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Cowboys win big in opener at Hugoton, 46-8

By Jeremy Mills

j.mills@nwkansas.com The Goodland Cowboys opened the season Friday with a great 46-8 win at Hugoton.

The Cowboys will look to keep winning at 6 p.m. on Friday at Cowboys Stadium against Ulysses.

The atmosphere at Hugoton was unbelievable on Friday.

The smell of fresh cut grass, sound of the school band playing, fans cheering, and the sight of a pair of teams finally getting what they so desperately wanted.

things started and gave at least one set of fans a show.

Twelve plays into the game Cowboys quarterback Reed Bellamy threw a 10-yard a 12-yard touchdown. touchdown pass to receiver Kelly Pearson and a 2-point conversion.

After a Hugoton turnover Goodland used 2:11 on the clock to go 32 yards, capped off with a one-yard score by Riley Oharah with another touchdown, this time to soap scrimanother successful 2-point conversion.

Still in the first quarter, the Cowboys weren't finished. Bellamy threw a 44-yard

The Cowboys and Hugoton Eagles got deliver a devastating blow to the Eagles.

With 44 seconds left in first quarter, the Eagles finally got in the end zone, with Cody Frederick throwing to Jamie Rodriguez for final score 46-8.

Continuing their success, the Cowboys scored with a 19 yard downhill run by Nathan Deeds in the second quarter.

Bellamy put on a show and passed for mage star Austin Avelar, for 5 yards before halftime with Goodland leading 38-8.

bomb to Garth Helton to go up 24-0, and conserved the clock, and pulled most of the Friday at Liberal, 40-8.

starting line up.

The final Cowboys score came with a 4-yard run from Ryan Hillmer, making the

Head Coach Kent Teeter was pleased with how his team played, but understands he will always find things to work on when watching film.

Coaches along with players had smiles on their faces in the second half, as they would had 2 points. say "This is three years worth of work."

The Cowboys face a tough opponent on The second half slowed as the Cowboys Friday against the Ulysses Tigers, who lost

Bustillos was the leading rusher for the Cowboys with 51 yards, Bellamy threw for 254 yards and his total yards for the game were 296.

Robert Cowan led the defense with 10 tackles.

In the scoring Avelar had 6, Pearson 8, Hillmer 8, Garth Helton 6, Deeds 8, Oharah 6, Brock Wilkens 2, and Dallas DeLaRosa

Cross Country teams open at Sugar Hills Golf Course

In the wind Friday afternoon the Goodland High School Cross Country teams opened their season with the Goodland Invitational featuring runners from nine schools.

In the girls bracket Ulysses was first, Colby second, Scott County third, Oakley fourth, Perkins County fifth, Quinter sixth, Ogallala seventh, Goodland eighth and Lakin did not have a team score.

Ogallala won the boys division with Ulysses second, Colby third and Goodland fourth. Lakin and Oakley did not have a score and other teams without scores included Quinter, Perkins County and Scott County.

"This year's Goodland Invite was, in a word, fast," said Goodland Coach Ben Foust. The freshman and sophomore Girls race was a little slower than last year, and the freshman and sophomore Boys was about the same, but the junior and senior Girls was considerably faster, as was the junior and senior Boys race.

"I know the course was the right length for both. Our times were faster this year than last. I think we're on the right course for some big things this season."

Foust said this was the first time in many years Goodland has had enough athletes on both the boys' and girls' teams to have a complete, scoring team.

While seven run on Varsity, only five athletes are needed to score team points. However, he said, the Goodland Invitational scores differently. The boys score the top seven instead of just five.

Both the Goodland boys' and girls' teams finished last in their divisions, but having complete teams is a huge milestone for the program, and more inter-squad competition. In fact, the boys were able to score 12 fewer points this year than last. "Individually, our returning runners did a great job," he said. We are seemingly light years ahead of ourselves at this point compared to last year. It's exciting to see our returning runners inspiring and leading our new athletes." Returning runner Jacob Schnabel's time was over 2 and half minutes faster this year than last, Foust said. I'm pleased with his improvement so far. I think he will play a big role for the team as the season progresses. Stephen Buller's time was 58 seconds faster than last year, Foust said. Last year, he just missed the medals with an 11th place finish. This year, he finished a solid seventh. If he progresses like he did last year, I think we'll be making a trip to Wamego. Chantel Coates has been struggling with some hip issues so far this season and didn't get a chance to finish her race, Foust said. She's worked very hard this summer to get ready for the season, and it's frustrating to see her struggle. But she's a tough competitor and I have no doubt in my mind she'll be back soon and ready to resume training. Ace Arteaga, Jesse Cooper, Jarod Lake, Ashleigh Borders, Sierra Estes, and Taylor Ratcliff all graduated from the Junior High program a lot with inter-squad competition,



he said. It allows for additional goals to compete for the first time at the which is vital to team improvehigh school level Foust said All 6 ment



Goodland Cowgirl Ashleigh Borders (above) crosses a time check point in the freshman and sophomore girls cross country race on Friday at Sugar Hills Golf Course. Borders finished 27th, but was the leading Cowgirl. Cowboy Steven Buller (left) raised his fingers in celebration as he finished the junior

freshmen did an outstanding job for competition time established and

will work toward their goals. Ace went above and beyond to finish seventh in the freshman and sophomore Boy's race, Foust said. Ironically, this is the same place Buller finished his Sophomore year. We are excited about Ace's finish. I'm sure there will be many good things to come from this important group of runners.

Our new-to-the-sport athletes did an outstanding job, Foust said. Continuing the tradition of having a Waugh on the team, is Dayelle. As our lone senior girl, and first time high school competitor, she ran a solid race to help our team score. She is proving herself a great leader on the team.

Gloria Bustillos got her first taste of high school Cross Country competition. She was allowed to train with us last year, but unable to compete with knee issues. She seems healthy and is a hard worker and awesome competitor.

Freshmen Xavier Foust and junior Parker Sieck are our two new high school boys. Both of these gentlemen have helped to fill some much needed middle positions on our team. As they learn to compete, I am expecting great things from them. Both are talented and help us

"As we work to build on the sucthe team and now have a baseline cesses of Friday's meet," Foust said, "we are excited to be introducing two or three new faces to Cross Country competition Saturday at Tribune."

High School results Freshman, sophomore girls Albers, Cally, Oakley, 18.02, First

Hager, Stephanie, Ulysses, 18.23, econd

Borders, Ashleigh, Goodland, 22.43, 27th

Estes, Sierra, Goodland, 23.00, 29th Bustillos, Gloria, Goodland, 23.09, 30th Ratcliff, Taylor, Goodland, 24.25, 32nd

Junior, senior girls Finley, Emily, Colby, 16.04, First Kaus, Katrina, Colby, 6.40, Second Waugh, Dayelle, Goodland, 22.50, 21st

Junior, senior boys Mendoza, Israel, Ulysses, 17.25, First Nawyn, Greg, Ogallala, 17.48, Second Buller, Stephen, Goodland, 19.00, Sevnth

Sieck, Parker, Goodland, 23.16, 28th Freshman, sophomore boys

McKeag, Dillon, Ogallala, 18.05, First Reed, Dustin, Colby, 19.18, Second Arteaga, Ace, Goodland, 20.14, Seventh

Foust, Xavier, Goodland, 22.58, 27th Lake, Jarod, Goodland, 23.07, 29th



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and senior boys cross country race on Friday. Buller finished seventh, and was the top Cowboy runner. The Cross Country teams will be in Tribune on Saturday for a meet starting at 9 a.m.





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