

Cowboys open district play tonight with Norton

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Kickoff is at 6 p.m. tonight—a half hour earlier than previous games—when the Cowboys (4-2) are at home to begin district play against the Norton Blue Jays (5-0).

“The second season begins today. It’s a three game series and the best two teams go to the playoffs.” Coach Kent Teeter said this week to his team.

The Cowboys are coming off a tremendous win over rival Colby, 38-22, and the first home field win in two years at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys wins have come against Hugoton, Holcomb, Lakin and Colby. The Cowboys lost to Ulysses and Scott City.

Norton has wins over Ellis, St. Francis, Plainville, Decatur Community and Smith Center.

Their leading passer is Spencer Shirk who has thrown 30 of 48 passes for 501 yards, 5 touchdowns, and 1 interception.

Terrell Lane is the Blue Jays best player, and will get the ball to him in every way possible. He has carried the ball 75 times for 805 yards and 12 touchdowns. He leads the team in rushing with 161 yards a game.

Shirk runs the option a lot, taking the ball 42 times for 197 yards and 1 touchdown.

Jeremy Sproul has carried 34 times for 204 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Billy Broeckelman is the leading receiver with 9 receptions for 137 yards and 1 touchdown. Dakota Dreher has 7 catches for 140 yards and 2 touchdowns.



In the middle of the pile Cowboy Reed Bellamy pushed forward on a fourth down play for a first down in the second quarter of the homecoming game against Colby. The Cowboys won 38-22, but

On defense, Norton runs a similar defense to Goodland’s, but using more blitzes. Kaid McKenna leads in tackles with 65. Next is Landon

Keiswetter with 54, Shirk with 30, and Luke Ninemire with 24. 6 players have sacks and 4 have interceptions.

all that means nothing today with the Norton Bluejays coming to Cowboy Stadium for the opening game of district games. The top two teams from district will advance to the state playoffs.

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Norton averages 385 total yards per game with 284 on the ground and 101 yards passing.

For Goodland, Reed Bellamy has

completed 77 of 137 passes for 910 yards, 7 touchdowns, and 4 interceptions. Bellamy has rushed 74 times for 338 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Bellamy leads the team with 208 yards per game including 56 yards rushing and 152 yard passing.

Kelly Pearson has run 51 times for 270 yards and 4 touchdowns. Pearson has two returns for touchdowns that has helped the Cowboys turn games around.

Riley Oharah has taken the ball 45 times for 159 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Brock Wilkens has 25 catches for 295 yards and 3 touchdowns. Dillon Trachsel has 11 receptions for 125 yards. Pearson has 10 catches for 199 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Defensively, Goodland has thrived under defensive coordinator Mike Ruhs. Nathan Deeds is the leading tackler with 80 total tackles. Oharah has 66 tackles, Robert Cowan with 56; Devon Garrett has 49, and Dallas DeLaRosa with 44.

Special Teams under Donald Raymer has been the biggest story this year with multiple scores that have completely changed the game.

The Cowboys average 338 yards total offense per game with 186 yards on the ground and 152 yard passing.

The Cowboys will play the second district game at Cowboy Stadium against Phillipsburg at 6 p.m. on Friday, and are one the road at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, for the final district game against Thomas More Prep-Marian.

To move into the playoffs the Cowboys will have to have one of the top two records in district play, and in some cases the tie-breaker is the difference in points from each game.

Goodland performs well at Lakin cross country meet

Cross Country runners from Goodland participated in the meet at Lakin on Saturday, and it was the last meet for the Grant Junior High runners and for the high school the next meet will be Saturday in Hugoton.

“This was (unfortunately) the last meet for the Grant Junior High,” said Coach Ben Foust. “Maybe sometime in the future, we’ll have a league meet with team scores for them, but it’s just not in the cards for this year. Be that as it may, the Junior High did an outstanding job, earning 4 medals and 8 out of 10 athletes had their personal bests! We had a great day.”

