

Cowboys defeat Clay Center 39-8

The Goodland Cowboys found that the way back to the winning trail went through Clay Center on Friday, as they beat the Tigers 39-8 in the first district game of the season.

The win improved Goodland's record to 6-1. In the other District 15 game, the Concordia Panthers whipped the Eagles of Colby 64-36.

Goodland established it's dominance early against Clay Center. After the Tigers returned the opening kickoff to their own 30-yard line, the Cowboys held Clay Center to a "three-and-out" series, forcing a punt. With first and 10 from the Goodland 47, senior fullback Brock Lohr gave the Goodland bench had an early scare when he fumbled the ball the Tigers recovered.

However, the Cowboy defense pushed Clay Center back on three straight plays, forcing another punt. Starting with first and 10 from their own 26, the Cowboys drove 74 yards, picking up five first-downs along the way and scoring on a 10-yard pass from senior quarterback Derrick Raymer to senior tight end Bret Jarmin. Raymer's extra-point kick gave Goodland a 7-0 lead with less than two minutes left in the

quarter.

On the first play after the kickoff, Clay Center's Danny Grater ran up the middle for 64 yards, giving the Tigers first and 10 on the Goodland 21. Clay Center then drove down inside the Goodland 10, but on second and goal from the seven, the Tigers were penalized five yards for delay of game. Then Cowboy freshman Casey Henderson intercepted a pass, ending the threat.

Starting from its own 11, Goodland drove down to the Clay Center 36, where a holding penalty gave the Cowboys a third and 20. After an incomplete pass, Goodland punted the ball back to Clay Center.

The Cowboys defense again held the Tigers to a "three-and-out" and forced them to punt. Goodland senior Drew Wilkens returned the ball about 12 yards to the Clay Center 30. On the play following a six-yard gain by Lohr, the Tigers were called



Jarmin

Raymer

Wilkens

for unsportsmanlike conduct, giving Goodland first and 10 from the 12. Three plays later, Lohr punched the ball into the end zone from two yards out. Raymer's kick was wide right, but the Cowboys now held a 13-0 lead.

The Tigers returned the subsequent kickoff about 32 yards to their own 44, but once again had to punt after just three plays. Two plays later, Clay Center's Jacob Pera intercepted a Raymer pass to give the Tigers one last chance to score with less than a minute left in the half. Clay Center was able to drive down to the Goodland 29, but Wilkens intercepted a pass to end the drive and the half.

Starting with first and 10 at their own 38 after the second-half opening kickoff, the Cowboys failed to

convert on fourth and one on the 47. Four plays later, the Goodland defense returned the favor, stopping the Tigers on a fourth-and-three.

Taking over on their own 40, the Cowboys drove down to the Clay Center 8, helped along by a 34-yard pass from Raymer to Wilkens. With third and goal from the 7, Raymer again found Jarmin with a touchdown pass to make the score 19-0. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

The teams exchanged punts after stalled drives, and the Tigers attempted to punt on fourth and eight from their own 37. The kick was blocked and Goodland senior David Livengood picked up the loose ball, running 22-yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Cowboys' lead was now 25 points.

Grater returned the subsequent kickoff 38 yards to the Goodland 47. Three plays later, Tiger quarterback Kyle Allen ran 44 yards for a touchdown. He then hit Daniel Colton for the two-point conversion, making the score 25-8 with over 11 1/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys responded by driv-

ing 91 yards in 11 plays, scoring on a three-yard run by Lohr to make it 31-8. Raymer missed the kick.

Goodland held the Tigers to "three-and-out" on their next series, and after the punt, the Cowboys took over first and 10 from the Clay Center 41. Goodland then drove down to the 3, and from there, Lohr scored his third touchdown of the game. The "Raymer-to-Jarmin" combination worked for the two-point conversion and the score was now 39-8 with less than two minutes left in the game.

The Tigers' final drive made little headway as the clock ran out, giving the Cowboys the win.

"We started the game kind of sluggish in the first half," said coach Jon McLean, "but by halftime felt we were in control of the game even though we didn't have a commanding lead. We played a little better in the second half, and were able to generate a few more points."

