

Coach begins third season as Cowboys' gridiron boss

By Greg Stover

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Coach Tony Diehl started the Cowboys on their drive back to the state football playoffs shortly after midnight Monday morning.

This is Diehl's third season leading the high school's football program. In the 2002 season, his first as head coach, the Cowboys went 5-5, after finishing 0-9 the year before, and qualified for the state playoffs. In 2003, Goodland was 8-3 defeating Kingman 35-0 in the first round of the playoffs before losing to Wellington in the second 40-20.

Diehl said 59 players turned out for football this year, the highest total in his three years as a Cowboy coach. He said he and his staff are working on a new philosophy for the team this year which will incorporate a more balanced offense.

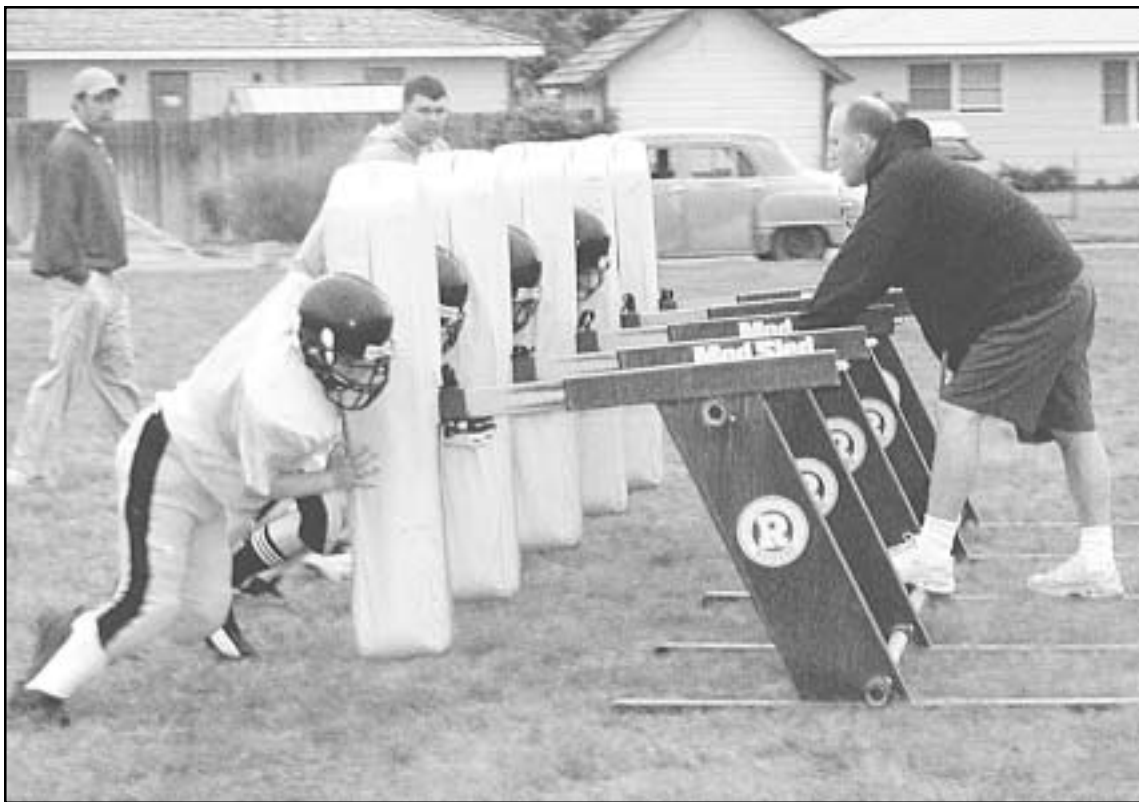
Diehl, a 1992 graduate of Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, started teaching high school English in the 2001-2002 school year. That season, he was an assistant football coach for the eighth-grade Mustangs of Grant Junior High, who finished 4-3.

For his freshman and sophomore years Diehl, a defensive end, played football for the Lions of Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. He then transferred to Mid-America Nazarene, where he was a National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics All-American his senior year and twice an all-conference selection.

Diehl will be the Cowboy's defensive coordinator this season as well as working with the offensive line and linebackers. He also oversees the team's conditioning and weight training program.

Helping Diehl again this season is Jon McLean, who will be the offensive coordinator and will work with the defensive backs. McLean, who teaches world geography and freshman physical education, is in his sixth year on the football staff.

McLean played four seasons of eight-man football, as a running and defensive back, with Lewis High School and three years on the Bethany College football team as a running back. Initially, he went to Bethany on a basketball scholarship where he played four seasons for the Swedes, later receiving a combined football/basketball scholarship.



Coach Tony Diehl (right) shouted encouragement to five Cowboy players during their first practice in pads Thursday morning. Assistant coaches Jason Hickson (left) and Dylan Warden watched with a critical eye.
Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

McLean will begin his seventh season as the Cowboys head basketball coach this winter.

Jason Hickson, director of the City/County Recreation, is back for his second season on the Cowboy coaching staff. Diehl said Hickson will work with the split ends and help with the linebackers. Diehl also said he help develop Hickson as a defensive coordinator.

Hickson, a 1991 graduate of Goodland High School, played football four years for the Cowboys then two seasons with the Bronco-busters of Garden City Community College as a tight end and wide receiver. He earned his Bachelor of Science at Kansas State University and a Master of Science in sports administration from Mississippi State University.

Dylan Warden, in his first season with the team, will work with both the offensive and defensive lines. Warden is a 1995 graduate of Greeley County High School in Tribune where played four years as fullback

and linebacker for the Jackrabbits.

After graduation, he played one season as a linebacker for Garden City, then joined the U.S. Navy, serving six and a half years on active duty. During a tour of duty at Groton Naval Submarine Base in Connecticut, he said, he got to coach with the Manchester Wolves of the Arena Football League.

Warden is a dental hygienist in Dr. Tim Poling's office in St. Francis. He said he was glad for the opportunity to coach for the Cowboys and is looking forward working with the players.

Both Hickson and Warden are "Rule 10" coaches, someone who is not a certified teacher but has a written contract with the school district. Coaches are required to attend a one-day workshop put on by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, and pass a written test about coaching and sportsmanship.



Dylan Warden



Goodland Cowgirls

2004 Tennis Schedule

Aug. 26	at Cimarron	7:30 a.m.
Aug. 31	at Phillipsburg	2 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Larned	2 p.m.
Sept. 2	JV at Scott City	2 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Colby	8 a.m.
Sept. 7	JV at Tribune	2 p.m.
Sept. 11	JV at Norton	9 a.m.
Sept. 14	Home Meet	2 p.m.
Sept. 16	JV at Hays	2 p.m.
Sept. 21	JV Home Meet	3 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Garden City	7 a.m.
Sept. 28	at Colby	2 p.m.
Oct. 2	JV at Colby	8 a.m.
Oct. 7	at Scott City	Noon

Note: All times shown are Mountain Time

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Tuesday - Teacher inservice, GHS Marching Band Camp
Wednesday - Teacher inservice, GHS Marching Band Camp, PDC Screening 3:45 p.m., Music Booster meeting 5:30 p.m.
Thursday - Teacher workday, Varsity Tennis at Cimarron 7:30 a.m., GHS Marching Band Camp
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