

# Cowboys face Indians in opener

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Two high school football teams from last year's state playoffs square off tonight at Cowboys Stadium when the Hoxie Indians visit Goodland in the season opener for both squads.

The Cowboys are coming off a 10-2 season which ended in the state Class 4A quarterfinals. Hoxie finished 8-3, losing in the second round of the Class 2-1A playoffs.

"Hoxie won't be an easy opponent," said Coach Jon McLean. "Historically, they've been a very good team, and although we've beaten them the last three years, they still went on to have good seasons."

Goodland defeated the Indians 40-12 in Hoxie in last year's season opener. The Cowboys led 21-0 at halftime, holding Hoxie scoreless until the middle of the third quarter. All five Goodland touchdowns came on runs of seven yards or less while both of the Indians' were on runs of over 50 yards.

The Indians have nine seniors on their roster this season, including Toliver Bird, a first-team Northwest Kansas All-League selection last year at linebacker, and a second-team pick as a running back. In last year's game, Bird ran four times for 83 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown. He also led the Indians in tackles with 21.

Other all-league players returning for their senior season are Tim Erwin, who was a first-team pick at defensive end and made the second team as a receiver, and Tyler Baker, a second-team selection at quarterback who earned honorable mention as a defensive back. Both made seven tackles against Goodland last season, and Erwin returned a kick-off 51 yards.

The Cowboys have eight seniors back from last year's squad, including three who earned all-league honors: Mark Starr, a second-team pick as an offensive and defensive lineman; Jase Herl, second-team defensive back; and Heath



Senior Jase Herl (No. 6), playing for the Cowboys' Gold Squad, tackled junior Tyler Hillmer of the Black Squad near the goal line during last Friday's Soap Scrimmage at Cowboys Stadium. Goodland opens its varsity season at 6 p.m. tonight at home against the Hoxie Indians.

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Chatfield, honorable mention as a special-teams player.

Senior Wyatt Dautel will be the

Cowboys' starting quarterback. Last season, in a backup role,

Dautel completed 7 of 23 passes for

138 yards and one touchdown. He rushed for 46 yards on 20 carries scoring a touchdown.

"Wyatt has excellent athletic ability," McLean said. "He is fast and quick, and will do a solid job at quarterback. I'm excited to watch him run the team."

Two of Dautel's targets this sea-

son will be Chatfield at tight end, who caught five passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns, and senior Derek Fenner, who will line up at split end.

"Heath has very good hands and will be a big play threat from his tight end position," said McLean. "Derek will also be a big play threat who will get better as the season goes on."

A pair of seniors, Herl and Jon Beeson, will anchor the Cowboys' defensive backfield. Last season, Herl was third on the team's tackle list. He also intercepted a pass and returned a fumble 14 yards for a touchdown.

"Jase is our defensive leader at safety," McLean said. "He does a really good job getting us organized. Jon is going to give us some quality time in the defensive backfield, he has an aggressiveness and a little craziness to him that you need on the football field."

Leading Goodland's linebacking corps is senior Bobby Miller. Last year, in a season cut short by injury, Miller recorded eight tackles. As a running back, he gained 82 yards on 16 carries. As a sophomore, Miller earned all-league honorable mention at running back.

"It is great to have Bob back on the team," McLean said. "He will be a 'horse' as both our fullback and middle linebacker."

Solidifying the Cowboys line on both sides of the ball are seniors Mark Starr and Brandon Tatman.

"I expect Mark to have a big year," said McLean. "He is big, strong and fast, and we're looking for him to cause a lot of problems from his nose guard position. Brandon has a knack for being around the ball. He has good speed which we will use on offense by pulling him out on a lot of plays."

"I enjoy having all these seniors and I want them to have a great year. If we get some good breaks, I'm confident they will."

McLean said Hoxie runs a "scary" double-tight-end and double-wingback offensive scheme that includes a lot of misdirection.

"We're going to have to be fundamentally sound on defense," he said, "and not give up the big plays. We can't afford a breakdown of defensive responsibilities"

## Team upset in season opener

All eight football teams of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference opened their seasons last Saturday, with one of the four nationally ranked teams suffering an upset.

The Broncbusters of Garden City Community College won their opening game, at home Saturday, defeating Fort Scott Community College 21-13.

Garden City, ranked No. 24 in the National Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll, took a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

Fort Scott tied the game at 7 about six minutes later, but the Broncbusters regained the lead at 14-7 with about two minutes left in the period.

Neither team scored in the second and third quarters.

