

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 Panthers.

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 competition.

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

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 conversion.

Down 14-0, Helton returned the kickoff to the 40 yard line. Taylor picked up a first down with a 13-yard 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 touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but a flag was thrown. Ruhs tried for a two-point conver-



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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sion and fell short, but another flag was thrown, this time a facemask on the Cowboys, which was declined.

With the score at 14-6, the Cowboys kicked off, but the ball went out of bounds. The ball was moved back and re-kicked with 14 seconds left in the half. This time the Panthers ran it back 80 yards for a touchdown. There was a personal foul against the Cowboys on the play. Goodland stopped the two-point conversion, 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 a 16-yard run for a first down. Taylor found a hole and got to the 28 yard line. Gastineau got the Cowboys to third and one, and Ruhs was able to get the first down at the 23 yard line.

Taylen Smith caught a pass at the 12 and made it down to the seven yard line to make it first and goal. Teeter slipped in the backfield,

losing six yards. The Panthers held them there, and the Cowboys were unable to convert the first down, turning over on downs.

Concordia was called on a penalty and lost five yards, but they made a 12 yard gain to bring up second and three. The Panthers fumbled, giving the ball back to Goodland on the 36. Gastineau caught a pass for 15 yards and a first down and then Ruhs caught a pass for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Cowboys had closed the gap to 20-12.

The Cowboys recovered their own inside kick at the Concordia 35 yard line. Smith quickly caught a 33-yard touchdown pass to make it 20-18. A two-point conversion would have tied the game, but the pass to Ihrig was incomplete.

Another inside kick was recovered by the Panthers. Slough made a touchdown saving tackle on a 32-yard run, but was called on a personal foul. The Panthers got the touchdown and two-point conversion to make it 28-18 with seven seconds left in the quarter.

for another touchdown, but it was 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 the field for a touchdown to make

it 34-24. The Cowboys stopped 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 on downs.

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 bounds to end the game.

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- Take rudely
- Con job
- Lofty lair
- Casino city
- Hankering
- Places for plaques
- Familiar with
- Bog fuel
- ACE
- Singer James or Jones
- Demolition need
- Let out, as fishing line
- Daytona 500 org.
- Boxing ring boundaries
- Baltic Sea feeder
- With cubes
- Marsh plant
- Edgar, painter of ballerinas
- Mil. mail drop
- Bald tire's lack
- After-school 66-Across, e.g.
- Stinging remark
- Peddle in the bleachers
- __-face (show of affection)
- Fuel provides it
- Syrian city
- Sis's sib
- __ sci (coll. major)
- ACE
- Place for a cooling pie
- Horn sound
- Stiller's mate
- Twistable cookie
- Slaughter in baseball
- Passion
- Shipped off
- __ a soul (no one)
- On the lam
- Nintendo rival
- ACE
- Satisfy, as a debt
- Limburger emanation
- Semi compartments
- "In the headlights" critter
- "West Side Story" faction
- Whirling water
- Go directly from first to third grade, say
- Titanic totaler
- Use saddle soap on, say
- 98.6°, body temperature-wise
- Lhasa __ (Tibetan dogs)
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- Barkin or Burstyn
- __ Wetsy (old doll)
- Scottish isle
- The Koh-i-__ diamond
- Prefix with dyne or drome
- Carpentry groove
- Libidinous god
- "__ you for real?"

DOWN

- Crow's cry
- Wife of Jacob
- Folk's Guthrie
- Place for grist
- Pre-euro Barcelona buck
- Sty sound
- Taken-back car
- Auth. unknown
- Cram for an exam
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