

Cowboys win 21-6 over Golden Eagles

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Scoring in the first two minutes of the game, an improved defense and improved kicking helped the Goodland Cowboys win 21-6 over the Trego County Golden Eagles from WaKeeney Friday and provided a great game for the home crowd at Cowboys Stadium.

Senior Brandon Rome caught a long pass from senior Travis Angelos on the second play of the game. He broke a tackle and ran down Goodland's sideline for the touchdown. Senior Simon Grunfeld, an AFS exchange student from Sweden, kicked the extra point.

Grunfeld has been running with the Goodland High cross country team and will continue to. He started practicing with the football team two weeks ago.

"We found out that he was a soccer player," said Coach Kent Teeter, "and he showed interest in kicking for football. After giving him a look in practice, we thought he would be a great addition."

He was 3/3 on point after attempts Friday, the coach said, and almost made a 45-yard field goal. He made a 42-yard field goal in practice on Wednesday, the coach added, and also did a really good job on the kickoffs Friday.

"We got off to a really good start (Friday)," Teeter said. "There is no doubt that we are still improving. We had great effort and a lot of enthusiasm. The first half was our best half so far and then we struggled in the second half with penalties, poor execution and not knowing some of the plays."

"Our defense showed the most improvement this game. We held a pretty good quarterback and running team to about 75 yards rushing and under 150 yards total offense. We played much better technique and were a lot more physical than the first three weeks."

Several players, Jace Mosbarger, Vance Johnson, Keegan Smith, Kade Sheldon and Jay Cotter, led the defense, Teeter said, and made a lot of good stops, and Rome got at least two interceptions.

Offense executed really well and



Goodland senior Brandon Rome looked for a way to elude Trego County senior Casey Flax during Friday's football game.
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generated a lot of yards the entire first half, the coach said — scoring 21 points and just missing a field

goal right before half was outstanding. Goodland had over 330 yards passing in the game, he said, and

completed 50 percent of their passes with no interceptions. WaKeeney's defense played

seven of 11 guys really close to take away the running game, Teeter said, so the Cowboys needed to be good in the passing game.

"Our offensive line has been really good the entire year so far," he said — "We have given up very few sacks. Our offensive linemen (Clay Schilling, Jace Mosbarger, Jay Cotter, Ryan Taylor, David Murray and Vance Johnson) don't get a lot of credit sometimes and have done a really good job."

Angelos has only thrown two interceptions this year, the coach said, which is really good in four games. The Cowboys have thrown over 130 times this year with just two interceptions and five sacks, he said.

On WaKeeney's first possession, the Cowboys stopped them in the backfield twice. At third and 17, the Golden Eagles were only able to get six yards on a run by Senior Matt Dietz. At fourth and 11, they punted.

Goodland gained four yards on a run by senior Fernando Martinez and then got the first down on a pass to sophomore Brock Wilkens. Angelos tried to run the ball himself on the next play but was tackled in the backfield. At second and 15, he threw an incomplete pass, but a flag against WaKeeney put them back at first down. Then a sack and two incomplete passes left the Cowboys punting at fourth and 19.

WaKeeney was again three up and three down and punted at fourth and five. Goodland was hurt by a penalty on the next drive and punted at fourth and 11. Two false starts backed the Cowboys up to fourth and 21 at their own 37. The Golden Eagles blocked the punt and ran it into the end zone. They missed the extra point, so Goodland still had the lead at 7-6.

The next Goodland drive ran the clock out on the first quarter, and the Cowboys started the second quarter punting. A penalty backed the Golden Eagles up, and on the next play, Rome intercepted.

A flag backed Goodland up to first and 14 at the 40. Angelos ran for three, and a pass to Martinez got the

Cowboys the first down. Martinez got four yards on the next carry, then Angelos passed to senior Josh Lamb in the end zone, but the ball dropped between his knees.

A flag against WaKeeney moved the Cowboys forward five yards, and then Angelos ran for the touchdown, barely keeping the ball over the corner of the end zone. Grunfeld added the extra point, bringing the score to 14-6 Goodland.

WaKeeney was three up three down again, and Rome called a fair catch at the 50 yard line on the punt. A quarterback keeper and a pass to sophomore Nathan Deeds got Goodland the first down. Then a carry by Martinez and two quarterback keepers got the Cowboys to fourth down with three inches to go. Martinez ran for the first down.