Lexi Bergquist ran under 7 minutes and without a shoe the last 200 meters of the course to finish 8th, he said. She has earned a medal every meet this year and always placed eighth or better. She’s had a great year. We’re hoping for big things from her in track this spring, as well as next Cross Country season, Foust said. Hopefully, there’ll be a few more girls to join her.

Arron Arteaga, Mario Lazo, Yidam Mendoza, and Taitem Jones all had personal bests as well, Foust said.

Arron was in a tight group of boys that were all within 3 seconds of each other to take the 2-5th places. Arron has done a great job of leading the seventh graders this year. He loves to run and it shows.

Mario has picked up on Arron’s running fever and come a long way from the first race. Mario works hard in practice and goes the extra mile (literally).

Yidam tends to follow Mario and Arron’s lead, which has been great. Yidam has been the quietest member on the team this year, but his performances make big statements regarding his work ethic and ability.

Taitem was out for football, then joined us. He told me one day before class he was going to quit football and come out for Cross Country and I said, “Yeah, right.” The next day he was at Cross Country practice ready to run. He’s done a great job this year and he’s been a great addition to the team. We get a lot of great runners from the Travis and Angie

Jones home!

Chandler Pettibone ran well and had nearly his best time of the season. He’s learning what he needs to do to compete.

I think that next year we’ll see big things from this whole group of athletes, but especially Chandler as his mom puts it, “Gets some meat on his bones.”

While Gerell Miller didn’t win his final eighth grade race of the season, he was very graceful in accepting defeat. He ran his best time of the year. He was extremely tired for the first time all season. He worked very hard for his medal and has nothing to be upset about...except the kid cutting him off right at the finish.

Kyler Amthor ran his best time of the year as well, earning a medal. Kyler’s time was right where Gerell started the season. Kyler has come a long way and will continue to improve next year.

Kam Snyder was consistent this year. He has been a reliable performer all season long. While he didn’t have his best time of the year, it was certainly one of his strongest performances. He was able to have a great kick at the end to fight off two hard charging competitors.

Matthew House has unfortunately competed in only three races this year, but has made great positive strides in each one. Matthew’s sub-9 minute race was a testament to his strong work ethic and willingness to persevere against all odds.

High School runners

For the high school, Sierra Estes was the only athlete to have a personal best. She ran nearly a full minute faster than her previous best. She continues to give 100 percent effort every time. She is very coachable.

Day Waugh ran a good race to finish and help out our team points.

Lakin scores their meet differently than any other meet. They score the top 7 placers from all high school races, boys and girls combined. We scored an even 400 points thanks to Day’s great finish. I’m pretty sure we finished last as a team, but we had great performances all the way around.

This was only the second time that Stephen Buller had run on this course. Last year, the meet was cancelled, and he sat this one out his freshman year.

Next year, we won’t have that problem of sitting out meets as we’re only going to have the seven meets plus Regionals and State on the schedule.

But be that as it may, Stephen did an outstanding job to work his way up from 22nd or so at the mile to 17th place. He was shooting for a top 15, but lost contact early with that group and couldn’t quite get them back.

All of the Freshmen and Sophomore boys improved their times from the Ellsworth meet...which is to be expected. The Ellsworth course is tough. The Lakin course was tough in its own right, but more for the number of competitors and level of competition than the course itself.

All of the boys looked strong through the 1st mile, but the 2nd mile saw a few people really fall off the pace. Xavier Foust was ahead of Jesse Cooper at the 1 mile, but finished 40 seconds behind him. There was a really long straight section of the course following a fenceline to the north. It’s flat and really boring. I saw Jacob Schnabel sprinting past several people along this stretch. I’m sure that made it more interesting than mind-numbing straight flat running, Foust said. Ace Arteaga ran his second sub-20 minute race

of the year. He looked strong and healthy.

Our next meet is Saturday at Hugoton, Foust said. This will be our Great West Activity League meet. There are only six teams in the new league, so it’s going to be a pretty small meet.

