

Cowboys stop Panthers' passing game, win 38-11

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Whatever the Cowboys did to prepare for Concordia's passing attack must have worked, as Goodland held the Panthers to 112 yards Friday on the way to a 38-11 win at Cowboy Stadium.

With the win, the team clinched a spot in the bi-district playoffs next week.

The Panthers scored first with a field goal in the first quarter, and they scored last with a touchdown and two-point conversion with 21 seconds left. In between, the Cowboys scored five touchdowns and a field goal, earning more than enough points to win.

The game started ugly for Concordia High, as the Panthers were penalized twice on the opening kickoff. Senior David Livengood took the second re-kick and returned it 19 yards to the Goodland 44-yard line. From there, the Cowboys drove the ball down to the Concordia 31. Then Panther defensive back Jason Trost intercepted a Goodland pass at the 13-yard line.

From the their own 13, the Panthers were able to mount a 78-yard drive, highlighted by a 50-yard pass from senior quarterback Eric Gilliland to junior running back Ricky Anderson. With the ball on the Goodland 9, the Cowboys' defense became stubborn, and then on fourth and 13 from the 15, Gilliland kicked a field goal to give the Panthers a 3-0 lead.

Livengood returned the subsequent kickoff to the Goodland 30 and the Cowboys drove 70 yards, scoring on a one-yard plunge by senior fullback Brock Lohr. The extra-point kick by senior quarterback Derrick Raymer was good and the Cowboys took over the lead 7-3.

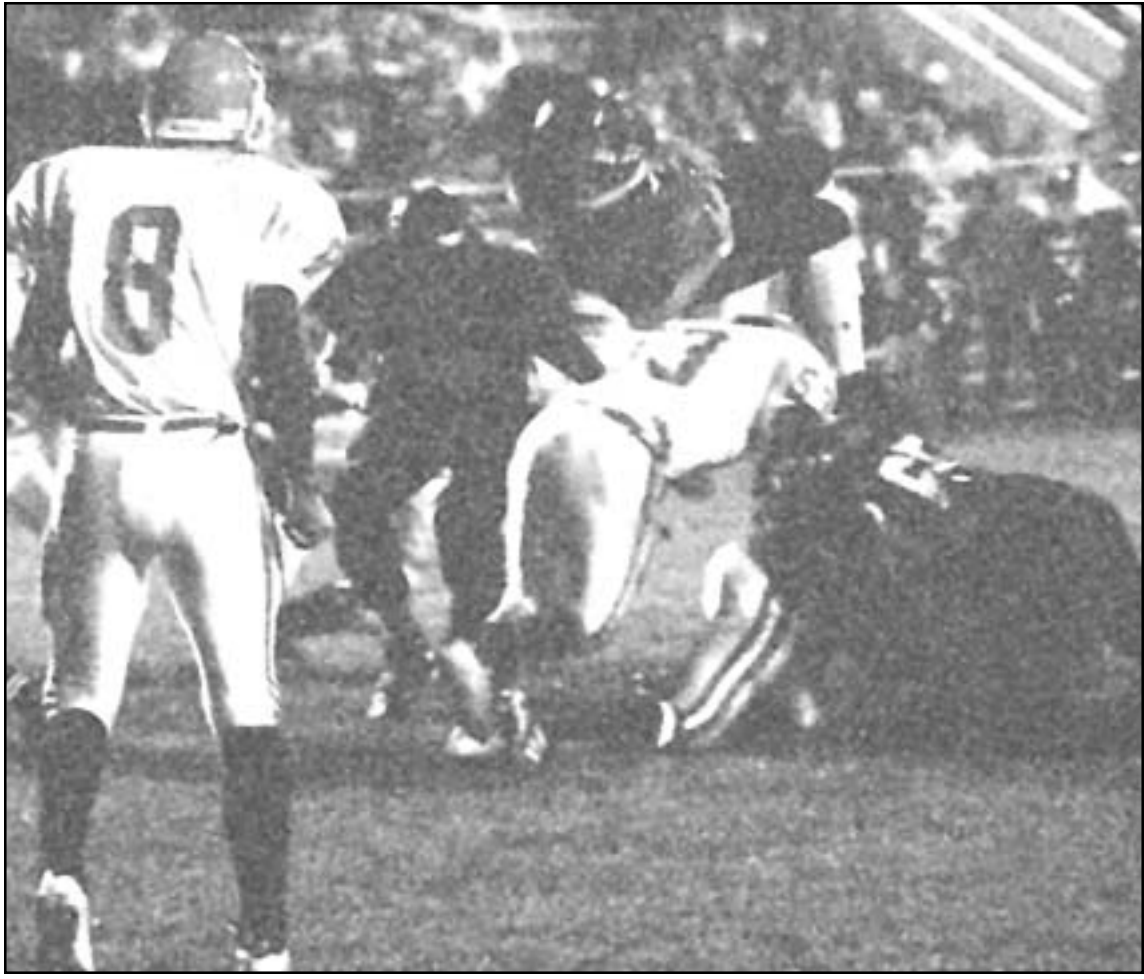
On the next series, Goodland held Concordia on third down and forced a punt. Starting from their own 49, the Cowboys drove to the Concordia 7 before a holding call sent them back to the 14. A third-down pass from Raymer to senior tight end Bret Jarmin was dropped in the end zone, after which Raymer lined up for his first field goal attempt of the season. It was good, making the score 10-3.

