

Cowboys lose first district game 28-0

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The Goodland Cowboys football team lost their first game of district play 28-0 Friday on the road against a tough Scott City team.

The Beavers scored three touchdowns in the first half, while the Cowboys had only 20 yards of offense and no first downs. Goodland had a second-half resurgence with 53 yards and three first downs on their first possession but failed to score.

Scott City found their way to the end zone on their first possession and got the extra point, got another touchdown and extra point early in the second quarter and another touchdown with four minutes to go in the half but missed the extra point.

The Beavers added a touchdown and two-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

"Without a doubt, Scott City is the best team that we have seen this year," said Coach Kent Teeter. "Their defense was really good. They were very physical."

"I thought we came out and played really well the second half. We should have scored. We need to be able to make a 4th and 1 when we need to."

Offensively, the Cowboys really struggled, the coach said; they didn't throw and catch as well as they have been the past few weeks.

"The best thing from the game was our effort in the second half," he said. "Even in the fourth quarter when they scored their last touchdown to go up by 28, we kept playing with intensity. At the beginning of the year we didn't do that. We were also better on our kickoff returns, which gave us decent field position."

The Cowboys had the first possession of the game but went three and out, gaining just two yards and then being backed up by a delay of game penalty. Goodland was backed up again on the punt by an equipment violation.

Scott City got the ball on the Goodland 42 yard line and used their running game to get two first downs and then to run into the end zone from the 14-yard line.

The kick went out of bounds at the Goodland five, so the Cowboys got the ball at their own 35 yard line. Senior quarterback Travis Angelos ran for two, threw an incomplete pass and then handed off to senior Fernando Martinez, who ran for two. Senior Brandon Rome punted, and the Cowboys immediately hit the receiver, giving Scott City the ball at their own 23.

The Cowboy defense let the Beavers gain nothing on their next "drive," so Scott City was quickly



Freshman Mac Purvis (No. 58 in the middle) provided a block in Goodland's homecoming game Friday, Oct. 10, against the Oberlin Red Devils. The Cowboys had a tough night Friday against Scott City and are hoping to hit their stride again this Friday

at home against Ness City-Dighton in their second game of district play.

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punting. Goodland got the ball on their own 20, and Angelos ran for two, threw an incomplete pass intended for sophomore Brock Wilkens and an incomplete pass intended for Martinez. After a bad snap, Rome picked the ball up and managed to get a punt off, but the Beavers got the ball near mid-field at the Goodland 49.

Three first downs later, Scott City was at first and goal at the 8. The Beavers gained four on the first play and at second and four ran into the end zone. Despite Senior Kade Sheldon's attempt to block the extra point, the Beavers made it and went up 14-0.

Goodland got the ball on their own 30, and Martinez ran for seven, then Angelos got nowhere on a quarterback keeper and then threw a hasty pass over the outstretched arms of freshman Riley Oharah, who was wide open. With Angelos still kicking himself, the Cowboys lined up to punt.

Scott City again had the ball near mid-field and three first downs later threw a pass for the touchdown. This time when Sheldon tried to block the extra point, he caused the

Beavers to go a little wide, so they were up 20-0.

Sophomore Kelly Pearson returned the kick, and Goodland got the ball on their own 30. Angelos threw a pass to Wilkens, who was immediately hit by a pack of Beavers for a five-yard loss. Angelos threw to Rome, but he was double-teamed and couldn't get it. After another incomplete pass intended for Rome, it was Rome who ended up punting.

Scott City got the ball at their own 43. The Cowboys put on the pressure, forcing the quarterback to run, but he managed to get two yards anyway. Senior Keegan Smith broke up the Beavers' intended pass play on the second down, but the quarterback managed to hand off to freshman Dalton Smith, who ran for seven. The Beavers got the final yard for the first down and then the quarterback threw a pass deep to senior Levi Kuntzsch, who jumped over Wilkens for the completion.

A Beaver penalty backed them up to a first and 23 situation at their own 45, but Scott City managed to get nearly 13 yards on the next play, then were backed up by another

penalty, threw an incomplete pass and then ran for three yards. The half ended with Scott City at fourth and nine.

Scott City had the first possession of the second half, and the Cowboys defense wrapped the Beavers up, so they went three and out. Two Cowboys nearly blocked the punt, and on the return, Rome broke two tackles and then fell forward, giving Goodland the ball at their own 28.

Martinez ran for five, then under pressure, Angelos ran and did a little dance to gain three. A pass to Wilkens gave the Cowboys 12 and the first down. Martinez carried the ball and fell forward to eke out four yards and on then on the next play did the same for three. At third and three, Martinez managed to fall forward for another short gain, but after measuring, officials decided Goodland was about two feet short.

Angelos ran for about 10 yards, giving Goodland the first down and keeping the drive alive. A pass deep to Rome fell incomplete, then Martinez pushed forward for four yards. On the next play, Martinez was nearly stopped at the line of scrimmage, but broke free and pushed

forward, bringing the Cowboys to fourth and an inch. He got the first down and then some, and Goodland had the ball at the Scott City 24.

Martinez ran for a yard or so, but a holding penalty backed Goodland up to first and 20. Angelos managed to get a pass past two Beaver defenders into Rome's hands, then at third and 10 to run for seven. Martinez ran for nearly three yards, but at fourth and 1 1/2, Angelos lost half a yard, and Scott City got the ball on downs.

On defense, Rome knocked a Scott City receiver out of bounds, senior Vance Johnson and junior Kevin Amthor stopped a running play and sophomore Nathan Deeds stopped another running play. Nonetheless, Scott City eked out enough yards for three first downs and then from first and 10 at the 23, the Beavers made a break for the goal line.

The Cowboys knocked Kuntzsch out of bounds at the three, but Scott City was at first and goal. Senior Jace Mosbarger and Amthor stopped Kuntzsch at the one, and the Beavers' false start backed them up to second and goal at the six, but a run by Smith and a pass to junior

Alex Swan got the Beavers the touchdown, and then they made the two-point conversion.

Pearson returned the kick, giving Goodland the ball at their own 35, but the Cowboys went three and out. Rome's punt this time put Scott City at their own 12, and the Beavers were only able to run the clock out.

The Cowboys will be at home Friday to play Ness City-Dighton at 6 p.m. for more district action.

"Being 0-1 in district play makes next week's game really important," Teeter said. "We must win this game to give ourselves a chance for the playoffs. It will be really nice playing at home again."

"Our goals will be to win and to continue to improve on our execution. It will be important to have a good week of practice and continue to improve on understanding our concepts of our offense and defense."

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- Middle School Gifted Seminar at Oakley
- 1 P.M.-Regional Administrator's Meeting in Oakley
- 7 P.M.-Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Thursday-Gold Day

- 1 P.M.-8th Volleyball League Tournament at Hoxie
- 1 P.M.-7th Volleyball League Tournament at Oberlin
- 4 P.M.-8 P.M.-Parent Teacher Conferences
- 5:30 P.M.-Parent Football team meal

Friday-NO SCHOOL

- 8 A.M. to Noon-Parent Teacher Conferences

6 P.M.-Boys Varsity football (home) versus Ness-City Dighton

- Saturday-ACT Test Date
- Girls Varsity Volleyball, Sub-State
- Boys/Girls Regional Cross Country Meet

Monday-Black Day

- 4:30 P.M.-Boys C/9th Football (home) versus Burlington High School
- Board of Education Meeting
- 6:30 P.M.-American Field Service Social

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