## stor-news Sports 11 The Goodland Star-News /Tuesday, October 28, 2003 Cowboys stampede Eagles, 43-13

#### **By Sharon Corcoran**

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland Cowboys dominated the running game Friday against the Colby Eagles, and it showed on the scoreboard with Goodland finishing on top 43-13.

It was an intense and emotional game between long-time rivals. By winning, the Cowboys guaranteed a spot in the state playoffs and put themselves in a position to win the district and have the first game at home.

Colby hit Goodland players after many of the plays were dead, and both sides argued with the officials. Coach Tony Diehl said he is disappointed by how he handled the game but proud of how the Cowboys played and how they handled Colby's disrespect.

"I want my regret for my actions to be clear," Diehl said. "I didn't behave with the dignity we built this program on.

"It was a tough situation to do that because I felt like for the first time in two years we were being disrespected by another team."

Diehl said he had the Cowboys throw deep twice and threaten to pad the score, something he doesn't normally encourage. But in the end, he said, Goodland took a knee.

"I need to do a better job of maintaining the character and dignity we built the program on," he said, adding that the players stayed focused on the game.

"Our players played exceptional, inspired, focused football again," he said. "I intentionally guided them against responding in like manner to Colby.

"I told them during time outs that they can't respond in the way they feel like responding."

Despite the tone he said was set by Colby, Diehl acknowledged that Eagles' Coach Brad Wildeman and one of Colby's players had class.

"Matt Augustine was a class act," Diehl said, "nothing but classy all the game," he said. night for Colby.'



Goodland junior running back Brock Lohr (above, left) ran interference for senior Malcolm White for a long gain on a left-end sweep during the Cowboys 43-13 victory Friday night at Cowboy Stadium.

Diehl said he was disappointed with his own reactions to the game's atmosphere and that the irony is that he damaged what he was trying to protect. The coach said he was angry that dignity and integrity were compromised during the game and that those principles are worth fighting for.

"In my efforts to defend what I believe in," he said, "I compromised it.'

The coach said he has already written letters of apology to the officiating crew and will contact Colby's administration as well.

"There were faults with how I

Senior running back Jordan Bedore (below, left) outran two Colby defenders to score the game's final touchdown of the game. He Photos by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News finished with 236 yards.



Goodland had big nights from several players, he said. Malcom White played huge, Diehl said; he had 119 yards on 14 carries. Jordan Bedore had a big night as well.

of scrimmage on both sides of the ball," Diehl said.

Goodland's first touchdown came on a five-yard run by White have their first playoff game at with 6:31 to go in the first quarter. home, the Cowboys need to beat Ian Scherling kicked the extra point. Bedore ran two yards for a touchdown with 1:39 to go in the second quarter, and Scherling again added the extra point. The Cowboys were up 14-0 at half time.

The Cowboys received the ball round of the state playoffs is on Friday's win was big for playoffs and put them in the posi- their rivals in a convincing manner, first in the third quarter, and a long line in the game.

kick return by White set up the third Goodland touchdown. On the next play, Bedore ran 32 yards into the end zone. Scherling again added the extra point.

Brock Lohr ran two yards for another Cowboy touchdown with three minutes left in the third quarter, and White ran 23 yards for the fifth Goodland touchdown with 14 seconds in the third. Scherling kicked both extra points.

With Goodland up 35-0, the Eagles managed to get past the Cowboy defense, and Bruce Arnberger caught an eight-yard pass from Brian Sulzman for the first Colby touchdown. Sulzman kicked the extra point.

Exactly one minute later, Colby was back into the end zone on a 35yard pass from Sulzman to Augustine. Sulzman's extra point attempt was blocked.

After failing on a fourth-down conversion, Colby turned the ball over to Goodland on the Eagles' 34 yard.

Bedore ran 21 yards for the touchdown with 3:22 to go in the game. Jared Doke ran in the twopoint conversion.

Goodland led in offense, racking up 508 yards to Colby's 234. The Cowboys had 452 rushing yards in 54 carries to Colby's 77 yards in 28 carries. Colby led in passing with 157 yards to Goodland's 56.

Besides White's 119 yards, Goodland benefited from Bedore's 236 rushing yards in 23 carries, 'We basically dominated the line Doke's 38 yards on six carries and Bobby Miller's 31 yards on four carries.

In order to win the district and Scott City at 6:30 Thursday on the road in the final game of the regular season.

