

Andale extends streak with 53-7 win

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The Andale Indians extended their winning streak to 24 games Tuesday with a 53-7 win over the Goodland Cowboys in the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs.

This was the second year the Cowboys have made it to the playoffs as the District 16 runner-up only to face the Indians, who are the defending Class 4A state champions and appear to be on track to repeat as champions.

"That was a long trip down there once again," said Cowboys Coach Jonathan Dansel. "I'm glad we will not be making that trip again. To ride a bus for five and a half hours and be expected to perform at your best is nearly impossible."

"Andale was once again a tremendous team with lots and lots of speed. They had a little momentum coming into the game in defending a state championship and a 23-game winning streak."

"Our momentum from our exciting win against Colby wasn't quite enough to get the job done."

The Cowboys finish the season with a 3-8 record, and can say the highlight of the year was the 19-point fourth quarter comeback victory over Colby last Thursday in Colby to reach the playoffs.

"I was extremely proud of our kids for their effort in facing Andale," Dansel said. "We did some good things against them and left the game feeling better than our effort from last year."

In the first quarter against the Indians the Cowboys fell behind 21-0 with half the quarter remaining. On the next Indian drive they started deep in their territory after a Cowboy punt, and a penalty moved the Indians back to the 15-yard line. On third down Andale fumbled the ball after Senior T.J. Hawkins hit the quarterback who was trying to pass and Jace Mosbarger recovered the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. Ren Scherling's kick was good and it was 21-7.

That was the Cowboys only score as they had trouble running or passing against the

Indian defense. Goodland had 82 yards rushing on 41 tries and 70 yards passing on 3 completions for 13 attempts and had one interception.

On the ground Casey Henderson carried 14 times for 37 yards, Fernando Martinez had 14 carries for 19 yards, Travis Angelos carried 8 times for 12 yards, Hawkins had 3 carries for 8 yards, Brandon Rome carried one time for 4 yards and Kutter Isaac had one carry for 2 yards.

Through the air Angelos completed two passes to Tanner Smith for 20 yards and had one long 50-yard pass to Rome in the first quarter. After the pass to Rome the Cowboys drive stalled and Rome had to punt. It was after that punt the Cowboys were able to recover an Indian fumble in the end zone for their touchdown.

The Cowboys managed 5 first downs while the Indians had 17.

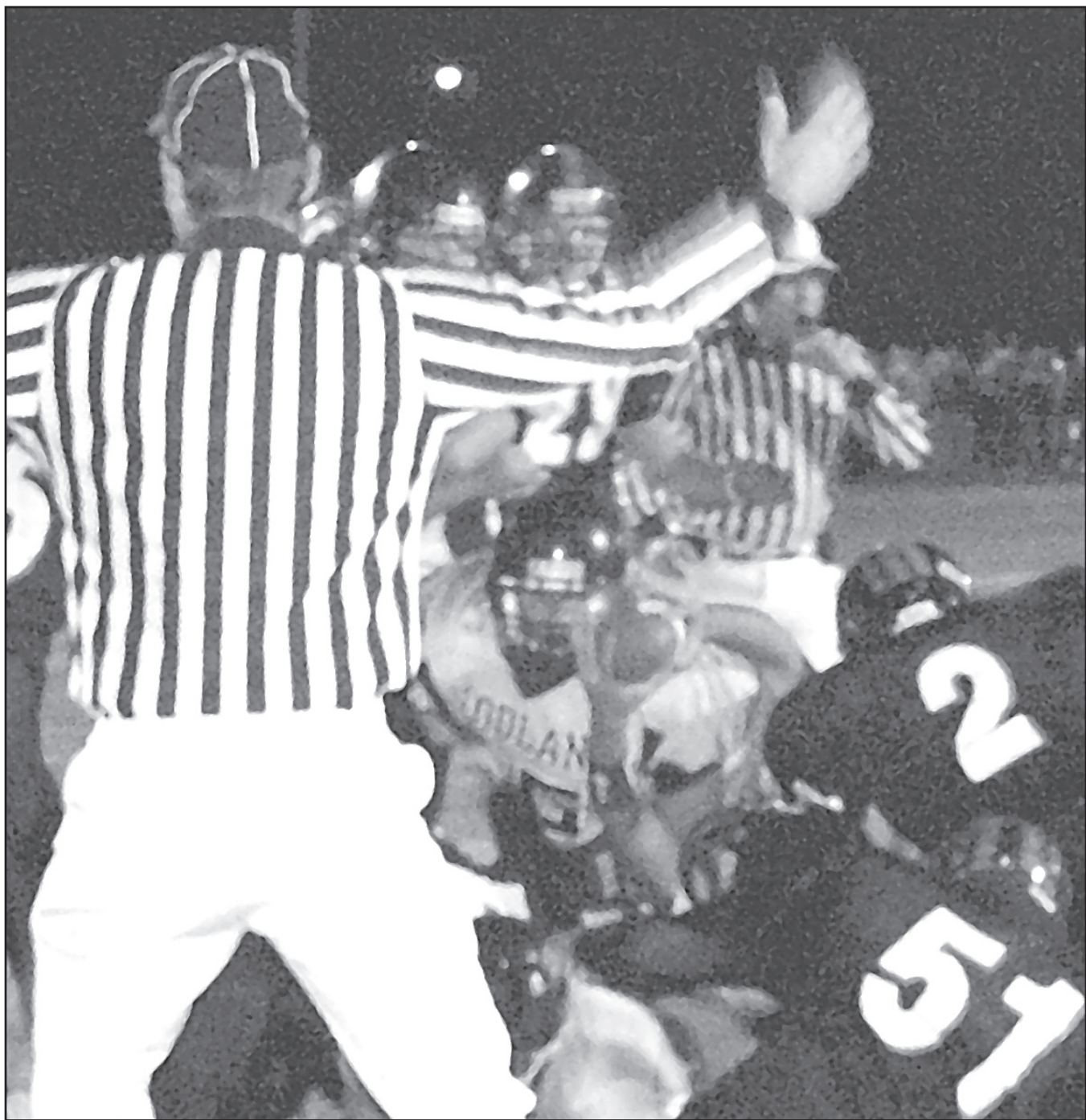
Scherling had a try for a field goal at the end of the first half from about 37 yards, and it had the distance but went just wide left. In the third quarter the Cowboys lined up for what appeared to be a field goal try, but on a fake and pass attempt the Indians intercepted it and ran it back 75 yards for a touchdown to take a 53-7 lead.

