

# Buffaloes slip past Cowboys 10-7

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At the end of four quarters, the much anticipated game between the Goodland Cowboys and the Atwood Buffaloes was tied at seven, but in the end it was the Buffaloes who got to tally a win, 10-7.

Goodland got on the scoreboard first halfway through the first quarter scoring on a 24-yard run three plays after intercepting an Atwood pass. The Buffaloes tied the score in the second quarter on a short run that capped a 60-yard drive. Both teams went scoreless in the second half.

The Cowboys got the first possession in overtime but fumbled the ball away on their second play. Playing conservative, Atwood ran three plays up the middle to set up the winning field goal.

"We played pretty well on defense most of the night," Head Coach Tony Diehl said, "but the critical mistake we made was not running our fullback enough. Atwood's ability to chew up the clock caused us to be impatient with our offense."

Atwood is now 4-0 for the season and in the Northwest Kansas League, while Goodland drops to 3-1 overall, 2-1 in the league.

The Cowboys went on offense first, deep in their own territory, but Atwood's defense held Goodland to a "three-and-out" series and forced a punt.

Starting from their own 48 yard line, the Buffaloes opened their first offensive drive with a 14-yard pass play for a first-down. The Cowboy defense stiffened and with third-down and 10 yards to go, Goodland senior linebacker Jordan Bedore intercepted a pass by Atwood quarterback Curtis Snodgress.

Bedore returned the interception 22 yards to the Buffalo 39. Two rushing plays later the Cowboys had a first-and-10 on the Atwood 26. After two short runs, they were third and eight, and senior quarterback Jared Doke ran 24 yards off left tackle for a touchdown.

Senior place-kicker Ian Scherling kicked the extra point, and with 6 minutes 51 seconds left in the first quarter Goodland was leading 7-0.

The Buffaloes returned the kickoff to their own 33, where they began a sustained drive to the Cowboy 39 before it stalled. Taking over on downs, Goodland went back on offense but was again held to "three-and-out" and forced to punt on the last play of the first quarter.

The second quarter started with Atwood having first-and-10 on its 40-yard line. The Buffalo offense drove the ball 57 yards in 13 plays to the Cowboy 3-yard line. Atwood running back Jeff Horinek then ran three yards over right tackle for a touchdown. Horinek kicked the extra point tying the game at seven.

Goodland senior Malcolm White returned the ensuing kickoff 26



Senior linebacker Jordan Bedore (above) tackled Atwood's Jeff Horinek during the fourth quarter in Friday night's game. Atwood defeated Goodland 10-7 in overtime. Sophomore running back Bobby Miller (No. 9, right) was tackled by Horinek after a long gain. Miller finished with 37 yards on 10 carries for the game.

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yards to the Cowboy 32. The Cowboys moved the ball to the 44 and a first down, but the drive stalled again forcing a punt.

Starting from their own 35, the Buffaloes drove 31 yards to the Cowboy 34. Then on fourth-and-three, Atwood's quarterback attempted a long pass play that was broken up by Goodland junior defensive back Lane Winter.

The Cowboy's began the last drive of the first half from their own 27 and were able to move the ball into Atwood territory close enough for Scherling to attempt a 31-yard field goal. However, as time ran out, the kick fell short.

The Buffaloes returned the second-half kickoff to their own 35 and using a balanced attack, drove to the Cowboys' 41 before the drive stalled. Horinek then kicked Atwood's only punt of the game 30 yards, pinning Goodland on its own 9.

The Cowboys were able to drive the ball out to their own 29 before being forced to punt.

After returning the punt to its own 32-yard line, Atwood ran one play, losing a yard, the third quarter ended. The Buffaloes then sustained a drive down to the Cowboys' 26. They failed to convert a fourth-and-18 with the ball on the Goodland 37, and the Cowboys took over on downs.

Goodland's offense faltered and lost yards on three straight plays back to its own 22-yard line. However, junior punter Derrick Raymer kicked his best of the game for 40 yards.

With 3:11 left on the clock, Atwood began its drive from its own 38 and was able to get to Goodland's 28 with 45 seconds left in regulation. The Buffaloes ran

three short rushing plays, gaining eight more yards, then took their last time out with 17 seconds left.

Next Horinek attempted a 28-yard field goal which missed and gave the Cowboys the ball on their 20-yard line with 12 seconds left. Doke then "took a knee" running out the clock and forcing overtime.

In overtime, each team gets the ball on the 10-yard line and has four downs to score. Each team gets the same number of possessions until one scores more than the other and wins the game.

Goodland had the first possession

but after gaining three yards on the first play, fumbled the ball.

On their possession, the Buffaloes rushed three straight times getting to the 3-yard line before Horinek connected on a 20-yard field goal to give Atwood the win 10-7.

Atwood gained 234 total yards, 189 on the ground and 45 through the air, compared to Goodland's 120, 105 rushing and 15 passing. The Buffaloes were successful on 7 of 19 third-downs and 5 of 8 fourth-down conversion attempts. The Cowboys converted just one of 7 third-downs and converted their

only fourth-down attempt.

Doke led Goodland's rushers with 44 yards on 10 carries. Sophomore Bobby Miller gained 37 yards on 10 carries and Bedore added 24 on three carries.

Bedore led the Cowboy defense with 21 total tackles along with his interception. Junior linebacker Brock Lohr and Scherling each contributed 13. Raymer punted five times, averaging more than 31 yards per kick.

"Jordan had a big night defensively," said Diehl. "Lane emerged during the game as someone who

needs to be on the field more. Ian also played very well in run support."

At halftime, the crowd was treated to a demonstration of flag football by area fifth and sixth graders sponsored by the Goodland Activities Center.

The Cowboys will be at home Friday, playing the Plainsmen of Oakley High School as one of the main events of this year's homecoming festivities. Game time is 6:30 p.m. at Cowboys Stadium.

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**Thursday October 2 - "Gold Day",** Seminar - American Field Service, Stuco decorate for Homecoming Dance, high school gym 7 to 10 p.m., NEAG 6 a.m. ITV room, Homecoming parade, pep rally and bon fire, picture day at West 8 a.m., seventh and eighth volleyball against Oakley 3:30 p.m., seventh and eighth football against Oakley 3 p.m.

**Friday October 3 - "Black Day",** Homecoming, Varsity football against Oakley 6:30 p.m., Homecoming Dance 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. high school gym.

**Saturday October 4 -** Volleyball at Oakley 8 a.m., junior varsity tennis at Colby 8 a.m., golf at Lakin 8:30 a.m.

**Monday October 6 -** No school - Teacher Inservice, junior varsity football at Oakley 4:30 p.m.

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