

# Coach shakes off season

*Football team lacked 'chemistry' this season*

By Rachel Miscall  
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Shaking off his first season with the Goodland Cowboys — which ended with a 3-6 record and the team's play-off hopes dashed — Coach Chris Walters said the team is missing one main ingredient.

A science teacher who moved to Goodland in June, Walters said the Cowboys need some chemistry. Walters said he's going to mix some in by having the players lift weights together and do other team-building activities, including attending a football camp this summer.

"Probably the main ingredient is chemistry," said Coach Walters. "I think there was some chemistry this year, but it's something they need to work to build."

The coach said the team's offensive and defensive problems stemmed from a lack of teamwork. The players' relationships didn't extend beyond the football field, he said.

"If you like the guy you're playing with," said Coach Walters, "you're going to play a lot harder."

At the start of the season, Walters blamed the Cowboys' losses on defense problems, saying the team was letting challengers score too early and too often. As the defense worked it out, the coach said, other problems started developing.

After the Cowboys lost 27-20 to the Ulysses Tigers in their first district



game, he said the team fell down at the goal line because their execution was sloppy. It only got worse as district play progressed, with Coach Walters blaming poor execution for the Cowboys' 35-14 loss to the Scott City Beavers in the last game of the season.

"We were killing ourselves by not executing," he said. "We had a lot of mental mistakes that hurt us."

The coach said the solution could simply be to build the team's strength and chemistry. He's hoping to work on both in the weight room.

"My main concern is getting the guys in the weight room," he said, "and teaching them how to work together as a team."

The Cowboys will do other team-building activities, the coach said, including going to a football camp this summer.

"We'll go in there as a team," he said, "and work on things for the upcoming season."

But first, the players will get a short break.

Richard Liess, the high school athletic director, said the state High School Activities Association requires high schools to stop all athletic activi-

ties outside the classroom for a week between seasons. The "buffer week" starts today, he said, and lasts through Sunday.

"It gives everyone a chance to catch their breath," Liess said.

During that week, Coach Walters said he will be sitting down with the Cowboys' coaching staff and meeting with other schools' coaches to devise new offensive and defensive strategies.

Since the Cowboys are losing talented seniors who were the backbone of the team, the coach said, it's important to shift the focus to the team's strengths.

"We're going to lose good seniors," said Walters, "but if the kids work hard, they'll be ready."

He said the Cowboys will switch to more of a running game since they are losing quarterback Luke Stone.

The Cowboys' success next season, the coach said, will depend on how hard they work through the end of the school year and summer.

"Our season depends on what happens from this point," Coach Walters said. "We can make a difference from right now to the start of the season. If we do that, we've got a great opportunity to have a good season."

The coach said he expects next year's season to go smoother simply because he's no longer the new coach.

"Next year we'll have a head start," he said. "They'll already know what I expect from them."

## correction

Due to incorrect information from a league Internet site, an article in Friday's *Goodland Daily News* said Tinker Keck had been drafted by the Orlando Rage. He was drafted by the L.A. Extreme instead. Both are in the new Extreme Football League.

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## bowling results

**Wednesday Morning Coffee League**  
**Nov. 1, 2000**

Wendy's over Mr. Jim's 3-1  
Lonny's Quality Auto Body over McClung's Appliance 3-1  
BEM's over Blind team 4-0

**Individual high game:** Marilyn Melia-230  
**McClung's Appliance**  
**Individual high series:** Marilyn Melia-605  
**McClung's Appliance**

**Team high game:** Wendy's-557  
**Team high series:** Wendy's-1521

**League Standings:** McClung's Appliance 24, 12; Lonny's Quality Auto Body 23, 13; Wendy's 23, 13; BEM's 19, 17; Mr. Jim's 12, 24.

**Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League**  
**Nov. 1, 2000**

Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Weber Kennel 14-6  
Eisenbart Trucking over Fitzgibbons 15-5  
Bowladium Lanes over ProLine Applicators 15-5  
Sigco over Burlington 19-1

**Individual high game:** Jerry Amthor-290  
**Individual high series:** Jerry Amthor-859

**Team high game:** Bowladium Lanes-688  
**Team high series:** Bowladium Lanes-2382

**League Standings:** Sigco 19, 1; Bowladium Lanes 15, 5; Eisenbart Trucking 15, 5; Alcorn Shelter Insurance 14, 6; Weber Kennel 6, 14; ProLine Applicators 5, 15; Fitzgibbons 5, 15; Burlington 1, 19.

**Thursday Night Mixed League**  
**Nov. 2, 2000**

Bankwest of Kansas over Exit 17 3-1  
Mex & Company over Charlie's Angels 4-0  
Poor Country Folks over Sunwest Investments 3-1  
Our Team over Gutter Dusters 3-1  
Bowladium Lanes over McDonald's 3-1  
Rod & Suzie's Welding over Rain or Shine 3-1

**Women's high game:** Tina Perry-224  
**Women's high series:** Diana Nichols-564  
**Men's high game:** Tony Pennington-223  
**Men's high series:** Larry Cearley-566  
**Team high game:** Rain or Shine-864  
**Team high series:** Bankwest of Kansas-2418

**League Standings:** No. 1 Bankwest of Kansas 28, 8; No. 2 Mex & Company 23, 13; No. 3 Exit 17 23, 13.

**Happy Our League**  
**Nov. 2, 2000**

Rasure's over B & B Electric 3-1

# Kansas State moves up in poll

By The Associated Press

Kansas State moved up to 16 on the Associated Press College football poll after sitting at 19 last week.

