



Senior David Livengood took the first few steps of his 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to tie the game at 7 just 28 seconds into the first quarter of Friday night's game at Ulysses.



A referee signals for a touchdown as senior Brock Lohr (No. 25) scored on a four-yard plunge late in the first quarter to give the Cow-boys as 14-7 lead. However the Ulysses Tigers came back to lead 21-14 at halftime and went on to win the game 34-20.

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Tigers unsaddle Cowboys, 34-20

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If a you were just one minute late for Friday night's football between Goodland and Ulysses, you missed some exciting football by both teams.

Playing in their home lair, the Ulysses Tigers defeated Goodland 34-20 to stay unbeaten for the season while giving the Cowboys their first loss.

Less than 30 seconds after the kickoff the score was tied at 7. The Tigers returned the opening kickoff to the Goodland 42-yard line and on the next play scored on a 42-yard pass play. The Cowboys responded by returning the subsequent kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown.

Turnovers and mistakes on defense were the difference in the game, said Goodland coach Jon McLean. The Cowboys lost three fumbles and two interceptions.

"We didn't play very well on defense and gave up some big plays," he said. "We made too many mistakes, which is something you can't do against a good team."

The Tigers struck first. On the first play after sophomore Skylar Morales returned the opening kickoff to the Goodland 42, Ulysses scored on a 42-yard pass from sophomore quarterback John Sosa to senior Seth Stringham. That gave them a 7-0 lead with only 15 seconds off the clock.

Thirteen seconds later, senior Goodland David Livengood crossed the goal line at the end of an 88-yard kickoff return and with the extra point kick, the Cowboys had tied the score at 7.

After the kickoff gave Ulysses a

first and 10 from their own 14-yard line, junior defensive back Jase Herl intercepted a Sosa pass at the Tiger 26. Just three plays later, though, the Tigers intercepted a Goodland pass, giving Ulysses a first and 10 from its own 15.

Goodland held the Tigers to a "three-and-out," forcing them to punt. Starting from their own 48-yard line, the Cowboys picked up a first down at the Ulysses 36, then a 32-yard run by senior quarterback Derrick Raymer gave Goodland first and goal from the four. On the next play, senior fullback Brock Lohr bulled his way into the end zone, and with Raymer's kick gave the Cowboys a 14-7 lead.

Starting with first and 10 from their own 15, the Tigers again were held to a "three-and-out." Their punt gave Goodland a first and 10 from its own 40.

After picking up a couple of first downs, the Cowboys stalled and they punted the ball back to Ulysses. The Tigers then found their stride and drove 88 yards to the end zone, scoring on another long pass play from Sosa to Stringham, this time for 55 yards.

With the extra point, the game was tied again at 14.

After Goodland lost a fumble and an exchange of punts, Ulysses mounted another long drive, converting on a fourth-and-eight play from the Cowboy 26 that gave the Tigers first and goal from the 1. Sosa scored on a "keeper" and Ulysses led 21-14.

With their next offensive series, the Cowboys drove from their own 38 to the Ulysses 15. On fourth and 13 from the 18, Raymer's pass fell



Jase Herl



Lane Winter

incomplete in the end zone and the Tigers took over, sustaining a short drive until time ran out in the first half.

The Cowboys took the kickoff in the second half, but a fumble gave Ulysses the ball with first and 10 from the Goodland 25. Tiger running back Jesus Alvarado then ran a sweep around the right end to the 5-yard line, then junior Trent Wieland ran in for the touchdown to increase Ulysses' lead to 28-14.

After holding Goodland to a "three-and-out," the Tigers drove from their own 15 to the Cowboys' 30. On fourth and 14, Sosa's pass fell incomplete.

On the subsequent drive, the Cowboys went down to the Ulysses 32, but lost another fumble. That gave the Tigers first and 10 on their own 34 to end the third quarter. With fourth and seven from the Ulysses 35, the Tigers punted back to Cowboys, who returned the ball to their 38.