At first and 10 at the 18, a pass to Martinez took the Cowboys to first and goal at the four. Martinez carried but was hit by a crowd of Golden Eagles. At second and goal at the three, Martinez tried again but had no gain. At third and goal at the three, Angelos ran it in with a Golden Eagle holding onto his shirt and breaking other tackles. Grunfeld again added the extra point, and Goodland was up 21-6 with 2:49 to go in the half.

WaKeeney was three up and three down again and punted at fourth and three. Angelos passed to sophomore Kelly Pearson for the first down. A quarterback keeper and then a pass to Rome, followed by a long run, put Goodland at first and 10 at the WaKeeney 19. A pass fell incomplete in the end zone, and at second and 10, Angelos was sacked. At third and 19 with eight seconds in the half, another pass fell incomplete.

At fourth and 19 at the 28, with two seconds to go, Grunfeld attempted a 45-yard field goal, but it fell a little short.

Neither team scored in the second half. On WaKeeney's final drive, a bad snap backed them up 15 yards, and they ended up giving Goodland the ball on downs with 42 seconds remaining, and the Cowboys played out the final seconds.

Cowgirls fifth at Russell tennis tourney

The Cowgirls finished fifth out of eight teams in the Russell Invitational tennis tournament Thursday.

Larned won the meet, followed by Colby and Russell. Osborne was fourth and Goodland fifth, followed by Victoria, Phillipsburg and Quivira Heights.

In No. 1 singles, Cowgirls senior Sandra Redlin played well, said Coach Wallace Hansen. She lost a close game to Mead of Russell 8-5, then volleyed well and had a close game with Wolters of Osborne. Schmidt of Larned won the division.

In No. 1 doubles, seniors Kaitlin

Fugleberg and Shonna Webster beat Ferguson and Nguyen of Phillipsburg 8-1 and Gregory and Stroup of Osborne 8-1.

They lost in the semifinals to Wark and Wilson of Colby 8-3, then battled the Russell duo Driscoll and Rohr for the third-place medal. Their re-

cord is 13-4.

In No. 1 singles, freshman Jakalyn Van Allen lost 8-5 to Funk of Russell, beat Pugh of Phillipsburg 8-4 and ended up tied for fifth, losing to Roth of Larned 8-2 in the consolation bracket.

In No. 2 doubles, juniors Heidi Lawson and Stephanie

Becvar lost their first match 8-2 to Bethell and Gertsner of Colby. They came back in the consolation bracket and lost a close game to the Victoria pair Yost and Broyles 8-6.

The Cowgirls will play at 2 p.m. today in a varsity tournament in Colby.

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Wednesday-Black Day
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and SLC meeting in Hesston;
Elementary Bank Day
DECA Fall Chapter Leadership Development Conference, Rock Springs
Thursday-Gold Day
DECA Fall Chapter Leadership Development Conference, Rock Springs
2 P.M.-Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Golf at Oakley
3:30 P.M.-7/8 Volleyball at Oakley
4:30 P.M.-C-team football at Colby
4:30 P.M.-8th grade football at Oakley
5:30 P.M.-Parent's Football team meal
Friday-Black Day
West School Pie Sales Kick-off
11:30 A.M.-American Field Service Walk

6 P.M.-Boys Varsity Football at Atwood High School
Saturday- 8 A.M.-Girls Varsity Volleyball, Oakley Volleyball
8 A.M.-Girls Junior Varsity Tennis at Colby High School
8 A.M.-Girls Junior Varsity Volley, Colby Round Robin
8:30 A.M.-Girls Varsity Golf at Lakin High School
11 A.M.-Goodland Youth Football Club game (6th grade)
Monday-Gold Day
3 P.M.-Boys C/9th Football at Hays High School
5 P.M.- Boys Junior Varsity Football at Hays High School
Tuesday-Black Day; Central School Picture Day
2 P.M.- Girls Varsity Tennis at Larned High School
3:30 P.M.-7th Football versus Scott City (here)
3:30 P.M.- Girls Varsity, Junior Varsity, C-team Volleyball, Goodland Volleyball Quad

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