

## Cowboy offense rolls over Eagles

By Rachel Hixson

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The Goodland Cowboys received the starting kickoff in Friday's game against Colby, but quickly lost control when quarterback Jared Duke fumbled the ball during a pitch to Bobby Miller on the Goodland 30-yard line.

The Eagles made their way to the Goodland one, but the Cowboys held them and recovered the ball on downs.

Goodland only advanced nine yards and was forced to punt from its own 10. The punt went out of bounds at the Colby 47. Schuyler Sharpe ran 53 yards on the first play for the Eagle's first touchdown and Jared Cranston ran in the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0 with 5:43 left in the first quarter.

The Cowboys offense answered with a big play of their own. Miller made a 63-yard touchdown run on second down, bringing the score to 8-6, as the two-point attempt was unsuccessful.

It was the Eagle's turn to make another big play, as Colby's Brent McCoy made a 66-yard touchdown run on a first down. A pass on the two-point conversion was incomplete, bringing the score to 14-6 with 4:27 left in the first quarter.

Colby was able to take advantage of Goodland's aggressive defense by running a counter play, which put Goodland's defense out of position and allowed the Eagles running back to sprint past the Cowboys defensive line.

The Eagles caught Goodland off guard a couple of times, but Coach Tony Diehl said the Cowboys stopped that with some defensive adjustments.

Cowboy Malcolm White made a 38-yard kickoff return on the next drive, but Goodland didn't take it far and the first quarter ended with the Eagles in control and a score of 14-6 Colby.

The Eagles didn't stay on top for long, though. During their first drive of the second quarter, the Cowboys were penalized 10 yards for holding, but then got a first down in mid-field when Colby had a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Despite another five-yard penalty for false start, the Cowboys were able to make it into the end zone with an eight-yard touchdown pass to Raymer. The two-point conversion was no good, making the score 14-12 Colby with 6:39 left in the second quarter.

A Colby fumble recovered by Cowboy Alan Cebula at the Goodland 49 led to Bedore running in another touchdown and a successful two-point conversion, bringing the score to 20-14 with 1:37 left in the half. The Cowboys made their third touchdown despite Miller losing a couple of yards when he slipped and two five-yard penalties for false starts.

The teams exchanged the ball a

couple of times before the half ran out, but neither one scored and the half ended with the Cowboys leading by 6.

The second half was a different story for the Cowboys, who controlled the ball for most of the third and fourth quarters.

Colby received the kickoff, but had to punt when Cowboy Kris Rubio knocked down a third-down pass. That started Goodland's long drive, which lasted for more than eight minutes.

The punt was downed near the Goodland 24, but the ball was moved back 15 yards when the Cowboys were penalized for a personal foul. With about 9:31 on the clock, Miller and Bedore started moving the ball down the field from the Goodland 12.

On the Goodland 46, the Cowboys gained a free five yards when Colby received a penalty for offsides, but then lost it when Goodland was penalized five yards for illegal shift.

Bedore and Miller took turns moving the ball towards the goal line and Bedore finally ran it in. Raymer scored the extra two points with 1:06 left in the third quarter and the score board reading 28-14 Goodland.

Colby had the ball for a short time, but the Cowboys soon recovered it, and ended the third quarter in control.

The Cowboys wavered a bit at the start of the fourth quarter, when Duke fumbled the ball and Colby recovered it, but their momentum wasn't shaken. Cowboy Drew Wilkens intercepted an Eagles' pass at the Goodland 12, and Bedore and Miller carried the ball to the end zone, with Bedore running it in.

For the first time in the game, Ian Scherling got a chance to kick an extra-point and was successful, bringing the score to 35-14 with 4:47 left in the game.

The Cowboys didn't let the Eagles get their hands on the ball for long, as Rubio intercepted a Colby pass on the Goodland 38 with 4:05 left on the clock. Time quickly ran out as Goodland kept control of the ball for the rest of the game, but didn't make another touchdown.

Goodland had 20 first downs to Colby's 10, 400 rushing yards to Colby's 198 and 94 passing yards to Colby's 106.

Miller led the team in rushing, gaining a total of 231 yards in 22 attempts and scoring one touchdown. Bedore gained a total of 150 yards in 28 attempts and scored three touchdowns and Duke gained a total of 19 yards in nine attempts.

Doke passed a total of 94 yards, completing eight of 14 passes, and threw in one touchdown.

Derrick Raymer had two punts for 42.5 yards, Donald Raymer had three punt returns for a total of 17 yards and White had three kickoff returns for a total of 60 yards.



Cowboys linemen (above) talked with running backs Bobby Miller and Jordan Bedore during Friday night's game against the Colby Eagles,

before Bedore, No. 10, ran in the team's fourth touchdown. A Cowboy (below) tackled an Eagle during the game causing him to drop the pass.

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## Cowboys stomp Eagles

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dominated the rest of the game, scoring two more touchdowns, making two interceptions and keeping the Eagles out of the end zone.

The Cowboys had reason to celebrate, not only because they beat their rivals, but because the win secures a playoff spot for Goodland for the first time since 1996. The playoff system was changed this year to allow two teams from each four-team district to advance.

