

Cowboys hunt for win against Buffaloes



Senior quarterback Wyatt Dautel (with ball) looked down field for a receiver during the Cowboys' game last Friday against St. Francis. Goodland lost to the Indians 30-6 and will face Rawlins County High at 6 p.m. tonight in Cowboy Stadium. Photo by Casey McCormick/The Saint Francis Herald

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland Cowboys and Rawlins County Buffaloes both look to get back on the winning trail tonight, but the path to it through Cowboy Stadium only has room for one.

Cowboys coach Jon McLean said Friday will be a big game for both teams, as each will be trying to regain a winning momentum for the rest of the season.

Both teams are 1-1 for the season, both winning their opener on Sept. 3 then losing big last week. Goodland started the season with a come-from-behind 27-26 home win over Hoxie while the Buffaloes came from behind to beat Colby 34-20.

Last Friday, however, both teams got outscored four touchdowns to one. In Atwood, the visiting Plainsmen of Oakley shot down the Buffaloes 28-6 while in St. Francis, the Indians ran over, around and through the Cowboys 30-6.

Rawlins County has 13 seniors on its roster, including five who made the Northwest Kansas All-

League team last season.

"As a team, Atwood is much improved over a year ago," said McLean. "They may be the most improved team in the league."

"The key will be to stop their running game," he said, "and they will try to run the ball down our throats."

The Buffaloes' offense is led by senior quarterback Rodney Rippe, who earned all-league honorable mention last year. In the opener against Colby, Rippe passed for a 28-yard touchdown and last week against Oakley, ran 30 yards for a score.

In the backfield, Atwood has seniors Jeff Reiner and Mitchell Lowry, along with junior Ben Warta. Against Colby, Lowry ran for two touchdowns and scored another on a 73-yard kickoff return. Warta scored the Buffaloes' other two touchdowns, running for one and catching Rippe's pass for the other.

The defensive line for Rawlins County is anchored by three seniors including Matt Havel, a second-team all-league pick last year. Se-

nior linebacker Dalton Holliman also was a second-team selection in 2004.

The secondary is led by Lowry, who was a second-team pick at defensive back as a sophomore and as a junior. He is joined by Reiner, at safety, and by seniors Justin Chessmore and Robert Binning.

McLean said the Cowboys continued to work on defending the big plays this week. The team will have to play "heads up" defense Friday, he said, as Buffalo coach Dan Lankas will have some trick plays to exploit any perceived weakness.

Senior quarterback Wyatt Dautel will start for the Cowboys, the coach said, but may see limited action as he is coping with nagging injuries.

Backing him up is junior Nathan Linin, who McLean said had a good game passing Monday while leading the junior varsity to 34-12 victory over St. Francis. In that game, Linin completed several long passes, including a 32-yard touchdown to junior Tyler Hillmer in the second quarter to break a 6-all tie.

Fort Hays State gets first football win of season

The Tigers of Fort Hays State University won their first football game of the season Saturday, defeating New Mexico Highlands University on the road 21-14.

The score was tied at 7 going into the fourth quarter, then Fort Hays went ahead 14-7 about halfway through the period. Less than three minutes later, the Cowboys came back, scoring on a 10-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-all.

The kickoff went out of bounds, giving Fort Hays first-and-10 on the Cowboys' 35. The Tigers took just

56 seconds and three plays to cover 65 yards, running in the game's last touchdown making the final 21-14.

Senior running back John Montgomery scored all three of the Tigers' touchdowns on two one-yard runs and one of two yards.

Fort Hays State entered the game 0-2 for the season, losing its opener on Aug. 27 to Emporia State University 52-13 and a week later falling to Pittsburg State University 58-7.

In other games around the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference,

Adams State College (Colo.) defeated Chadron State (Neb.) 28-23; Fort Lewis College (Colo.) beat Mesa State (Colo.) 31-12; Colorado School of Mines dominated Western State College of Colorado 45-13; and the University of Nebraska at Kearney defeated Northern State University (S.D.) 45-10 in a non-conference matchup.

A week after the conference opened its football season with a combined 0-8 record, the teams fared only slightly better, going 1-8 with only Nebraska-Kearney win-

ning its game. The Rocky Mountain's non-conference record now stands at 2-16.

Now that play within the conference has begun, eight of its nine teams will play each other every weekend over the next eight weeks with the odd team out having a non-conference game or a bye.

On Saturday, Fort Hays State visits Chadron State, Fort Lewis heads to Adams State, Western State plays host to Nebraska-Kearney and New Mexico Highlands travels north to face Mesa State. Colorado Mines,

playing at home, takes on the University of South Dakota in a non-conference game.

Two teams from Kansas made the American Football Coaches Association's NCAA Division II top 25 this week. Pittsburg State University, now 2-1, stayed at No. 8 after defeating Missouri Western State University 48-30. The Gorillas travel to Joplin Saturday to take on Missouri Southern State University.

The Ichabods of Washburn University moved into the poll at No. 24

this week after winning their third straight last Saturday against Central Missouri State University. Washburn makes a trip to the great northwest this weekend to face Central Washington University.



Brewster loses dogfight 48-20

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

The Brewster High School Bulldog football team dropped to 0-2 with a 48-20 loss to the Ingalls Bulldogs on Friday night.

Coach Beau Sheets said his young team was hurt by too many mental mistakes. The Brewster boys had 75 yards in penalties, 60 in the first half.

Ingalls took the ball first and scored on the sixth play of a 52-yard drive with less than three minutes into the game.

