

Cowboys struggle, lose to Holcomb 34-19

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The Cowboys struck first against the Holcomb Longhorns on Friday, but when the fog cleared the Longhorns were the winner, 34-19.

Strange things started the game at Cowboy Stadium with a transformer for the lights in the southeast corner exploding and catching on fire for a minute or so before the opening kick off. The sky was overcast and it got sort of foggy in the first quarter with a light mist coming down.

Cowboy Austin Avelar kicked his third field goal of the season in the first quarter from 27 yards to give the Cowboys a 3-0 lead and make him 3-2 for the season.

Goodland scored a touchdown and two-point conversion in the third quarter and added another touchdown and two-point conversion in the fourth quarter for their 19 points. Holcomb scored a touchdown and extra point in the second quarter to lead 7-3 at half time. Holcomb scored two touchdowns and extra points in the third quarter and two touchdowns and one extra point for their 34 point.

In the third quarter Holcomb scored first in three minutes, but on the kick off Cowboy Dax Ruhs got a tremendous return going 70 yards to the Holcomb 11. On third down quarterback Reed Bellamy threw to Riley Oharah over the middle for a five-yard touchdown. The Cowboys used a swinging gate play on the two-point conversion and a throw to Oharah is good to cut the Holcomb lead to three at 14-11. It took the Cowboys about one minute to score.

Near the end of the third Holcomb scored again to make it 21-11. The Longhorns had a great return after the Cowboys touchdown and were down to the Cowboys 24, but were stopped and turned the ball over at the Cowboys 15.

Bellamy's pass was intercepted and Holcomb again was inside the Cowboys red zone. The Longhorns moved down to a first and goal and scored on fourth down with 1:25 left in the quarter and the extra point was good to make it 21-11.

In the fourth things got a big confused. Holcomb stopped the Cowboys deep in their territory and forced a punt. The punt appeared to be muffed by a Longhorn, but then things got confusing as suddenly players from the benches joined the scrum near mid field.

When the officials finished they ejected Cowboy Josh Whisnant and Longhorn Aaron Hernandez for personal foul on each team. The officials started to give the ball to Holcomb, but decided to replay the down and had the Cowboys re-punt and Holcomb got the ball at the Cowboys 43.

The Cowboys got called for unsportsmanlike on the punt to give the Longhorns the ball at the Cowboys 28. That was the 11th penalty on the Cowboys for about 100 yards.

The Longhorns moved to a first and goal at the two. Bellamy tackled Jose Munoz at the one, but Tyler LaSalle ran in for the touchdown on second to lead 27-11 with 7:36 left. Cowboy Tyler Gastineau blocked J. Estrada's point after kick to keep it 27-11.

On the kick off Ruhs ran to the Cowboys 30.

Blaine Luther caught a pass for five yards and Bellamy ran close to the first down marker. A holding on Holcomb made it first down at the 45.

Ryan Hillmer ran for four yards, and on second down Bellamy hit Oharah over the middle and he ran 51 yards for a touchdown. Again it took the Cowboys about a minute to score. Goodland went for two points and on a wild play Hillmer caught a pass from Avelar to get the two points and make it 27-19. There was a flag on Holcomb for a late hit.

On the kick off the Cowboys were kicking from the Holcomb 45 after the penalty, and tried to execute an onside kick with 6:24 left. Holcomb recovered the kick at their 32.

LaSalle ran for a first down at the 46.

With Hernandez out of the game Holcomb turned to Munoz to run the ball in the final minutes and ran for a first down. It appeared he fumbled, but he was called down.

LaSalle kept the ball and ran for a first down at the Cowboys 24. A face mask penalty on the next play moved it to the Cowboys 10 with 2:40 left. Another Holcomb fumble meant a loss of two.

LaSalle kept the ball and ran in for the touchdown on third down from seven yards with 1:58 left. The extra point was good to make it 34-19.

With less than two minutes left the Cowboys Bellamy ran for a first down and passed to Hillmer for a first down and to Luther to get the ball into Holcomb territory. With no time outs left Bellamy threw a pass to Avelar who was out of bounds at the one yard line with 14 seconds left.

Bellamy tried to pass to Cy Paxton in the end zone, but it was incomplete. On second down Bellamy tried to run for the touchdown, but was stopped short. The Cowboys were unable to get another play off and the clock ran out.