Hawkins did stop one Indian drive with an interception in the second quarter.

"These kids had every opportunity in the world to give up on the season early on and chose to keep fighting, clear up until the end of the fourth quarter of Andale," Dansel said. "I am going to miss this senior group. There are some fine young men in this group and I wish I could have had them for their freshmen and sophomore years."

"We will really have to have some kids step next year up to fill the shoes of this group."

"I want to thank the community for all of their support and the parents who supported me this year as well. We really have some faithful fans who fill the stands every home game and cheer our kids on. I really appreciate that."



Area teams move forward

By Sharon Corcoran
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Several area teams played in Bi-District Football games Tuesday, and though the Goodland Cowboys won't move forward in the brackets, other area teams will.

The 3-6 Cowboys faced the 9-0 Andale Indians in Andale and lost 53-7. See story above.

Goodland's district rival Ulysses (8-1) faced 5-4 Clearwater and won 34-14. The Tigers will face 9-1 Smoky Valley at 6 p.m. Mountain Time Satur-

day at Linsborg-Bethany College.

In the eight-man, Division II brackets, Sharon Springs (9-0) faced Natoma (7-2). The Sharon Springs Wildcats won 56-8 and face Wilson (7-3) at 6 p.m. Saturday at Wilson.

The Brewster/Winona-Triplains Titans (7-2) faced the Victoria Knights (8-1). Anyone expecting a close match, were disappointed, as Victoria downed the Titans 50-0 in only two quarters, as the 45-point mercy rule was applied.

In Class 2-1A, Atwood-Rawlins

County (2-7) faced the Oakley Plainsmen (9-0). Oakley won 56-14 and faces LaCrosse, who also has a 10-0 record, at 6 p.m. at LaCrosse.

In a battle of Indians, St. Francis (8-1) came out on top of Hoxie (7-2) by a 44-8 score. St. Francis will face Meade (8-2) at 1 p.m. at Meade.

In Class 3A, the Norton Community Blue Jays (7-2) faced Ellsworth with a matching record and came out on top 32-12. They face Scott City (6-4) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Scott City.

Kids punt, pass, kick at regional

Winners from the Punt, Pass and Kick competition held at Cowboys Stadium during the Flatlander Fall Festival went on to the regional competition in Littleton, Colo. on Oct. 14.

Luke Avila, fourth grader, placed

second in his age group.

Dallas DeLaRosa was third in the 14-15 age group.

Tanner Jones was seventh in the 12-13 age group.

The White twins Brianna and Berkley, both 12, were qualified to

go to the regional event.

Results from the competition at the Flatlander Festival were never given to *The Goodland Star-News* despite several calls to the Goodland Activities Center requesting them.



Cowboys quarterback Travis Angelos (top photo) reached the football through the pile to cross the goal line and score the second touchdown of the game against the Colby Eagles last Thursday. Cowboys Jace Mosbarger (bottom photo) reached out to tackle Colby's Stephen Dinkel in the second half of the game. The Cowboys came back in the fourth quarter to win the game 41-33.

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bowling results

Monday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League

Oct. 29, 2007

MGM Lions tied with J & L Deliveries 2-2

Bowladium Lanes over 17th Street Barbershop 3-1

Alcorn Shelter Insurance over Blind Team 4-0

Women's high game: Lori Amthor 222

Women's high series: Lori

Amthor 613

Team high game: Alcorn/Shelter Insurance 643

Team high series: J & L Deliveries 1,827

League Standings:

No. 1 17th Street Barber Shop 22-10

No. 2 Alcorn Shelter Insurance 21-11

No. 3 MGM Lions 20-12

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