
Boston 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Kansas City 3, Detroit 0
Seattle 6, Texas 4

Thursday's Games

Anaheim (Karl 2-2) at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 1:35 p.m.
Texas (Helling 15-13) at Seattle (Moyer 13-10), 4:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13-10) at Cleveland (Colton 15-8), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 10-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 8-12), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-7) at Tampa Bay

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