Cowboys fall to Bluejays in district game, 40-9

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By Jeremy Mills

j.mills@nwkansas.com The Cowboys fell to the undefeated Norton Bluejays 40-9, in the opening of district play and face a must win on Friday against Phillipsburg.

The Cowboys final home game will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, against Phillipsburg. It will be senior night with all the fall senior players and parents being introduced at halftime

The Cowboys fell behind by three touchdowns in the first quarter, 19-0. In the second Norton scored again to make it 26-0 before the Cowboys got on the scoreboard making it 26-6 at halftime.

In the second half Norton continued to move the ball and had a touchdown on a punt return and scored on a long run to make it 40-6. Goodland's Austin Avelar kicked a season long 35-yard field goal to make the final 40-9.

"I thought we came out flat. Didn't have a lot of energy at the beginning and looked intimidated." Head Coach Kent Teeter said after the game

He said the loss puts the Cowboys in a must-win position if they are to have any hopes of going on in the playoffs.

In the first quarter Norton scored first with a 17 yard touchdown pass from Spencer Shirk to Dakota Dreher. Caleb Laughin would add an extra point on the 8-play 59 yard drive.

The Bluejays scored again 3 minutes later when Shirk took it himself 19 yards for the score. The extra point failed on the 3-play 63 yard drive.

Norton wasn't done in the first quarter and the Cowboys would begin to learn the name Jeremy Sproul. Sproul ran the ball in from the 2 yard line on an 8-play 68 yard



drive. A 2-point conversion failed Jumpin Juniors. making it 19-0.

In the second quarter, Bluejay Dillon McConney caught a 32 yard pass from Shirk on a 4-play 52 yard drive. Laughlin would add the extra point making it 26-0.

Goodland would score their only touchdown of the game when Nathan Deeds ran from 3 yards out into the end zone. The 2 point conversion Laughlin added the extra point to would fail ending the 6-play 23 yard make it 40-6. drive.

High School marching band and the scored on a season best 35-yard 51 yards and 1 touchdown.

In the third quarter Norton went back to work with Terrell Lane returning a punt 47 yards for a touchdown.Laughlin added another extra point to make it 33-6. Lane would finish Norton's scoring in the third quarter when he ran 15 yards for a touchdown. It was a 2-play drive that went for 62 yards.

The final score came in the fourth The half time break featured quarter after an interception by performances by the Goodland Cowboy Seth Miller. The Cowboys

field goal by Austin Avelar to make it 40-9. Norton had 366 rushing yards and

scored on a 3-yard run by Nathan Deeds in the second quarter.

121 passing yards, 16 first downs, were 7 of 10 on 3rd downs, 3 of 4 on 4th downs, 1 fumble lost, and 1 interception.

Goodland had 60 yards rushing and 169 yards passing, 15 first downs, 5 of 17 on 3rd downs, 3 of 4 on 4th downs, and 2 interceptions.

For Norton, Shirk led the passing attack completing 7 of 12 passes for 121 yards, 2 touchdowns, and 1 interception. He rushed 9 times for

Lane rushed the ball 14 times for Pearson caught 2 balls for 40 yards. 170 yards and 1 score. Sproul rushed 9 times for 95 yards.

The football (above) sails away from the outstretched arms of Cowboy receiver Seth Miller and Bluejay

deffender Spencer Shirk during the district game on Friday. Touchdown for the Cowboys (left) was

Dreher caught 3 balls for 52 yards and 1 touchdown. Billy Brockelman caught 2 passes for 28 yards.

For Goodland, Reed Bellamy completed 16 of 31 passes for 169 yards and 2 interceptions. He ran 14 times for 24 yards.

Deeds carried 5 times for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Brock Wilkens was the leader in receiving for the Cowboys with 5 catches for 61 yards. Garth Helton had 4 receptions for 42 yards. Kelly

Seth Miller also caught 3 balls for 19 yards.

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The Cowboys are now 4-3 going into the next district game at 6 p.m. on Friday with the 6-0 Phillipsburg Panthers in the home finale of the season.

The Cowboys will finish up regular season play at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, at Thomas More Prep in Hays, at Lewis Field at Fort Hays State University.

Goodland runners participate in Great West Activity tournament

By Ben M. Foust

Goodland Cross Country Coach The first running of the Great West Activity Conference cross country meet started off a little shaky, but we made it to Hugoton about 45 minutes before the Junior Varsity Boys' Race. I am very glad September. It was nice to know the course a little bit.

Cowgirls results Estes once again led the girls with minute. Sierra has really come on in the last two meets. I think some of the taper and active rest we've been doing has really helped her. We've pushed all of our athletes and it's been especially difficult for the freshmen. But hopefully as we continue to back things down for regionals, Sierra and the other freshmen will continue to respond positively. The other three girls all had a great day as well. The remaining girls all cut time from the previous meet at Lakin, but we're not quite back to where we were before injuries began to take their toll after Tribune. But I really think that for regionals at Larned Saturday, we'll all be healthy and ready to compete. Chantel Coates had a time of 21:43.74 and placed 36th, Dayelle Waugh 22:00.49 38th and Gloria Bustillos 22:23.28 39th.

of the day was we didn't field a full upset about. team. I expected the competition in the new league to be equally tough for the boys and girls.

