

Going out on a high note

Cowboys end season with 20-8 win over rival Colby

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The Goodland High School varsity football team finished the year with one of their best performances of the season in Thursday's 20-8 win over Colby.

The Cowboy defense was able to hold Colby scoreless for most of the game. All of the Cowboys' points came in the second quarter. The Eagles finally got on the board late in the fourth and tried for an onside kick to get the ball back, but the Cowboys took control and prevented them from scoring any further points. The Cowboys finish with a 3-6 record.

The Eagles won the toss and opted to kick off in the first half. Dax Ruhs made the return to the 24 yard line. Ruhs got the next several handoffs. He was stopped twice by Daniel Myers and Troy Quenzer. A facemask penalty brought up third and four at the 31 yard line. Ruhs rushed to the 43 for a first down.

Ruhs ran around the right side for another first down. He was stopped by Macen Shull and Adam Giersch. After a high snap, Quenzer and Quade Woofter tackled quarterback Trey Teeter in the backfield to bring up third and 28. A pass intended for Tyler Gastineau was tipped away by Giersch, forcing the Cowboys to punt.

The Eagles returned the punt to the 26 yard line. After a gain of one, quarterback Zane Winger attempted a pass under pressure from the Cowboys defense. He threw it away and was called for intentional grounding, bringing up third and 19 on the Eagles own 14 yard line. Beau Brown was stopped at the line by Colton Cooper and Connor Simpson, forcing a punt.

The Cowboys took over at the 44 yard line. Ruhs ran for six yards. Gastineau made a run, but a flag on the Cowboys set them back to second and nine. An incomplete pass brought up third and nine. Teeter ran for a yard, then went for a pass on fourth down. The pass was incomplete and the Cowboys turned it over on downs.

The Eagles started their drive at the 41. Brown tried to run but was stopped at the line of scrimmage. A pass intended for him was tipped away. The Eagles were called for a false start, bringing up third and 15, but Winger completed a pass to Dustin Reed, who gained 19 yards and a first down.

Brown and Winger ran for two yards each, bringing up third and six. Shull caught a pass and took the Eagles down to the 10 yard line. Brown made a short gain but was stopped by Garrett Taylor and Gage Ihrig. He then ran for five yards to bring up third and three. Brown was stopped at the line of scrimmage and, after a timeout, Winger ran forward but couldn't make the endzone.

After the turnover on downs, the Cowboys took over at the one yard line with one minute remaining in the quarter. Ruhs made a couple short gains before the clock ran out. In the opening play of the second quarter, Teeter handed it off to Taylen Smith, who ran for 65 yards before he was tackled by Winger at the Eagles' 35.

Taylor ran for nine yards and Gastineau for six, picking up another first down. Ruhs dodged a tackle and ran into the endzone for a touchdown. Teeter's extra point kick went wide, but the Cowboys had taken a 6-0 lead.



Tyler Gastineau (No. 33) dodged tackles from several Colby Eagles while Garrett Taylor (No. 43) blocked during Thursday's 20-8 win at home.

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Shull returned the kickoff to the 23. Winger tried to run but was stopped at the line, then a pass intended for Myers fell incomplete. With 9:25 left in the half, Winger completed a pass to Josh Matchell for a first down.

After an incomplete pass, Brown forced his way through for four yards, but the Cowboys made a tackle in the backfield to bring up fourth and eight. The Eagles were called for offsides, making it fourth and 13. Colby punted and downed the ball at the 17.

Taylor started off the drive with a two-yard run. Teeter made a pass to Ihrig, who picked up a first down before he was tackled by Brown at the 40. Taylor ran for three, then Ruhs attempted a run, but a holding call on the Cowboys brought up second and 10 at the 40. After a timeout, Gastineau ran it in for a touchdown. This time the extra point kick was good, making the score 13-0.

Brown made the kickoff return to the 31. He got the next two handoffs for a gain of five. The Cowboys were called for a personal foul, which gave the Eagles an automatic first down at the 49 yard line. With 4 minutes to play, Brown made a seven yard run, then picked up a first down on the next play. After a gain of one and a trio of incomplete passes, the Eagles turned the ball over on downs at the 39.

Ruhs pushed to the 47 for a first down to start the Cowboys' drive. A pass to Gastineau was good for eight more yards, then Ruhs picked up the first down. He picked up three more on the next play. A pass intended for Ihrig was broken up by Brandon Gaede, but Teeter completed a pass to Ruhs for a touchdown. The extra point put Goodland up 20-0 with one minute left in the half.

