

# Cowboys round up Longhorns, 27-20

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Goodland Cowboys brought down the Holcomb Longhorns 27-20 Friday, but it was a slow death, as the Longhorns kept kicking until the final seconds of the game.

Goodland followed last week's pattern of hitting the end zone early, adding to their lead and then holding on, using their tough defense to prevent the opponent's comeback from overtaking them.

Penalties plagued both sides, Goodland having six that cost the Cowboys 70 yards and Holcomb having seven, costing them 62 yards. But both sides fought hard, and the Cowboys came up with the victory.

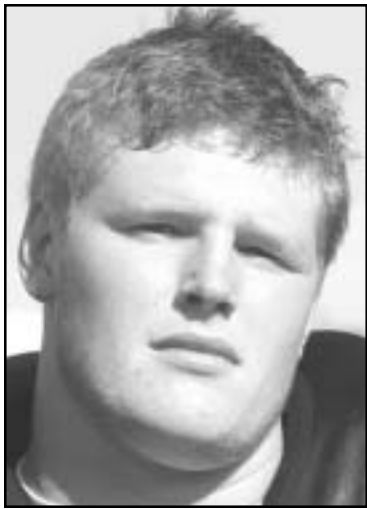
The Cowboys proved to be gritty, Coach Tony Diehl said, finding a way to win despite their own mistakes and a hard fight from Holcomb.

"We didn't play completely up to our potential," Diehl said, "but we still found a way to win."

The Cowboy running game led the way with 58 rushes for 374 yards compared to Holcomb's 32 for 196 yards. Holcomb's passing game was more prominent, earning the team 194 yards to Goodland's 59. But the Cowboys were on top offensively with 433 total yards to Holcomb's 390.

The Cowboy defense held Holcomb to 12 first downs compared to Goodland's 24. And the Goodland defense kept Holcomb from capitalizing on some of the team's mistakes.

"Our defense played really well," Diehl said, "especially in tough situations. Early in the first quarter after the fumble, we stuffed 'em."



Jordan Bedore

The Cowboy offense had an especially good drive in the third and fourth quarters, the coach said, that led to what ended up being the game-winning touchdown.

"We really put it together when we had to," he said.

After Holcomb brought the score to 21-14, Malcom White returned the kick to the 23 yard line. Jordan Bedore ran for three yards right before the clock ran down on the third quarter.

Quarterback Jared Doke ran for six, bringing the Cowboys to third and one at the 33. Doke handed off to Bedore, who got the first down. Doke handed off to Bedore for the next two plays, and Bedore dragged defenders as he ran for the first down.

At the Holcomb 29, the Longhorns hit Doke hard, but a yellow flag waved, moving Goodland up to the 17. On second down and five at the 11, Doke dropped the ball but picked it up and ran it in for the



Jared Doke

touchdown. Ian Scherling tried for the two-point conversion but failed.

"Holcomb's a good team," Diehl said, "much improved from last year.

"I told the kids the game would be determined in the last quarter, and it was."

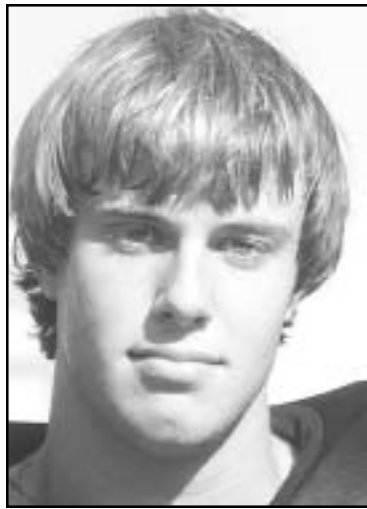
And the Cowboys were determined to have the game decided in their favor.

That the Cowboys pulled together and held on to win shows mental toughness, Diehl said.

"We show that when we have to," he said. "I'm really proud of the way the kids played against Holcomb. We could have laid down and died, but we found a way to make it happen."

Several Cowboys stood out in the coach's mind for helping to make it happen.

"Bedore had one of the guttiest performances I've ever seen running the ball," the coach said, "and played well on the other side of the



Bobby Miller

ball."

The offensive line was good, he said, and Brady Nelson did well coming in and playing where Brock Lohr fell down. Lohr played early in the game despite a previous injury.

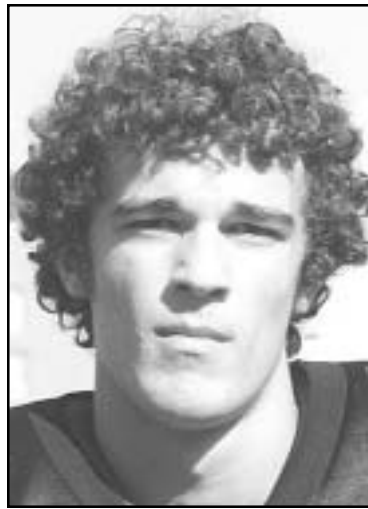
Nelson, a 157-pound sophomore, played bigger than that, the coach said.

"We have kids that are willing to play well in whatever situation they're given," Diehl said.

Others who stepped up, he added, were Jake Johnson, Matt Heiter and Brandon Cowan, who replaced Mark Starr, who was out with a knee injury, and Lane Winter and David Livengood, who replaced Lohr on offense.

Starr should be back next week against St. Francis, Diehl said, but Lohr and Anthony Benavides are day-to-day.