However, the girls' competition we scouted the course back in competitive girls teams, but the other three teams were weaker than girls finished before Hugoton's fifth improved their times from Lakin. a new personal record by over a runner...and Hugoton's team score was better than Scott City. Hopefully Sierra, Chantel, and Gloria will be able to recruit some friends for next year!

Perhaps the most frustrating part time. He certainly has nothing to be to Hugoton on Saturday. We couldn't and a hard right after two trees

Stephen didn't have a personal record, but cut time from the Lakin meet. I believe he has a good shot of making it to State at regionals at for team points was a little weak. Larned on Saturday. He's worked I think Colby and Ulysses have very hard this year and is better than last year.

Ace Arteaga ran nearly a personal I expected. I think had we fielded best, but again, improved his time 5 girls, we could've placed at least over his Lakin time. In fact, five of 34 percent humidity; 13 mph NNE On the girls' side of things, Sierra fourth of six teams. All four of our the six boys who ran at Hugoton

have done as well without you. **Great West Activity**

Conference results

Schools: Colby, Goodland, Hugoton, Holcomb, Ulysses and

Scott City Weather: Perfect. Ranged a lot; 68 at beginning of the girls' race to 77 degrees at the end of the boys' race. SSW wind at 4 mph for the girls and 39 wind with 26 percent humidity for

Girls Results Winning Time: 15:30.43 Total Run-

ners: 43 Athlete 1 mile 2 mile Time Place Sierra Estes 8:09 16:06 19:53.82 28 Chantel Coates 7:46 17:18 21:43.74

Dayelle Waugh 8:39 17:34 22:00.49 - 38

Gloria Bustillos 8:11 17:72 22:23.28

Boys Results

Winning Time: 16:21.61 Total Runers: 41

Ace Arteaga 5:49 11:59 19:22.42 30 Jesse Cooper 6:41 13:38 22:05.89

Xavier Foust 6:45 14:13 23:00.3 39 Jarod Lake 6:49 14:31 23:28.76 40 Jacob Schnabel 7:12 15:13 24:42.3

Team score 161

Team Results: Boys: Hugoton-33, Ulysses-42. Scott City-79, Holcomb-88, Colby-123, Goodland-161

Girls: Colby-38, Ulysses-52,

Coach Myers and I will certainly do our part! We'll certainly miss Day, though.

Cowboys results On the boys' side...the competition proved to be tougher than we'd hoped. We have a couple of premier teams in 3 and 4A in our league with Hugoton, Ulysses, and Holcomb.

With our youth and our lack of knowing how to "go fast" at a 5K pace, we ended up bringing up the rear of the field. As our young team matures, gets stronger and faster we'll be increasingly competitive in this league.

Stephen Buller didn't earn a medal at this meet. He's very frustrated by that. But there were some really tough competitors and he ran a great

This was Jarod Lake's first meet since getting into a car accident three weeks ago. I think he did amazingly well, all things considered. He's a tough kid, great competitor, and outstanding leader.

As mentioned, Jesse Cooper, Xavier Foust, and Jacob Schnabel all improved their times from Lakin. However, all three have had their best times at the Tribune course the second week of the competitive season.

We really need to finish this season strong and with personal records at regionals Saturday. All indications are the Larned course is mostly flat with two or three short steep hills, but it's very fast...at least as fast as Hugoton. We seem to run well on hills, but we're going to have to learn to all out run our race, or more correctly, race our run.

Thanks again to all the fans and parents that made the three hour trek

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Sept. 14 – 12:01 a.m., a 2001 Pontiac owned by Hillary Thacker Jonathan Hilty was driving east on was hit at an unknown time an unknown location and by an unknown hit the legally parked 1990 GMC

object or vehicle. The unidentified owned by Duane Stephen Coash. collision caused minor damage to

the driver's side rear door. Sept. 16-7:09 a.m., 1500 Colo-

rado Ave., a 1978 Ford driven by west 15th when it veered right and



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the boys.

Course Description: Really fast, mild hills, interesting funnel start

Athlete 1 mile 2 mile Time Place Stephen Buller 5:38 11:25 18:13.87

Holcomb-73, Hugoton-90, Scott City-94

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Wednesday: Black Day District A FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference at Hoxie 7:30 a.m.: PLC Thursday: Gold Day End of First 9 weeks Friday: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Day 6 p.m.: Varsity Football, here versus Phillipsburg Saturday: Regional Cross Country ACT Test Girls Sub-State Volleyball Monday: Black Day **Board of Education Meeting** 12 p.m.: High Plains Marching Band Festival at Hays Tuesday: Gold Day 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Parent/Teacher Conferences

