

# Cowboys score first but lose to Eagles

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The Goodland Cowboys got on the scoreboard first against the rival Colby Eagles, and even when the Eagles took the lead seemed ready to take it back until rain started to pour in the third quarter, making hanging onto the ball nearly impossible.

Colby did make it into the end zone again, despite the rain, and Goodland lost the game 20-6.

The Cowboys were an improved team from the previous week against Oakley, Coach Kent Teeter said, and are continuing to work on various aspects of the game.

"We got better this Friday," he said. "Getting the first score of the game was big. We got better by being able to generate more offense. On offense, we made improvements on catching the ball and having less penalties. All phases of the special teams got better. We had better coverage on our punt and kickoff teams, and we had some really good returns on the punt and kick return teams."

The coach said he expected Colby to be a tough competitor.

"We knew Colby would be tough because of the rivalry," he said. "It was homecoming for them. This was their second year with the same coach, which leads to consistency. They gave Saint Francis a really good game the week before and have a lot of confidence right now."

Defense was the name of the game in the first quarter, as neither team got into the end zone and both teams forcing the other back to end drives. Goodland had the ball at their own 38 yard line as the quarter ended and in the second quarter moved to mid-field on a pass interference call against the Eagles.

With the Cowboys at first and 10 at the 49, Colby went off sides, moving Goodland to second and five at the 44. A carry by senior Fernando Martinez and a quarterback keeper by senior Travis Angelos got Goodland the first down at the 35 yard line. The Cowboys got nine yards on their first two downs, ending up third and one at the 25. Martinez was hit at the line of scrimmage, making it fourth and one, but he got two yards on the next play for the first down.

Martinez ran for three to make it second and seven at Colby's 20, and then Angelos' pass to sophomore Nathan Deeds in the back corner of the end zone gave the Cowboys the lead. They missed the two point conversion, making the score 6-0 Goodland.

After the kick, Colby had the ball at their own 12. A run by senior Tanner Kriss got the Eagles the



Freshman Riley Oharah (above), No. 34, stopped Colby Eagle senior Tanner Kriss, preventing what would have been a long run with under five minutes to go in the first half of Goodland's game against their rivals Friday. Senior Travis Angelos (right) threw a pass under pressure from Colby.

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first down; Martinez got the tackle at the 27 yard line. Kriss took the next one as well but only got two yards before being brought down by senior Jace Mosbarger. Colby picked up six more yards on the next play, and Kriss got the last two on third down.

On the next two downs, senior Heath Stephens and Kriss moved the ball up to the 49 yard line. Ste-

phens made a long run on the next play, but Martinez took him down short of the end zone.

At first and goal at the three yard line, senior Clay Schilling and Mosbarger moved Colby back, making it second and goal at the five. Stephens got the touchdown, however, and the Eagles kicked the extra point, making the score 7-6.

Sophomore Devon Garrett re-

turned the kick, and Goodland took over at their own 38. Angelos threw a five-yard pass to senior Brandon Rome, who was hit immediately by Stephens. Angelos ran for the other five on second down.

Angelos threw an incomplete pass on first down, and Martinez was hit at the line of scrimmage on second down. At third and 10, Rome was hit behind the line of

scrimmage, putting Goodland at fourth and 15.

After the punt, Colby had the ball at their own 17, and a carry by Kriss moved them to the 40 — a tackle by Martinez kept him from running away with the ball. Stephens got the first down at the 50 before being tackled by sophomore Brock Wilkens, and Kriss picked up five yards before being hit by Martinez.

Stephens got three more on second down, and junior Ethan Stickel took the Eagles from third and two at the 35 to first and goal at the five.

Colby had an incomplete pass on the first down, but Stephens made the touchdown on the next play. They got the extra point, bringing the score to 14-6.

Rome returned the kick but was hit by senior Mark Tole, giving the Cowboys the ball at the 10 yard line. A pass from Angelos to freshman Riley Oharah put Goodland at first and 10 at the 25. Colby intercepted with 15 seconds remaining in the half but then had an incomplete pass and a run for five yards putting them at third and 5. Another incomplete pass put them at fourth and five with four seconds to go.

A pass to Kriss and a long run gave them more than necessary for the first down, but the Cowboys stopped the play, and the clock had run out.

Colby had the ball first in the second half, but at second and 14 at the 43, an interception by Jace Mosbarger put it back in the Cowboys' hands. Things were looking up for Goodland, but two plays later, the Eagles intercepted to take it back, and then the rain started.

Both teams struggled to hang on to the ball and with penalties. The Eagles advanced from their own 47 to the Goodland 16 but were backed up by a dead ball foul. The Cowboys contained them in the next three plays and got the ball back on downs.

Goodland went nowhere, however, and ended up punting at fourth and eight. By then the ball and the field were slick, and both teams were sliding and bobbling the ball as fans ran for cover.

Early in the fourth quarter, Colby recovered a Goodland fumble, and on the next play, Kriss broke two tackles to get into the end zone, making the score 20-6.

"I think the rain created big problems for both offenses," Teeter said. "It was really hard for our team to generate much offense. Even though it changed the nature of the game, I'm sure the players had fun playing in those kind of conditions."

The Cowboys will be on the road again Friday, facing the St. Francis Indians at 6 p.m.

"On offense, we need to keep improving on what we are doing," Teeter said. "We are still learning the offense and defense. We are not always in the right place, and that will continue to improve. With a new coach, you're always trying to figure out who needs to be in what position. We had some players in different positions and will continue to evaluate who needs to be where."

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## School calendar for September 17-September 23

### Wednesday-Gold Day

8 a.m. First Choice Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test Date  
8:15 a.m. Junior High hearing/vision screening

### Thursday-Black Day

2 p.m. Girls Junior Varsity Tennis at Hays High School  
3 p.m. Boys/Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity Cross Country at Oakley High School  
3:30 p.m. Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity Volleyball at Norton Community High School  
4:30 p.m. Boys/Girls Junior Cross Country at McCook High School  
3:30 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball at Atwood  
4:30 p.m. 8 Football at Atwood

### Friday-Gold Day

8 a.m. Third Choice Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test Date  
6 p.m. Boys Varsity Football at Saint Francis High School

### Saturday-9 a.m. 7/8 Volleyball Round Robin (H) Max Jones Field House & Junior High Gym

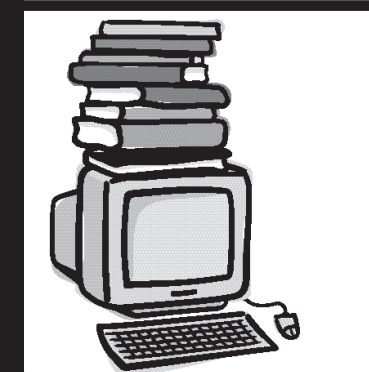
9:30 p.m. Goodland Youth Football Club game-5th grade  
10 a.m. Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity Volleyball, Goodland Volleyball Quad  
Goodland Youth Football Club game-6th grade

### Monday-Black Day

2 p.m. Girls Varsity Golf at Russell High School  
2 p.m. Girls Varsity Golf at Colby High School  
2:45 p.m. QSP Magazine Sales meeting-junior class  
3:30 p.m. 7/8 Football (H) Norton  
6:30 p.m. Junior Varsity Football (H) St. Francis  
Board of Education Meeting

### Tuesday-Gold Day

7:30 a.m. Goodland High School/Junior High School pictures  
2 p.m. Girls Junior Varsity Tennis, Goodland Junior Varsity Tennis Tournament  
2:45 p.m. Boys/Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity Cross Country at Ulysses High School  
2:45 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball Quad at Hays



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