

Cowboys put away Oberlin at homecoming

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The Goodland Cowboys proved on Friday that their big 56-12 victory over Oakley the previous week was no fluke, as they pulled out another significant and hard-fought 35-27 win over the Oberlin Red Devils at homecoming.

Coach Tony Diehl said the Cowboys, who are trying to live down last season, which they ended winless, showed that they can play well two weeks in a row and with one of their best players hurt.

"It was a huge step forward," he said. The coach said the Cowboys took away a lot from the Oberlin game, including the confidence that the rest of the team can step up when one of its top players goes down.

Freshman Bobby Miller injured his shoulder during the second quarter and was out for most of the game's remainder. He gained a total of 72 yards, compared to the 211 he gained against Oakley, and scored one touchdown.

The injury could have spelled trouble for the Cowboys, but sophomore David Livengood didn't let it, stepping in to gain a total of 94 yards. "I was pleased with Dave Livengood," Diehl said.

The coach said the boys learned what it takes to be a successful team, including keeping focus and momentum consistent throughout the game.

By the end of the first half, the Cowboys looked as if they were on their way to an even bigger win over Oberlin than Oakley. With 6.7 seconds left on the clock, quarterback Jared Doke threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Ian Scherling, and the Cowboys headed into half-time with a 22-point lead over Oberlin, 28-6.

But Goodland looked like a different team when they ran back onto the



field. In 45 seconds, the Red Devils managed to close the score gap by eight points, 28-14, with a 62-yard touchdown run by Brett Beinke and a successful two-point conversion.

The Cowboys' momentum stalled, as Doke fumbled the ball during a hand-off to Cowboy Jordan Bedore and Oberlin recovered it. Goodland held down the Devils on that drive, but couldn't stop Oberlin from running into the end zone once more that quarter, bringing the score to 28-21.

It took a final Oberlin touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter to knock the Cowboys back into the game. A Red Devil made a 53-yard touchdown run to bring the score to 28-27, but Oberlin never got a chance to tie it up, as they missed the extra point and Goodland quickly regained its momentum.

The Cowboys made an aggressive drive to put Brock Lohr in the end zone, and the extra point made the score 35-27. Goodland held Oberlin and got the ball when a Red Devil run was short of a first down by the length of a football. With 1:57 left on the clock, the Cowboys started making their way down the field.

Doke fumbled a pitch, which the Red Devils recovered, but the Cowboys snatched back control when Kris Rubio intercepted an Oberlin pass with less than a minute on the clock. Time ran out soon after that.

Coach Diehl shouldered some of the blame for the flat third quarter. As the team's leader, he said, it was his job to keep the players pumped up during half-time, but he didn't do that well enough.

"I think they let their guard down," he said. "They didn't come out ready



Cowboy Drew Wilkens (above) ran to tackle Red Devil Brett Beinke during Goodland's homecoming game Friday night at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys won the game 35-27. David Livengood (left), who stepped in for injured Bobby Miller, gained a total of 94 yards for his team. Photos by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

to execute. It was kind of my fault. I didn't prepare them at half-time."

If he had it to do over again, the coach said, he would have reminded the Cowboys that Oberlin is a great team capable of a big comeback.

"I would have told them they had to be ready for a dog fight," Diehl said. But now that it's over, the coach was focusing on the positives.

"The kids still rode the storm," he said, noting that the Cowboys had an exceptional running game and made a

few big plays, which kept the home crowd cheering and the stands full despite a cold wind that picked up in the third quarter.

Coach Diehl said a bunch of injuries destroyed the Cowboys' morale last year, but the team has been fortunate so far this year to avoid that. The team isn't completely hurt-free, however.

Bedore has been playing with a well-padded cast covering his right arm, but has still managed to remain a top scorer. He gained a total of 165 yards

for the Cowboys and scored two touchdowns.

Coach Diehl said Miller has a deep bruise somewhere in his shoulder, but they're still not sure exactly what is wrong.

"We're still waiting and watching," he said.

Goodland's new season record is 3-3 and the team will face the Ulysses Tigers on Friday for the first district game of the season. Goodland's district also includes Colby and Scott City.

Mustangs take four of six

The eighth grade Mustang volleyball team won four of its last six matches, splitting games in Oakley and Oberlin, and taking two in Sharon Springs.

In an "B" tournament Thursday in Sharon Springs, the Mustangs beat Sharon Springs 15-3 and 15-4. Amber Cowan was the scorer with eight points and Nicolette Clancy followed with seven. They then beat Golden Plains

15-2 and 15-1. Sandy Johnson had 13 points and Clancy seven.

The team played an "A" match Thursday in Oberlin, beating the home team 15-2 and 15-13. Dani Bedore scored 10 points and Emily Murray and Lindsay Schields five.

