

# Goodland rains on homecoming parade

By Sharon Corcoran

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If anyone doubted before Friday's game that Goodland was a force in the Northwest Kansas League, there should be no doubt now, as the Cowboys scalped the St. Francis Indians 39-0, ruining Sainty's homecoming.

The Indians apparently realized they would be in big trouble if they couldn't contain senior running back Jordan Bedore, and they did, keeping him to 56 rushing yards compared to 156 against Hoxie and 251 against Holcomb.

St. Francis was still in trouble. Bedore was a factor despite playing with a pulled hip flexor. Quarterback Jared Doke stepped up his own running game and several Cowboys divided up the rushing chores.

For St. Francis quarterback Tyler Voorhies, the highlight of the evening likely was being crowned homecoming king.

Cowboy Coach Tony Diehl said he wasn't surprised that Goodland played so well, but was surprised at the score.

"I expected it to be a closer game on the scoreboard," he said.

St. Francis is a terrific football team, Diehl said, well-coached. It's a tremendous program, built on doing the right thing. There's not a more consistent program anywhere.

"I really admire everything they do up there," Diehl said, and that made Goodland's win especially significant.

"It was a big win for us," the coach said, "because of the quality of their team."

The Cowboys took advantage of St. Francis' mistakes, Diehl said, and that's to the team's credit. And the Cowboys handled their own mistakes well.

"We had a lot of penalties and had to punt twice," he said, "but kept focused, didn't panic or lose sight of the game."

The Cowboys played inspired, focused football, he said. The defense played well, setting Goodland up for a successful night.

Listing all the Cowboys who were outstanding would require

listing 13-14 players, Diehl said. Bret Jarmin was one, he said, and Doke at defensive end, Blake Saint and Dexter Deeds. The defensive backs all played well, he said, and Goodland's tackles consistently outplayed the Indians.'

About every component of the game was played well, he said, including special teams, and Derrick Raymer had a great punt.

The Salina Journal's poll listed Goodland ninth among 4A football teams prior to Friday's win, but Diehl said that's not something he or the team put a lot of stock in.

"We appreciate the sentiment," the coach said, "but it's more important that we enjoy playing, play with a passion for the game."

Stats and polls are not that important, he said, but there was some pressure, and the coach said he was proud that the team played well.

The win was a tribute to the kids' ability to stay focused despite pressure, he said.

"I think that we knew the pressure was there," Diehl said, "but I don't think we felt it in the sense that we let it motivate us. We found motivation from the love of the game."

There's nothing to fear about playing well and losing, he said, but the Cowboys didn't have that experience Friday.

Goodland had 353 offensive yards to St. Francis' 243, 266 rushing yards in 52 carries to the Indians' 159 in 47 carries, and 87 passing yards to St. Francis' 84.

The Cowboys had 17 first downs to St. Francis' 12 and succeeded in six of 13 third-down conversions to St. Francis' three of 13. Goodland succeeded in three of four fourth-down conversions to Sainty's two of seven.

Goodland scored four out of five times in the "red zone" as compared to the Indians' not scoring their one time inside the 20-yard line.

Goodland had more penalties, 11 to Sainty's seven, and lost more yards to penalties, 75 to 51. But St. Francis lost two fumbles and was intercepted twice.

One of the fumbles was on a lateral pass with 10:13 to go in the first quarter. The Cowboys took over on

the Indian five-yard-line, and Bedore ran for a touchdown. Ian Scherling kicked for the extra point.

With 3:02 to go in the first, the Cowboys were at third and an inch, and Doke pitched the ball to Bobby Miller, who threw a 29-yard pass to David Livengood for Goodland's second touchdown.

Doke took matters into his own hands for the third Cowboys' touchdown, running 18 yards to the end zone with 46 seconds left in the first quarter. Scherling's kick for the extra point failed.

After the Cowboys took over on downs at their own 22 in the second quarter, Goodland ate up several minutes from the clock before Miller ran 11 yards into the end zone with 3:47 to go in the half. Brock Lohr's two-point conversion attempt failed.

Goodland took over on downs again in the third quarter: Bedore, Miller and Doke all ran the ball, but the Cowboys ended up at fourth and nine at the Indian 27. They went for it, and Doke's pass to Lohr, and his run brought them to the 15.

Three rushes by Bedore brought Goodland to first and goal at the six. Doke handed off to Miller for one yard, and then pitched to Miller again. Miller ran five yards for the touchdown with 6:15 to go. Scherling kicked the extra point.

The Cowboys then decided either that it was time to add insult to injury or that it was time to practice their own onside kick. It was successful, and Goodland, up 33-0, had the ball back.

A couple of plays later, Raymer ran 34 yards for the Cowboys' final touchdown. Scherling's extra point failed but was not needed, since Goodland was up 39-0, and St.



Cowboy quarterback Jared Doke (No. 7) created a distraction as Jordan Bedore plowed past a pileup at the line of scrimmage. Bedore only ran for 56 yards against St. Francis but scored the first touchdown for Goodland.

Photo by Lezlie Hilt/The St. Francis Herald

Francis made no comeback.

Miller led the Cowboys in rushing, with 12 carries for 90 yards; Bedore was second with 19 carries for 56 yards; and Doke was third in rushing with 9 carries for 52 yards. Raymer had four carries for 44 yards; Malcom White had five carries for 16 yards; Lohr had one carry for eight yards; and Livengood had two carries for no yards.

Doke completed four passes in nine attempts for 58 yards, and

Miller completed one of two pass attempts for 29 yards. Jarmin intercepted the Indians and gained 22 yards for Goodland.

The Cowboys face the Atwood Buffaloes at 6:30 p.m. Friday at home. Diehl said the Cowboys are ready and look forward to playing another great team. That's two great-caliber teams back-to-back, he said.

Dan Lankas is another great coach, Diehl said, and Atwood's a

quality team.

"It doesn't get any better than playing great teams," he said. "Wins and losses are what some people measure success by; we try to play a great game at a great level."

"We measure ourselves by what we can be, not by someone else."

The Cowboys' confidence and determination are unshaken, Diehl said, and that's where the team needs to be.

## Mustangs get four medals

The Grant Junior High Mustangs place two boys and two girls among the top 10 of their respective races Thursday at the McCook Invitational cross country meet.

Dustin Pennington finished second in 5 minutes 20 seconds for the approximately 7/8 mile course on the Heritage Golf Course in McCook, Neb. Toby Hurst finished seventh in 5:49. Both boys are in the eighth grade.

Brittany Medrano finished fifth in her race in 6:13 and Hannah Blake was eighth in 6:24, both are in the seventh grade.

The Mustang 7th grade football 'A' team lost to Scott City Thursday,

14-8. Fernando Martinez was Grant's leading rusher gaining 48 yards on 10 carries. Ryan Taylor gained 35 yards on 12 carries and scored the Mustangs' touchdown and ran for the two-point conversion. Travis Angelos carried twice for 30 yards.

The 7th grade football 'B' team lost to Colby Saturday 14-6. Rory Kling ran for 65 yards on nine carries to lead Grant's rushers. Taylor carried the ball 12 times gaining 52 yards and scored a touchdown. Joel Weiss added 31 yards on three carries.

Taylor led the defense with seven tackles

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