Goodland moved the ball into Tiger territory and with first and 10 on the 29 Lohr ran for nine yards, then Raymer hit Herl with a 19-yard pass, giving the Cowboys first and goal from the one. Raymer scored on a "keeper" of his own, however the extra point attempt failed and the score was now 28-20 with just

over eight and a half minutes left in the game.

After the kickoff, Ulysses started with first and 10 from its own 32 and drove to the Goodland 45, where Sosa hit Alvarado for a 45-yard pass play for a touchdown. Cowboy senior Bret Jarmin blocked the extra point kick, but the Tigers now had a two touchdown lead.

After a string of "three-and-out" series, The Cowboys failed on a fourth and nine play and gave the ball back to Ulysses on downs, then got it back on a fumble.

With third and 13 from Goodland's 34, Raymer hit senior tailback Lane Winter with a pass for 11 yards to give Goodland fourth and two on the 45. However, Raymer was intercepted at the Ulysses 24, giving the Tigers first and 10 with 30 seconds left in the game. Sosa took a knee, sealing the Cowboys' fate.

Although the Cowboys out-rushed Ulysses 131 to 100, the Ti-

gers made up for it by passing for 266 yards compared to 100 for Goodland.

"They have a very good quarterback," said McLean, "and some speed at the receiver positions."

McLean said the Tigers got the ball off quicker and were tough to get to the outside on.

Lohr was held to 69 yards on 19 carries, the first time he has been under 90 yards this season. Raymer gained 50 yards on 14 carries. Both scored a touchdown. Livengood and Winter each gained six yards rushing.

Raymer completed just six of 21 passes for 100 yards and was intercepted twice. Winter caught two of the passes with Herl, Jarmin, Livengood and senior Drew Wilkens catching one each.

Livengood returned three kick-offs for 140 yards, including the 88-yard touchdown. Junior Wyatt Dautel returned two for 33 yards.

On defense, the Cowboys were

led by Lohr and Raymer, who both had 14 tackles. Herl had nine tackles and an interception. Livengood, Jarmin and senior Brandon Cowan each had eight tackles, with Cowan making an unassisted sack.

McLean said the team will be working to get back on track and concentrating on correcting the mistakes Ulysses helped identify. Although he was disappointed with the loss, he said it was a good time for it since it was neither a league nor district game.

"We have a good team with good players," McLean said, "and we will work on building our confidence back up over the next three games and be ready for the playoffs."

The Cowboys head out to Clay Center on Friday for their first district game and their final road trip of the regular season against the another team of Tigers. Clay Center is now 3-3 after losing 44-27 to Wamego on Friday.

Garage needed

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sioners said they are looking at the options on Eighth Street as well as other county roads.

• Heard from County Treasurer Shelby Miller about an offer to settle property taxes for Touch America for 2002 and 2003. Miller said the tax bill is about \$5,000, and that attorneys for the telephone firm offered to pay 75 percent of the amount. Miller said she talked to a person at the state Property Valuation department, and she said the commissioners could pass a resolution to accept the offer, but that it has to be approved by the state Board of Tax Appeals. The commissioners unanimously approved a motion to accept the offer.

• Approved an additional utility agreement on Marty Melia's gas line on Eighth Street west of the Sugar Hills Golf Club. Commissioner Kevin Rasure excused himself and left the roof because he is a landowner in the area and felt it was a conflict of interest. Commissioner Chuck Thomas made the motion to approve the utility agreement, and it was seconded by Commissioner Mitch Tiede.

• Approved the holiday list for next year. The county will close for New Year's Day on Dec. 31 this year; President's Day, Feb. 21; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veteran's Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; and Christmas, Dec. 26.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR OCT. 13 - OCT. 19

Wednesday - Basketball rule meeting in Oakley 7:30 p.m.

Thursday - Junior high volleyball at 3:30 p.m. and junior high football 4:30 p.m. in Brewster against Triplains; high school cross country at Grainfield 3 p.m.

Friday - Football at Winona 7:30 p.m.; End of first quarter.

Saturday - Western Kansas Liberty League volleyball at Sharon Springs 10 a.m.

Monday - Junior Varsity football at Grinnell 5:30 p.m.; Board of Education meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Volleyball Regional

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