

Red Devils rise to Cowboys' challenge, win 20-19

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The Goodland Cowboys made the first two trips to the end zone in Friday's game against the Oberlin Red Devils and were prepared to be the spoiler in Oberlin's homecoming.

But the Devils willed their way into the end zone in the final seconds of the game, leaving the Cowboys very little time to retaliate. The Cowboys had possession for the final 20 seconds, had a good return from Malcom White and a good run from Bobby Miller, bringing them nearly to midfield.

Then, with only two seconds left, the clock ran out on the next play as Oberlin's star player snared a last-ditch Goodland pass.

After winning their own homecoming last week by just one point against Oakley, that left the Cowboys with a one-point loss, 20-19.

A fake punt by Oberlin and some of the officials' calls hurt the Cowboys, coach Tony Diehl said, but ultimately Oberlin is a good team.

The fake punt they ran late in the game when we knew it was coming, Diehl said, and they converted it anyway; it hurt. That was probably a 14-point play, he said.

And the officials' calls didn't help.

"There were a couple of times we were at the goal line," Diehl said, "and the officials didn't think we made it."

And there was the first holding call of the game, the coach said, which came in the fourth quarter. Usually the officials set a precedent for holding early in the game, he said.

Instead, the coach said, the Cowboys found themselves at third and 15 with minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

Ultimately, he said, the Cowboys didn't stop Oberlin running back Brett Beinke.

The Cowboy offense played well, the coach said; the running game was solid.

Bobby Miller really played well, Diehl said, and keeps improving every week. Goodland passed effectively a couple of times, the coach said, but needs to throw the ball more.

Offensively, we played really well, Diehl said, except for the penalties.

"It was a pretty good game," he said, "even though we lost to a team we should have beat."

Goodland's first touchdown came with 3:28 to go in the first quarter on a 15-yard pass from Jared Doke to Ian Scherling. Scherling kicked the extra point.

The second Cowboy touchdown came with 9:32 to go in the second quarter. The Cowboys were on third down at the Oberlin 12 yard line, when a Red Devil penalty moved Goodland up to the seven.

Two plays later, Jordan Bedore ran the last yard, putting Goodland up 13-0. Oberlin blocked Scherling's extra point attempt.

With 5:41 to go in the second quarter, Oberlin got into the end zone on a quarterback keeper by Lance Fortin. Brett Beinke kicked the extra point.

The Cowboys took charge on the next possession, and good running from Bedore, Miller and Doke earned Goodland four first downs and took some time off the clock. Not to let the Devils stay within a touchdown into half-time, Bedore got the Cowboys into the end zone with 23 seconds remaining. Doke's

run for the two-point conversion failed, and Goodland led 19-7.

Oberlin had the first possession of the second half and found their way to the end zone, running a lot of time off the clock on the way. The extra point was good, and with 7:31 to go in the third, Goodland's lead was cut to five, 19-14.

Rushing from Miller, Doke and Bedore and a pass to Brock Lohr moved Goodland up to the goal line, but the Cowboys didn't get the inches on fourth down.

The Devils took over on downs but had terrible field position, about an inch from their own goal. After fighting their way out, the Devils moved into what looked like a certain touchdown, fourth and a foot at the Goodland five, but couldn't get the foot, and it was Cowboy ball with 7:39 to go in the fourth.

Oberlin's defense held the Goodland running game, and a Cowboy penalty put them at third and 15. On the fourth down, Derrick Raymer came out to punt.

The Devils' final drive, led by

Beinke, brought them to first and goal at the Cowboy 3. Goodland's defense kept Oberlin out of the end zone on the first down, but Oberlin made it in on the next. The two-point conversion try failed, leaving the score 20-19 Oberlin with 22 seconds to go.

On the final play, as the clock expired, Goodland passed to the red zone, but Beinke caught the ball and returned it to midfield.

Goodland outmatched Oberlin in rushing with 308 yards in 57 carries to the Devils' 242 yards in 45 carries. Oberlin led in passing with 66 yards to Goodland's 29.

Bedore led Goodland in rushing, 33 carries for 153 yards. Miller had 11 carries for 91 yards; Doke had eight carries for 56 yards; Lohr had three for eight yards; Raymer had one for one yard; and White had one carry and lost a yard.

Doke threw two passes in five attempts for 29 yards. Miller threw one in one attempt for one yard.

Scherling led the Cowboys in receiving with one reception for 15

yards. Lohr had one reception for 14 yards.