About halfway through the fourth period, Garden City scored its third touchdown, increasing its lead to 21-7.

Fort Scott scored the game's final touchdown, but missed the extra point, making the final 21-13.

Garden City freshman Derrick Raymer, a former Goodland Cowboy, punted seven times averaging 44 yards per kick, with his longest going 58 yards.

The Broncbusters go on their first road trip of the season Saturday to take on the Pirates of Independence Community College.

The Pirates opened their season with a 30-10 victory over Highland Community College.

The Blue Dragons of Hutchinson Community College were upset by Dodge City Community College 55-38.

The Dragons, No. 16 in the preseason poll, scored first but trailed 14-3 after the first quarter and 28-17 at halftime.

By the end of the third period, Hutchinson narrowed the point margin to five at 35-30.

The Dragons got within three at 41-38 early in the fourth quarter but Dodge City's defense stiffened while its offense scored two more touchdowns.

Hutchinson faces Fort Scott in its home opener Saturday while Dodge City visits Butler County Community College.

The Grizzlies of Butler County, ranked No. 3 in the preseason poll, defeated No. 15 Trinity Valley Community College (Texas) 26-17.

The Grizzlies trailed 17-13 at halftime but scored on a pair of field goals in the third quarter and passed for a touchdown in the fourth for the win.

The Red Ravens of No. 9 Coffeyville Community College defeated the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School 35-0.

The Ravens go on the road to face Highland on Saturday.

## Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!



Goodland High School

**Tennis**

Saturday, varsity at Colby, 8 a.m.

**Cross Country**

Saturday, Sept. 10, at Wamego, 8 a.m.

**Golf**

Tuesday, at Sugar Hills, Goodland, 1 p.m.

**Football**

Tonight, in Goodland against Hoxie, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, junior varsity in Hoxie, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, "C" in Goodland against

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### SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 4/6 ABC College Football Texas Christian at Oklahoma. (Live)  
22/28 ESPN College Football Bowling Green at Wisconsin. (Live)  
23/29 ESPN2 College Football Rutgers at Illinois. (Live)

### AFTERNOON

1:00 20/37 USA PGA Golf Deutsche Bank Championship — Second Round. From Tournament Players Club of Boston in Norton, Mass. (Live)  
22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)  
23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Now (Live)

1:30 4/6 ABC College Football Boston College at BYU. (Live)  
22/28 ESPN LPGA Golf State Farm Classic — Third Round. From Springfield, Ill. (Live)  
23/29 ESPN2 College Football Alabama State at South Carolina State. (Live)

25/38 IND College Football Colorado State at Colorado. (Live)  
2:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Beach Volleyball AVP Nissan Chicago Open. From Chicago. (Live)

3:00 22/28 ESPN College Football Boise State at Georgia. (Live)  
4:30 23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)

30/27 FXSP College Football Saturday Kickoff (Live)  
99/39 WGN White Sox Special: Push for the Playoffs A look at the White Sox and their upcoming matchups as the playoffs approach. (Live)

5:00 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Men's & Women's Third Round. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live)  
23/29 ESPN2 College Football USC at Hawaii. (Live)

25/38 IND MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)  
30/27 FXSP College Football Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas. (Live)  
99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (Live)

3:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Deutsche Bank Championship — Third Round. From Tournament Players Club of Boston in Norton, Mass. (Live)

4:00 30/27 FXSP Rocky Mountain Sports Report (Live)  
4:30 22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)  
5:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Countdown to Green (Live)

20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Men's Third Round & Women's Round of 16. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live)  
22/28 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live)  
23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)

5:15 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Virginia Tech at North Carolina State. (Live)

### SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 23/29 ESPN2 NHRA Drag Racing Mac Tools U.S. Nationals —

Qualifying. From Indianapolis. (Live)

10:30 22/28 ESPN Baseball Tonight (Live)

11:00 25/38 IND MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)

11:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Beach Volleyball AVP Nissan Chicago Open — Men's and Women's Finals. From Chicago. (Live)

4/6 ABC College Football West Virginia at Syracuse. (Live)  
99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh. (Live)

**AFTERNOON**  
12:00 23/29 ESPN2 LPGA Golf State Farm Classic — Final Round. From Springfield, Ill. (Live)

1:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC PGA Golf Champions Tour — Wal-Mart First Tee Open — Final Round. From Pebble Beach, Calif. (Live)  
22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard (Live)

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado Rockies. From Coors Field in Denver. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)

1:30 22/28 ESPN College Football Louisville at Kentucky. (Live)

2:00 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Tulane at Southern Mississippi. (Live)

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