The Cowboys outgained Clay Center 382 yards to 160 and picked up 23 first downs compared to seven for the Tigers. Both teams had two turnovers. The Cowboys were penalized eight times for 70 yards and Clay Center three times for 20

yards.

Lohr led the Goodland ground attack, gaining 170 yards on 40 carries and scored three touchdowns. Senior tailback Lane Winter picked up 24 yards on four carries and Henderson 25 yards on four.

Raymer completed three of eight passes for 51 yards and two touchdowns, both to Jarmin. He was intercepted once. Raymer's other pass was caught by Wilkens for 34 yards. Raymer ran 11 times for 103 yards.

Livengood led the Cowboy defense with nine tackles. Jarmin had seven tackles, including a sack for a 10-yard loss. Senior Brandon Cowan, junior Jase Herl and Lohr each had six tackles.

The Cowboys return to their home spread Friday, when the Concordia Panthers visit Cowboy Stadium for the second district game Class 4A. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.



Playoffs set for Kansas community colleges

The first round of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference football playoffs will be played Sunday, with three of the four games featuring ties to Goodland.

The Broncbusters of Garden City Community College, seeded fourth in the playoffs, will play fifth-seeded Dodge City Community College at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time) at Memorial Stadium in Garden City. Garden City finished the regular season 5-3 overall and 4-3 in the conference. Dodge City is 3-5 and 3-4, respectively. The Broncbusters defeated the Conquistadors 27-17 to open the regular season.

Prior to Saturday's 28-21 loss to Hutchinson Community College, sophomore wide receiver Don Raymer led the 'Busters in receptions with 37 for 525 yards and four touchdowns. He also is the team's leader in punt returns with 12 for 114 yards, the longest for 22 yards. Statistics from the latest games were not available.

Raymer, a 2003 graduate of Goodland High, is the son of Steve and Debra Raymer of Goodland.

The Blue Dragons of Hutchinson also finished the regular season 5-3 overall and 4-3 in the conference, but are seeded third because of their win over Garden City. Hutchinson will face the Scotties of Highland Community College, who are 2-6 overall and 2-5 in the conference. The game kicks off at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time) at Gowans Stadium in Hutchinson. The Dragons defeated Highland 62-7 on Sept. 11.

On the Dragons' roster is freshman Jared Doke, who was the Goodland Cowboys starting quarterback last year. In his role as backup to sophomore Robert Coates, Doke has one start, a 21-7 win over the U.S. Air Force Academy's Prep School.

Doke is the son of Fritz and Su-

san Doke of Goodland.

The Grizzlies of Butler County Community College became the nation's top-ranked junior college football team in last week's poll by the National Junior College Athletic Association. They are 8-0 overall after defeating Fort Scott Community College 62-10 Saturday, and the two will each other

again Sunday at Galen Blackmore Stadium in El Dorado.

The Grizzlies' starting right defensive end is J.C. Zahradnik, who is the grandson of Dale and Iva Lee Stephens of Goodland and Ernie and Rosalie Seemann of Levant. Zahradnik was featured in an article in the Oct. 12 issue of *The Goodland Star-News*.

The fourth game has the 7-1 Red Ravens of Coffeyville Community College playing host to the 3-5 Pirates of Independence Community College.

The second round of the playoffs will be Sunday, Oct. 31, and the championship game on Nov. 7. Locations will depend on the result from the previous weekend.

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lines," said Harrel. "We'll try to prioritize very carefully."

A spokeswoman for the Rural Health Ventures Clinic in Goodland said they only have a few doses. Right now, the clinic is only giving the shots to established patients who meet the high-risk guidelines.

Dale Shields, director of human resources for Goodland Regional Medical Center, said hospital employees won't get free vaccinations this year due to the shortage.

"We usually offer (vaccinations) free to employees," he said. "We're going to really have to scale back."

The health department normally gives out over 1,000 doses of the flu vaccination each year and Rural Health holds clinics, administering around 600 shots a year.

Harrel said she hopes to get the 25 percent of their order from Aventis by the end of the month to begin limited vaccinations. She said they will advertise and campaign to let the public know when they get their supply.

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