The Cowboys are 6-2 overall and the Scott City Beavers are 5-3. Home field advantage in the first



handled the overall atmosphere of Goodland, the coach said, since it tion to win the district. And it was a guaranteed the team a place in the big win because the Cowboys beat

# Brewster wins battle of Bulldogs, defeating Golden Plains 57-26

#### By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press Brewster won football bragging Golden Plains set the tone of the game at the start with a 75-yard opening kick return by Jesse Miller, gaining a 6-0 lead just 12 seconds into the game. Things seemed to get worse for Brewster when a 37-yard touchdown romp by Sean Swanson was called back four plays later. That was the first of two touchdowns called by for penalties. The 'Dawgs were nonplussed, however, and scored for real four plays later when Branson Gilley found Heath Baird open for a 27yard pass. Swanson ran the conversion in for an 8-6 lead with 10:20 left in the first quarter. Golden Plains fumbled on the second play of their next drive and Swanson recovered on the Golden Plains 25. Three plays later, he scored from the 3 and added two more points with a spectacular onehanded diving catch to make the

Golden Plains went three plays half.

and a punt on their next drive and a 13-yard return by Swanson gave Swanson ran the kick back for a 76rights in this year's edition of the Brewster good field position on yard touchdown to extend their lead cross-county Bulldog rivalry with their 39. The 'Dawgs seemed un- to 28-14. Golden Plains' next drive Golden Plains High School in a 57- stoppable by then. Even a Brewster was cut short at the Brewster 22 af-26 slugfest in Rexford Friday night. fumble worked out, with Jake Long ter Paul Flanders sacked recovering the ball and making forward progress.

Brewster wasn't done, either. Glesenhagen on second and long. Jarrett Carpenter recovered a opportunity again. This time Brent fumbled snap on the next play, giving Brewster the ball on the Golden Plains 39.

Giesenhagen ran the conversion to on their 23 which ended with a four- for 84 yards. Baird had six recepmake the score 36-20. Golden Plains recovered their

onside kick to add to the excitebefore half-time.

yard run by Gilley with 1:40 showing. Brewster led 42-26.

The next score of the game came went 0-for-1 in passing. ment, but were unable to capitalize at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Joel Selby broke loose for 29 ries. Swanson had 72 yards on 15 The third quarter began with yards on third and four from the 34, carries. Gilley had 63 yards, also on

tions for 80 yards and Selby had a four-yard reception. Baird also

Selby had 74 yards on nine carthen got the call again, running into 15 carries. Long had 56 yards on six Carpenter had 13 tackles. Long had eight. Selby, Baird, Swanson, The icing on the cake came with Gilley and Flanders had six each. Garrett Smith had three. Ryan Luckert and Josh Ryan had one each. Baird had two interceptions and Long had one. Brewster will host Cheylin at game of the regular season.

Swanson scored again, this time from the 15 with 6:02 left in the quarter. The extra point kick failed, but Brewster had a commanding 22-6 lead.

It looked like Golden Plains was out of the game when Baird intercepted Matt Giesenhagen deep in Brewster territory and ran the ball back to the 30 on the next drive. third kick return for a touchdown, out until Brewster, with 4:55 left in Gilley found Baird wide open on the next play for a 50-yard touchdown, but holding brought the ball back and Brewster was forced to kick three plays later with 1:12 left in the first quarter.

Golden Plains got some momentum from that, beginning a 12-play drive from their 15 that culminated in a six-yard touchdown by Ryan Stevenson and a conversion run by Miller. Brewster's lead had been cut to 22-14 and Golden Plains was back in the game with 8:14 left in the

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Swanson scored from the three with only 35 seconds left in the half after an 11-play drive, then caught a Gilley throw for the conversion, giving Brewster a 36-14 lead.

Golden Plains answered with the another 75-yard race by Miller. the quarter, began a nine-play drive

Golden Plains taking advantage of Moss came up with a Gilley pass that came out of Long's hands and ran it back to the Brewster 5.

Miller scored again two plays later. The conversion was stopped, but Golden Plains had cut the lead to 36-26 with 10:31 left in the third quarter.

Both teams went three plays and

the end zone from the 5. Gilley carries. Ryan had a one yard carry found Baird for the conversion to and Chad Somers also ran the ball. make the score 50-26 with 10:22 left in the game.

1:55 left when Josh Ryan scored from the one and kicked an extra point. Long got an interception on the first play of Golden Plains' next possession, allowing Brewster to

run one play and take a knee twice. 7:30 p.m Thursday for the final Gilley went 7-for-11 in passing

### **Brewster All-Star Booster Club** October 30- November 4, 2003 October 30 - High school football at home against Cheylin at 7:30 p.m. Senior Night.

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