# Cowboys fall to Concordia 34-24 last Friday

The Goodland High School varsity football team's post-season aspirations came to an end last Friday with a 34-24 loss to the Concordia

With losses to Clay Center and Concordia, the Cowboys' lost their chance to claim one of the top two spots in the district, and will not be going to the bi-district competi-

The Cowboys were scheduled to play Colby in the final game of the season on Thursday at Cowboy

The Cowboys went three and out on their first possession against Concordia, but came close to scoring on their second. With 5:30 left in the first quarter, the Cowboys went for it on fourth and two. Trey Teeter threw it to Gage Ihrig who gained 22 yards and the first down. Tyler Gastineau made it down to the four yard line. The Cowboys were stopped there and attempted a field goal, which was blocked.

Goodland turned the ball over, but Concordia was deep in their own territory. The Panthers made a 59-yard gain until Cooper Slough slowed the runner down enough for the rest of the Cowboys could catch up. They made it to the seven yard line with two minutes left but failed to convert on a fourth down, giving the ball back to the Cowboys.

Concordia quickly intercepted a ball intended for Garrett Taylor and ran it in for a touchdown. The Cowboys stopped the extra point, but were now down 6-0.

At the start of the second quarter, the Cowboys had the ball back, but were forced to punt. The Panthers drove down the field, picking up three first downs. Gastineau and Gunner Helton made a big stop to bring up third and eight and Ian Bonsall forced a one-yard loss. The Panthers went for it on fourth and nine and made the first down and scored a touchdown two plays later and picked up the two-point

Down 14-0, Helton returned the kickoff to the 40 yard line. Taylor picked up a first down with a 13yard carry. Ihrig got a first down, then Dax Ruhs ran the ball down to the 17. After a timeout, Teeter dropped the snap but scooped it up and got positive yards, making it out of bounds at the 13 yard line.

The Cowboys picked up a first down with 25 seconds left. Teeter found Ruhs in the end zone for a blocked, but a flag was thrown.



Tyler Gastineau (No. 33) and Colton Cooper (No. 52) got in on a tackle earlier this season. Gastineau had 11 carries for 37 yards in last Friday's game against Concordia along with two pass receptions for 27 yards. Cooper recovered a fumble and assisted on seven tackles

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With the score at 14-6, the Cowboys kicked off, but the ball went out of bounds. The ball was moved back and lost five yards, but they made and re-kicked with 14 seconds left in a 12 yard gain to bring up second the half. This time the Panthers ran and three. The Panthers fumbled, it back 80 yards for a touchdown. giving the ball back to Goodland on There was a personal foul against the Cowboys on the play. Goodland stopped the two-point conversion, Ruhs caught a pass for a touchdown. but the Cowboys now trailed 20-6 at the half.

The penalty was enforced after halftime, with the Cowboys kickoff moved back to the 30 yard line. The Cowboys forced a fumble in the backfield, recovering the ball at the Concordia 49 yard line. Ruhs made it 20-18. A two-point conversion a 16-yard run for a first down. Taylor would have tied the game, but the found a hole and got to the 28 yard line. Gastineau got the Cowboys to to get the first down at the 23 yard

touchdown. The extra point was 12 and made it down to the seven touchdown and two-point conver-Ruhs tried for a two-point conver- Teeter slipped in the backfield, seconds left in the quarter.

sion and fell short, but another flag losing six yards. The Panthers held was thrown, this time a facemask on them there, and the Cowboys were the Cowboys, which was declined. unable to convert the first down, turning over on downs.

Concordia was called on a penalty the 36. Gastineau caught a pass for 15 yards and a first down and then The two-point conversion failed, but the Cowboys had closed the gap to 20-12.

The Cowboys recovered their own onside kick at the Concordia 35 yard line. Smith quickly caught a 33-yard touchdown pass to make pass to Ihrig was incomplete.

Another onside kick was recovthird and one, and Ruhs was able ered by the Panthers. Slough made a touchdown saving tackle on a 32-yard run, but was called on a Taylen Smith caught a pass at the personal foul. The Panthers got the yard line to make it first and goal. sion to make it 28-18 with seven

Early in the fourth quarter, Ruhs caught a pass for a 31-yard gain. Smith made a catch at the 10 yard line despite double coverage. The Cowboys got to the four, but Ruhs was hit in the backfield to bring up third and goal at the eight, then Ruhs caught a pass in the endzone for a touchdown to make it 28-24. The two-point conversion failed, but the Cowboys had gotten back within striking distance.

