

Cowboys run over Scott City Beavers, 42-6

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The Goodland High Cowboy football team earned its home field advantage for tonight's state play-off game by defeating Scott City 42-6 last Thursday at Beaver Stadium.

Goodland finished the regular season 7-2 and will host the Eagles of Kingman in the first round of the state playoffs at 6 tonight at Cowboy Stadium.

It was the Beavers inability to stop the Goodland running game that was the key to the Cowboy's victory. As a team the Cowboys rushed for 469 yards and five of their six touchdowns. Both senior Jordan Bedore and sophomore Bobby Miller ran for over 100 yards in the game.

Goodland's defense held the Beavers to just 40 yards rushing for the game.

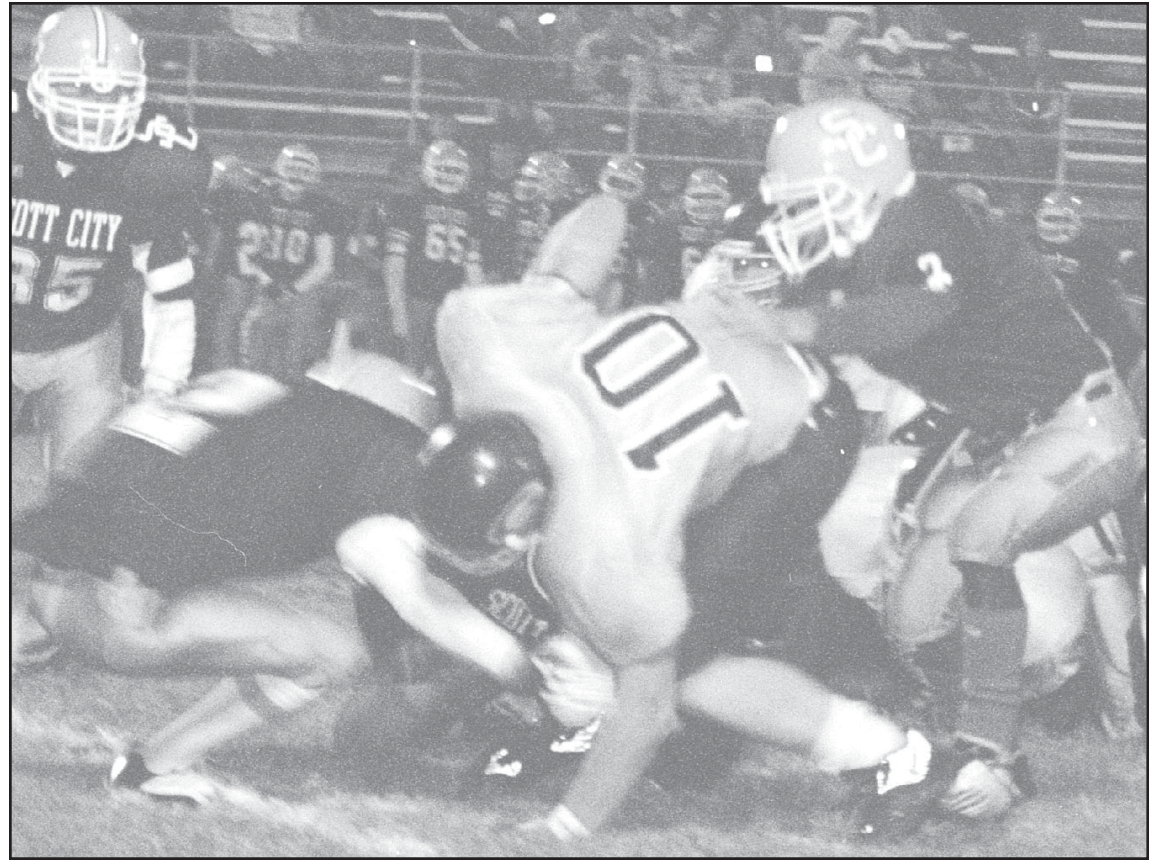
"I am proud of the way our kids played," Coach Tony Diehl said. "Our focus seems to be improving each week."

Goodland won the coin toss Thursday and elected to receive. Senior Malcolm White returned the opening kickoff from the 18 to the 36-yard line. Five plays later, senior running back Jordan Bedore broke through the right side of the line for a 49-yard touchdown. Senior Ian Scherling's extra point kick gave Goodland a 7-0 lead.

Scott City's first series on offense gained just four yards and the Beavers were forced to punt. After the first punt was called back for illegal procedure, the second was downed on the Goodland 38 and the Cowboys went back on offense.