Bellamy passed for 223 yards completing 15 of 30 passes and had two touchdowns and two intercep-



Cowboy Garrett Taylor (above) runs for a first down at the Longhorn 10 in the foggy first half of the game on Friday. Before the coin toss a transformer on the lights in the southeast corner exploded and caught on fire. The fire went out on its own, but the corner of the field was a bit darker, especially in the fog in the first half.

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tions. LaSalle had 94 yards passing completing eight of 15 passes and had one touchdown.

Before he was ejected Hernandez led the Longhorns rushing with 123 yards on 16 carries. LaSalle had 117 yards on 25 carries with his longest for 49 yards.

Bellamy was the Cowboys leading rusher with 41 yards on nine carries. Ruhs had 28 yards on six carries, Garrett Taylor had 19 yards on eight carries, Oharah had six yards on three carries and Hillmer had four yards on one carry.

The Longhorns had 349 yards total offense and had 13 penalties for 115 yards. The Cowboys had

320 yards offense and 14 penalties for 120 yards.

Avelar had 101 yards receiving on four receptions with the longest 51 yards in the last minute of the game. Oharah had two catches for 61 yards and the longest was his 51 yard touchdown. Luther had three catches for 31 yards, Taylen Smith caught two for nine yards and Hillmer had four catches for 21 yards.

The Cowboys are going to have to put this behind them and look for the positives as they have to travel to Scott City on Friday for another tough game. The Cowboys will return to Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 29 to play Lakin for Homecoming.



On Monday Blaine Luther caught a pass in the junior varsity game against Oberlin. The Cowboys won the game 40-14 leading 32-0 at half time. The JV were at Holcomb on Monday.

Maverick show improvement at McPherson tournament

The Northwest Tech Men's and Women's golf teams were in McPherson for the Central Christian Fall Invitational on Monday and Tuesday.

The Maverick Men's team was 10th in the team competition, but did show improvement between the two days.

Seminole State Community College won the tournament. Central Christian was second, and Travis Bobychuck was the top golfer with rounds of 78 and 68 for a 140 total.

Kansas Wesleyan University was third and Will Clark and Tyler Carlson of Seminole tied for second place in the individual standings with both having a 147. Carlson had rounds of 72 and 75 while Clark had rounds of 74 and 73.

Hastings College was fourth, Bethel College fifth, Bellevue University sixth, Sterling College seventh, Haskell Indian Nation eighth, Central Christian B ninth and Northwest Tech 10.

For the Mavericks Joel Weis finished tied for 22nd with a two-day total of 160 and rounds of 82 and

78. He tied with Ross Hogland of Haskell Indian Nation.

"Joel really stepped up this week and as the first man he's starting to learn how to be a player," Coach Travis Jones said.

Maverick Tyler Jones finished tied for 42nd with a total of 178 and rounds of 90 and 88. Jones tied with Paul Leight of Central Christian.

"Tyler Jones struggled with penalty strokes," Coach Travis Jones said. "His score didn't show how well he played having 26 penalty strokes. When he gets more maturity watch out."

Maverick Tyler Beougher tied for 48th with a total of 188 and rounds of 89 and 99. He tied with Jason Nobalty of Central Christian.

"Tyler Beougher had another good tournament improving each week."

Maverick Dalton Elliot was 53rd with a total of 250 and rounds of 135 and 115.

"The Men's team played well and represented the college very well," Coach Jones said.

The Maverick Men's team had

four birdies on par 4 holes and 35 parts on par 5 holes in the tournament.

He said the Women's team had a very rough tournament, and all were disappointed.

"We need to regroup a little bit," he said, "and they should be able to improve. Over all it was a success."

The Maverick Women's team finished fifth. Seminole State was the winner, St. Mary's of Neb., was second, Peru State College third and Barton County Community College fourth.

Kaylee Koneche led the Lady Mavericks finishing 24th with a total of 255 on rounds of 130 and 125.

Jenice Hartman finished 25th with a total of 275 with rounds of 135 and 140.

Brandy Gilbert was 26th with a total of 326 and rounds of 165 and 161.

Jeniffer Hernandez was 27th with a total of 346 and rounds of 182 and 164.

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