

Cowboys start season with 32-0 loss

By Sharon Corcoran

Friday was a rough night for Goodland fans, players and coaches, as the Goodland Cowboys football team got a rough start to the season with a 32-0 loss to the Oakley Plainsmen.

The Cowboy defense started strong but wore down as Oakley kept finding a way through to the end zone, and Goodland's offense struggled throughout the game. Penalties were a problem for both teams.

"It was not the way we wanted to start the season," said Coach Kent Teeter. "Penalties were a big part of stopping our drives in the first half. Dropping a lot of balls that should have been caught was a big problem in the second half. We won't be very good on offense if we can't catch the ball."

Goodland took the opening kick off, but after quarterback Travis Angelos handed off to running back Fernando Martinez for no gain and threw two incomplete passes, the Cowboys ended up punting to the Plainsmen.

Oakley got a drive going, achieving two first downs, but Goodland held them and got the ball back on downs. But penalties put the Cowboys at first down and 20 and they made no advancement.

The Cowboy defense was tough on the next drive, but nonetheless, the Plainsmen managed to get into the end zone with just under three minutes remaining in the first quarter. They made the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0.

The Cowboys were advancing well on the next drive, but then penalties put them at first and 15, then first and 20. Two incomplete passes and a quarterback keeper, got the Cowboys to fourth and 14. Senior Brandon Rome's punt was blocked, and Oakley got the ball back on the Goodland 45 yard line.

Oakley hurt their own drive with a penalty and then Goodland got the ball back on an interception by sophomore Brock Wilkens. The Cowboys started at their own six yard line and three plays later were punting. The Cowboys and an Oakley penalty thwarted the next Oakley drive, leaving the Plainsmen to punt at fourth and 12 at the 43rd yard line.

Goodland got a first down on two plays and then another on two plays, but a penalty and a sack put them at second and 30 at their own 15 yard line. A defensive pass interference by Oakley put Goodland at first and 15. A pass to Martinez gained Goodland eight yards, but an incomplete pass and a penalty put them at 3rd and 18. After losing yardage, they



Goodland Cowboys Mac Purvis (58) and Jace Mosbarger (76) (above) tackled Oakley Plainsman quarterback Lex Parsons (12) for a short gain during the first half of the season opener at Cowboys Stadium on Friday. Cowboy quarterback Travis Angelos (11) (right photo) looked to pass to a receiver in the second quarter of Friday's game.



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punted.

Oakley threatened on the next drive, but the Cowboy defense forced the quarterback to throw an incomplete pass on the run, and then at third and goal at the three yard line. Oakley's pass was intercepted by senior Ryan Taylor, giving the Cowboys the ball with 40 seconds in the half. Angelos took a knee, leaving the score at 8-0.

Senior Vance Johnson recovered a Plainsmen fumble early in the third quarter, but Goodland went nowhere and had to punt. Oakley's next drive resulted in a touchdown, and they made the two-point conversion, bringing the score to 16-0.

The Cowboys got a first down in two plays but then inched along in the next three. A false start at fourth and three backed them up, and Goodland punted. Three plays later, Oakley was at third and one at the 35, and the Goodland crowd, urged

on by the cheerleaders, urged the Cowboys, "Hold 'em, hold 'em!" But they didn't.

Oakley got the first down, ending at the 41. A long run by Lex Parsons was stopped by Rome, putting Oakley at first and 10 at the 13. An illegal procedure backed them up to first and 15 at the 18, but the Plainsmen fought back to fourth and four at the five yard line and made the first down. At first and goal at the one, Oakley got their third touchdown. With the two-point conversion, the score was 24-0 with under a minute left in the third quarter.

Goodland was at fourth and three as the quarter ended, and the Cowboys made the first down on a pass from Angelos to Wilkens. Two quarterback keepers and a carry by Fernandez got the Cowboys another first down. Martinez got three yards on the next carry, and after an incomplete pass, Angelos carried for

the first down.

After a penalty, a short gain by Fernandez and two incomplete passes, the Cowboys were at fourth and 13. They went for it, but an incomplete pass, gave the ball to Oakley on downs. The next play resulted in an Oakley first down, but Parsons fumbled, and Goodland recovered.

But neither the cold hands nor the gloved hands could catch, and Angelos hit the ground in frustration after incomplete passes just off the fingertips of Wilkens, Rome, Senior Kade Sheldon and then again gave Oakley the ball back on downs.

Throughout the drive, the Goodland crowd screamed in frustration, "Catch the ball! Just catch the ball!"

Oakley had the ball on their own 23 yard line, and a long run by senior Derek Glassman nearly got them into the end zone, but Martinez man-

aged to grab him from behind and stop him at the Goodland 36. The Cowboy defense held the Plainsmen, and Oakley gave the ball back on downs.

An incomplete pass, short gain by Martinez and a pass to Wilkens left Goodland at fourth and seven at their own 39. With an incomplete pass, the Cowboys gave the ball to Oakley on downs. Glassman ran for a touchdown on the next play, and the two-point conversion gave Oakley the 32-0 victory.

"Defensively we played fairly well for three quarters," Teeter said. "After they got ahead, we had a let down."

The Cowboys will spend the week preparing for Friday's game against the rival Colby Eagles. The game will be at 6 p.m. at Dennon Field in Colby.

"Our main focus will be getting better at the things we didn't do

very well on Friday," Teeter said. "We also have to game plan for what Colby does."

"Offensively we need to focus on catching the ball, running good routes, maintaining good pass protections and game plan for what they might do defensively."

The Cowboys need to get better on the punt team, he said, since they had one blocked, and also need better coverage on the punt team and kick off teams.

"Usually teams show a lot of improvement from week one to week two," Teeter said. "We need to be one of those teams."

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School calendar for September 10-September 16

- Wednesday-Black Day
 - 8 a.m. Second Choice Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test Date
 - 4 p.m. Central Site Council
- Thursday-Gold Day
 - 3:30 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball, Max Jones Field House, Hoxie
 - 3:30 p.m. 8 Football (H) Hoxie
 - 2 p.m. Girls Varsity Tennis at Ulysses High School.
 - 2:30 p.m. Senior Class Officers Meeting
 - 3 p.m. Class Ring orders-Balford,
 - 5 p.m. Boys Freshman football vs. Colby High School
 - 7 p.m. College Information night for Seniors
- Friday-Black Day
 - 6 p.m. Varsity Football at Colby

- Saturday-9 a.m. Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country @ Greeley County High School
- Goodland Youth Football Club game-5th grade
- Monday-Gold Day
 - 8 a.m. Girls Varsity Golf at Garden City High School
 - 8:15 a.m. High school hearing/vision screening
 - 4:30 p.m. Boys Junior Varsity Football vs. Colby High School
 - 6:30 p.m. Black and Gold Booster Club Meeting
- Tuesday-Black Day
 - 8:15 a.m. Elementary-hearing/vision screening
 - 2 p.m. Girls Varsity Tennis, Goodland Varsity Tennis Tournament
 - 2 p.m. Girls Junior Varsity Golf at Ulysses High School
 - 3 p.m. Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity Volleyball, Scott City Volley Quad
 - 4 p.m. 7/8 Football at Burlington
 - 7 p.m. Vocational Advisory Committee Meeting



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