Besides Doke's 11-yard run in the fourth quarter, Cowboy touchdowns came from a 10-yard run by



Brady Nelson

Bedore with 9:15 to go in the first quarter. Scherling kicked the extra point.

Bedore ran one yard for the second Goodland touchdown with 5:54 to go in the first. Scherling's 2-point attempt failed.

Bobby Miller ran 10 yards for a touchdown with 7:53 to go in the second quarter, and Doke ran for two.

Colter Brau ran 15 yards for Holcomb's first touchdown with 1:08 to go in the first half of the game and two yards for the second Longhorn touchdown with 41 seconds to go in the third quarter. Luke Stabb's two-point conversion failed after the first touchdown, but Noah Swank's two-point attempt after the

second was good.

Stabb threw a 25-yard pass to Brau for the final Longhorn touchdown with 13 seconds to go in the game, but Stabb's pass for the extra two failed.

The Longhorns tried to hang on to the ball with an onside kick, but Goodland was prepared and took over with 11 seconds to go.

Bedore led the Cowboys in rushing with 29 carries for 251 yards. Doke was a distant second with 11 carries for 49 yards. Miller had 10 carries for 40 yards; White had three for 15; Livengood had three for nine; Lohr had one for eight; and Derrick Raymer one for two.

Doke completed three of five passes for 50 yards, and Scherling completed one pass in one attempt for nine.

Raymer led Goodland in receiving with two completions for 39 yards. Livengood had one for 11 yards, and Scherling had one for nine.

The Cowboys face St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. Friday on the road. Coach Diehl predicts a tough fight between two good teams.

St. Francis is always big and strong and physical, he said, and has good coaching and a good staff, the best head coach.

"I think we're a good football team," Diehl said. "I want our kids to enjoy the opportunity to go against (St. Francis), two good teams."

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## Brewster wins homecoming

By Jay Kelly

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School football team improved to 2-0 with a home win over Jennings in Friday night's homecoming game.

Brewster scored its first touchdown with 6:40 left in the second after holding Jennings on fourth and an inch at their 27. The 'Dawgs took the ball with 8:06 showing and drove to the nine yard line in five plays. Then Sean Swanson ran into the end zone on second and goal at the nine.

The 2-point conversion failed and Brewster led 8-0 at the half.

Jennings was forced to punt on the fourth play of the third quarter and Brewster took the ball on their 28 and marched down to the Jennings 22.

On second and 10 at the 28, the 'Dawgs fumbled, but recovered the ball on the seven after a wild free-for-all. A keeper by quarterback Branson Gilley had them on the one-yard line. The next play found Gilley keeping the ball again and crossing the end zone with 8:05 left

in the third quarter.

The 2-point attempt failed again, but Brewster now led 14-0.

Jennings was still unable to threaten, but did have some good defensive plays, including an interception in the end zone by Marcus McKenna with six minutes left in the quarter.

Brewster got on the boards one more time with 48 seconds left in the third quarter on a Swanson run from the three-yard line.

Jennings got on the scoreboard late in the fourth on a 17-yard carry by Grant Bailey. Bailey also carried for the 2-point conversion, making the score 22-8 in favor of Brewster.

The 'Dawgs, however, weren't through. The second play of their next drive found Swanson galloping 60 yards for another score. The kick after just missed, but Brewster was firmly in the lead, 28-8 with 2:13 left.

The stingy defense shut Jennings down and, with 49 seconds left, Heath Baird took a knee twice to end the game.

## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

**September 18 - September 23, 2003**

**September 18** - Junior high volleyball 3 p.m. and junior high football against Wheatland 4:30 p.m., Cross country at Wakeeney 5 p.m.

**September 19** - Josten's class ring ordering 9 a.m., Josten's graduation announcement ordering 10 a.m., football at Sharon Springs 7:30 pm


**September 20** - Volleyball at Atwood 10 a.m.

**September 22** - Junior varsity football against Sharon Springs 5:30 p.m., Northwest Kansas Education Service Center seminar "P.R." grades 9-12.

**September 23** - Volleyball triangle at Brewster 4 p.m., cross country at Oberlin 5 p.m.

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**Wednesday September 17** - "Black Day", Seminar - DECA, Senior class officers meeting with Balfour 10:30 a.m., Sophomore class ring order 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mr. Hagerman's room.

**Thursday September 18** - "Gold Day", Seminar - Stuco and Grace, junior varsity tennis at Hays 2 p.m., "C" football at Colby 4:30 p.m., junior high cross country at McCook 4:30 p.m., seventh and eighth volleyball against Atwood 3:30 p.m., eighth football against Atwood 3:30 p.m., seventh football at Scott City 3:30 p.m.

**Friday September 19** - "Black Day", Varsity football at St. Francis 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday September 20** - "C" volleyball at Oberlin 8 a.m., seventh and eighth volleyball triangular here at fieldhouse and junior high gym 9 a.m., seventh football at Colby 9 a.m.

**Monday September 22** - Junior varsity football against St. Francis 4:30 p.m., junior varsity golf at Russell 2 p.m., varsity golf at Colby 2 p.m. Board of Education meeting.

**Tuesday September 23** - "Black Day", Seminar - National Honor Society, high school and junior high school pictures, cross country at Ulysses 3 p.m., junior varsity tennis here 3 p.m., seventh and eighth football and 5th quarter against Burlington 4 p.m.

  
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