Andrew Starns returned the Ingalls kick to the Ingalls 37 and Brewster gained another 20 yards from the running of Starns, Seth Carpenter and Branson Gilley for first and 10 at the Ingalls 17 before penalties brought the drive to a halt.

Seven plays later, Ingalls would take over on downs on their 18 and conduct a 16 play, 62-yard drive culminating with a Cody Meeks touchdown and 2-point conversion with only 33 seconds left in the first quarter. Ingalls led 14-0.

Brewster's second drive of the game stalled on their 27 when a bad snap to the punter went into the endzone, where Ingalls gained possession, a safety and a 16-0 lead with 9:21 left in the first half.

Brewster forced Ingalls to punt on four plays, then started on their 13 with 7:26 left in the quarter. Nine plays later, their first touchdown, a 21-yard Gilley romp, was called back for holding.

The Dawgs weren't done, however, as they reloaded and scored

again five plays later on an 8-yard run by Starns. The conversion failed, but Brewster had cut the lead to 16-6 with 2:48 left in the half.

Ingalls wasn't finished, either. Marshall Dwyre ran the kick back to their 36, a quarterback keeper made it first and 10 on the Brewster 29 and Brian Gerber caught a pass in the endzone to make it 22-6 in favor of Ingalls with 2:14 left in the half.

Brewster had first possession in the second half and again drove into the red zone, but were pushed back to the 21 after reaching first and goal at the three yard line.

Ingalls took over and marched down to the one, where Brewster's Garrett Smith fell on a fumble at the one and fellow Bulldog Kyle O'Connor recovered it in the endzone. Ingalls got the ball back when officials rules an inadvertent whistle had blown the play dead as Smith was falling on the ball. That gave Ingalls another chance, which they made good two plays later.

The score was Ingalls 28, Brewster 6 with 4:32 left in the third quarter. It would remain there until Ingalls scored again in with 11:52 left in the fourth quarter for a 36-6 lead.

Brewster answered with a 51-yard pass from Gilley to O'Connor on the opening play of their next drive. The conversion was good and Brewster was down 36-14.

An onside kick didn't work and Ingalls used their field position to score again on the first play of the drive, making the score 42-14 with 11:22 left.

Brewster's final score came with 8:20 left when Gilley again found O'Connor, this time for 14 yards, to make the score 42-20.

Ingalls made the final touchdown, a 24-yard run with 44 seconds left to give them a 48-20 lead.

Brewster had 203 yards passing and 158 rushing. Gilley had 19 carries for 94 yards. Starns had nine for 64 yards and a touchdown. Carpenter also had a carry.

Gilley was 14-for-33 in the air. O'Connor had 12 catches for 185 yards and two touchdowns. Carpenter had two receptions for eight yards.

Defensively, Starns had eight tackles and seven assists. Gilley had seven tackles with five assists. Smith had six tackle and two assists. O'Connor and Carpenter each had four tackles. O'Connor had three assists and Carpenter had two. Tyler O'Connor had three tackles and three assists. Cory Grantz had two tackles before coming out with an injury in the first half. Cory Siruta and Ethan Kammer had a tackle each. Siruta also had two assists.

The Bulldogs are at home again next week against Hitchcock County, Neb., for homecoming. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Go Cowboys and Cowgirls!

Tennis	Tuesday 2 p.m., junior varsity in Goodland. Varsity at Garden City, 8 a.m. on Saturday.
Cross Country	Tuesday, at Ulysses, 3 p.m.; Saturday, at Stanton County, 9 a.m.
Girls Golf	Monday, at Colby 2 p.m.; junior varsity 2 p.m. at Russell.
Football	Thursday, Varsity at Scott City, 2 p.m. Tonight, 6 p.m., against Atwood Buffaloes at Cowboy Stadium. Junior varsity at Atwood 4:30 p.m. on Monday.
Volleyball	Thursday, c/9th against Scott City at Cowboy Stadium. Thursday, varsity, junior varsity at Dodge City 3 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.; varsity, junior varsity at Scott City; 8 a.m. C/9th grade at Oberlin.

Brought to you by: **Peoples STATE BANK** Member FDIC

Classifieds work!
Call **899-2338**

Sherman County Speedway

Goodland, Kan.

16th Annual Flatlander Fall Classic

Sept. 23 and 24, 2005
Friday at 6:30 p.m. MDST
Saturday at 5:30 p.m. MDST

Modified Special plus
Mini stock, econo, bomber, super stock

Modified Trophy sponsored by the Carolyn Hurst family in her memory. All other trophies sponsored by SCSCRA

Pit Gate Opens 3 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday
Pit Pass \$25 both nights
NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA
Fuel, Tires, Etc in the pits
Grand Stand:
6 and under free
7 to 12 - \$5 • 13 and up - \$10

Races sponsored by Sherman County, Budweiser, Coke, Howard Johnson Motel and SCSCRA

ENJOY **TONIGHT AT THE MOVIES** AT THE MOVIES

The **Goodland Star-News**

SUBSCRIBER

Greg Sederstrom

You receive two free passes to see

Red Eye
PG - 13

Sherman
1203 MAIN - Phone 899-6103
Present Ticket at Box Office
Tickets are Non-Transferable

Internet tonight!
Call **899-2338**

TAKE A TRIP WITHOUT LEAVING THE FARM!

Open your door to a WORLD of possibilities...

HIGH-SPEED Internet Service now available with **NO EQUIPMENT COST!** With S&T traveling the world is less about your bank account and more about your imagination.

Call 785.890.7400

Local People - Services - Solutions - Go Local!