

Cowboys defend against Indian attack, win opener 35-16 with tough running

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The Goodland Cowboys scalped the Hoxie Indians on Friday, scoring one touchdown in the first quarter and two each in the second and third, for a 35-0 lead.

The Indians took advantage of the Cowboys' second and third strings, trying to make a comeback in the fourth. They surprised the Cowboys with two inside kicks, one of which resulted in the Indians' second trip to the end zone, but the Cowboys held on to win their opening game 35-16.

In action off the field, two young men were arrested behind the bleachers early in the fourth quarter for sneaking alcohol into the game.

A few fans noticed the commotion, but most were riveted to the Cowboys' first victory. Though the fans were pleased with the game, the Cowboys' coach had a few complaints, mostly with his coaching.

Coach Tony Diehl blamed himself for some sloppy play on the part of the Cowboys but said he was proud of the boys for playing hard.

The team just looked sloppy, Diehl said.

"That is my fault," he said. "I didn't prepare the coaches and players well to play in this situation."

Diehl said he was proud of the effort his team gave and was excited about the win. The kids played hard, he said, and stopped a good offense. But the coach acknowledged the team could improve.

"We need to work on execution," he said.

The team was sloppy on turnovers, the coach said, and on substitutions for injuries.

"I need to do better preparing the staff to handle substitutions better," Diehl said.

There were a lot of second and third string players on the field, he said, when Hoxie got to the end zone. Goodland fumbled a punt, gave up the inside kicks. They hadn't prepared for that in practice, he said.

The Cowboys had some injuries, the coach said, but most of the boys are expected to play Friday against Holcomb. There are a couple of injured ankles, Diehl said, but the most serious injury is Anthony Benevides' hamstring. He may not be able to play this week, the coach said.

Diehl said he told the injured players to get plenty of ice, adding

that half of the team would need ice.

The coach said the Cowboys will have to step it up to beat Holcomb on the road this week. Holcomb struggled last year, Diehl said, but they have a very talented group of players.

The Cowboys will have to play better Friday to beat them, he said. Goodland faces Holcomb at 6:30 p.m. in Holcomb.

Goodland earned the first touchdown of the game against Hoxie with a two-yard run by Jordan Bedore with 6:40 to go in the first quarter. Ian Scherling kicked the extra point.

The Cowboy defense was armed and ready. Scherling kicked off, and Jeff Cameron received for Hoxie. Dan Melia hit him hard and stopped him cold. Cameron was taken by ambulance to Goodland Regional Medical Center; a later report was that his x-rays were good, and he was released.

A 15-yard pass from Jared Doke to Derrick Raymer with 4:56 to go in the second added to the Cowboys' lead. Bedore ran for the two-point conversion.

With 2:45 to go in the second, Doke ran one yard for a third touchdown for Goodland, and Bobby Miller attempted to run for a two-point conversion but didn't make it.

Miller added to the score with a 56-yard run with 9:46 to go in the third quarter. Scherling kicked the extra point. Bedore ran five yards for the Cowboys' final touchdown with 1:49 to go in the third quarter. Up 35-0, the Cowboys didn't score in the fourth.

Doug Campbell ran one yard for Hoxie's first touchdown with 8:24 to go in the game, and Mat Gilliland got the two-point conversion. Taking advantage of Hoxie's first inside kick, Campbell ran 44 yards for the Indians' second touchdown. Danny Mayer ran for the two-point conversion.

The Cowboys kept the Indians from benefiting from the second inside kick, taking over on downs.

With 3:49 to go in the game, Hoxie recovered a Goodland fumble. But Goodland wasn't alone in having trouble with turnovers and got the ball back when Miller intercepted it on the next play.

Goodland was ahead on offense with 21 first downs to Hoxie's 6 and 361 rushing yards in 55 carries to Hoxie's 219 in 42 carries. Goodland had 85 passing yards to Hoxie's 0 and 446 yards of total offense to



Bobby Miller was on the run in the second quarter for Goodland. He ran for 141 yards in 15 carries against Hoxie.

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Hoxie's 219.

Unfortunately, the Cowboys were also ahead in turnovers and penalties. Goodland fumbled nine times and recovered four of their own; Hoxie fumbled twice and recovered one. Hoxie had three penalties for 13 yards, and Goodland had five penalties for 36 yards.

Hoxie punted five times for 26.2 yards, while Goodland never punted. The Cowboys returned four of the punts for 17 yards.

Bedore led the Cowboys in rushing with 156 yards in 24 carries; Miller was second with 141 yards in 15 carries. Doke had 52 yards in 11 carries; Malcom White eight yards in two carries; Jase Herl three yards in one carry; and Raymer 1 yard in two carries.

Doke passed for 85 yards with five completions in seven attempts. He was intercepted once. Raymer had one pass attempt and no completions.

Drew Wilkens led the Cowboys

with two receptions for 36 yards, and Brock Lohr was right behind him with 32 yards in one completion. Raymer had 15 yards in one completion; and Miller had two in one.

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