White had three kick returns for the Cowboys for 68 yards. Drew Wilkens had one punt return for one yard.

Each team punted twice, Goodland for an average distance of 30.5 yards; Oberlin for an average distance of 29.

On defense, Bedore led in tackles with one solo and 11 assists. Brock Abbey had five solos and five assists; Lohr had four solos, five assists and a sack; Scherling had three solos and five assists.

Miller had two solos and six assists; Bret Jarmin had two solos and five assists; White had one solo and two assists; Mark Starr and Raymer each had three assists; Matt Heiter had one solo and one assist.

Jase Herl, Lane Winter, David Livengood and Doke each had two assists. Dexter Deeds, Brady Nelson, Blake Saint and Mike Zimmerman each had one assist. Wilkens had one interception.

Tennis team takes third at Scott City Invitational

The Cowgirls finished third out of eight teams with 30 points at the Scott City Invitational tennis tournament Thursday. Colby and Liberal were first and second.

In No. 1 singles, May Davis was 1-3 against very good competition. She beat Patterson of Ulysses 7-0 and lost to Epp of Tribune 7-1, K. Lang of Colby 7-2 and E. Bryon of Scott City 7-3. She finished in sixth place.

In No. 1 doubles, Megan McCall and Jennifer Mentzer finished third with a 3-1 record. They beat Fagala/Egley of Ulysses 7-1, Govert/Edmonds of Tribune 7-3 and Thieman/VanCampen of Scott City 7-2.

Their loss was to Mannebach/B. Lang of Colby 7-3. This was McCall/Mentzer's first loss to the

Colby doubles team this year. For the year, McCall/Mentzer are 23-6 and went to regionals Monday at Larned looking for fourth place or higher to qualify for state.

In No. 2 singles, Jillian Parker was 3-1 and finished third. She beat Miller of Tribune 7-4, Vallejo of Scott City 7-3 and over Ulysses by default 7-0.

She lost her match with Funk of Colby 7-2. Parker takes a 17-14 record into regionals.

In No. 2 doubles, Trista Lalicker and Grace Langness were 2-2, finishing fifth. They won over Sullivan/Ramski of Ulysses 7-0 and over Castro/Q. Nguyen of Liberal 7-6 (7-3). Their losses came at the hands of Stone/Howard of Tribune 7-3 and Woodall/Hershberger of Colby 7-1.

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Oberlin 20, Goodland 19 St. Francis 51, Quinter 8 Atwood 21, Stockton 0 Hoxie 22, Oakley 20 at Smith Center 62, Colby 12	Brewster 53, Healy 10 Weskan 48, Jennings 0 Grinnell 50, Cheylin 0 Tribune 40, Golden Plains 12 Sharon Springs 56, Triplains 6

Heading for the end zone




Brewster's senior quarterback Sean Swanson heads for the end zone during Friday's night game against the Eagles of Healy High School. The Bulldogs won the game 53-10.
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Wednesday October 15 - "Black Day", District FCCLA Fall Leadership Academy, City/County recreation at fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m., wrestling and basketball rules meeting in Oakley 6:30 p.m.
Thursday October 16 - "Gold Day", Seminar - Girls Athletic Association and G-Club, FCA meeting in room 123 at 7:15 a.m., volleyball quad at fieldhouse 4 p.m., senior parents night, DECA Fall Leadership Development Conference, City/County recreation at high school gym 7:30 p.m., seventh grade football at home against Colby 3:30 p.m.
Friday October 17 - "Black Day", Football at home against Ulysses 6:30 p.m., FCCLA field goal kick at halftime of football game, State tennis.
Saturday October 18 - Northwest Kansas League Cross Country at Sugar Hills Country Club in Goodland 10 a.m., Northwest Kansas League volleyball at Oakley, State tennis, Colby Community College against Northeastern Junior College basketball scrimmage at fieldhouse 12 p.m.
Monday October 20 - Junior varsity football at home against Burlington 4:30 p.m., State golf, ITBS testing for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the a.m., seniors no school in the a.m., afternoon schedule will be blocks six, seven and eight, junior high Scholars Bowl at Herndon 3 p.m.
Tuesday October 21 - ITBS testing for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the p.m., seniors no school in the p.m., morning schedule will be blocks one, two, three, four and five, after lunch report to seminar class, "C" football at home against Hays 4 p.m., Project graduation 20004 meeting in cafeteria 7 p.m., North Site Council meeting 7 p.m., Technology Committee meeting 3:45 p.m.

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