In a "B" match against Oberlin, the girls lost 7-15 and 8-15. Hannah Burkett had seven points and Alicia Studer three.

The week before in Oakley, the Mustangs won 15-9, 9-15 and 18-16 in an "A" match. Whitney Archer led with 13, followed by Shandel Simon with nine. In a "B" match, the girls split the match 13-15 and 19-17. Clancy scored eight and Johnson seven.

The team's next competition will be at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Seventh graders win Oberlin match

The seventh grade Grant Junior High "A" volleyball team won its match Thursday in Oberlin, and the "B" team split a match in Oberlin and won in Sharon Springs.

The "A" team beat Oberlin 15-11, 7-15 and 15-3. Cassie Sandoval and Samantha Raymer had 11 points, Jessica Hatfield eight, Halli Stone three and Ashley Christians and Andrea Wolak two.

In the "B" match in Oberlin, the Mustangs split the sets 15-8 and 12-15. Karmen Respicio led the scoring with seven points.

Jessica Swager had six, Lauren Abernathy and Jennie Cole 5, Tasaya Abbott three and Amanda Amthor had one.

The Mustangs sent another "B" squad to Sharon Springs on Thursday, and ended up playing another Oberlin

squad.

The Goodland team won 15-6 and 15-11. Holly Kibel and Shawnie Butts had eight points, Jessica Perez five, Marissa Acuff three and Brittney Ford, Callee Warren and Tehnee Ridder each two.

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Officials to meet in Oakley

Folks who want to help out Goodland High School sports, and maybe make a little extra spending money, can attend a basketball or wrestling rules meeting Wednesday in Oakley.

Registered officials, and anyone

who wants to become one, are welcome to attend the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakley High School auditorium.

Transportation will be provided by the school district, which will leave Max Jones Fieldhouse at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Angels go to Series for first time

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Adam Kennedy has the magic bat.

He hit his third homer of the game in the seventh inning and the Angels erupted for a 13-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins to win the AL championship.

The Angels won the pendant series in five game and are headed to the World Series for the first time in their 42-year history. Kennedy, the ALCS MVP, connected in a 10-run seventh inning and became the fifth player to

homer three times in a playoff game.

In the National League, the San Francisco Giants lead the St. Louis Cardinal three games to one. They play tonight at 6:20 p.m. in San Francisco. If the Cardinals win, the next game will be Wednesday in St. Louis.

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Cross country runners place fifth in Lakin

Cross Country Coach Don Smith felt it was the second toughest meet of the year, and was proud of the team's efforts as they brought back six medals from Lakin and finished fifth with combined boys and girls scores. "We did very well," Smith said. "I looked back at last year and our times were better across the board. There was excellent competition at this meet, and I think it was the second toughest we have seen."

"The teams did well, and the wind was a factor as the finish was a long run into the wind," he said. The cross country teams will travel to Colby Saturday for the Northwest Kansas League meet at 9 a.m.

Speedy Aguilar was the top Cowboy with a third place medal finish in the junior-senior division. He had a time of 17:37. The individual boys champion was Cody Layman of Southwestern Heights of Kismet, with a time of 16:46. Timothy Kafka had a 16th place medal finish with a time of 19:07.

Craig Mason was the top medal finisher in the freshman-sophomore division with a 17th place finish and a time of 19:13. The individual champion was Louis Contau of Deerfield at 17:40.

Brandon Zelfer was 35th at 20:02; Daniel Blake 48th,

20:13; Zach Breining 51st, 20:54; Charles Lammers 75th, 25:29.

Kalie Smith was the top Cowgirl finisher in the freshman-sophomore division with a medal for sixth place and a time of 13:43. The girls' individual champion was Jessica Stephens of Colby at 12:27.

Tiffany Thomas received a medal for her 9th place finish at 13:49. Chelsea Ontiveroz was 28th, 15:00; and Amanda Bonsall was 41st, 16:59.

Deanna Livengood was the top Cowgirl in the junior-senior division winning a medal for her 12th place at a time of 14:06. The individual champion was Britney Hill of Hugoton at 12:10. Wendy Keith was 32nd, 15:21; and Charlie Short was 35th, 15:57.

Hugoton won the meet with a combined team score of 29. Lakin was second, 48; Colby third, 60; Stanton County fourth, 86; Goodland fifth, 91; Ulysses sixth 101; Syracuse seventh, 104; South Gray eighth, 128; Deerfield ninth, 156; Kismet 10th, 172; Garden City junior varsity 11th, 191; and Sublette 12th, 257. Other teams competing, but no team score were Oakley, Greeley County, Dodge City junior varsity and Yarbrough, Okla.

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