The Panthers went three and out on their next drive. They punted with under seven minutes to play. The Cowboys couldn't make anything happen either, and gave it back to Concordia, who ran it in for a touchdown. The touchdown was called back on a holding call on the Panthers. The ball was set back at the Panthers' own 35. Another penalty made it second and 26 on the 29 yard line.

Concordia made a 71-yard run

for another touchdown, but it was it 34-24. The Cowboys stopped called back a second time on a holding call, making it second and 36 at the 18. Ruhs made an interception at the Concordia 37.

The Cowboys gained seven yards to bring up fourth and three with 3:40 to play. Teeter threw it to Ihrig for 18 yards and a first down, putting Goodland in scoring position at the 17. After an incomplete pass, the Panthers tackled Ruhs in the backfield for a nine yard loss. Another incomplete pass brought up fourth and 18. The Cowboys went for it, but Teeter's pass was tipped away.

Concordia took over with only two minutes left. They drove down bounds to end the game. the field for a touchdown to make

the two-point conversion, but were down two scores with 1:18 to play.

Gastineau made the kickoff return to the 42 yard line. The Cowboys gained a yard, then had an incomplete pass. Teeter ran for four yards to bring up fourth and five. An incomplete pass intended for Ihrig was incomplete, forcing a turnover

Ihrig made an interception on the first play and got back to the 36 yard line. Ruhs ran for 34 yards, then Teeter spiked the ball to stop the clock with one second left. Teeter threw an interception. The Panthers ran out of

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A Great Hand

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Workbench gripper 6. Take rudely
- 10. Con job
- 14. Lofty lair
- 15. Casino city
- 16. Hankering 17. Places for plaques
- 18. Familiar with 19. Bog fuel
- 20. ACE
- 22. Singer James or
- Jones 23. Demolition need
- 24. Let out, as fishing line
- 26. Daytona 500 org.
- 30. Boxing ring boundaries
- 32. Baltic Sea feeder
- 33. With cubes 35. Marsh plant
- 39. Edgar, painter of ballerinas
- 41. Mil. mail drop
- 42. Bald tire's lack
- 43. After-school 66-Across, e.g.
- 44. Stinging remark 46. Peddle in the
- bleachers 47. -face (show of
- affection) 49. Fuel provides it
- 51. Syrian city 54. Sis's sib
- 55. sci (coll. major) 56. ACE
- 62. Place for a cooling pie
- 63. Horn sound
- 64. Stiller's mate
- 66. Twistable cookie
- 67. Slaughter in baseball
- 68. Passion
- 69. Shipped off
- 70. \_\_ a soul (no one)
- **DOWN** 1. Crow's cry
- 2. Wife of Jacob 3. Folk's Guthrie 4. Place for grist

71. On the lam

- 5. Pre-euro Barcelona buck 6. Sty sound
- 7. Taken-back car 8. Auth. unknown
- 9. Cram for an exam 10. ACE
- 11. Minotaur's home 12. Playing marble
- 13. Heavy \_\_ music
- 21. Calvary letters
- 25. Digs made of twigs 26. Silent assents
- 27. Yemeni port

- 28. Nintendo rival 29. ACE
- 30. Satisfy, as a debt
- 31. Limburger emanation
- 34. Semi
- compartments 36. "In the headlights"
- critter
- 37. "West Side Story"
- faction 38. Whirling water
- 40. Go directly from first to third grade,
- 45. Titanic totaler 48. Use saddle soap
- on, say 50. 98.6°, body
  - temperature-wise

The crossword puzzle

51. Lhasa \_\_ (Tibetan

53. Barkin or Burstyn

59. Prefix with dyne or

60. Carpentry groove

65. "\_\_ you for real?"

61. Libidinous god

\_ Wetsy (old doll)

dogs)

52. River of Tours

57. Scottish isle

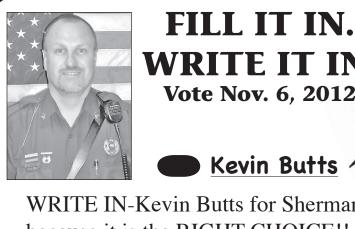
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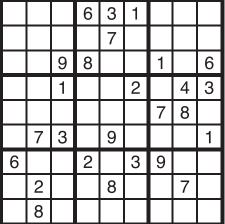




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