I think the race for the team competition will be pretty cut and dry on the boys side (probably the girls’ side too). Hopefully, we’ll have Jarod Lake, Parker Sieck, Gloria Bustillos, and Ashleigh Borders back from injured reserve to help us out. If we can be at full strength for our League meet, we’ll be in a great

position for Regionals the following weekend at Larned.

High School results
Freshmen/Sophomore Girls
Winning Time: 16:19.21 Runners: 56
Athlete, Finish, Place
Sierra Estes, 21:06.75, 43
Junior/Senior Girls
Winning Time: 16:24.91 Runners: 52
Athlete, Finish, Place
Day Waugh, 22:51.62, 41
Freshman/Sophomore Boys
Winning Time: 17:25.72 Runners: 101
Athlete, 1 mile, 2 mile, Finish, Place
Ace Arteaga, 5:42, 12:16, 19:57.85, 37
Xavier Foust, 6:38, 15:13 23:30.85, 86
Jesse Cooper, 6:46, 14:15, 22:50.02, 79
Jacob Schnabel, 7:08, 15:58, 25:33.46, 94
Junior/Senior Boys
Winning Time: 16:57.45, Runners: 55

Athlete, 1 mile, 2 mile, Finish, Place
Stephen Buller, 5:37, 6:10 (11:47) 18:39.8, 17
Team Score: 400

Grant Junior High
Seventh grade Race, 1 mile
Winning Time Boys: 5:54.1, Runners: 74
Winning Time Girls: 6:14.39, Runners: 40
Athlete, Finish Time, Place
Arron Arteaga, 6:01.7, 5
Mario Lazo 6:29.6, 18
Yidam Mendoza 6:48.1 31
Chandler Pettibone 8:21.4 64
Taitem Jones 8:33.8 66
Lexi Bergquist 6:59.45 8
Eight grade race
Winning Time Boys: 5:21.47, Runners: 44
Athlete Finish Time Place
Gerell Miller 5:31.4 3
Kyler Amthor 5:54.3 10
Kameron Snyder 6:29.7 21
Matthew House 8:57.5 44

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Regular or high-test
- Chicago Bears founder George
- Fat eschewer of rhyme
- Gardner of film
- Novelist Jong
- Use a pattern
- Cop’s weapon
- Put on the radio
- Down in the dumps
- Hypnotic state
- "Bullitt" director Peter
- Old Scratch
- Atlantic City game
- Coastal region
- Pince-__ glasses
- City near Tahoe
- Eighteen-wheeler
- YOU __ HERE
- Smokey, when he was rescued
- Modern-day trial evidence
- Roll-on name
- Pro __ (free, in legalese)
- Actor’s workplace
- Diffuses, as through a membrane
- Rude dude
- Scavenge, in a way
- Playwright Capek
- Disco light
- __ Lee cakes
- Curriculum __ (résumé)
- Fine performance
- Upturned, as a box
- Indigenous tribesmen
- Commotion
- Merchandise

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- "The Inferno" author
- The Beatles' "And I Love __"

DOWN

- Hayes of old westerns
- Walled city of Spain
- Port-__ cheese
- "You there!"
- Rainbow shape
- Dogpatch diminutive
- Less than right?
- Buffalo hockey team
- Ballad part
- Does some comparison shopping
- Unique individuals
- Aviation hero
- Mack of old TV
- Vichyssoise veggie
- Tankard filler
- Belgrade resident
- __ fide
- City northeast of Venice
- Sired, biblically
- Formerly named
- Wealthy one
- Wipe clean
- Revered Buddhist
- Celestial body
- Baseball's "Georgia Peach"
- Big-selling card game
- Throw the __ at (punish severely)
- Fuel rating

- Reduces to confetti
- Environmentalists' prefix
- Blubbered
- Coarse file
- Stiller's mate
- Big Indian
- Wear down
- Cabinet department
- "I do," e.g.
- Pig-poke connection
- Diarist Anaís
- Comprehend
- Put to work

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Level: Intermediate

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