

Eagles score first, but Cowboys win 52-22

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Between long-time traditional football rivalries, the saying “records don’t mean nothing” can be heard for days before the game, and for the first quarter of Thursday’s game between Goodland and Colby, that was true.

Each team scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, but the Cowboys’ strength asserted itself in the second as the team scored four touchdowns while keeping the Eagles scoreless. That gave Goodland a 45-14 lead at halftime.

Both teams scored a touchdown in the third quarter, which was all the scoring in second half, and the Cowboys won 52-22.

Goodland finished the regular season 8-1 while Colby ended up 3-6.

The Eagles gave Goodland a quick dose of reality by returning the opening kickoff to the Colby 32-yard line, then driving 68 yards for a touchdown, and with the two-point conversion, took an 8-0 lead.

After gaining nothing on the first two plays, the Eagle’s drive was sparked by an off-sides penalty by the Cowboys which was immediately followed by an unsportsmanlike behavior. That gave Colby a first-and-10 on the Goodland 48. From there, Eagle fullback Weston Foltz ran 43 yards down to the Cowboy 5. Two plays later, Colby quarterback Jeremy Dietz hit tight end Irvin Dinkel for a 3-yard touchdown pass. Sophomore running back Sam Munderloh ran in the two-point conversion.

After Cowboy junior Wyatt Dautel returned the subsequent kickoff to the Goodland 34, the Cowboys drove 66 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 1-yard “keeper” by senior quarterback Derrick Raymer. Senior fullback Brock Lohr ran in the two-point conversion to tie the game at 8.

The Cowboys then held the Eagles to a “three-and-out” and forced them to punt, which senior Drew Wilkens returned to the 50.

On the next play, Raymer ran 19 yards for a first down at the Colby 31. Two plays later, he scored on 29-yard run. Raymer also ran in the two-point conversion to give Goodland the lead 16-8.

Colby’s Trent Mazanec returned the subsequent kickoff 25 yards to the Eagles 33. Six plays later, with third-and-one from the Goodland 48, Munderloh punched through the Cowboy defense on a 48-yard touchdown run. However, the two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the score 16-14 with less than two minutes left in the quarter.

Senior David Livengood returned the kickoff to the Colby 41, and after a 4-yard gain by Lohr, Raymer ran 37 yards to the end zone. The run was called back on a block-in-the-back penalty, making it second and eight from the 39. Next, Raymer ran 12 yards for a first down at the 27-yard line. On the next play, Lohr gained two yards to end the period.

On the first play in the second quarter, senior tailback Lane Winter took a pitch from Raymer and ran 25 yards for a touchdown. Winter ran another pitch in for the two-point conversion making it 24-14.

The Goodland defense again held Colby on third down, forcing the Eagles to punt. After Wilkens returned the punt to the Colby 45-yard line, the Cowboys drove 31 yards in six plays and on fourth and seven from the 14, Raymer hit senior tight end Bret Jarmin for a touchdown pass. The two-point conversion failed and the score was now 30-14.

Starting from their own 34, the Eagles could not get a first down and was forced to punt, which was downed on the Goodland 30. Lohr then ran 12 yards for a first down, after which Wilkens picked up 33 yards on a reverse to give the Cowboys a first down on the Colby 35.

Lohr then gained 16 yards for another first down, but an illegal block penalty moved the ball back to the 40, making it first down and 25. Lohr regained 19 of those yards to the 21, then ran through a hole



Senior tailback Lane Winter (No. 15 above) ran around the left end for a 12-yard gain and a first down during the Cowboy’s first drive against Colby on Thursday. Senior quarterback Derrick Raymer

(right in below photo) threw only one pass in the game, but it was a good one, a 14-yard touchdown strike to senior tight end Bret Jarmin.
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created by senior guard Blake Saint and senior tackle Brandon Cowan along with help from junior tackle Mark Starr for 21 yards and a touchdown. He punched in the two-point conversion, increasing Goodland’s lead to 38-14.

The Cowboy defense did not allow Colby a first down. Then on fourth and four from their own 27, the Eagles tried a fake punt but fumbled the ball away. Four plays later, Winter scored on a six-yard run, and with Raymer’s extra-point kick, the Cowboys led 45-14 with 35 seconds left in the half.

After the kickoff, the Eagles ran one play from scrimmage, then allowed the clock to run out and the teams headed to the locker rooms.

Halftime featured the traditional “Battle of the Bands,” where the marching bands from Goodland and Colby try to outdo each other entertaining the crowd.

Starting from their own 44 after the second-half kickoff, the Cowboys drove 56 yards, scoring on a 15-yard run by Winter. The extra point by Raymer then made the

score 52-14.

Colby, starting from its own 31, was able to drive to the Goodland 40, where on fourth and two, the Eagles were stopped and the Cowboys took over. Goodland, now starting to play some of its backup players, was able to drive into Eagle territory but four penalties in four plays backed the Cowboys up. With fourth and 18 from their own 44, they punted.

Starting from its own 24, Colby got a first down at the 39, thanks to an illegal substitution penalty on the Cowboys. Three plays later, Munderloh broke free for a 57-yard touchdown. Eagle freshman Mitchell Tuma ran in the two-point conversion making the score 52-22 with less than 90 seconds left in the third period.

Neither team scored again, as both coaches cleared their benches, giving all their players some time on the field.

As the winners of District 15, the Cowboys will face another flock of Eagles, this time from Hugoton, on Tuesday at Cowboy Stadium in the



Class 4A bi-district playoffs. Hugoton finished its regular season 7-2 after losing to Ulysses Thursday night 28-0.



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Wednesday - “Black Day”; Elementary Bank Day; PDC Meeting 3:45 p.m.; city/county recreation in the fieldhouse and junior high gym 7:30 p.m.; Elementary Book Fairs.
Thursday - “Gold Day”; Seminar - FCCLA; Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 8 p.m.; PLAN Test for Sophomores 8 a.m.
Friday - No school; Parent/Teacher conferences 8 a.m. to noon.
Saturday - Regional football.
Monday - Buffer week.; FCCLA whiffleball tournament at fieldhouse in the p.m.; Junior High Scholars Bowl in Colby 3 p.m.; Board of Education meeting 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - “Black Day”; Seminar - Girls Athletic Association and G-Club; seventh and eighth grade basketball in Hoxie 3:30 p.m.; Scholars Bowl in Oberlin 3 p.m.; junior high and high school picture retakes; musical performance for grade schools in the auditorium in the afternoon; Project Graduation 2006 meeting in the cafeteria 7 p.m.; Herb Swartzcoff basketball coaches clinic in the junior high gym 6:30 p.m.; West Site Council meeting 4 p.m.; North school picture retakes.



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