On the next Panther drive, Con-



Senior fullback Brock Lohr (in air in right photo) went up and over to score his third touchdown Saturday against the Concordia Panthers. Senior Drew Wilkens (left photo) avoided a defender as he ran 17 yards on a reverse to help set up Lohr's acrobatic touchdown.

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cordia had third and six on its own 28 when Anderson, running a pass route, was able to get open in the middle of the field. Gilliland's pass was just off his fingertips, forcing a punt on fourth down.

Starting from their own 43, the Cowboys were able to move down to the Concordia 40, where the drive stalled and they were forced to punt. Three plays later, on their own 13, the Panthers fumbled the ball, and it was recovered by Cowboy junior defensive lineman Brandon Tatman.

On first and 10 from the Concordia 13, Lohr ran for three yard. On the next play, a holding penalty sent Goodland back to the Panther 17, from where Raymer was tackled for a 3-yard loss. Then on third and 17 from the 20, Raymer connected with Jarmin on a touchdown pass. The extra-point extended the Cowboys' lead to 17-3.

On the next series, Goodland held Concordia for a third straight "three-and-out," forcing another punt. Starting from their own 27, the

Cowboys were able to move down to the Panther 25 on a drive highlighted by a 34-yard pass play from Raymer to Livengood. However, with time running out Raymer's 35-yard field goal attempt fell short and game went into halftime with Goodland leading 17-3.

In the opening series of the second half, Concordia started with three straight incomplete passes then punted. After senior Drew Wilkens returned the punt to the Cowboy 48, Goodland drove down to the Panther 6, where Lohr ran it in for a touchdown. Raymer extra-point kick hit the right upright, but bounced through to make the score 24-3.

After the subsequent kickoff, the Panthers managed to mount a short drive, which stalled. The kick, thanks to pressure from the Cowboys, was short, giving Goodland first and 10 from the Concordia 45.

Five plays later Lohr ran for a 27-yard touchdown which was nullified by a holding penalty. After an encroachment penalty on the Pan-

thers, Wilkens picked up 17 yards on a reverse play, which kept the drive alive and allowed the Cowboys to go to the 1. Where Lohr somersaulted in for a touchdown, and with Raymer's kick, increased Goodland's lead to 31-3.

On their next series, the Panthers drove from their own 26 to Goodland's 41, but an interception by Livengood stopped their drive and gave the Cowboys first and 10 from their own 16. Goodland then drove 84 yards on eight plays, scoring on a 20-yard run by Raymer. His fifth extra-point kick of the game made the score 38-3 with about 7 1/2 minutes left.

After the teams exchanged punts, the Panthers had third and seven from their own 16 when they fumbled the ball. It was recovered by Jarmin.

Starting with first and 10 from the Concordia 12, the Cowboys got down to the 4 but could not convert on fourth and two and the Panther took over on their own three.

From there, Concordia was able

to drive 97 yards, scoring on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Gilliland to junior Ryan Sorell. Gilliland's pass to junior Brice Vignery was good for the extra points, but was nullified by an illegal motion penalty. On the next play, Gilliland ran left four yards for the two-point conversion, making the score 38-11 with 21 seconds left.

Livengood returned the subsequent kickoff to the Goodland 22, where junior quarterback Wyatt Dautel took a knee to end the game and give the Cowboys their seventh win in eight games.

Concordia falls to 3-5 for the season and will face Clay Center this week for the final game of the regular season for both teams. The winner will be the second team from the district to go into the state playoffs. Clay Center defeated Colby Friday 33-14.

The Cowboys will close their regular season against the Colby Eagles at 6 p.m. Thursday in Goodland.

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Thursday - "Black Day"; Seminar - DECA and FCS; End of first 9 weeks; varsity football in Goodland against Colby 6 p.m.; Senior parents night.

Friday - No school; teacher inservice and workday; State volleyball in Salina.

Saturday - State volleyball in Salina; State cross country at Wamego.

Monday - Project Graduation 2005 meeting in the cafeteria 7 p.m.

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