That means Goodland and Scott City, which have both won two district games, will play the winners in District No. 15 on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the first round of the playoffs.

After the first two rounds of district play, Hugoton and Kingman in District No. 15 have secured playoff spots.

Scott City, which has a record of 7-1, advanced to the playoffs on Friday by slaughtering Ulysses 43-0. Goodland beat Ulysses 40-7 in the first round of district play.

Many district winners have already been determined, but district play still isn't over.

The Cowboys will face the Scott City Beavers at home on Thursday in the final round of district play. It will be senior parent's night, and Coach Diehl said there will be a ceremony

before the game, which will start at 6:30 p.m.

The coach said Goodland and Scott City play a similar game, with both running the fullback often, and both having a quick defense. He said the 5-3 Cowboys can defeat the Beavers, and won't allow themselves to be intimidated.

The fact players on both teams know they will be going to the playoffs whether they win or lose will add intensity to the game, Coach Diehl said. "We're in a situation where we can just let it all hang out," he said. "They'll throw everything they can."

The weather is supposed to be cold and wet all week, the coach said, so the Cowboys are expecting to play in conditions similar to Friday night's game, where some players slipped on the muddy field and fumbled the wet ball.

Diehl said moisture can cause problems, and the Cowboys will practice ball handling and other skills this week in wet weather to prevent mistakes.

The coach said the Cowboys are focusing on one game at a time and won't start thinking about their first playoff game until after the Scott City game. Which team the Cowboys play will depend on who wins Thursday night. The victor will get to play at home, the loser on the road.



## Broncos defeat New England

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Denver Broncos left town with a 6-2 record and some advice for the struggling Super Bowl champions.

"I can empathize with them quite a bit, because I've been in that situation," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said Sunday after the Broncos beat New England 24-16 and sent the Patriots to their fourth consecutive loss.

It's the first time a reigning NFL

champion has lost four straight since the 1999 Broncos.

"You had to bring that up, didn't you?" said receiver Ed McCaffrey, one of the Broncos remaining from the team's last Super Bowl champion team.

"They're a great team. But nothing's ever going to be given to you. Nothing's ever going to be easy. They know that. They're playing hard. I wouldn't be surprised if we see them again."

## Chiefs hand the Raiders third straight loss, 20-10

By Steve Brisendine

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Oakland Raiders have lost three straight — and their patience.

The Raiders, who started the year 4-0, tried to put a positive spin on losses to St. Louis and San Diego. That was hard to do Sunday after Kansas City beat them 20-10, snapping the Chiefs' five-game losing streak to Oakland.

Linebacker Bill Romanowski, the closest player to Kansas City's Tony Richardson on Richardson's deciding touchdown catch, took the blame but also said bluntly, "That wasn't my guy."

"The defense played great," Romanowski said, "but the offense..."

Rod Woodson, the Raiders' veteran safety, said the problem goes beyond the field.

"Everything happens for a reason," Woodson said. "If it takes us losing three games to wake everyone up — the front office, the players, the coaches, the trainers — then that's what it takes."

But no player showed the strain more than quarterback Rich Gannon,

trying to explain how the NFL's best offense could manage just 10 points against the league's worst defense.

What made that even harder to explain was Gannon's passing line: 35-for-55 for 334 yards. He joined Steve Young and Kurt Warner as the only players in NFL history to pass for more than 300 yards in six straight games.

"It's not so much their defense," Gannon said. "We felt like we could move the ball, and we did a couple of times, but we just didn't make enough plays."

Gannon also bristled when asked why he threw so often to Tim Brown, who had 13 catches for 144 yards — and so seldom to Jerry Rice, who had five catches for 45 yards and whose fourth-quarter fumble led to Richardson's 4-yard TD catch from Trent Green with 2:44 left.

"What do you want me to do? I'm doing the best I can," said Gannon, whose 1-yard pass to Doug Jolley gave the Raiders (4-3) a 7-3 lead late in the first quarter. "I don't control who gets the ball in this offense. We threw it 55 times today. There's plenty of throws out there for everyone."


  
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**Wednesday, Oct. 30** - "Black Day" -KSHSAA Regional Administration Board of Education Meeting at Oakley, 12:15 p.m.; DECA Fall Conference at Emporia; City Recreation 7:30 p.m. Max Jones Field House.  
**Thursday, Oct. 31** - "Gold Day" - Seminar - Student Council & GRACE; DECA Fall Conference at Emporia; Varsity Football vs. Scott City at home, district championship game, 6:30 p.m.; musical practice, auditorium, evening.  
**Friday, Nov. 1** - "Black Day" - State Volleyball; Jr. High Dance, High School Gym, sponsored by Yearbook; Musical practice, auditorium, evening.  
**Saturday, Nov. 2** - State Cross Country at Wamego; State Volleyball at Salina.  
**Monday, Nov. 4** - Project Graduation 2003 meeting 7:30 p.m., cafeteria; musical practice, auditorium evening.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 5** - "Black Day", Seminar - FCCLA; Bi-District Football, may include Goodland, to be announced; PLAN test for sophomores 8 a.m.; school picture retakes; musical practice, auditorium, evening.


  
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