Scoring touchdowns on their first four possessions, No. 16 Kansas State (8-2, 4-2 Big 12) exposed Iowa State as a weakling even though the Cyclones (6-3, 3-3) have assured themselves of their first winning season since 1989.

At the same, time, it was the first time in three weeks Kansas State had shown the kind of dominance that propelled it to No. 2 in The Associated Press poll earlier this season.

In a stretch which caused people to question their national reputation and caused them to question themselves,

the Wildcats had lost to Oklahoma, struggled to beat Texas Tech, and lost to Texas A&M.

Next up is No. 4 Nebraska, in a game that will almost certainly decide the Big 12 North title.

First-place votes are in parentheses, records are through Nov. 4, total points are based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in the previous poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Oklahoma (70)	8-0	1,774	1
2. Miami	7-1	1,684	3
3. Florida St. (1)	9-1	1,633	4
4. Nebraska	8-1	1,512	5
5. Florida	8-1	1,499	6
6. Oregon	8-1	1,429	7
7. Washington	8-1	1,371	8
8. Virginia Tech	8-1	1,260	2

9. Purdue	7-2	1,196	11
10. Oregon St.	8-1	1,127	14
11. Notre Dame	6-2	863	15
12. Northwestern		7-2 839	21
13. Ohio St.	7-2	819	16
14. Georgia	6-2	727	17
15. Mississippi St.		6-2 707	18
16. Kansas St.	8-2	673	19
17. Clemson	8-2	584	10
18. TCU	7-1	571	9
19. Texas	7-2	527	20
20. Michigan	6-3	426	12
21. South Carolina		7-2 353	22
22. Auburn	7-2	342	23
23. Texas A&M	7-2	328	24
24. Georgia Tech		6-2 220	25
25. Southern Miss.		6-2 217	13

Others receiving votes: Colorado St. 213, W. Michigan 58, LSU 39, Louisville 26, UCLA 22, Tennessee 16, Mississippi 11, N.C. State 4, Toledo 4, UTEP 1.

## Broncos dominate the Jets 30-23

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Don't tell Brian Griese and the Denver Broncos about how tough it is to convert third downs in the NFL.

The Broncos were overwhelming on crucial plays Sunday in beating the New York Jets 30-23. They also kept the Jets from staging yet another sensational rally to victory.

"This was a playoff game for us, and if we lose this, chances are we're home for the holidays," linebacker Bill Romanowski said after his defense stopped the Jets on four pass plays from the Denver 2 in the final minute. "There was the kind of intensity and attention to detail we need."

Particularly on third down with the ball.

Denver converted 12 of 18, including some huge pass plays to Ed McCaffrey and Rod Smith. Griese, looking every bit as efficient as his father Bob did in his Hall of Fame career, was nearly unstoppable on those third downs.

"Same as usual," Smith said. "That's the way he does it every week. He's a leader in this offense."

Along with Terrell Davis, of course. Davis, returning from foot and ankle injuries that hobbled him since the sea-

son opener, rushed for 115 yards — his first 100-yard game since Denver won its second straight Super Bowl in January 1999.

"It felt pretty good," Davis said. "It felt like a normal game, normal flow."

"It's not about getting 100 yards. It's about controlling the ball, keeping the offense on the field."

He and Griese worked wonders at that, especially in the first half when Denver (5-4) had the ball for 21:50 in building 17-0 and 20-10 leads.

An arrest on suspicion of drunk driving during the bye week didn't bother Griese who was 23-for-35 for 327 yards in exploiting the Jets' leaky secondary.

"It's been a tough week for me and I was happy to go back on the field and

put all that stuff behind me," said Griese, who has thrown 18 touchdowns passes and three interceptions this season.

After allowing 407 yards rushing at Cincinnati in their last game, the Broncos yielded just 88 Sunday. And while they gave up some big pass plays to the Jets (6-3), they always had an answer.

A 47-yard pass to McCaffrey on third down provided the winning points six minutes into the fourth quarter. Griese also had a 49-yard connection with Smith on third down to set up Jason Elam's third field goal, a 23-yarder that broke a 20-20 tie.

McCaffrey also had a 1-yard TD reception on which he stretched the ball over the goal line without getting into the end zone himself.



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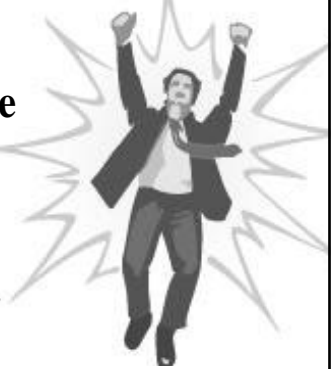
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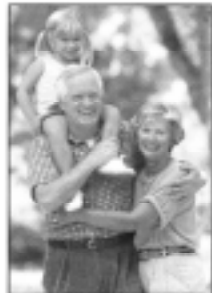
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