Brown made the kickoff return to the 37,

then ran for eight yards. A penalty made it first and 10 at the 40 yard line. After an incomplete pass, Winger broke free of a sack attempt and ran to the 18. The Cowboys were called for a personal foul, putting the ball on the eight yard line. Winger attempted a pass, but it fell incomplete. The Eagles were given one more play before the end of the half, but Winger threw an incomplete pass.

The Cowboys kicked off to start the second half and Winger returned to the 30. He handed it off to Brown the first two plays, getting seven yards, then Reed picked up the first down. The Eagles gained a couple yards, then Gunner Helton tackled Brown in the backfield for a five-yard loss. An incomplete pass forced the Eagles to punt, even after an encroachment call on the Cowboys.

Trek Keek's punt went high, but bounced toward the Cowboys side of the field and was finally downed at the 34 yard line. Ruhs made two runs for 11 yards and a first down. Teeter fumbled a snap, but was able to recover and make it back to the line of scrimmage. The Eagles defense held the Cowboys there, forcing a punt.

Taking over on offense, the Eagles lost yards on the first two plays of the drive, bringing up third and 17 with less than

five minute left in the quarter. Then Winger completed a pass for a first down.

The Eagles had a bad snap on first and 10. Winger fell on it, but they had lost 15 yards. Shull was called for encroachment on the next play, bringing up third and 32. Winger tried for a long pass, but no receiver was there to catch it.

The Eagles punted from deep in their own territory. Ruhs returned to the 32, then Gastineau made a 26 yard run to the five yard line. In a reversal of the first quarter, the Cowboys were stopped at the goal line by the Eagle defense. A penalty set them back to second and 12, then Gastineau ran for six yards. The Cowboys couldn't get any closer on third down and after an incomplete pass, turned the ball over to the Eagles with just a few seconds remaining.

Brown picked up six yards on a run at the end of the quarter. At the start of the fourth

he carried two more times, first for five yards and a first down and then a 52-yard run that was only saved from a touchdown by a last-minute tackle by Gastineau. A penalty on the Cowboys moved the ball up to the 12 yard line. The Cowboys made tackles and sacks in the backfield on the next three plays, bringing up fourth and 21. The Eagles went for it but the Cowboys put pressure on Winger, and Ruhs knocked the pass away.

The Cowboys took over at their own 23 yard line. Teeter handed it off to Ruhs, who ran outside and got just short of a first down. He and Taylor each made attempts to get across the line but were stopped short. On fourth and 1 with eight minutes remaining in the game, Ruhs bobbled the handoff but was able to find a hole and ran for 28 yards before he was dropped by Shull.

Taylor ran for a short gain, then the Cowboys were called for holding. Teeter made up the lost yardage on the next play with an 18-yard pass to Smith. Teeter tried to sneak forward on the next play but was hit at the line of scrimmage, then Ruhs fell forward to get the first down.

The Cowboys couldn't make any further progress. Ruhs ran for no gain on 1st and 10, then Teeter was called for intentional grounding on an incomplete pass. Another incomplete pass brought up fourth and long, so the Cowboys punted with 3:53 left in the game.

After two incomplete passes, Winger found Shull for 11 yards and a first down. He completed another pass to Reed, who was pushed out of bounds after a 12 yard gain. The Cowboys were called for a late hit. Winger ran the ball himself on the next play, bringing up first and goal. Seeing a hole on the next play, Winger ran for it and got across the line for a touchdown. He ran in for the two-point conversion to make the score 20-8.

Trying to get the ball back, the Eagles opted for an onside kick, but Goodland fell on it. Ruhs fumbled at the 49 yard line on the next play, but it was recovered by the Cowboys' Zach Miller. After a personal foul on the Eagles, Colby's offensive coordinator Matt Sims was thrown out of the game, which tacked on another 15 yards.

Ruhs ran for 14 yards and was pushed out of bounds. Colby was called for a late hit, bringing up first and 10 just outside the 10 yard line. The officials let the clock run out.

FUN BY THE NUMBERS

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Level: Beginner

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School calendar for Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Goodland High School • Grant Junior High School
West Elementary School • Central Elementary School

Wednesday: Gold day
Halloween
FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference in Hill City
7:30 a.m.: PLC
6 p.m.: STUCO Haunted House
Thursday: 3 p.m.: Girls Junior High Basketball, here, versus Holcomb
Friday: Regional Football
Girls State Volleyball
Saturday: Junior High KMEA in Hays
Sunday: Daylight Savings Time ends

Monday: FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament
Fall Athletic Buffer Week
3 p.m.: Junior High Wrestling dual at Colby
Tuesday: Gold day
FCCLA Wiffleball Tournament
Fall Athletic Buffer Week
3:30 p.m.: High School Scholar's Bowl at Oberlin
Girls Junior High Basketball, here, versus Oakley

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