The Cowboys drove 15 yards in four plays to the Beaver 47. Junior Derrick Raymer then took a pitch from senior quarterback Jared Doke, went around the left end and ran 47 yards for a touchdown. Scherling's kick increased Goodland's lead to 14-0.

The Beavers began their second offensive series from their 20 after a touchback on the Cowboys kickoff. However, Scott City fumbled on the second play and Goodland's offense was back in business on the



Senior running back Jordan Bedore (No. 10) went down after an eight-yard gain in the fourth quarter of the Cowboy's 42-6 win over the Scott City Beavers.
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Beavers' 17. On the next play, Doke took the snap from center, stepped back and found junior David Livenood in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown pass. Scherling's third extra point kick of the game gave Goodland a 21-0 lead with more than five minutes left in the first quarter.

The Beavers returned the ensuing kickoff from their own 10-yard line 37 yards out to their own 47. Two plays later Scott City drove the ball to the Goodland 36 but a personal foul on Cowboys junior linebacker Brock Lohr gave Scott City first-

and-10 on the 21.

Goodland's defense stiffened and Scott City failed to convert on fourth-and-13 from the 24. Goodland then drove 76 yards in 16 plays to score its fourth touchdown on a 13-yard end run by White. Scherling's kick made it 28-0 two and a half minutes into the second quarter.

Miscommunication by Scott City on the ensuing kickoff pinned the Beavers back on their own 8-yard line. However, on third-and-eight from the 10, they connected on a 43-yard pass play, getting a first down

on the Cowboys' 47. Once again the Goodland's defense stiffened, forcing Scott City to punt on fourth-

and 17.

Starting on their own 32, the Cowboys moved the ball 10 yards to the 42. Two plays later, sophomore Bobby Miller broke free for a 58-yard touchdown run. Scherling's kick made the score 35-0.

Scott City's Garrett Huck took Goodland's kickoff 59 yards down to the Cowboy's 32. From there, the Beavers mounted a drive down to the 9 and scored on a 9-yard run by Kendall Kershne. The two-point conversion pass attempt failed and the score was now 35-6.

After the kickoff, starting from their own 38-yard line, the Cowboys drove to the Scott City 7, but fumbled the ball away. The Beavers fumbled it back on the next play, and Goodland had a first-and-10 on the Scott City 12. However, two sacks by the Beavers and an incomplete pass had the Cowboy's facing fourth-and 29 when the first half ended.

The Beavers took the second-half kickoff 36 yards to their 38-yard line. Scott City then mounted a drive down to the Cowboy 18, but Goodland junior noseguard Anthony Benavides recovered a Beaver fumble and the Cowboys went back on offense from their 36-yard line.

The Cowboys mounted a sus-

tained drive that went 64 yards in 14 plays and took over seven minutes off the clock. Bedore capped the drive with his second touchdown of the game on a four-yard run, which along with Scherling's kick, made the score 42-6.

Both teams went scoreless for the remainder of the game, during which both mounted long drives that went nowhere.

Goodland outgained Scott City 494 yards to 239. The Beavers held the edge in passing yardage, 199 to 25.

Bedore led the Cowboys in rushing with 181 yards on 31 carries and scored two touchdowns. Miller ran for 117 yards on nine carries. White ran 11 times for 78 yards and Raymer five times for 64. Miller, White and Raymer each ran for a touchdown.

Doke completed two of eight passes for 25 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown to Livengood. Doke ran seven time for 19 yards.

Bedore led the defense with 12 tackles. Junior defensive end Bret Jarmin had six tackles including a sack for a 12-yard loss. Junior defensive lineman Blake Saint also had a sack for a 6-yard loss. The Cowboys recovered four Beaver fumbles, losing just one of their own.

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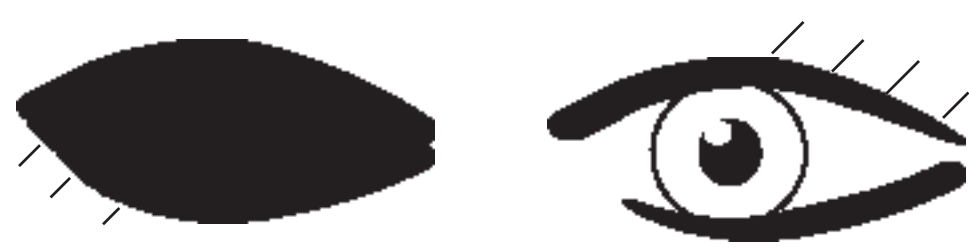
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